



MINUTES

University of Victoria Students' Society

Monday, November 30, 2020 – Google Meet, 6pm

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ATTENDANCE: De Havelyn, Lowan, Ritchie, Mittal, Dodds, Muir, Blecha, Burd, Tubeishat, Parent, Guildford, Franco-Monroy, Adachi, Hernandez, Barkowsky

Staff: Talman, McFarlin, Robertson

1. CALL TO ORDER

De Havelyn called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2. LIVESTREAM

MOTION 2020/11/30: 01 - ADACHI/DODDS

WHEREAS the UVSS Board of Directors values the comfort and privacy of all Board members, and will only proceed with live streaming Board meetings if they pass unanimously; therefore,

BIRT the Board approves the livestreaming of the November 30th, 2020 Board meeting on the UVSS Facebook page; and,

BIFRT this video be kept on the UVSS Facebook page until the minutes from this meeting are ratified.

MOTION CARRIED

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Barkowsky acknowledged the land.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of Agenda

i. 2020/11/30

MOTION TO AMEND - RITCHIE/BURD

To include Ritchie, Muir and Blencha's board reports to the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND- TUBEISHAT/FRANCO-MONROY

Add the following motion to priority business:

MOTION 2020/11/30: 00 – TUBEISHAT/

BIRT Mariel Hernandez fill the vacancy as Portfolio DALs in the Student Affairs portfolio for the remainder of the 2020-2021 board term

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND- LOWAN/MITTAL

Add the following motion to priority business:

MOTION 2020/10/30: 00 LOWAN/

WHEREAS the UVSS, as stipulated in our values, “strive[s] to be climate justice leaders that set an example for our members, UVic, and the greater community. We recognize that the climate crisis intersects with existing structures of oppression and acknowledge anti-racism and decolonial work as essential components of climate justice”; and,

WHEREAS environmental racism is defined in Bill C-230 as, “racial discrimination in respect of environmental policy-making, including the targeting of certain communities for the establishment of environmentally hazardous sites and the subsequent neglect of those communities in relation to the cleanup of those sites”; and,

WHEREAS there is an opportunity to demonstrate support for federal private member’s Bill C-230, which aims to develop “a national strategy to redress environmental racism”

WHEREAS the second reading of Bill C-230 will take place in early December; therefore,

BIRT the Board directs the Director of Campaigns and Community Relations to write a letter on behalf of the Board expressing support for Bill C-230.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Adoption of Minutes

i. 2020/11/02

MOTION TO ADOPT - LOWAN/NAG

MOTION CARRIED

ii. Executive Committee: 9/11/2020 - 12/1/2020

MOTION TO ADOPT - LOWAN/TUBEISHAT

MOTION CARRIED

5. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. PRESENTATIONS
- b. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. REPORTS

a. EXCLUDED MANAGERS

b. PORTFOLIOS

- 1. Campaigns and Community Relations
- 2. Finance and Operations
- 3. Outreach and University Relations
- 4. Student Affairs
- 5. Events
- 6. International Student Relations

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

- 1. Electoral
- 2. Executive Committee
- 3. Food Bank & Free Store
- 4. Peer Support Centre

CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS & NSU

- 1. GEM
- 2. NSU
- 3. Pride
- 4. SOCC
- 5. SSD

WORKING GROUPS

- 1. PIRG

7. QUESTION PERIOD (15 mins)

8. MAIN MOTIONS

a. PRIORITY BUSINESS

RECOMMENDED BY GRAD CLASS EXECUTIVE

MOTION 2020/11/30: 02 – HERNANDEZ/BLECHA

WHEREAS UVic charges each graduating student \$50, \$10 of which is transferred to the UVSS for the UVic Graduating Class, a “subsidiary organization” listed in the UVSS Bylaws; and,
WHEREAS this fee was not established by referendum, and its exact origin cannot be traced, although it dates back to at least 1994 or earlier; and,

WHEREAS the fee goes to the Grad Class Executive, who are empowered to “promote and direct Graduating Class activities and funds within the University of Victoria,” according to their bylaws, and traditionally this has included a formal graduating class luncheon, party, and legacy projects; and, **WHEREAS** over the years, attendance at events has been substantially declining and interest in volunteering on the Executive has been almost non-existent; and, **WHEREAS** before this year, the Grad Class AGM had not made quorum since 2007; and, **WHEREAS** reducing the amount that students pay into an ill-functioning body is critical this year more than ever; and, **WHEREAS** at a quorate Grad Class AGM on November 24th, 2020, the elected Grad Class Executive and those assembled voted to disband the Grad Class; therefore, **BIRT** the Board of Directors dissolves the Graduating Class and the Director of Outreach and University Relations informs the University to discontinue the collection of the fee, effective Summer 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION TO OMNIBUS MOTION 03 and MOTION 04-TUBEISHAT/FRANCO-MONROY
MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 2020/11/30: 03 - TUBEISHAT

BIRT the following list of clubs are ratified.

