



## **MINUTES**

### **Semi-Annual General Meeting**

Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 2:30pm PST on Zoom

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

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

### **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES**

Skip Dick acknowledged the territories.

### **3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR**

**MOTION TO RATIFY - BURIAN/ABUELAZM**  
**MOTION CARRIED (189 yes / 11 no)**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Agenda of 2022/02/17 SAGM

**MOTION TO ADOPT - SWANSON/DULLAERT**  
**MOTION CARRIED (184 yes / 10 no)**

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of 2021/10/28 AGM

**MOTION TO ADOPT - WALD/BRAYBROOK**  
**MOTION CARRIED (188 yes / 5 no)**

**MOTION TO RECESS - MUMFORD/BRAYBROOK**  
**MOTION DEFEATED (82 yes / 100 no)**

**6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a. **Special Resolutions**

**MOTION 2022/02/17: 01 - HOLLAND/ DULLAERT**

**WHEREAS** Humanities Course Unions desire a higher degree of autonomy; and  
**WHEREAS** the establishment of a Humanities PDU will result in more opportunities and funding for Humanities students; and  
**WHEREAS** Humanities students require an organization to represent them at the faculty level, therefore

**Be It Resolved That** the Bylaws be amended as follows (changes marked in underline):

**BYLAW 1 - DEFINITIONS**

In accordance with the Students' Society's usual practice, the pronoun "they" shall be used in place of he or she in these Bylaws.

- 1.1. **Chief Electoral Officer** shall refer to an individual, appointed by the UVSS Board of Directors, who is responsible for the conduct of UVSS elections and referenda.
- 1.2. **Club** shall be a group of members gathered in accordance with Board of Director policy and overseen by the Director of Student Affairs.

- 1.3. **Constituency Organisations** shall be those bodies that satisfy the requirements of Bylaw Seventeen, Articles One and Two [17.1, 17.2].
- 1.4. **Course Union** shall be a group of members enrolled in a particular department, as overseen by the Director of Student Affairs.
- 1.5. **Directors** shall be all those persons elected to direct the affairs of the Students' Society.
- 1.6. **Executive Director** shall be the excluded manager responsible for: legal, privacy, and financial compliance of the Students' Society; strategic planning; risk management; human resource management; and other duties established by the Board of Directors in policy.
- 1.7. **General Manager** shall be the excluded manager who is chief of staff and is responsible for: business management and planning; operational planning; labour relations; the operational management, renovations, and sustainability of the Student Union Building; and other duties established by the Board of Directors in policy.
- 1.8. **Member** shall mean those persons who satisfy the requirements of Bylaw Two, Article One [2.1], Clauses a b, c and d.
- 1.9. **Office of the Ombudsperson** shall be autonomous, independent and free of interference and shall be operated under the aegis of the Office of the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee. It shall serve all students at the University of Victoria, former students and persons who have applied to become students.
- 1.10. **Professional Degree Program** shall be leading to a degree for a particular profession, which is a self-regulating body to the extent that the provincial government has passed legislation to this end, and must be accredited as such.
- 1.11. **Professional Development Union** shall be a group of members enrolled in a particular professional program or faculty, as overseen by the Director of Student Affairs, known as a "PDU".
- 1.12. **Special Resolution** shall mean a resolution with voting and notice requirements as set out in the BC Societies Act.
- 1.13. **Students' Society** shall mean the University of Victoria Students' Society.
- 1.14. **UVic Pride** shall refer to the Pride Society of the University of Victoria Students' Society

### **BYLAW 15 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNIONS (PDUs)**

- 15.1. Professional Development Unions are subsidiary organizations as per Bylaw 14.

**15.2. Membership in a PDU**

Registration in any professional degree program **or faculty** shall constitute eligibility for membership in the appropriate PDU.

**15.3. Declaration of Active and Non-Active Status of a PDU:**

**A** PDU will be given either active or non-active status by the Director of Student Affairs of the Students' Society in accordance with Bylaw Fifteen, Article Two [15.2].

