



MINUTES

University of Victoria Students' Society

Monday, March 1, 2021 – Google Meet, 6pm

Google Meet meeting link:

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Attendance: Lowan, De Havelyn, Nag, Adachi, Muir, Mittal, Tubeishat, Guildford, Parent, Hernandez, Dodds, Blecha, Lancaster, Burd, Barkowsky

Staff: Talman, Hardman, Robertson, McFarlin

1. CALL TO ORDER

De Havelyn called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

2. LIVESTREAM

MOTION 2021/03/01: 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 March 1, 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

Hernandez acknowledged the land.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of Agenda

- i. 2021/03/01

MOTION TO ADOPT - BURD/GUILDFORD

MOTION TO AMEND - MITTAL/GUILDFORD

To add Mittal's and Gina's Board Reports

MOTION CARRIED

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b. Adoption of Minutes

- i. 2021/02/01

MOTION TO ADOPT - BURD/GUILDFORD

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

MOTION 2021/03/01: 02 - TUBEISHAT/GUILDFORD

WHEREAS the Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2021 was cancelled; and,

WHEREAS we must schedule two board meetings a month; therefore,

BIRT that the UVSS schedule a Board of Directors meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021/03/01: 03 - TUBEISHAT/

WHEREAS Monday, March 8, 2021 is an office holiday and a UVSS board meeting is currently scheduled on that date; therefore,

BIRT that the UVSS board meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021 is cancelled.

RESCINDED BY MOVER

RECOMMENDED BY CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE

MOTION 2021/03/01: 04 - LOWAN/NAG

WHEREAS equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) are priorities of the UVSS; and

WHEREAS the UVSS represents undergraduate students; and,

WHEREAS students have expressed the need for systemic changes to mitigate experiences of racism and exclusion inside and outside the classroom; and,

WHEREAS student groups on campus lobbying departments to institute EDI related changes would benefit from support by the UVSS; therefore,

BIRT *Anti-discrimination on Campus* become a campaign through the Campaigns and Community Relations portfolio.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2021/03/01: 05 - LOWAN/MITTAL

WHEREAS Emily Lowan's term as Director of Campaigns and Community Relations ends on April 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS the Co-Chairs of the UVic Climate and Sustainability Action Plan Integrated Steering Committee (CSAP ISC) have requested that Emily Lowan continue to be the undergraduate student representative on the CSAP ISC for the remainder of the planning process; therefore,

BIRT the Board approves Emily Lowan to continue to be the undergraduate representative on the UVic CSAP ISC for the remainder of the project planning process.

MOTION CARRIED

b. OLD BUSINESS

MOTION TO RECESS - BLECHA/BURD

Recess until 7:00pm.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA - BURD/ADACHI

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting moved in camera at 7:02pm.

10. IN-CAMERA

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

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - ADACHI/TUBEISHAT

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting moved out of camera at 7:05pm

11. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday, March, 8, 2021 via Google Meet (online).

12. ADJOURNMENT

13. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Emily Lowan (167 hours)

General

- Provincial lobby days with the Alliance of BC Students (25 hours)
- Campaigns Committee (1 hour)
- Collective bargaining (16 hours)
- Meetings with Greater Victoria Acting Together (2 hours)
- Executive Committee (2 hours)
- Leads meetings (1 hour)
- SAGM outreach and promotion (3 hours)
- SAGM attendance and prep (5 hours)
- Personnel Collective Bargaining (5 hours)

Divest UVic

- Create social media posts for campaign win (1 hour)
- Press release (1 hour)
- Interview preparation (1 hour)
- Media relations (3 hours)
- Outreach to amplify win (2 hours)
- Campaign meeting (1.5 hours)
- Social media posts organize (1.5 hours)
- Campaign letter submission to the BOG March meeting (1 hour)
- Podcast episode with Corporate Mapping Project (1 hour)
- Podcast episode with UVic Sustainability Project (1 hour)
- Wrote UVic's climate call to action recommendations (5 hours)
- Presentation and discussion to ES class on divestment (1 hour)
- Divest Canada Coalition Webinar speaker event about UVic's win (2 hours)

