



## **MINUTES**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Thursday, October 29, 2020

2:30pm PST

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

James Coccola called the meeting to order at 3:13pm.

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

Skip Dick acknowledged the territories by video.

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

**MOTION TO RATIFY - SAID/KLASSEN-CHEQUER  
MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

a. Agenda of 2020/10/29 AGM

**MOTION TO ADOPT - SWARTMAN/LA ROY**

**MOTION TO STRIKE MOTION 6 - BURD/ADACHI  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO ADOPT AS AMENDED - TUBEISHAT/DE HAVELYN  
MOTION CARRIED**

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of 2020/02/06 SAGM

**MOTION TO ADOPT - GASMO/FRANCO-MONROY  
MOTION CARRIED**

**6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a. **Special Resolutions**

**MOTION 2020/10/29: 01 - TO AMEND BYLAW 1 - DEFINITIONS - ADACHI/LA ROY**

**WHEREAS** the UVSS Bylaws and the BC Societies Act contain identical definitions for “ordinary resolutions”; and,

**WHEREAS** the UVSS Bylaws don't include any other references to ordinary resolutions; therefore,

**BIRT** Bylaw 1.10 is struck:

~~1.10 Ordinary Resolution shall mean a resolution requiring a simple majority vote.~~

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2020/10/29: 02 - TO AMEND BYLAW 1 - DEFINITIONS - ABUELAZM/DODDS**

**WHEREAS** the UVSS Bylaws require “special resolutions” for certain actions, like amending the Bylaws or removing Directors; and,

**WHEREAS** in 2016, the BC Societies Act changed from requiring a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote to  $\frac{2}{3}$  for special resolutions; and,

**WHEREAS** the BC Societies Act currently defines “special resolution” using a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority; and,

**WHEREAS** currently, the UVSS Bylaws define “special resolution” using a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority; therefore,

**BIRT** Bylaw 1.13 is amended as follows:

1.13 Special Resolution shall mean a resolution **with voting and notice requirements as set out in the BC Societies Act.** ~~requiring a three quarters [3/4] majority vote, and fulfilling notice requirements as set out in the Societies Act of British Columbia~~

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO RECESS - FRANCO-MONROY/DE HAVELYN**

5 minutes

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2020/10/29: 03 - TO AMEND BYLAW 4 - GENERAL MEETINGS AND REFERENDA AND BYLAW 5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - DE HAVELYN/DODDS**

**WHEREAS** Robert's Rules of Order consists of over 1000 pages of rules, making meetings inaccessible to many directors; and

**WHEREAS** Democratic Rules of Order is a simpler, more accessible, and easier to learn Rules of Order; therefore,

**BIRT** Bylaws 4.10 and 5.3 are amended as follows:

4.10 Rules of Order

Subject to any special resolutions of the Students' Society the most recent edition of **Democratic Robert's** Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all general meetings of the Students' Society.

5.3 Meetings of the Board of Directors

- a. The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice per month.
- b. The agenda for each Board of Directors meeting shall be posted in the Students' Society Building no later than twenty-four [24] hours prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors.
- c. Quorum required for the transaction of business of the Board of Directors shall be:
  - i. a minimum of nine [9] directors during the months of September to April inclusive.
  - ii. a minimum of seven [7] directors during the months of May to August inclusive.
- d. Subject to any special resolutions of the Students' Society the most recent edition of **Democratic Robert's** Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Board of Directors.

**MOTION TO OPEN THE CHAT - MACHAULO/DOLKER  
MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER BY CHAIR**

**MOTION TO APPEAL CHAIR - MACHALO/DOLKER  
MOTION DEFEATED**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2020/10/29: 04 - TO AMEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY - DIRECTOR CONDUCT AND DUTIES - MITTAL/GASMO**

**WHEREAS** the UVSS' strategic foundation includes its values which are enduring, passionate, and distinctive core beliefs that guide the organization's conduct, activities, and goals; therefore, **BIRT** Board of Directors policy Section 1, Part 1, be amended as follows and the remaining part be renumbered accordingly, at the October 29th Annual General Meeting:

**1.1 Board of Directors Values**

## **Good Governance**

We take our responsibility to ensure the long-term stability and health of your students' society very seriously. To us this means ensuring participatory democracy and transparent decision-making, being prudent and judicious with your student fees, and being accountable for our actions.

## **Environmental Sustainability**

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 strive to be climate justice leaders that set an example for our members, UVic, and the greater community. We recognize that the climate crisis intersects with existing structures of oppression and acknowledge anti-racism and decolonial work as essential components of climate justice.