**15.4. Only the Following shall be considered PDUs:**

- a. The Law Students' Society
- b. The Engineering Students' Society
- c. The Education Students' Society
- d. The Commerce Students' Society
- e. **The Humanities Undergraduate Society**

**BIFRT** the Humanities Undergraduate Society shall not be considered a PDU for the purposes of UVSS policy until a membership fee is instituted for members of the Humanities Undergraduate Society. This is intended to guarantee a seamless transition for Humanities Course Unions.

**BIFRT** funds held Humanities Course Union Trust Accounts shall be transferred to the Humanities Undergraduate Society to be held in trust by that party, at the consent of the relevant Course Union.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE MOTION 01 TO NEXT GENERAL MEETING IN FALL 2022 - HOLLAND/DULLAERT**

**MOTION CARRIED (162 yes/ 31 no)**

**MOTION 2022/02/17: 02 - ABUELAZM/BRAYBROOK**

**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.**

#### **9.5 Vacancies Established on the Board of Directors**

- c. **When a vacancy on the Board of Directors has been definitely established for a Faculty Director position, the Directors may decide to:**

- i. **hold a by-election at the discretion of the Board of Directors for a Director at Large that holds the position in lieu of a Faculty Director.**

**BIFRT** bylaw 1 be amended to include a definition of “Faculty Director”.

**BIFRT** bylaw 6 be renumbered accordingly.

**BIFRT** these changes come into effect starting May 1st, 2023

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHAIR’S DECISION**

The chair agrees that this motion is in order.

**MOTION CARRIED (181 yes/ 27 no)**

#### **MOTION TO AMEND - ABULEAZM/FUNG**

To remove “ BIFRT bylaw 1 be amended to include a definition of “Faculty Director”.”

**MOTION CARRIED (174 yes / 61 no)**

#### **MOTION TO GO TO VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED (184 yes/ 19 no)**

**MOTION CARRIED (185 yes / 22 no)**

#### **MOTION TO RECESS - CHARLEBOIS /FROESE**

Recess for 5 minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED (98 yes / 64 no)**

#### **MOTION 2022/02/17: 03 - FASSNACHT/BERMAN**

**WHEREAS** The Director of International Student Relations is expected to lead their own portfolio, participate in executive meetings, and run their own committee; and,

**WHEREAS** The Director of International Student Relations does considerable work in the UVSS without adequate compensation for it;

**BIRT** the Bylaws be amended as follows:

#### **12.6 Salary and Honoraria for Non-Lead Directors**

- a. Non-Lead Directors **except the Director of International Student Relations** shall be given honoraria for services rendered during their time in office.
- b. The honoraria paid to Non-Lead Directors **except the Director of International Student Relations** shall be \$50 per month.
- c. Non-Lead Directors ~~fulfilling~~ **except the Director of International Student Relations shall fulfill** all of the duties outlined in Bylaw 8: Duties and

Responsibilities of Directors, and Board of Directors Policy Section 1, Part 1.3 b., in order to receive the honoraria.

- d. Personnel Committee shall ensure that all Non-Lead Directors **except the Director of International Student Relations** fulfill the duties outlined in c. before they receive their honoraria.
- e. **The Director of International Student Relations shall be paid for services rendered during their term of office.**
  - i. **The salary and benefits paid to the Director of Student Relations shall be established at a rate equivalent to other Lead Directors and increased by 1% annually.**
  - ii. **The Director of International Student Relations is required to work a minimum of 15 paid hours and may work up to 20 paid hours a week, and is entitled to paid leave and sick time as per Board of Directors policy.**

**BIFRT** this change comes into effect on May 1st, 2023.

**MOTION TO AMEND MOTION BY MOVERS PRIVILEGE**

To change the wording to Motion 3 section 12.6 e. From Director of Student Relations to Director of International Student Relations

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION CARRIED (118 yes / 12 no)**

**7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

**8. QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.