1. Engineering Without Borders
2. SPOKES
3. UVic Financial Analysis Club

CARRIED OMNIBUS

MOTION 2020/11/30: 04 - TUBEISHAT

BIRT the following lists of Academic Funding grants and Publication Funding grants are approved.

Academic Funding

- Society of Geography Students : \$1040.00
- Economics Course Union: \$460.00
- HISCU: \$250.00
- UVic Writing Undergraduate Course Union: \$200.00
- English Students Association: \$163.00
- Philosophy Students Union: \$125.00

Publication Funding

- Biology Undergraduate Society: \$300.00
- Undergraduates of Political Science: \$460.00
- UVic Writing Undergraduate Course Union): \$200.00
- English Students' Association: \$600.00
- Philosophy Students Union: \$500.00
- History Undergraduate Body: \$500.00

CARRIED OMNIBUS

MOTION TO RECESS -RITCHIE/TUBEISHAT

Recess until 7:10pm.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/10/30: 05 - LOWAN/GUILDFORD

WHEREAS the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) and the Camosun College Students' Society (CCSS) together represent the largest ridership stakeholder group in Greater Victoria; and, **WHEREAS** the UVSS has demonstrated a strong level of interest in transit advocacy through participation on the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC) as a non-voting member; therefore, **BIRT** the Board send a letter to the VRTC requesting that the VRTC request that the new Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure consider the VRTC's request from 2017 to amend the British Columbia Transit Act to add a voting student seat on the Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/10/30: 06 - LOWAN/MITTAL

WHEREAS in the UVSS Board of Directors Policy it states that the campaigns committee must "Communicate regularly with all levels of government in order to advocate for student issues." (pg. 83); and, **WHEREAS** the Campaigns Committee approved the Director of Campaigns and Community relations to write a provincial government submission outlining student priorities; therefore, **BIRT** the Director of Campaigns and Community Relations write a provincial government submission, outlining student priorities such as Open Educational Resources (OERs), strengthened sexualized violence policy, climate action, housing affordability and transit. **BIFRT** the Director of Campaigns and Community Relations send out the finalized version to the board, and provide 48 hours for the board to vote.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/10/30: 07 - LOWAN/MITTAL

WHEREAS the Federal Government recently introduced Bill C-12, the *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act*, which aims to improve transparency and accountability in Canada's efforts to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050; and, **WHEREAS** Bill C-12 fails to provide consequential accountability measures; and, **WHEREAS** Bill C-12 does not legislate the necessary interim targets for 2025 to meet the 2030 targets; and, **WHEREAS** the Director of Campaigns and Community Relations was elected on a platform of advocating for strong climate action at all levels of government, and is formally responsible for representing student issues to all levels of government; therefore, **BIRT** the Director of Campaigns and Community Relations write a letter on behalf of the Board, advocating for stronger accountability provisions and interim targets for Bill C-12.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/11/30: 00 – TUBEISHAT/NAG

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MOTION 2020/10/30: 00 LOWAN/Franco-Monroy

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b. OLD BUSINESS

MOTION 2020/10/02: 09 - LOWAN/MUIR

MOTION TO POSTPONE - LOWAN/TUBEISHAT

MOTION CARRIED

WHEREAS decreased opportunities for collaboration resulting from COVID-19 has presented unique challenges to governmental lobbying and external relations; and

WHEREAS membership to Greater Victoria Acting Together would provide the UVSS with comprehensive updates on local lobbying initiatives and strong connections to community leaders; therefore,

BIRT the Board approves a \$1200 one-year trial membership fee to Greater Victoria Acting Together.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA-

The meeting moved in camera at 7:35pm.

MOTION CARRIED

10. IN-CAMERA

a. Legal

b. Personnel Committee Report

11. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:

Monday, December 7th, 2020 via Google Meet (online).

