



## MINUTES

**University of Victoria Students' Society**  
**Monday, January 11, 2021 – Google Meet, 6pm**

### **Google Meet meeting link:**

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**ATTENDANCE:** De Havelyn, Dodds, Mittal, Lowan, Tubeishat, Muir, Adachi, Berglund, Parent, Burd, Hernandez, Nag, Guildford

**STAFF:** Talman, Hardman, James, Robertson

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

De Havelyn called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

### **2. LIVESTREAM**

#### **MOTION 2021/1/11: 01 - ADACHI/NAG**

**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 January 11th, 2021 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**

Mittal acknowledged the land.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**a. Adoption of Agenda**

i. 2021/01/11

**MOTION TO ADOPT - DODDS/MUIR**

**MOTION TO AMEND - TUBEISHAT/MUIR**

Add to the following motions the respective ratified lists:

MOTION 2021/1/11: 08 - The ratified list of clubs and their respective funding allocations

MOTION 2021/1/11: 09 - The list of Special Project Grants

MOTION 2021/1/11: 10 - The list of course unions and their respecting funding allocations

And add Blecha's Board Report to Agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AMEND- HERNANDEZ/BARKOWSKY**

Add the following Motion :

MOTION 2021/01/11: 00 - HERNANDEZ/

WHEREAS Open Education Resources are teaching, learning, and research resources whose authors allow others to use, distribute, keep, or make changes to them; and,

WHEREAS the price of course materials can be a large barrier to education; and, WHEREAS Open Education Resources provide students significant cost savings each year; and,

WHEREAS many directors on the UVSS Board campaigned on post-secondary affordability and accessibility; and,

WHEREAS the UVic Division of Learning and Teaching Support and Innovation (LTSI) is coordinating the distribution of grants for the creation of Open Education Resources, of which a considerable sum will employ students as research assistants; therefore,

BIRT the Board approves the allocation of \$1000 from Donations and Grants to LTSI's Open Education Resources grant.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. Adoption of Minutes**

i. 2020/12/14

**MOTION TO ADOPT- ADACHI/NAG**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. PRESENTATIONS**

- i. Presentation from Craig MacDougall, Vancity Wealth Advisor.

**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

## 8. MAIN MOTIONS

### a. PRIORITY BUSINESS

#### **MOTION TO MOVE MOTION 05- MITTAL/LOWAN**

Move motion to after reports.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **MOTION 2021/01/11: 05 - BURD/MITTAL**

**WHEREAS** the Parent Child Care Bursary Fund is currently invested in the Endowment Fund which is managed by the UVic Foundation Board; and,

**WHEREAS** the Endowment Fund has significant investments in the fossil fuel industry; and

**WHEREAS** the fossil fuel industry has proven to exacerbate the climate crisis and disproportionately cause damage to Indigenous communities; and,

**WHEREAS** the UVSS values sustainability, decolonization, and social justice; therefore,

**BIRT** the UVSS Board of Directors acknowledge the financial terms outlined in Appendix A and B.

**BIFRT** the UVSS Board of Directors approves writing a letter to the University of Victoria Foundation Board to request the transfer of the Parent Child Care Bursary Funds from the UVic Foundations Main Investment Pool to the UVic Foundations Fossil Fuel Free Investment Pool.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

## 7. QUESTION PERIOD (15 mins)

#### **MOTION 2021/01/11: 02 - LOWAN/NAG**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors Policy 1.6.b.v. stipulates that “Portfolio DALs shall be elected at the first Board meeting of the elected term, with the option for changes at the first Board meeting of each semester.”

**BIRT** nominations be opened for Directors at-Large to change portfolios according to the following vacancies:

#### **Outreach and University Relations** (one vacancy)

Nominations: Marran Dodds

#### **Finance and Operations** (one vacancy)

Nominations: Jana Barkowsky

#### **International Student Relations** (one vacancy)

Nominations: N/A

**Events :** N/A

**Student Affaires:** N/A

Dodds is acclaimed to Outreach and University Relations.

