



MINUTES

Semi-Annual General Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 3:00pm PST

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86087045364>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ton Tran called the meeting to order at 4:15

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Ton Tran acknowledged the territories.

3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

MOTION TO RATIFY - COOPER/ADACHI

MOTION CARRIED (IN FAVOUR 87%/NOT IN FAVOUR - 2%/ ABSTAIN -12%)

MOTION TO TABLE THE AGENDA AFTER BOD reports - TRAN/ WITTENBERG

MOTION CARRIED (IN FAVOUR 81%/ NOT IN FAVOUR - 8%/ ABSTAIN- 11%)

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Agenda of 2023/02/16 SAGM

MOTION TO ADOPT-HOLLAND/BERMAN

MOTION CARRIED (IN FAVOUR 85%/ NOT IN FAVOUR - 10%/ ABSTAIN- 5%)

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of 2022/10/27 AGM

MOTION TO ADOPT-HOLLAND/BERMAN

MOTION CARRIED (IN FAVOUR 86%/ NOT IN FAVOUR - 5%/ ABSTAIN- 9%)

6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Special Resolutions

MOTION 2023/02/16: 01 - HOLLAND/ADACHI

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

- ~~a. 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.
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- ~~b. The Gender Empowerment Centre shall manage its funds according to its Constitution and Bylaws and be subject to the UVSS annual audit.~~

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.

**VOTE ON MOTION 01: MOTION CARRIED
(IN FAVOUR 95%/ NOT IN FAVOUR - 5%)**

MOTION 2023/02/16: 02 - HOLLAND/EDWARDSON

WHEREAS it is important to update our Constitutions and Bylaws to reflect our mission values.
BIRT that these amendments take affect May 1st, 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

- a. The Students' Society shall maintain an electoral committee at all times.
- b. The Electoral Committee shall be comprised of three [3] directors.
- c. No member of the Electoral Committee shall seek re-election while serving on the electoral committee.
- d. 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~~.
- e. 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:

I. ~~The Elections Arbitrator shall not be a~~ members, as defined by Bylaw 2.1. ~~shall not compose a majority of the committee;~~

II. ~~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;~~

I. 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

- a. A decision of the Chief Electoral Officer may be appealed to the Elections Adjudicator.
- b. A decision of the Elections Adjudicator may be appealed to the ~~Arbitration Panel~~ **Elections Arbitrator.**
- c. All decisions of the ~~Arbitration Panel~~ **Elections Arbitrator** are final.

VOTE ON MOTION 02: MOTION CARRIED

(IN FAVOUR 92%/ NOT IN FAVOUR - 8%/)

MOTION 2023/02/16: 03- ADACHI/POWELL

WHEREAS the expectations placed on lead directors far exceed compensation **BIRT** 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 ~~\$18.50~~ **\$23.00** per hour and increase by 2% annually

VOTE ON MOTION 03:

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE DEBATE AND GO TO VOTE-HOLLAND/ADACHI

MOTION TO 5 MINUTE RECESS- HOLLAND/BERMAN

MOTION CARRIED (IN FAVOUR-70%/NOT IN FAVOUR 30%)

MOTION CARRIED (79%/21%)

MOTION CARRIED(IN FAVOUR 76%/ NOT IN FAVOUR 24%)

TO NOTE: All Lead directors abstained on this vote.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

8. QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Berman announced CCU Meeting on Friday, 17th February 2023

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 **pm**