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

13. BOARD DIRECTORS’ REPORTS

Sarina de Havelyn (113.5 hours)

- Chaired and completed action items for Electoral, Member Outreach, PIRG Working Group, Policy Development, Ombudsperson, and Executive Committees

- Planned and chaired Grad Class AGM
- Represented students for OSL Manager Hiring Committee and Vice-Provost Hiring Committee
- Lobbied for course consistency, accessibility in online learning, extended winter break, options for student self-advocacy, and increased transparency to LTSI, President Hall, UVic Executives.
- Created and published UVSS 2020 Annual Survey
- Planned and chaired Ombudsperson Advisory Committee
- Planned and chaired Operational Relations Committee
- Met with key UVic administration to push forward OERs
- Represented student interests on newly-lobbied-for Student Experiences Committee
- Created, disseminated, and analyzed Mid-term Director Survey
- Met with PIRG WG to determine next course of action for the PIRG Fee; created public statement and liaise with legal
- Coordinated and contributed towards UVic Anti-Racism Survey; advocated for UVic collaboration with UVic Executive

Izzy Adachi (3.5 hours)

- Chairing Member Outreach (1 hour)
- PIRG Working Group (1 hour)
- H&D Appeals (1 hour)
- Miscellaneous work (20 minutes)
- UPASS Appeals (10 minutes)

Emily Lowan (161 hours)

General

- Board meeting (3 hours)
- Exec meeting (2 hour)
- Meeting with UVic Social Media Team on Campaigns Volunteer Recruitment (1 hour)
- Member Outreach Committee (1 hour)
- Co-op Midterm Assessment with Coordinator (0.5 hour)
- Co-op Midterm Assignment (0.5 hour)
- Filming for UVic Takeover (0.5 hour)
- Executive De-escalation Training (2 hours)
- Campaigns Committee (2 hour)
- Leads meeting (0.5 hour)
- Referendum Canvassing (1 hour)
- Provincial Government Submission (1 hour)
- Communicating student complaints about racism in the classroom and challenges with SupportConnect to relevant UVic administrators (1 hour)
- Policy Development Committee (1 hour)
- Personnel Committee and preparation (4 hours)
- Leads meeting with Student Wellness Centre (1 hour)
- Operational Relations Committee (0.5 hour)
- Meeting with President Hall and preparation (1 hour)
- UVic / UVSS Executive to Executive (1 hour)
- Annual survey prep (1 hour)
- UVSS Campaigns Instagram Takeover (2 hours)

Let's Get Consensual

- Meeting with AVP on LGC messaging (1 hour)
- Rebranding meeting with Graphics (1 hour)
- Final SVAW Debrief (1 hour)

- Meeting with new student volunteer! (0.5 hour)

Rent with Rights

- Call with Cadboro Bay Residents Association President (0.5 hour)
- Meeting with Residence Services Director (0.5 hour)
- Outreach to BC Housing Leading Practices Working Group (need UVSS representation) (0.5 hour)

Make Transit Work

- Call with Councillor Sharmarke Dubow on student voting seat (0.5 hour)
- Meeting with MP Collins on transit advocacy (0.5 hour)
- Meeting with Mayor Helps on student voting seat (0.5 hour)
- Social media plan for Spring U-Pass

Safer Use

- Meeting with Harm Reduction Centre coordinator (0.5 hour)
- Meeting with Harm Reduction Centre volunteers (0.5 hour)
- Naloxone Training Prep meeting with new RN (0.5 hour)
- Naloxone Training administration (1 hour)
- Naloxone Training event (1 hour)

Divest UVic

- Meeting with Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions Program Managers (1 hour)
- Meeting with UVic Foundation Treasurer on Climate Transparency Report (1 hour)
- Working group meeting (1 hour)
- Meeting with National Divest Campaign Coalition (1 hour)
- Divest mural meeting with videographer (0.5 hour)
- Divest mural meeting with photographer (0.5 hour)
- Meetings with mural artist (1 hour)
- Meeting with Vancity Responsible Investment Experts (1 hour)
- Write and approve Divest mural press release (1 hour)
- Mural media interviews (1.5 hours)
- Mural social media (1 hour)
- Mural logistics and organizing (1.5 hours)
- Mural honorarium administration (1 hour)
- Divest mural event (4 hours)
- Climate emergency declaration prep (1 hour)
- Meeting with PICS and Foundation re decarbonisation research question (1 hour)

Rethink Mental Health

- Wellness Week Committee (2 hours)
- CBC Interview on student mental health and online classes (1 hour)
- Meeting with OSL on BIPOC mental health focus group options (1 hour)
- Wellness Week Social Media Sub-committee (1 hour)
- Mental Health workshop planning with Dir Events (0.5 hour)
- Peer Support Committee (2 hour)
- Meeting with UVic Director of Government and Community Relations on ways to better support student mental health (0.5 hour)

Jocelynn Parent (3 hours 40 minutes)

- Board meeting (2 hours 30 minutes)
- Campaigns committee x2 (1 hour 10 minutes)

Marran Dodds (13.75 hours)

- UVIFF Planning (1 hr)

- Board Meeting (2.5 hrs)
- UVIFF Meeting (1 hr)
- Book Club Meeting (1.5 hrs)
- Book Club Work (0.75 hrs)
- UVIFF Planning/Organizing (4 hrs)
- UVIFF Script Writing/Practicing (1 hrs)
- UVIFF Film Festival (2 hours)

