



**MINUTES**  
**University of Victoria Students' Society**  
**January 16, 2023– Zoom, 6pm**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/85170872876>

**Meeting ID: 851 7087 2876**

**Attendance:** Edwardson, Adachi, Mundschutz, Holland, Berman, Powell, Cooke, McLean, Williams, Pangburn, Vokey

**Staff:** Campo, Macpherson, Robertson, Narvasa

**Regrets:** Jackson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

**2. LIVESTREAM**

**MOTION 2023/01/16: 01 -BERMAN/EDWARDSON**

**WHEREAS** the UVSS Board of Directors values the comfort and privacy of all Board members, and will only proceed with live streaming Board meetings if they pass unanimously; therefore, **BIRT** the Board approves the livestreaming of the **January 16, 2023** Board meeting on the UVSS Facebook page; and, **BIFRT** this video be kept on the UVSS Facebook page until the minutes from this meeting are ratified.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Ton Tran acknowledged the land.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**a. Adoption of Agenda**

**i. 2023/01/16**

**MOTION TO ADOPT – ADACHI/BERMAN**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AMEND - BERMAN/COOKE** to add referendum questions by omnibus, 2

questions by Berman, 1 question by Adachi and 1 by Holland

**MOTION CARRIED. Holland Abstained**

**MOTION TO AMEND- COOKE/ADACHI** to strike directors report

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AMEND - BERMAN/POWELL** to add 2 motions to the agenda

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. Adoption of Minutes**

**i. 2023/01/09**

**MOTION TO ADOPT- ADACHI/COOKE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. QUESTION PERIOD (15 mins)**

**8. EMAIL MOTIONS**

**9. MAIN MOTIONS**

**a. PRIORITY BUSINESS**

**MOTION 2023/1/16 -02: HOLLAND/**

**WHEREAS** a future with more than 2oC global warming is now widely expected among the scientific community;

**WHEREAS** this will pose a significant threat to UVSS operations due to increased frequency of extreme weather;

**WHEREAS** the Student Union Building has no air conditioning and is not designed for hot weather, limiting the ability of staff to work in the SUB during the summer as well as the viability of room bookings;

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum held in conjunction with the 2023 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days:

“Are you in favour of establishing a fee of \$2.00 per full-time student per semester and \$1.00 per part-time student per semester, starting in September 2023 and ending in August 2030, to prepare and adapt UVSS operations for climate change? This could include but is not limited to heat pumps, new windows, sunshades and awnings, cooling stations, tree-planting around the SUB, and building insulation.”

**BIFRT** the Board is in favour of the question and endorses the 'yes' side of the referendum;  
**BIFRT** the Board select a member to be the official proponent.

## **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

### **MOTION 2023/02/16: 03 - HOLLAND/**

**WHEREAS** it is important to update our Constitutions and Bylaws to reflect our mission values.

**BIRT** that these amendments take affect immediately.

**BIFRT** the Board of Directors approve the amendments of the Bylaws stated below:

**BIFRT** the bylaws be amended as follows (changes marked in underline and bolded):

#### **13.1 Location of Records**

The minutes of Board of Directors meetings and general meetings and other books and records of the Students' Society shall be kept in the **UVSS archives**. ~~Student Union Building General Office, or the offices of the Director of Outreach & University Relations or Director of Student Affairs.~~ Paper minutes of Board of Directors meetings and general meetings and other books and records of the Students' Society ~~may~~ shall be archived in the University Library after a period of five years. **Online records may be kept available via the UVSS website or archived in the digital collections of the University Library.**

#### **4.7.f Referenda**

~~In the event of technological failure, the Chief Electoral Officer may decide to use paper ballots. Students on co-op work terms or on UVic exchange programs or study abroad programs will have every opportunity to vote.~~ **The Students' Society shall conduct its elections using online voting**

#### **7.5 Hiring and Directing Staff**

The Board of Directors, through the ~~General~~ **Excluded** Managers, shall be responsible for the hiring and direction of all staff of the Students' Society.

#### **10.1 Membership in a Course Union**

Registration in any course of any department **or program** shall constitute eligibility for membership in the appropriate course union

#### **~~12.8 Funds of the Gender Empowerment Centre~~**

- ~~1. Student fees collected on behalf of the Gender Empowerment Centre shall be directed in their entirety to an account specified by the Gender Empowerment Centre. Constitution and Bylaws – Effective May 1st, 2023 Page 15~~
- ~~2. The Gender Empowerment Centre shall manage its funds according to its Constitution and Bylaws and be subject to the UVSS annual audit.~~

## 22.1 Standing Committees

The Board of Directors shall establish **standing** committees of the Society, and fix terms of reference and membership policy **for these standing committees.**

## 23.1

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Students' Society may only be amended by a special resolution passed in **a referendum** or general meeting of the Students' Society.

