



MINUTES

Annual General Meeting

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

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Meeting ID: 302 625 1934

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dodds called the meeting to order at 3:16pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Skip Dick acknowledged the territories.

3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

**MOTION TO RATIFY - DAILLY/VERWOERD
MOTION CARRIED (243/33)**

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Agenda of 2021/10/28 AGM

MOTION TO ADOPT - DAILLY/TAYLOR

Vote to uphold James's decision to deny the addition of motion below

MOTION DEFEATED (38%/62%)

MOTION TO AMEND - ABUELAZM/DAY

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MOTION CARRIED

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5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of 2021/02/25 SAGM

**MOTION TO ADOPT - COOK/SIMPSON
MOTION CARRIED**

6. **MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Special Resolutions**

MOTION 2021/10/28: 01 - DODDS/FROESE

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

**MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY - DODDS/SCHARMANN
MOTION DEFEATED**

**MOTION TO VOTE (bypass further discussion) - MORRISON/COOK
MOTION CARRIED (92% YES)**

MOTION: 01: DEFEATED (86%)

MOTION 2021/10/28: 02 - ABUELAZM/ANNAB

WHEREAS over time, the majority of members elected to the UVSS Board of Directors have been from the Faculty of Social Science; and

WHEREAS diversity at the Board level ensures accountable governance, a range of voices and experiences, and a plurality of values is represented; and

WHEREAS reaching traditionally neglected areas of the campus is a critical component of member engagement; and

WHEREAS students deserve comprehensive representation for their student fees; and

WHEREAS the creation of the Faculty Director position would increase the inclusion of faculty perspectives in the activities of the Students' Society; therefore

BIRT the Bylaws be amended as follows:

5.1 Composition of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of:

- a. The following directors elected by the membership:
 - i. One Lead Director as Director of Outreach & University Relations,

- ii. One Lead Director as Director of Student Affairs,
 - iii. One Lead Director as Director of Events,
 - iv. One Lead Director as Director of Finance and Operations,
 - v. One Lead Director as Director of Campaigns & Community Relations, and
 - vi. ~~Eleven [11]~~ **Two [2]** At-Large Directors.
- b. The following directors elected by their respective constituency organisations:
- i. Gender Empowerment Centre Representative
 - ii. UVic Pride Representative
 - iii. Society for Students with a Disability Representative
 - iv. Students of Colour Collective Representative
- c. The Native Students' Union Representative elected by the Native Students' Union.
- d. The Director of International Student Relations elected by international students.
- e. **The following directors elected by membership from their respective faculties:**
- i. **Director of Business Student Relations,**
 - ii. **Director of Education Student Relations,**
 - iii. **Director of Engineering and Computer Science Student Relations,**
 - iv. **Director of Fine Arts Student Relations,**
 - v. **Director of Human & Social Development Student Relations,**
 - vi. **Director of Humanities Student Relations,**
 - vii. **Director of Law Student Relations,**
 - viii. **Director of Science Student Relations, and**
 - ix. **Director of Social Sciences Student Relations.**
- f. e. The majority of directors must be at least 18-years-old. 16-or 17-year-old directors are permitted to sit on the Board of Directors

5.2 Term of Office of Members of the Board of Directors

- a. Lead Directors, At-Large Directors, **Faculty Directors**, and the Director of International Student Relations elected during the month of March shall be elected for one year terms, to take office on May 1st.

6.5 Election of Faculty Directors to the Board of Directors

Faculty Directors shall be elected by members of the Students' Society that are officially declared in the faculty that the Director would be representing.

6.6 Eligibility

- a. Nominees for any position on the Board of Directors must be members of the Students' Society.
- b. In order to seek election to the Board of Directors, members must be nominated by not less than fifteen [15] other members of the Students' Society.
- c. Nominees shall run for only one position on the Board of Directors.
- d. Members of the Students' Society shall not be Lead Directors for more than two years.
- e. **Faculty Director candidates must be officially declared in the faculty they seek to represent.**

8.6 At-Large Directors

The At-Large Directors shall:

- a. Actively work to assist the Lead Directors in the performance of their duties,
- b. Assist in the coordination and implementation of local, provincial and national campaigns relating to education defense,
- c. Scrutinize the activities of the Lead Directors, and
- d. Participate on at least two [2] committees of the Students' Society.

8.9 Faculty Directors

The Faculty Directors shall:

- a. Actively assist the Board in the performance of its duties,
- b. Scrutinize the activities of the Lead Directors,
- c. Participate on at least two [2] committees of the Student's Society, and
- d. Represent the students in their faculty to the best of their abilities.

BIFRT bylaw 1 be amended to include a definition of "Faculty Director".

BIFRT bylaw 6 be renumbered accordingly.

MOTION TO POSTPONE TO SAGM - SCHARMANN/DUN

MOTION TO AMEND MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY BY VOTE (NAG/ROXAS)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY (NAG/ROXAS)

MOTION DEFEATED (76%)

VOTE TO END DEBATE

MOTION CARRIED (92%)

MOTION TO POSTPONE TO THE SAGM (SCHARMANN/DUN)

MOTION DEFEATED (70%)

REQUEST TO GO TO A VOTE (MONGA /GOERZON)

MOTION CARRIED

VOTING ON MOTION 02

MOTION CARRIED (192/38)

b. Financial Motions

Motion to Adopt the 2021-2022 Budget - HERNANDEZ/GOERTZEN

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

MOTION CARRIED (87%)

Motion to Receive the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements - ROXAS/BISNAR BIRT the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements be received.

MOTION CARRIED (95%)

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN - ROXAS/ANNAB

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

MOTION CARRIED