Barkowsky is acclaimed to Finance and Operations.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2021/01/11: 03 - LOWAN/ADACHI**

**BIRT** nominations be opened for undergraduate student representatives to fill vacancies on the following UVic committees:

- Search Committee for the Chair of the Department of Chemistry : Lindsey Frederiksen is acclaimed.
- SupportConnect Advisory Group : Sophie McLntrye is acclaimed. ; and
- Vikes Nation Advisory Council : Michael Kedge is acclaimed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2021/01/11: 04 - LOWAN/MUIR**

**WHEREAS** Monday, April 5, 2021 is the statutory holiday of Easter Monday and a UVSS board meeting is currently scheduled on that date; therefore,  
**BIRT** that the UVSS board meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021 is cancelled.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2021/01/11: 06 - LOWAN/TUBEISHAT**

**WHEREAS** the Director of Campaigns and Community regularly advocates for student housing affordability; and,

**WHEREAS** the organization UTILE is conducting a nation-wide survey on students' experiences in housing; and,

**WHEREAS** Appendix C, D, E of January 11, 2021's agenda is the collaboration agreement between the UVSS and UTILE, its data use policy, and the drafted survey, respectively; and,

**WHEREAS** the national survey data will be made available to the UVSS and will likely support further advocacy on all levels of government for affordable student housing; therefore,

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve of the collaboration agreement with UTILE to disseminate the student housing survey.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2021/01/11: 07 - LOWAN/DODDS**

**WHEREAS** the CCSS and UVSS have historically collaborated on local transit improvement advocacy; and,

**WHEREAS** the core goals of the Make Transit Work campaign is to make transit electric, accessible and free; therefore,

**BIRT** that the Board approve the signing a joint letter written on behalf of the CCSS and the UVSS in support of two motions going before the CRD board on January 13th, as seen in Appendix F.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO OMNIBUS: TUBEISHAT/NAG**

**Motions 08,09 and 10.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2021/1/11: 08 - TUBEISHAT/BERGLUND**

**BIRT** the following list of clubs are ratified and allocated their respective funding:

Returning clubs with full funding of \$177.31 each

1. ABS (Association for Baha'i Studies)
2. Ancient forest committee
3. Association for Women in Math UVic Student Chapter
4. AUVIC
5. Beer Club (UVic Wizards of Beer)
6. Best Buddies UVic
7. Biomedical Engineering Design Team (BMED)
8. Cabaret Voltaire Diversions
9. Canadian Society for Civil Engineering
10. Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)
11. COVIDA
12. Ecological Restoration Club
13. Elect Her
14. Engineers Without Borders
15. Exercise is Medicine
16. Games Club
17. Girls off the Grid
18. Global Engineering Brigades
19. Her Campus
20. Hillel On Campus
21. Hong Kong Student Association
22. Inclusive Christians Club
23. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Club
24. International Friendship Group
25. iranian students association at uvic
26. Japanese Culture Club
27. Leadership Through Diversity
28. Medieval Club
29. Mental Health Awareness Club
30. Model United Nations
31. Music Production Club

32. Socialist Fightback UVic
33. Society for Indian Classical Arts (SICA)
34. Spikeball Club
35. STEM Undergraduate Consulting Organization (SUCO)
36. Students for the Salish Sea
37. Surfrider Foundation UVic Club
38. TharAllah (Shia Muslim Society of Victoria)
39. The Warren Undergraduate Review
40. University of Victoria Formula Hybrid
41. University of Victoria Global Medical Brigades
42. University of Victoria Renewable Energy Club
43. Uvic Blood4Life Club
44. UVic Competitive Programming Club
45. UVic Concrete Canoe Team
46. UVic CSGO/VALORANT Club
47. UVic Drama and Musical Theatre Club
48. UVic F&S Club
49. UVic Financial Analysis Club (UVFAC)
50. UVic Formula Racing
51. UVic Formula Racing Electric
52. UVic Friends of Israel
53. UVic Game Dev
54. UVIC Global Business Brigades
55. UVic Global Perspectives Society
56. UVic Greens
57. UVic Guitar Club
58. UVic Ismaili Students Association
59. UVic League of Legends Club
60. UVIC Live Music Club
61. UVic Minecraft Club
62. Uvic Muslim Student Association
63. Uvic ndp
64. UVic Photoclub
65. UVIC Pre Med Club
66. UVic Pre Veterinary Club
67. UVIC Pre-Dental Club
68. UVic Pre-Optometry Club
69. UVic Rocketry
70. UVic Seismic
71. UVic Stem Cell Club
72. UVic Students for Literacy
73. UVic Students Offering Support (SOS)
74. UVIC SUP Club
75. Uvic Table tennis club
76. Uvic Ukrainian Students' Society
77. UVIC UNICEF
78. UVic Urban Development Club
79. UVic Women in Science
80. Victoria Association for Psychedelic Studies
81. Victoria Mandarin Toastmasters club
82. Vikes Improv
83. WUSC UVic
84. Young Communist League

