



MINUTES

University of Victoria Students' Society

Monday, December 14, 2020 – Google Meet, 6pm

Google Meet meeting link:

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3. You will be asked to vote yes or no in the chat during motions - you can always abstain if you'd like.

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

Staff: Talman, James, Hardman, McFarlin, Robertson

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. LIVESTREAM

MOTION 2020/12/14: 01 - ADACHI/GUILDFORD

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 December 14th, 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. 2020/12/14

MOTION TO ADOPT - FRANCO-MONROY/LOWAN

MOTION TO AMEND - LOWAN/FRANCO-MONROY

Add the following motions to the end of business:

MOTION 2020/12/14: 1A - LOWAN/

WHEREAS the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) has supported universal access to free contraceptive options for years; and,
WHEREAS the Director of Campaigns and Community Relations is responsible for the Let's Get Consensual campaign, which includes ensuring access to safer sex products; therefore,

BIRT the Director of Campaigns and Community Relations writes a letter to the provincial government advocating for free contraception in the next provincial budget (2021) and for there to be as many varieties of contraception included in this policy as possible; and,

BIFRT the UVSS Board of Directors shares an email template created by Access BC for students to reach out to their relevant MLAs and advocate for free contraceptives.

MOTION 2020/12/14: 1B - LOWAN/

WHEREAS the Post Graduate Work Permit (PGWP) is a one-time, non-renewable permit granted to international students after their graduation to allow international students to remain in Canada and work full time for up to three years after you graduate from a Canadian post-secondary institution; and,

WHEREAS COVID-19 has prevented thousands of former international students from finding jobs that fulfill the the requirements for Permanent Residency, leaving many with a h

heightened risk of deportation; and,

WHEREAS student unions such as the UVic Graduate Students Society, SFU Graduate Students Society, SFSS, Capilano Students' Union, the Alma Mater Society of UBC and UBC Graduate Students Society have already added their support to this letter asking the federal government to allow the renewal of PGWPs until December 31st, 2020; therefore,

BIRT that the UVSS endorse this letter.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND - GUILDFORD/DODDS

Motion to add Guildford's and Mittal's board reports to the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Adoption of Minutes

- i. 2020/12/07

MOTION TO ADOPT - LOWAN/ BARKOWSKY

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 POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION 2020/12/14: 02 - TUBEISHAT/HERNANDEZ

BIRT the updated Electoral Policy attached as Appendix A is approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO RECONSIDER - 1C: BURD/DODDS

WHEREAS Democratic Rules of Order allows for the reconsideration of motions (page 27); and,

WHEREAS the Board defeated a motion to strike cooperatives from Electoral Policy on September 21, 2020; and,

WHEREAS now knowing classes will again be primarily online in the spring semester, the board may wish to reconsider the merits of cooperatives; therefore,

BIRT the highlighted amendments to the Electoral Policy are passed to remove cooperatives from the electoral process and that this motion requires a two thirds affirmative vote to pass.

BIFRT the electoral committee pursues the creation of an educational electoral event.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/12/14: 03 - ADACHI/TUBEISHAT

WHEREAS the Board previously set the date of the Semi-Annual General Meeting for the 2020-2021 term to be February 25th, 2021; therefore,

BIRT the Board set the following time for the Semi-Annual General Meeting for the 2020-2021 term: 2:30pm, Thursday February 25, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/12/14: 04 - LOWAN/DODDS

WHEREAS Loujain al-Hathloul is a UBC graduate who has been a strong advocate for women's rights, and is well-known for her role in the Women to Drive Movement in Saudi Arabia; and,

WHEREAS Loujain al-Hathloul has been detained in Saudi Arabia since 2018 and recent news about her situation have led to growing concerns about her health, wellbeing and safety; and,

WHEREAS the full letter to be sent to the federal government can be seen here:

<https://studentsforloujain.ca/>; therefore,

BIRT the Board signs the open letter from students to the Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs to ensure the safe and immediate release of Ms. al-Hathloul.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2020/12/14: 05 - LOWAN/ADACHI

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 starting January 1st, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

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b. OLD BUSINESS

MOTION FOR RECESS - RITCHIE/BURD

Recess until 7:30pm.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - TUBEISHAT/ADACHI

The meeting moved in camera at 7:30pm.

MOTION CARRIED

10. IN-CAMERA

- a. Legal**
- b. Personnel Committee Report**

MOTION 2020/12/14: 1B - GUILDFORD/BURD

BIRT the lease for Victory Therapeutics' is renewed to include both the spaces they are currently occupying.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - BURD/DODDS

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting moved out of camera at 7:39pm.

11. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday, January 11th, 2021 via Google Meet (online).

12. ADJOURNMENT

13. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Sarina de Havelyn (38 hours)

- Chaired and completed action items for Electoral, PIRG Working Group, Policy Development, and Executive Committees
- Completed action items for grad class
- Created outreach strategies for January, SAGM, Spring Electoral Event
- Responded to student emails
- Updated Electoral Policy

- Worked with campaigns portfolio on BC Governmental Lobbying Submissions
 - Liaised with Uvic representatives to coordinate asks
- Assembled tote bags and distributed holiday appreciation to staff
- Coordinated social media
- Represented student interests on newly-lobbied-for Student Experiences Committee
- Coordinated and contributed towards Uvic Anti-Racism Survey; advocated for Uvic collaboration with Uvic Executive

Maríel Hernández (4.5 hours)

- Editing Clubs, and Electoral Policy (3 hours)
- Board Meeting (1.5 hours)

Victoria Ritchie (2 hours)

- Campaigns Portfolio - 1 hour
- Board Meeting - 1.5hour

Emily Lowan (41 hours)

General

- Emails (4 hours)
- AMS Meeting on Operational Grant Funding (1 hour)
- Events Committee (1 hour)
- Portfolio meeting (0.5 hour)
- Board meeting and prep (2 hours)
- Volunteer onboarding (2 hours)
- Campaigns Committee (1 hour)
- Exec meeting (0.5 hour)
- Personnel Committee (3 hours)
- Policy Development (0.5 hour)
- Peer Support Committee (1 hour)
- Divest Uvic
- Faculty meeting (1 hour)
- PICS Climate Solutions Toolkit Promotion Meeting (0.5 hour)
- Meeting with Vancity (0.5 hour)
- Meeting with Uvic Treasury (1 hour)

External Relations

- Meeting with ABCS on government submission (1 hour)
- Finalized BC government submission (2 hours)
- Bill C-230 and Bill C-12 advocacy (2 hours)

Jana Barkowsky (3 hours)

- Attended BoD meeting (1.5 hours)
- Attended campaigns committee (.5 hours)
- Reviewed personnel information (.5 hours)
- Reviewed BoD policy (.5 hours)

Marina Muir (1.5 hours)

- Meetings with coordinator (0.25 hours)
- Signing cheque reqs (.25 hours)

- GEM membership meeting (1 hour)

Marran Dodds (4.25 hours)

- Events Committee (0.75 hour)
- Board Meeting (1.5 hours)
- Communication with Sarina (0.25 hour)
- Campaigns Committee (0.5 hour)
- Board Movie Night (1 hours)
- Portfolio Correspondence (0.25 hour)

Izzy Adachi (2 hours)

- 30 mins H&D Appeals
- 30 mins PSC Committee
- 1 hour PD Committee

Dalal Tubeishat (35 hours)

- Answered emails
- Held in-person and online office hours
- Had meetings with club and course union executives
- 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
- Created online accounts for clubs and course unions to check their balances
- Updated online club and course union balances
- Made updates to the website and the Club Management plugin
- Planning for virtual C&CU days
- Researched firms to conduct an Equity Audit
- Processed cheque requisitions
- Signed cheques
- Tabled for staff holiday chocolates
- Attended Campaign Committee and Policy Development Committee

Caleb Burd (36.5 hours)

- Met with Brent about video plan
- Attended leads and executive meetings
- Attended Policy development committee
- Chaired personnel committee meeting
- Participated in the Mandatory insurance appeal committee
- Responded to various emails and phone calls

Sebastian Franco-Monroy (20 hours)

- Monday & Tuesday Off Sick
- Email correspondence
- Exec committee

- Personnel committee
- Policy Development committee
- Electoral policy edits & review
- Personnel policy edits & review
- Signed cheques
- Prize runs at the store
- Document reviews
- Drafting event outlines for new semester

Jocelyne Parent (2.25 hours)

- Board meeting 1.5 hours
- Campaigns committee .5 hours
- Meeting with Sarina 15 minutes

Evan Guildford (2.4 hours)

- Board meeting (1.5hrs)

Paarth Mittal (2 hrs 5 mins)

- Board Meeting (1.5 hrs)
- Board Meeting Prep (0.5 hr)
- Promoting Divest UVic Instagram Videos (5 mins)