Make Transit Work

- Meetings with local Mayors and Transit Commission members (4 hours)
- Briefing note for Transit Commission on student voting seta (2 hours)
- Op-ed on voting seat (1 hour)
- Press release on voting seat (1 hour)
- Social media strategy for voting seat (1 hour)
- Analyze results from student transit experience survey (1 hour)
- Lobbied BC Transit Staff for transit improvements (1 hour)
- Media interview for voting seat (2 hours)

Open Educational Resources

- Worked with Director of Outreach on outreach/social media strategy

- Reinvented the campaign webpage

Let's Get Consensual

- Organized next stage of rebranded materials and SWAG (1 hour)
- Filmed outreach videos about the 6 elements of consent (1 hour)
- Meeting with Students for Consent Culture researcher on mandatory consent training (1 hour)

Rent with Rights

- Organized 5 students to sit on the Gordon Head Residents' Association (1 hour)

Safer Use

- Naloxone training outreach (1 hour)

ReThink Mental Health

- Working group meeting (0.5 hour)
- Peer support centre committee meeting (1 hour)
- BIPOC Mental Health focus group and administration (3 hours)

Marran Dodds (112.75 hours)

- Emails/General Communication
- Met with Brent about Graphics
- Training w/ Outgoing Events Director
- Organized Book Club Email List & Created a resource hub for members
- Prep and training for Lobby Days
- Did Lobby Days!!
- Had Book Club - The Inconvenient Indian by Thomas King
- Organized Google Drive
- Brainstorming for Spring Events
- Create three month plan for Spring Events
- Worked on UVSS Game Show Night
- Created Social Media content
- Organized Events Committee Timing Etc.
- Met with Events Portfolio
- Went to committee meetings (Executive, Campaigns, Leads, FinOps, Member Outreach)
- Met with UVic Execs
- Met with OSL about UVic Pride
- Met with Niko & Nate about Pride Event
- Organize/Plan Open Mic Night
- SAGM Promotion
- SAGM Meeting!
- Planning end of year send off
- Brainstorming for BIPOC Wellness Even

- Met to discuss BIPOC Focus Group meeting recommendations/action items

Sarina de Havelyn (134 hours)

- Provincial lobby days with the Alliance of BC Students
- SAGM prep/advertising/lead/follow-up
- Chairing Electoral Committee, inc. promoting nomination period
- Meeting with UVic Executive on EDI
- Chaired Member Outreach, Policy Development, Ombudsperson Advisory, Operational Relations, Electoral, Executive, and various other committees
- Worked on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion initiatives with Mariel and Dalal
- Attended Student Experiences Working Group meetings
- Responded to student emails
- Liaised with UVic administration

Dalal Tubeishat (137 hours)

- Answered emails
- Held in-person and online office hours
- 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 ratification and funding for clubs and course unions
- Signed cheques
- Updated and reviewed policy
- Attended Member Outreach Committee, Events Committee, Divest, Policy Development Committee, and Executive Committee
- Responded to members' questions on social media
- Posted on social media
- Did website edits
- Planned for and attended Game Night
- Created website accounts for clubs and course unions
- Updated online balances
- Updated signing authorities list
- Conducted outreach to encourage and support candidates to the UVSS
- Planned for and chaired Advocacy Relations Committee
- Worked on EDI Survey and outreach for it
- Planned for and supported the running of the SAGM
- Did a radio interview
- Attended SOCC meetings
- Helped facilitate Electoral Open Houses

Caleb Burd (140 hours)

- Worked on Sustainability plan 6 hours
- Reviewed sustainability reports 2 hours
- Leads meeting 3 hours
- Exec 3.5 hours
- Meeting with graphics 2 hours
- Met with excluded management 4 hours
- Health and dental 4 hours
- U-Pass 2 hours
- FRAC 6 hours
- Various emails and meetings 35.5 hours
- Operational health and Safety committee 2 hours
- Good Food Project 5 hours
- Exec to exec 1 hour
- Studentcare meeting 1.5 hours
- Developing policy 1 hour
- SUB business marketing committee and prep 3 hours
- Lobby days training 18 hours
- Lobby days prep and meetings 5 hours
- Bargaining with Union 30 hours
- SAGM 3.5 hours
- Marketing plan 1 hour
- Organized laptop charging rental service 1 hour

