



**MINUTES**  
**University of Victoria Students' Society**  
**May 13th, 2024 - virtual 6pm**

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**Attendance:** Williams, Goldsand, Létourneau, Goodacre, Keegan, Sharma, Gaulin, Buchanan, Sankar, Easton, Lewandowski, Richardson, Wadhwa, Aimoe

**Staff:** Gildersleve, Berman, Shah, Robertson, Casado

**Regrets:** Freeborn

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Williams called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

**2. LIVESTREAM**

**CONSENT MOTION 2024/05/13: 01 - WILLIAMS**

**WHEREAS** the UVSS Board of Directors values the comfort and privacy of all Board members, and will only proceed with recording Board meetings if they pass unanimously; therefore, **BIRT** the Board approves the recording of the Monday, May 13, 2024 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.

**BIFRT** this motion will pass without the need of a vote or seconder through unanimous consent unless objected, where then this motion will need a seconder and a vote.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Sharma acknowledged the land at 6:10pm.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**a. Adoption of Agenda**

**i. 2024/05/13**

**MOTION TO ADOPT - SHARMA/EASTON**

**MOTION TO AMEND - SHARMA/GOODACRE - to add motion 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AMEND - WADHWA/AIMOЕ - to strike reports**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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- b. **Adoption of Minutes**
  - i. **2024/05/06**  
**MOTION TO ADOPT - GOODACRE/WADHWA**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **5. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. **PRESENTATIONS**
- b. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **6. EMAIL MOTIONS**

## **7. MAIN MOTIONS**

- a. **Priority business**

### **MOTION 2024/05/13: 02 - WADHWA/ SHARMA**

**WHEREAS** the SUB gets extremely hot in the summer and the majority of the SUB has no air conditioning which can have a negative impact on many businesses.

**BIRT** the Board of Directors allocate up to \$7,000 from the Major Capital Fund to cover the costs associated with installing a portable evaporative cooler.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2024/05/13: 03 - EASTON/ KEEGAN**

**WHEREAS** the Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT) organization is currently advocating for Vacancy Control in Victoria.

**WHEREAS** Vacancy Control restricts the amount of rental increase a property manager can make between rental occupancy by tying increases to a housing unit, rather than to individual tenancy agreements.

**WHEREAS** this will contribute to maintaining affordable housing.

**WHEREAS** the UVSS Issues Policy 10.3.a.i.v supports “pegging maximum annual rent increases to CPI regardless of individual student tenant turnover.”

**WHEREAS** the UVSS Issues Policy 10.4 a.iii.iii supports “introducing Vacancy Control.”

**WHEREAS** there is an opportunity for the UVSS to endorse a member-at-large to sit on the GVAT Board



**BIRT** the Board approves the endorsement of member-at-large Lane O'Hara Cook to sit on the GVAT Board until September 9th, 2024.

**BIFRT** the Board tasks the Director of Campaigns and Community Relations to explore membership opportunities with GVAT and report back to the Board.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2024/05/13: 04 – SHARMA/ EASTON**

**BIRT** the following list of course unions are ratified and allocated full base funding:

1. Germanic & Slavic Studies Course Union
2. Health Information Science
3. Biology Undergraduate Society
4. Economics Course Union
5. Computer Music Course Union
6. Society of Geography Students
7. Physics and Astronomy Students' Events and Recreation Society (PhASERS)
8. English Student Association (ESA)
9. Bureau of Sociology Students
10. Biochemistry and Microbiology Students' Society
11. History Undergraduate Body
12. Underlings
13. UVic Nursing Student Society
14. Undergraduates of Political Science (UPS)
15. General Assembly of Students in Earth and Ocean Science (GASEOS)
16. Students in Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics (SUMS)
17. Medieval Studies Course Union

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. Old business**

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

**9. REPORTS**

**a. ~~EXCLUDED MANAGERS~~**

**b. ~~PORTFOLIOS~~**

- ~~1. Campaigns and Community Relations~~
- ~~2. Finance and Operations~~
- ~~3. Outreach and University Relations~~



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4. ~~Student Affairs~~
5. ~~Events~~
6. ~~International Student Relations~~

~~c. COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS~~

1. ~~Electoral~~
2. ~~Executive Committee~~
3. ~~Food Bank & Free Store~~
4. ~~Peer Support Centre~~

~~d. CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS & NSU~~

1. ~~GEM~~
2. ~~NSU~~
3. ~~SOCG~~
4. ~~SSD~~
5. ~~Pride Collective~~

**MOTION TO MOVE IN-CAMERA - BUCHANAN/GOODACRE  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was moved in-camera at 6:28pm.

**10. IN-CAMERA**

**a. Legal**

**MOTION 2024/05/13: 05 - WADHWA/SHARMA**

**WHEREAS** the Chief Electoral Officer has requested to update the wording of the elections report

**WHEREAS** this report was already passed by the Board on April 22nd

**BIRT** the UVSS Board of Directors approve an amendment to the Complaints and Appeals section of the "UVSS Electoral Report (Spring 2024)" as follows:

**"The candidacy of ~~Director of Events candidate~~ Artem Kuklev was disqualified by the Chief Electoral Officer for alleged harassment, interference, and repeated and willful infractions perpetrated by Kuklev and/or his registered campaign manager-- ; all of which are classified as major infractions under UVSS electoral policy 8.3(a)(i; iv; and vi)."**



**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUCHANAN abstained due to conflict of interest**

**MOTION 2024/05/13: 06 - WADHWA/SANKAR**

**BIRT** the Board of Directors accepts the report of the hiring committee for the UVSS Policy, Research, and Communications Manager; and

**BIFRT** Deborah Berman is ratified as the UVSS Policy, Research, and Communications Manager.

**MOTION CARRIED**

b. **Personnel Committee Report**

c. **General Discussion**

**MOTION TO RECESS - WILLIAMS**

**MOTION CARRIED - 5 MINUTES (6:55)**

**MOTION 2024/05/13 - 07: BUCHANAN/EASTON**

**WHEREAS** The UVSS has a responsibility to stand with students exercising their rights to Freedom of Assembly and Freedom of association as outlined in UVSS issues Policy 2.1 c.ii and c.iii.

**WHEREAS** The UVSS issues policy 4.1.h.i. Supports that the UVSS lobbies UVic administration on ethical investment practices that are anti-racist and anti-oppressive and UVIC investments are currently in violation of that.

**BIRT** The UVSS releases the [following statement](#) on the UVSS website and Instagram.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - BUCHANAN/WADHWA**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was moved out of camera at 8:03pm.

**11. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:**

Monday, May 27, 2024 on Zoom (online).

**12. ADJOURNMENT**