



AGENDA

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 2021, 2:30pm PST

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Meeting ID: 302 625 1934

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES**
- 3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR**
- 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
 - a. Agenda of 2021/10/28 AGM
- 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - a. Minutes of 2021/02/25 SAGM
- 6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**
 - a. **Special Resolutions**

MOTION 2021/10/28: 01 - DODDS/

MOTION TO AMEND BYLAW 4 - GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA

WHEREAS UVSS Bylaws state that, "Referenda then general meetings respectively, shall be considered the highest authorities within the Students' Society"; and,

WHEREAS referenda provide UVSS members an opportunity to vote on UVSS business that concerns the student body at large, such as altering student fees; and,

WHEREAS quorum for general meetings is much lower, at 0.6% of membership; and,

WHEREAS altering student fees to meet the needs of UVSS groups such as the Anti-Violence Project, Advocacy Groups, the International Student Relations portfolio, and to fund affordability and sustainability initiatives such as increasing funding for OERs (Open Education Resources) cannot be done without a referendum; and,
WHEREAS UVSS referendum questions are predominantly voted in favour by students, yet they often fail to meet quorum and therefore are not binding; and,
WHEREAS the referenda quorum for many other universities and colleges in British Columbia, such as Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Island University, and Camosun College are 5%; therefore,
BIRT Bylaw 4.7 and 4.8 are amended as follows:

4.7 Referenda

- a. In addition to Annual, Semi-Annual, and Special General Meetings, the members may vote on resolutions concerning the business of the Students' Society by means of a referendum.
- b. Referenda may be called at any time between the months of September to April inclusive by:
 - i. a two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] majority vote of a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors where at least two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] of directors are present, and where notice has been given on the board meeting agenda; or
 - ii. a requisite of ten percent [10%] of the membership; or
 - iii. as otherwise required by the Societies Act of British Columbia.
- c. Quorum for a referendum shall be **five percent [5%]**~~fifteen percent [15%]~~ of the voting membership.
- d. Initiation of a fee referenda for a Subsidiary Organization will be as outlined in the individual Subsidiary Organization constitution.
- e. For any alteration of a Subsidiary Organization fee quorum shall be ten percent [10%] of the membership of the Subsidiary Organization, with a majority of those voting approving the change.

4.8 Quorum for General Meetings ~~and Referenda~~

- a. Quorum for General meetings shall be six tenths of one percent [0.6 %] of the membership subject to the Societies Act.
- b. In the event that attendance at an Annual General Meeting is more than twenty [20] but less than six tenths of one percent, the meeting will continue for the purposes of fulfilling the Societies Act of British Columbia, but shall be limited to the following items of business:
 - i. report of the activities of the Board of Directors
 - ii. members' questions on the activities of the Board of Directors
 - iii. adoption of the budget and the approval of the audited financial statements
 - iv. adoption of the previous general meeting's minutes

b. Financial Motions

Motion to Adopt the 2021-2022 Budget

BIRT the 2021-2022 Budget be adopted as presented, as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Motion to Receive the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements

BIRT the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements be received.

7. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS**
8. **QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)**
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**