Izzy Adachi (4.5 hours)

- Peer Support Centre
- Emails for u-pass and h&d appeals
- Board meeting
- Member Outreach
- SAGM

Jenna Lancaster (5 hours)

- NSU Council meeting 2:30-3:30
- ARC Meeting 11:00-12:00
- Wellness Booklet Planning 2hrs
- Email Communications 1 hr

Natalie Blecha (14 hours)

- SSD AGM planning (1 hour)
- UVSS/SSD Communication (2 hours)
- SSD Budgeting (3 hours)
- UVSS/SSD ARC (1 hour)
- UVSS/SSD Advo Group Policy document editing (1 hour)
- SSD Council Training prep work (3 hours)
- UVSS SAGM attendance (2 hours)
- SSD Executive Committee (1 hour)

Marina Kit Muir (3 hours)

- Meetings with coordinator 1.25 hours
- Member outreach committee .5 hours
- ARC 1 hour
- Emails and cheque recs .25 hours

Mariel Hernández (36.5 hours)

- February 8 Electoral Check-In Meeting (15 mins)
- February 12 Events Committee meeting (1 hour)
- February 12-16 Lobby Days Training (21 hours 30 mins)
- February 15 GHRA meeting on student living guide (1 hour)
- February 19 EQHR Meeting (1 hour)
- February 22 Grad Class Meeting and Prep (1 hour)
- February 22 GVAT Meeting (1 hour 30 mins)
- February 24 GHRA board meeting and prep (3 hours 30 mins)
- February 24 Outreach meeting (15 mins)
- February 25 SAGM (4 hours)

Dipayan Nag (18 hours)

- Meeting with Global Community.
- Meeting with Gina.
- Meeting with Katy.
- Divest Meeting.
- Committee Meetings.
- Outreach regarding international student interests.
- Other administrative tasks.
- Pink Shirt Day campaign

Jana Barkowsky (21 hours)

- Attended BoD meeting (3 hours)
- Attended Campaigns committee meeting (.5 hours)
- Created instagram material (.5 hours)
- Attended Rethink meeting (.5 hours)
- Attended elections open house (2 hours)
- Attended bargaining meetings (14 hours)
- Researched mental health workshops (.5 hours)

Evan Guildford (7.2 hours)

- U-Pass Appeals 0.2
- Election Orientation 2.0
- SAGM awareness messaging 1.0
- SAGM 2.0
- Outreach Training Manual Review 1.0
- Events Committee 1.0

Katy Berglund (4.25 hours)

- Pride board meetings: 2hrs
- Meeting with International rep: 15mins
- Budget review: 1hr
- ARC: 1hr

Jocelyne Parent (4.25 hours)

- Portfolio meeting (x2) 35 min
- Campaigns committee 30 min
- Board meeting 2h30
- Events committee (x2) 55 min

Paarth Mittal (22 hrs 53 mins)

- Letter Writing and Emails for Divest UVic (30 mins)
- Making Graphics for Divest UVic (50 mins)
- Divest UVic Meetings (1 hr 45 mins)
- Sharing UVSS Campaigns & Events on Instagram (18 mins)
- Preparing Anti-Racism Letter Motion in Solidarity with Cowichan Tribes (20 mins)
- Training and Preparing for ABCS Lobby Days (15 hrs 15 mins)
- Lobbying Meetings with BC Minsters and MLAs (1 hr 30 mins)
- Filming Lobby Days Outreach Video (20 mins)
- SAGM (2 hrs)
- Promoting SAGM on Instagram

Gina Tran (5 hours)

- Talk and discuss to ISR about International students rep (1hr)
- Discuss about that meeting with Ruth (1hr)
- Budget meeting, happen at 5 30 pm today, approximate hours: 1 hr
- Attended ARC: 2 hrs