



MINUTES

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2022, 3:00 pm PST

Zoom link:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ton Tran called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Skip Dick acknowledged the territories.

3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

MOTION TO RATIFY - FANG/LEE

MOTION CARRIED(75% / 22%) (92 IN FAVOR , 2 NOT IN FAVOUR , 27 ABSTAIN)

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Agenda of 2022/10/27 AGM

MOTION TO ADOPT-MUNDSCHUTZ/ADACHI

MOTION CARRIED(91%/ 9%) (109 YES, 0 NO, 11 ABSTAIN)

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of 2022/02/17 SAGM

MOTION TO ADOPT-BATSTONE/POWELL

MOTION CARRIED (88% /12%) (108 YES, 0 NO, 15 ABSTAIN)

6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Special Resolutions

MOTION 2022/10/27: 01- ADACHI/NARCISO

WHEREAS 10% of a 20 000 person membership is an extremely high bar for students to be able to pose referenda,

BIRT Bylaw 4.7 be amended as follows:

4.7 Referenda

- a. In addition to Annual, Semi-Annual, and Special General Meetings, the members may vote on resolutions concerning the business of the Students' Society by means of a referendum.
- b. Referenda may be called at any time between the months of September to April inclusive by:
 - i. a two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] majority vote of a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors where at least two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] of directors are present, and where notice has been given on the board meeting agenda; or
 - ii. **a requisite of five hundred [500] signatures.**

**VOTE ON MOTION 01: MOTION CARRIED (87% /4% / 9%)
(123 YES, 6 NO, 12 ABSTAIN)**

MOTION 2022/10/27 :02 - TRAN/TYSON

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

WHEREAS when the UVSS introduced the third excluded manager we neglected to add them to the list of signing authorities even though this was included in their Job description and has been doing in practice since they started.

BIRT Bylaw 12.3 is amended as follows:

12.3 Signing Officers of the Students' Society

- a. The signing officers of the Students' Society shall be:
 - i. the Director of Outreach & University Relations,
 - ii. the Director of Student Affairs,
 - iii. the Director of Finance and Operations,
 - iv. the Director of Events,
 - v. the Director of Campaigns & Community Relations,
 - vi. the Executive Director,
 - vii. **the Administrations & Services Manager, and**
 - viii. the General Manager of the Students' Society.

VOTE ON MOTION 02: MOTION CARRIED (83%/ 4% /13%) (113 YES, 6 NO, 17 ABSTAIN)

MOTION 2022/10/27 :03- TRAN/MANSFIELD

WHEREAS the existing UVSS bylaws were made confusing by an earlier amendment,

WHEREAS Professional Development Unions have expanded in scope beyond how they were originally conceived, and their name should reflect this,

BIRT the UVSS Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows:

1.134 Faculty Student Society Professional Development Union: shall be a group of members enrolled in a particular faculty or faculties professional program, as overseen by the Director of Student Affairs, known as an "FSS PDU".

3.2 Membership fees shall be comprised of:

- a. A basic fee supporting the programs of the Students' Society,
- b. A membership fee of provided for membership to an FSS ~~Subsidiary Organization~~ where applicable, and
- c. Any other fees duly approved by the membership in accordance with Bylaw Four, Article Seven [4.7] or to Bylaw ~~Fourteen~~ Fifteen, Article Four [145.4].

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 - b. a requisite of ten percent [10%] of the membership; or
 - c. as otherwise required by the Societies Act of British Columbia.
- c. Quorum for a referendum shall be fifteen percent [15%] of the voting membership.
- d. Initiation of a fee referenda for an FSS ~~Subsidiary Organization~~ in faculties with an FSS will be as outlined in the individual FSS ~~Subsidiary Organization~~ constitution. Should an FSS fee referenda be held in a faculty or faculties without an FSS with an approved constitution, the relevant referenda question must include the ratification of a constitution for the relevant FSS by their membership.
- e. For any alteration of an FSS ~~Subsidiary Organization~~ fee, quorum shall be ten percent [10%] of the membership of the FSS ~~Subsidiary Organization~~, with a majority of those voting approving the change.
- f. 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.

