



MINUTES

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 2023, 3:00 pm PST

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88134876409?pwd=LAXpkOI01GkyIhX3Fjyi3Obd5EIQGX.1>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Lane O'Hara Cooke called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Skip Dick acknowledged the territories.

3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

MOTION TO RATIFY - BELL/LINSLEY

MOTION CARRIED(In favor 112, not in favor 7, abstain 9)

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Agenda of 2023/10/26 AGM

MOTION TO ADOPT - PHILP/JANSON

MOTION Carried. (In favor 112, not in favor 7, abstain 9)

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of 2023/02/16 SAGM

MOTION TO ADOPT-DIAS/GOODACRE

MOTION CARRIED. (In favor 124, not in favor 6 (in favor for 1 person in DM's))

6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Special Resolutions

MOTION 2023/10/26: 01 - PHILP/HUTCHINSON

WHEREAS the Collective of the LGBTQ+ UVSS Constituency Organization voted to name themselves “Pride Collective” at their February 2023 Annual General Meeting,

BIRT the UVSS Membership approves the UVSS Constitution and Bylaws be updated to appropriately describe the organization as “Pride Collective”.

BIFRT the UVSS Membership updates bylaws 5.1 ii, 15.2 b ii, 17.1, 17.2, of Constitution and Bylaws as follows:

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BYLAW 1 - DEFINITIONS

In accordance with the Students' Society's usual practice, the pronoun “they” shall be used in place of he or she in these Bylaws.

- 1.14 **Pride Collective** ~~UVic-Pride~~ shall refer to the Pride Society of the University of Victoria Students' Society

BYLAW 5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY

5.1 Composition of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of:

- a. The following directors elected by the membership:
 - i. One Lead Director as Director of Outreach & University Relations,
 - ii. One Lead Director as Director of Student Affairs,
 - iii. One Lead Director as Director of Events,
 - iv. One Lead Director as Director of Finance and Operations,
 - v. One Lead Director as Director of Campaigns & Community Relations, and
 - vi. Two [2] At-Large Directors
- b. The following directors elected by their respective constituency organisations:
 - i. Gender Empowerment Centre Representative
 - ii. **Pride Collective** ~~UVic-Pride~~ Representative
 - iii. Society for Students with a Disability Representative
 - iv. Students of Colour Collective Representative
- c. The Native Students' Union Representative elected by the Native Students' Union
- d. The Director of International Student Relations elected by international students.
- e. The following directors elected by membership from their respective faculties
 - i. Director of Business Student Relations,
 - ii. Director of Education Student Relations,
 - iii. Director of Engineering and Computer Science Student Relations,
 - iv. Director of Fine Arts Student Relations,
 - v. Director of Human & Social Development Student Relations,

- vi. Director of Humanities Student Relations,
- vii. Director of Law Student Relations,
- viii. Director of Science Student Relations, and
- ix. Director of Social Sciences Student Relations.

15.2 Names of Constituency Organisations

- a. Each constituency organization shall be so named as to indicate that it is a student organization under the Students' Society.
- b. The following shall be considered constituency organisations:
 - i. the Gender Empowerment Centre
 - ii. **Pride Collective** ~~UVic Pride~~
 - iii. the Society for Students with a Disability
 - iv. the Students of Colour Collective

BYLAW 17- PRIDE COLLECTIVE ~~UVIC PRIDE~~

- 17.1 The name of the organization is UVic Pride of the University of Victoria Students' Society, which is a constituency organization of the Students' Society, hereafter referred to as the "**Pride Collective**" ~~"UVic Pride"~~.
- 17.2 Membership in **Pride Collective** ~~UVic Pride~~
Membership in **Pride Collective** ~~UVic Pride~~ shall be comprised of any person who successfully meets the membership qualifications as set out in the bylaws of **Pride Collective** ~~UVic Pride~~
VOTE ON MOTION 01: MOTION CARRIED. (In favor 128, Not in favor 5)

MOTION 2023/10/26: 02 - WILLIAMS/GOODACRE

WHEREAS the UVSS added and updated the role and title of the Administrative Services Manager to Human Resources and Administrative Services Manager,
WHEREAS it is crucial for all UVSS senior management to be signing officers of the Society, BIRT Bylaw 12.3 a vii, b, and c be updated with the following:

- 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 **Human Resources and Administrative Services Manager** ~~Administrations & Services Manager~~, and
 - viii. the General Manager of the Students' Society.
 - b. The signatures of the General Manager, ~~or Executive Director~~ **or Human Resources and Administrative Services Manager** and any two of the lead directors shall be

required for the disbursement of any funds or the execution of any legal documents on behalf of the Students' Society.

- c. In the case of an extended absence of either the General Manager, or Executive Director, or **Human Resources and Administrative Services Manager** or the concurrent absence of **all three** both, the Board may temporarily appoint an external third party to assume signing authority for the Students' Society.

VOTE ON MOTION 02: MOTION CARRIED. (In favor 131, not in favor 8, abstain 21)

MOTION 2023/10/26: 03 - COOKE/CATTO

WHEREAS UVSS Bylaws state that, "Referenda then general meetings respectively, shall be considered the highest authorities within the Students' Society"; and,

WHEREAS referenda provide UVSS members an opportunity to vote on UVSS business that concerns the student body at large, such as altering student fees; and,

WHEREAS quorum for general meetings is much lower, at 0.6% of membership; and,

WHEREAS altering student fees to meet the needs of UVSS groups such as the Anti-Violence Project, the UVic Sustainability Project, the Campus Community Garden, Advocacy Groups, the Native Students Union, the International Student Relations portfolio, and to fund affordability and sustainability initiatives such as increasing funding for OERs (Open Education Resources) cannot be done without a referendum; and,

WHEREAS UVSS referendum questions are predominantly voted in favour by students, yet they often fail to meet quorum and therefore are not binding; and,

WHEREAS the referenda quorum for many other universities and colleges in British Columbia, such as Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Island University, and Camosun College are 5%; therefore,

BIRT Bylaw 4.7 is 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:
 - a. 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
 - b. a requisite of five hundred [500] signatures.
 - c. as otherwise required by the Societies Act of British Columbia.
- c. Quorum for a referendum shall be **eight fifteen** percent [**8 45%**] of the voting membership.
- d. Initiation of a fee referenda for an FSS in faculties with an FSS will be as outlined in the individual FSS 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 fee quorum shall be ten percent [10%] of the membership of the FSS, with a majority of those voting approving the change.
- f. The Students' Society shall conduct its elections using online voting.

MOTION TO END DEBATE AND CALL MOTION TO VOTE: PHILP/BELL

MOTION CARRIED. In Favor: 117, not in favor: 26 (1 not in favor vote in dm)

VOTE ON MOTION 3: MOTION CARRIED. In favor 112, not in favor 28 (1 in favor and 2 not in favor on dms)

MOTION TO RECESS for 5 minutes- WADHWA/BELL

MOTION CARRIED. In favor 67, not in favor 20 (1 in favor dm) , **abstain 17)**

b. Financial Motions

Motion to Adopt the 2023-2024 Budget - WADHWA/BELL

BIRT the 2023-2024 Budget be adopted as presented, as recommended by the Board of Directors ■ [2023/2024 Budget.pdf](#) .

VOTE ON MOTION 04: MOTION CARRIED. (In favor 85 , not in favor 8)

Motion to Receive the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements - WADHWA/BELL

BIRT the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements be received.

VOTE ON MOTION 05: MOTION CARRIED. (In favor 85, not in favor 5)

(1 vote in DM's)

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS

8. QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meet was adjourned at 5:13pm