Returning club with half funding of \$88.65 each

1. Latinos Without Borders

2. UVic Photography Excursion Club
3. Rotaract Club of Victoria
4. The Wildlife Society UVic Chapter
5. UVic Kin Campus Club
6. UVic Poker Club
7. VikeLabs
8. Wise & Well VIC

Returning clubs with no funding

1. AERO
2. Chinese Students and Scholars Association
3. Science in Society Club
4. UCM (University Christian Ministries)
5. University Bible Fellowship
6. UVic Anime Club
7. UVic Astrophotography Club
8. UVIC BCYP
9. UVic Fashion Club
10. UVIC Submarine Racing Club
11. UVic Tenant Action Group
12. Young Women in Business

New clubs with half funding of \$88.65 each

1. Psyc After Undergrad
2. Students Above Stigma
3. UVIC Skateboarding Club
4. With a Grain of Salt

New clubs with quarter funding of \$44.33

1. ACI-UVic student chapter

New clubs with no funding

1. UVic Fashion Club

**MOTION 2021/1/11: 09 - TUBEISHAT/BERGLUND**

**BIRT** the following list of Special Project Grants are approved:

- AUVIC: \$600.00
- Best Buddies UVIC: \$200.00
- Cabaret Voltaire Diversions: \$600.00
- Ecological Restoration Club: \$500.00
- Elect Her: \$150.00
- Engineers Without Borders: \$250.00
- Formula Hybrid: \$500.00
- F&S: \$295.00
- Global Engineering Brigade: \$600.00
- Mental Health Awareness Club: \$600.00
- The Warren Undergraduate Review: \$600.00
- University of Victoria Global Brigades: \$600.00
- University of Victoria Global Medical Brigades: \$600.00
- UVic Biomedical Engineering Design Team (BMED): \$600.00
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- UVic Formula Racing Electric: \$500.00



- UVic Guitar Club: \$600.00
- Uvic Live Music Club: \$200.00
- Uvic Muslim Student Association: \$450.00
- UVic Rocketry: \$400.00
- UVic Tenant Action Group: \$600.00
- UVIC UNICEF: \$600.00
- Young Communist League: \$600.00

**MOTION 2021/1/11: 10 - TUBEISHAT/BERGLUND**

**BIRT** the following list of course unions are ratified and allocated their respective funding.

Full funding of \$337.39 each

1. Biochemistry and Microbiology Student Society
2. Bureau of Anthropology Students (BOAS)
3. ChemSOC
4. French Undergrads
5. GASEOS (General Assembly of Students in Earth and Ocean Sciences)
6. Germanic and Slavic Studies Course Union
7. History Undergraduate Body
8. Indigenous Studies Student Union
9. PERKS (Physical Education, Recreation, and Kinesiology Student Society)
10. PHASERS
11. Philosophy Student Union
12. Psychology Organization of Students (Psych.O.S.)
13. Society of Geography Students
14. Students in Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics
15. The Undergraduates of Political Science
16. University of Victoria Nursing Student Society (UVNSS)
17. Uvic Biology Undergraduate Society (BUGS)
18. UVic Computer Music Course Union (CMCU)
19. Uvic English Students' Association
20. UVic Writing Undergraduate Course Union
21. Visual Arts Students Association

