



# MINUTES

## Semi-Annual General Meeting

Thursday February 6, 2020  
Vertigo, 3:00pm

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Granirer acknowledged the territories.

Quorum was not reached. The meeting proceeded with a limited agenda of Directors' reports and question period.

### 3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- a. Agenda of 2020/02/06 SAGM

### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of 2019/10/24 AGM

### 6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- a. **Special Resolutions**

#### **MOTION TO AMEND THE VALUES - ADD ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

**WHEREAS** the UVSS details five values on its website and in its strategic plans: Good governance, FUN!, excellence, service, and social justice; and,

**WHEREAS** as of January 17th, 2020, nearly 90% of respondents to the UVSS 2019 annual survey support adding environmental sustainability to the list of UVSS values; and,

**WHEREAS** the climate crisis is the biggest issue facing our planet and the UVSS has a responsibility to play its part in addressing this crisis; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the UVSS adds "Environmental Sustainability" to its values with the following definition:

**We recognize the urgency of the climate crisis and are committed to doing our part. We work to reduce the environmental impact of UVSS operations and support sustainable**

**initiatives that are relevant to students. We seek to be climate justice leaders that set an example for our members, UVic, and the greater community.**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE VALUES - ADD DECOLONIZATION**

**WHEREAS** as of January 17th, 78% of respondents to the UVSS 2019 annual survey support adding “Decolonization” to the UVSS’ values; and,

**WHEREAS** UVic and the Student Union Building reside on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Lekwungen people, including the Esquimalt, Songhees, and WSÁNEĆ Nations; and

**WHEREAS** the UVSS has a duty to prioritize decolonization; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the UVSS adds “Decolonization” to its values with the following definition:

**Our campus resides on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Lekwungen people, including the Esquimalt, Songhees, and WSÁNEĆ Nations. We are committed to holding our institutions accountable to reconciliation and decolonization by challenging systems and practices that oppress Indigenous Peoples. We aim to elevate Indigenous voices and perspectives by confronting colonial norms and frameworks. We will educate our members, create open dialogue, and take action to dismantle colonial systems.**

**MOTION TO AMEND THE VALUES - REMOVE FUN!**

**WHEREAS** respondents of the UVSS’ 2019 annual survey indicated that “FUN!!” was the least important of the UVSS’ values; and,

**WHEREAS** UVSS values guide how the UVSS makes decisions and performs work, and are the driving force of the organization, and should be selected with corresponding seriousness; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the UVSS removes “FUN!” from its values.

**b. Ordinary Resolutions**

**MOTION TO AMEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors currently uses multiple and ongoing digital tactics to inform members about its committees; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following section in Board of Directors policy, Section 1, part 3.4.a: Committee Meetings be removed:

c. The Society shall publicize a list of its committees, the committee membership and the committee meeting times outside the Students’ Society Centre.

**Adopted SAGM 1999/02/12**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Directors improves existing Board of Directors policy detailing committee promotion.

**7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

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

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.