BYLAW 14 - FACULTY STUDENT SOCIETIES

14.1 Faculty Student Societies ~~Subsidiary Organisations~~

a. The Students' Society shall be allowed to form Faculty Student Societies subsidiary organizations, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the Bylaws of the Students' Society.

14.2 Membership of Faculty Student Societies

Any member of the Students' Society that pays membership fees to an FSS shall be considered a member of the FSS.

14.32 Recognition and Active Status of Faculty Student Societies Subsidiary Organizations

- a. An FSS subsidiary organization shall become recognized by the Students' Society on the condition that:
 - i. The FSS has a written constitution that has been accepted by a majority of its members at a general meeting and ratified by the Board of Directors,
 - ii. It has aims and objectives, stated in its constitution, which are similar and compatible to those stated in the Constitution of the Students' Society,
 - iii. It is named as to indicate that it is a student organization under the Students' Society and in no way purports to be a separate entity,
 - iv. There is no other FSS representing students in the relevant faculty,
 - v. It has a functioning, elected executive, and
 - vi. It holds meetings that are advertised and open to all its members.
- b. Each semester following recognition, an FSS will be given either active or non-active status on a semesterly basis by the Director of Student Affairs of the Students' Society on the condition that:
 - i. The FSS remains in compliance with Bylaw Fourteen, Article Three, Section a. [14.3.a], and
 - ii. The FSS has provided a list of their signing authorities to the Students' Society.
 - iii. The FSS has provided their annual budget for the year and the financial statements from the year previous by September 30th.

~~14.3 Names of Faculty Student Societies Subsidiary Organisations~~

~~Each Faculty Student Societies subsidiary organization shall be so named as to indicate that it is a student organization under the Students' Society and in no way purports to be a separate entity.~~

- a. ~~The following shall be considered subsidiary organizations~~
 - i. ~~PDU's~~

14.4 Membership Fees for Faculty Student Societies Subsidiary Organisations

The Students' Society, upon request by ~~an~~ the FSS Subsidiary Organization, will collect membership fees on behalf of ~~an active~~ the FSS Subsidiary Organization as per the constitution of ~~that~~ the FSS Subsidiary Organization. The membership fees collected by the Students' Society ~~must~~ will be:

- a. ~~Approved by referendum of the relevant members FSS Subsidiary Organization membership at a general meeting, held by the FSS Subsidiary Organization in accordance with the British Columbia University Act,~~
- b. ~~Collected in the same manner as the Students' Society fees, and~~
- c. ~~Directed in their entirety to an account specified by the FSS Subsidiary Organization. If no such account is specified, the Students' Society shall hold the collected funds in trust until such time as they can be rebated to the relevant FSS, on the request of the FSS executive. an account is to be set up by the Students' Society and the membership fees deposited therein,~~
 - i. ~~And will be rebated, if provided for in the Subsidiary Organization constitution, by the executive of the Subsidiary Organization upon request, once the transfer of the funds from the Students' Society has been completed.~~

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 shall constitute eligibility for membership in the appropriate PDU.~~

~~15.3 Declaration of Active and Non-Active Status of PDU:~~

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

~~15.4 Established PDUs Only the Following shall be considered PDU's:~~

~~—The following shall be considered PDUs representing their respective faculties~~

- a. ~~The Law Students' Society~~
- b. ~~The Engineering Students' Society~~
- e. ~~The Education Students' Society~~
- d. ~~The Commerce Students' Society~~

BIFRT the numbering in the rest of the bylaws be altered to accommodate these changes.

VOTE ON MOTION 3: MOTION CARRIED. (82% / 4 % /15%)

(107 Yes, 5 No, 19 Abstain)

b. Financial Motions

MOTION TO OMNIBUS MOTIONS 4 and 5

Motion to Adopt the 2022-2023 Budget - COOKE/ADACHI

BIRT the 2022-2023 Budget be adopted as presented, as recommended by the Board of Directors.

Motion to Receive the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements - COOKE/

BIRT the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements be received.

VOTE ON MOTION by OMNIBUS MOTION 4&5: MOTION CARRIED (88% /4%/8%)

(90 Yes, 4 No, 8 Abstain)

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

8. QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.