Half funding of \$168.69 each

1. Art History and Visual Studies Student Association
2. Bureau of sociology students
3. University of Victoria Student Music Educators' Association

No funding

1. Greek and Roman Studies Student Association
2. Health Information Science Course Union Council

**MOTIONS CARRIED OMNIBUS**

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - DODDS/BURD**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA -LOWAN/BURD**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO RECESS - LOWAN/BURD**

Recess until 7:40pm

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2021/01/11: 11 - HERNANDEZ/MUIR**

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**10. IN-CAMERA**

**MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - MUIR/NAG**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- a. Legal
- b. Personnel Committee Report

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - LOWAN/TUBEISHAT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 7:48pm.

**11. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:**  
Monday, January 25, 2021 via Google Meet (online).

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

## 13. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

### EMILY LOWAN (119 hours)

#### General

- Campaigns Committee
- Portfolio meetings
- Volunteer recruitment and training
- Executive Committee
- Personnel Committee and bargaining preparation
- Completed provincial government submission
- Peer support Centre Committee
- Board meeting
- Operational Relations Committee
- Leads meeting
- Policy development on Lead Director job descriptions
- Mobilized students to contribute to City of Victoria 2021 Budget Consultation
- Filmed video summarizing student priorities and asks for City of Victoria 2021 Budget Town Hall

#### Rethink Mental Health Campaign

- Social media coordination for self-care package giveaway
- Coordination for BIPOC mental health student experience focus group

#### Let's Get Consensual

- Coordinated working group meeting
- Planning for informational social media video campaign
- Replaced bathroom posters in the SUB with Let's Get Consensual posters

#### Make Transit Work

- Voting seat advocacy coordination
- Research on minor transit improvements
- Campaign plan to enact minor transit improvements
- Worked with student to create and disseminate transit experience survey
- Working group meeting

#### Divest UVic

- Martlet interview
- Social media coordination
- Working group meeting
- Meeting with President Hall and staff
- Meeting with UVic Treasury
- Meeting with UBC Divest group

**CALEB BURD (27.5 hours)**

- Met with other leads
- Attended campaigns committee
- Met with excluded management
- Coordinated further Health and Dental Opt-out appeals
- Met with Vancity wealth advisor
- Drafted motion for board meeting
- Filed check requisitions
- Signed checks
- Met with graphics department about the SUB business survey
- Emailed various university administrators

**SARINA DE HAVELYN (42 hours)**

- Campaigns Committee
- Chaired Executive Committee, Board meeting, Operational Relations Committee, Leads meeting, Electoral Committee
- Vice Provost Hiring Committee
- Worked with Dalal and Mariel on Equity Survey to students
- Created work orders with Marran for the UVSS Game Night
- Completed media tasks regarding UVic's COVID-19 survey
- Assisted Dalal with C+CU Days prep
- Responded to student questions and concerns
- Prepped for and met with President Hall regarding Divestment
- Met with head of UVic communications to discuss streamlined communication strategies for UVic students

**DALAL TUBEISHAT (89 hours)**

- Answered emails
- Held in-person and online office hours
- Had meetings with club executives
- Had internal meetings with other directors, advocacy group coordinators, excluded managers, accounting, and graphics
- Had external meetings with UVic administrators, faculty, and staff
- Planned for C&CU Days
- Planned for ratification and funding
- Signed cheques
- Updated and reviewed policy (Clubs Policy, Course Union Policy, Advocacy Groups Policy, Electoral Policy)
- Chaired and planned for Advocacy Relations Committee, Clubs Council, and Course Union Council

- Attended Campaigns Committee, Executive Committee, and Electoral Committee
- Attended Advocacy Groups Coordinators Meeting
- Posted on social media
- Responded to members' questions on social media
- Did website edits

**SEBASTIAN FRANCO-MONROY (62 hours)**

- Emails
- Phone calls
- Electoral committee
- Personnel committee
- Exec committee
- Rethink Mental Health
- Meeting with SOCC, Pride & OSL
- Draft making
- Trivia nights
- Meetings with RedBull & Yerba Mate
- Bargaining prep