## MOTION CARRIED

### MOTION 2023/02/16: 04 - HOLLAND/

**WHEREAS** it is important to update our Constitutions and Bylaws to reflect our mission values.

**BIRT** that these amendments take affect May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**BIFRT** the Board of Directors approve the amendments of the Bylaws stated below:

**BIFRT** the bylaws be amended as follows (changes marked in underline and bolded):

### 6.9 Electoral Committee

1. The Students' Society shall maintain an electoral committee at all times.
2. The Electoral Committee shall be comprised of three [3] directors.
3. No member of the Electoral Committee shall seek re-election while serving on the electoral committee.
4. The Electoral Committee shall be responsible for making a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the appointment of a Chief Electoral officer, Elections Adjudicator, and the **Elections Arbitrator** ~~Arbitration Panel members.~~
5. The Electoral Committee shall provide administrative support and other resources to the Chief Electoral Officer as needed.

### 6.12 ~~Arbitration Panel~~ **Elections Arbitrator**

The Electoral Committee shall be responsible for seeking nominations for the **Elections Arbitrator** ~~membership on the Arbitration Panel.~~

~~a. The Arbitration Panel shall be comprised of three [3] members:~~

1. ~~The Elections Arbitrator shall not be a~~ members, as defined by Bylaw 2.1. ~~shall not compose a majority of the committee;~~
2. ~~No member of the Arbitration Panel shall seek election to, or be a current member of the Board of Directors while serving on the arbitration panel;~~
1. ~~b. Members of the Arbitration Panel~~ **The Elections Arbitrator** must be nominated by the Electoral Committee to the Board of Directors and be ratified by a two-thirds [2/3] vote **of the Board.**

#### 6.14 Appeals

1. A decision of the Chief Electoral Officer may be appealed to the Elections Adjudicator.
2. A decision of the Elections Adjudicator may be appealed to the ~~Arbitration Panel~~ **Elections Arbitrator.**
3. All decisions of the ~~Arbitration Panel~~ **Elections Arbitrator** are final.

#### MOTION CARRIE

#### MOTION 2023/01/16: 04- TRAN

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and held in conjunction with the 2023 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days:

“Do you support tying UVSS fees to the previous years annual, all-items Consumer Price Index for BC (a maximum annual increase of approximately 0- 2.5%) starting in September 2023 so the UVSS can continue to serve and represent students as the cost of doing so increases? This does not include Health and Dental or the U-Pass fees.”

**BIFRT** the Board is in favour of the question and endorses the ‘yes’ side of the referendum; and

**BIFRT** the Board of Directors elects Izzy Adachi to be the official proponent.

#### MOTION CARRIED

#### MOTION 2023/01/16: 05 – TRAN/ADACHI

**WHEREAS** the University of Victoria Students’ Society has requested an undergraduate student representative to sit on the *Ombudsperson Advisory Committee*

**WHEREAS** Hannah Brown has nominated herself to be the Student Senator representative on the *Ombudsperson Advisory Committee*

#### MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION 2023/01/16: 06- ADACHI/EDWARDSON**

**WHEREAS** the expectations placed on lead directors far exceed compensation

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows

12.7 Salary and Honoraria of Lead Directors

- A) Lead Directors shall be paid for services rendered during their term of office.
- B) The salary paid to each Lead Director shall be established at a rate **\$23.00** per hour and increase by **2%** annually

**MOTION CARRIED - Abstained: HOLLAND, COOKE, BERMAN**

**MOTION TO TAKE 5 MINUTE BREAK - EDWARDSON/HOLLAND**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2023/01/16: 07- TRAN/VOKEY**

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and held in conjunction with the 2023 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days:

Do you support tying UVSS fees annually to the previous years annual, all-items Consumer Price Index for BC (a minimum of 0% to a maximum annual increase of 2.5%) starting in September 2023 so the UVSS can continue to serve and represent students as the cost of doing so increases? This does not include Health and Dental or the U-Pass fees.

**BIFRT** the Board is in favour of the question and endorses the 'yes' side of the referendum; and

**BIFRT** the Board of Directors elects Izzy Adachi to be the official proponent.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. OLD BUSINESS**

**10. IN-CAMERA**

**MOTION TO MOVE IN-CAMERA- EDWARDSON/BERMAN**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved in camera at 7:36 PM

- a. **Legal**
- b. **Personnel Committee Report**

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - BERMAN/HOLLAND**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting moved out of camera at 7:57 p.m.

**11. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:  
Monday, January 23, 2023 on Zoom (online).**

**12. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:57 PM**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN - BERMAN/ADACHI**

**MOTION CARRIED**