## **Service**

Service to students is why we exist. Our student-centered approach drives us to provide services that are high-quality, relevant, and meaningful to students. We provide essential services to all members of the UVSS: The extended health and dental plan, the U-PASS, Peer Support Centre, and the Food Bank and Free Store.

## **FUN**

We value fun in everything that we do. To us that means creativity, passion, spirit, lightheartedness, and not being overly bureaucratic. Campus should be a fun place to be and students should feel excited and engaged about the work their students' society does.

## **Decolonization**

Our campus resides on the unceded and unsundered 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 continually educate our members, create open dialogue, and take action to dismantle colonial systems. We aim to elevate all First Nation, Inuit and Metis peoples - including but not limited to women, girls and queer/Two-Spirit folks - that continue to experience ongoing systems of oppression that inter-lock with and originate from colonialism, such as racism, sexism, homoantagonism, transantagonism, ableism, and others.

## **Excellence**

We aim to be a leader not just among student societies, but among non-profits – and we pursue this goal through excellence. To us that means driving innovation, promoting a learning culture, investing in our people, and by taking a compassionate approach to everything that we do.

### **Social Justice**

Whether we are advocating for student issues or putting the profits from our businesses back into services for students, the UVSS works every day to ensure no person is left behind. Promoting social justice means supporting, uplifting and providing services to students and student-led organizations on campus that center issues of equity; this includes, but is not limited to, confronting racism, sexism, transphobia, homophobia, ableism, colonialism, and all other discriminations and/or systems of oppression. We work with campus and community partners to raise awareness and empower students to create change.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **MOTION 2020/10/29: 05 - TO AMEND BYLAW 8 - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS - BURD/FRANCO-MONROY**

**WHEREAS** the UVSS values establish why Directors and staff do what they do and what they stand for: organizational leadership, advocacy, and total member satisfaction; therefore, **BIFRT** Bylaw 8 be amended to add “Uphold and execute the values of the UVSS to the best of their abilities, as outlined in Board of Directors policy, Section 1, Part 1” to the job descriptions of every Board of Directors position.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **MOTION 2020/10/29: 06 - TO AMEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS POLICY - DONATIONS AND GRANTS - BURD/**

**WHEREAS** Donations are currently only allowed to be distributed from the Donations and Grants budget and thus the operating fund, this means there are significant limitations to how much funding can be donated; and

**WHEREAS** COVID-19 is an example of when an efficient and robust response was needed to an unpredictable situation; and

**WHEREAS** this policy has and could continue to require the UVSS to choose between fiscal prudence and supporting members through donations; therefore,

**BIRT** Board of Directors policy Section 2 Part 6 is amended as follows:

6.1 Donations and Grants are defined as monies disbursed from the UVSS General Operating Fund **and the Government Relations and Outreach Fund** to an organization as well as non-monetary donations such as but not limited to non-perishable food items, or use of UVSS equipment.

6.2 The allocation of funds available for Donation and Grants shall be considered set after the Board of Directors has approved the annual budget.

6.3 The Executive Committee shall be responsible ~~to~~ **for** making recommendations to the Board on the disbursement of grants not exceeding the annual budgeted amount.

~~6.4 The Society shall only fund recognised on-campus student organisations, except when directed by two-thirds majority vote of the Board.~~

**Adopted SAGM 1989/02/27**

6.5 A motion to donate or grant funds **from the General Operating Fund** to an individual, an unrecognised student group or an off-campus organisation shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Adopted AGM 1989/10/26**

**6.7 A motion to donate or grant funds to an unrecognised student group or an off-campus organisation from the Government Relations and Outreach Fund shall require both 2/3 majority vote at a Campaigns committee meeting and a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors.**

**6.8 Before a donation is made the organization seeking the donation shall present the following information at a board and/or committee meeting either at the meeting or via email:**

- a. **What the organization does.**
- b. **What the donation will be used for in form of a budget sheet.**
- c. **How the organization assists or supports members of the UVSS.**
- d. **If and how the organization lobbies various levels of government and the University on the issues of post-secondary education, affordable housing, public transit, sexualized violence and campus sustainability.**

**b. Financial Motions**

**Motion to Adopt the 2020-2021 Budget - BURD/TUBEISHAT**

**BIRT** the 2020-2021 Budget be adopted as presented, as recommended by the Board of Directors.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion to Receive the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements - BURD/MACGREGOR**

**BIRT** the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements be received.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO RECESS - DE HAVELYN/TUBEISHAT**

5 minutes.

**MOTION DEFEATED**

**7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

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

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:33pm.