Gina Tran (6.5 hours)

- Discuss with Zuzu (SOCC's member) to plan for game night and design poster (2 hours)
- SOCC collective meeting (1.5 hour)
- Chat and discuss with Ruth - SOCC office coordinator (approx. 3ouhrs accumulative)

Jana Barkowsky (8 hours)

- Attended personnel committees x 3 (4 hours)
- Researched for personnel committee (1.5 hours)
- Submitted feedback to outreach (.5 hours)
- Discussed areas of, and strategies for improvement with other board members (1 hour)
- Attended mental health campaign meeting (.5 hours)
- Coordinated mental health campaign meeting (.5 hours)

Sebastian Franco-Monroy (154 Hours)

- Emails
- Phone calls
- Setting up, marketing, promotion, testing, and attending UVIFF
- Prize runs at stores
- Exec Committees
- Rethink Mental Health
- Leads Committee
- Exec to Exec
- Department Managers Meeting
- COVID-19 restriction research
- Meeting with Bishop's University VP Academic
- Personnel Committee
- Personnel Presentation
- Personnel Readings
- Electoral Committee
- De-Escalation Training
- Referenda Canvassing
- Referenda Social Media Blast
- Shuttle Bus
- Signed Cheques
- Mental Wellness Main Event Committee
- Mental Wellness Social Media Committee
- Leads + Student Wellness Centre
- Exec to Exec Prep Meeting
- Focus Group planning
- Cheque Signing
- Meetings with OSL
- Organized Google Drive

Evan Guildford (2.5 hours)

- Rethink Mental Health (0.6 hours)
- Board Meeting (1.5 hours)
- Proponent outreach (0.4 hours)

Caleb Burd (160 hours)

- Attended Exec to Exec and Operational Relations Committee
- Met with the Martlet about Good food project
- Chaired Personnel Committee twice
- Met with Sustainability Office
- Developed Business survey
- Attended Department managers meeting
- Met with Vancity staff
- Helped plan and facilitate the indigenous film festival
- Sent U-Pass Appeals to committee
- Attended Fee reduction appeals committee
- Coordinated new Health and dental page and connect site
- Reviewed income statements
- Met with Good food project team
- Corresponded with University about various funds
- Helped formulate question for annual survey
- Organized Prizes for various surveys
- Sent and received copious emails

Dalal Tubeishat (153 hours)

- Answered emails
- Held in-person and online office hours
- Had meetings with club and course union executives
- Consulted website upgrades
- Had internal meetings with other directors, advocacy group coordinators, excluded managers, accounting, and graphics
- Had external meetings with UVic administrators, faculty, and staff
- Updated and reviewed policy
- Planned and chaired Advocacy Relations Committee, Clubs Council, and Course Union Council
- Created online accounts for clubs and course unions to check their balances
- Updated online club and course union balances
- Made updates to the website
- Organized workshops dates with OSL for clubs and course unions
- Planning for virtual C&CU days
- Posted on social media, created post captions, created subtitles, and edited posts photos/videos
- Responded to members' questions on social media
- Researched firms to conduct an Equity Audit
- Processed cheque requisitions
- Attended de-escalation and Tools for Change training
- Meetings with SPOKES
- Signed cheques
- Creating survey on course experience

Marisel Hernández (4 hours 45 mins)

- Meeting with Sarina and Dalal on planning for Anti-Racism initiative (15 mins)
- Meeting with Dalal to write survey for Anti-Racism initiative, and independent work (45 mins)
- Pictures for Grad AGM social media promotion (15 mins)
- Meeting with Outreach Coordinator in preparation for Grad AGM (15 mins)
- Grad AGM (1.5 hours)
- Campaigns committee meeting and feedback (1 hour)
- Review of Anti-Racism survey (30 mins)

Marina Muir (6.5 hours)

- Project organizer meeting - 1 hour
- Reviewing advocacy group policy .5 hours
- Planning for GEM AGM 1.5 hours
- ARC (x 2) 2 hours
- MOC (x2) 1 hour
- GEM AGM Meeting .5 hours

Victoria Ritchie (2hrs)

- Promoting referendum Qs (.5hour)
- Rethink Mental Health (.5hour)
- Campaigns Portfolio (1hour)

Natalie Blecha (16 hours)

- SSD delivery driving (3 hours)
- SSD events (2 hours)
- SSD Exec Meeting (1 hour)
- SSD Policy Dev (1 hour)
- SSD Finance (1 hour)
- SSD/UVSS ARC (2 hours)
- SSD/UVSS Advocacy Policy Review (4 hours)
- SSD Disability Focus Groups (2 hours)