**DIPAYAN NAG (25 hours):**

- Preparing for New Students welcome.
- Preparation for BOG docket.
- General Admin Tasks

**MARRAN DODDS (10.75 hours)**

- Communication with Sarina (1.25 hours)
- Board Meeting (1.5 hours)
- Teams Communication (0.25 hours)
- Book Club Prep/Work/Emails w/ Members (2.5 hour)
- Book Club Meeting (1.5 hours)
- Campaigns Committee (1 hour)
- Divest Meeting (1 hour)
- Planning Game Night (1.75 hours)

**MARIEL HERNANDEZ (4.5 hours)**

- Dec. 18 Meeting with Student Affairs re: Clubs and Course Unions Day (15 mins)
- Dec. 21 Meeting with Student Affairs re: Clubs Policy (30 mins)
- Jan. 5 Campaigns Meeting (1 hour)
- Jan. 5 Meeting with Outreach and Student Affairs Directors re: Anti-Racism Survey (1 hour 30 mins)
- Jan. 6 Meeting with Electoral Committee re: planning (1 hour)

**EVAN GUILDFORD (2.7 hours)**

- Board Meeting
- Campaigns
- Make Transit Work

**VICTORIA RITCHIE (3 hours)**

- Campaigns Portfolio Meeting (.5 hours)
- Campaigns Meeting (1 hour)
- City of Vic Budget Review (.5 hours)
- Portfolio related reading/work (1 hour)

**JOCELYNN PARENT (1.5 hours)**

- Board meeting

**KATY BERGLUND (6 hours)**

- Pride Collective General Meetings
- Pride Collective Board Meetings
- Planning for upcoming Pride Events

**MARINA KIT MUIR - (4 hours)**

- Divest Meeting
- Meetings with GEM coordinator
- Work on GEM donation policy

**NATALIE BLECHA - (6 hours)**

- Policy Review (4 hours)
- SSD Holiday Gathering (1 hour)
- SSD/UVSS Communication (1 hour)

## APPENDIX A

1. The Fossil Fuel Free Fund will not invest in investment instruments which are issued by companies that have proven and probable thermal coal, oil or natural gas reserves, and will also not invest in any constituent that uses coal for power generation purposes.
2. Investing the Endowment in the Fossil Fuel Free Fund will limit the diversification of the investments;
3. The Fossil Fuel Free Fund is invested in investment funds which conform to the investment restrictions of the Fossil Fuel Free fund, and the managers of such investment funds otherwise determine the investment policy of such funds;
4. Due to the nature of the Fossil Fuel Funds investment restrictions, the Fossil Fuel Free Fund has a higher investment risk than the Foundations' investment fund (the "Main Investment Fund") and a typical balanced (equity and fixed income) fund which is not similarly restricted in the types of investments that it may make;
5. If the performance of the Fossil Fuel Fund is deemed to be inadequate by the Foundation, in its sole discretion, and the Foundation is unable to identify alternative investment funds for the Fossil Fuel Fund, which the Foundation in its sole opinion deems to be suitable, the assets in the Fossil Fuels Free Fund shall be transferred to and invested in the Foundation's Main Investment Fund;
6. If the Fossil Fuel Free Fund does not attract sufficient donations to be, in the sole opinion of the Foundation, financially viable, the Foundation may close the Fossil Fuel Free Fund and transfer the funds to the Main Investment Fund.;
7. Management, and distribution of all funds shall be in accordance with the University of Victoria Foundation's policies and procedures:
  - a. Endowment Management Policy describes how the distributable earnings from the endowments are determined and allocated.  
<https://www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary/otherbodies/foundations/governance/index.php>
  - b. University of Victoria Foundation Personal Information Protection Policy  
<https://www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary/otherbodies/foundations/index.php>
8. If the assets in the Fossil Fuel Free are transferred to the Main Investment Fund, the funds will be managed in accordance with the framework for management of the Endowment Fund within levels of risk acceptable to the Foundation Board set out in the Statements of Investment Objectives and Guidelines.

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