



AGENDA
University of Victoria Students' Society
Monday, January 6th – Zoom, 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 858 5035 8909

Passcode: 123456

Attendance:

Staff:

Regrets:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **LIVESTREAM**

CONSENT MOTION 2025/01/06 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, January 6th, 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

3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
 - a. **Adoption of Agenda**
 - i. **2025/01/06**

- b. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - i. **2024/12/09**
 - ii. **2024/12/02**

5. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

6. EMAIL MOTIONS

MOTION 2024/12/09 - WADHWA

WHEREAS a hiring committee for the unionized position of the Policy Research and Communications Manager has completed their selection process and has a recommendation. **BIRT** the UVSS ratifies the hiring recommendation of the PRCM hiring committee.

MOTION CARRIED

In Favour: Wadhwa, Buchanan, Blacklock, Sharma, Keegan, Williams, Sankar, Brooks-Stephenson, Lewandowski, Aimoe, Dhillon

MOTION 2024/12/12 - BUCHANAN

BIRT nominations be opened for directors to fill the vacancy on the following UVic committees with closed membership, with an opportunity for nominees to provide 2 minutes of motivation for their election when seats are contested

Committee:	Vacancy:	Nominations:	Elected:
Appointment Committee for the Associate Vice-President of Research	One (1) seat (UVSS Board member)	Sarah Buchanan	Sarah Buchanan
Appointment Committee for the President and Vice-Chancellor	One (1) seat (UVSS Board member)	Lauren Aimoe	Lauren Aimoe

MOTION CARRIED

In Favour: Williams, Blacklock, Gaulin, Dhillon, Sharma, Aimoe, Blacklock, Wadhwa, Buchanan

MOTION 2024/12/13 - BUCHANAN

BIRT The UVSS Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Electoral Committee, approves the hiring of Martin Cruz to the position of Chief Electoral Officer for the 2025 Electoral Event.

MOTION CARRIED

In Favour: Williams, Blacklock, Goldsand, Wasserman, Sankar, Brooks-Stephenson, Wadhwa, Aimoe, Buchanan

MOTION 2024/12/16 - BUCHANAN

BIRT The UVSS Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Electoral Committee, approves the hiring of Jeremy Perkins to the position of Senior Electoral Officer for the 2025 Electoral Event.

MOTION CARRIED

In Favour: Brooks-Stephenson, Buchanan, Sharma, Aimoe, Blacklock, Gaulin, Wadhwa, Wasserman, Sankar, Lewandowski

7. MAIN MOTIONS

a. Priority business

MOTION 2025/01/06 02 - SHARMA

WHEREAS the Advocacy Groups Policy required significant updates to align with our existing policies, procedures, and governance framework;

WHEREAS the Policy Development Committee, the Advocacy Relations Committee, and the coordinators of the respective advocacy groups collaboratively developed this policy update and have voted in favour of these changes;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors (BoD) has voted to amend the Advocacy Groups Policy and the Advocacy Relations Committee Terms of Reference;

BIRT BoD Policy Part 3, Section 3.1 be amended to align with the updated Advocacy Groups Policy as follows:

3.1 ADVOCACY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

a. Type

- i. Standing committee of the UVSS BoD with closed membership.

b. Purpose

- i. Act as the primary liaison among constituency groups, NSU, and the BoD.

c. Duties

- i. Ensure the successful operation and participation in UVSS affairs of all constituency organizations and NSU.
- ii. Review policy directly impacting constituency groups and NSU for the purpose of providing recommendations to Policy Development Committee.
- iii. Approve all draft policy directly impacting constituency groups and NSU before it proceeds to the BoD.
- iv. Work collaboratively to support the goals, events, and initiatives of constituency organizations, NSU, and the BoD.
- v. Serve as a forum for constituency organisations, NSU and the BoD to work collectively on common social justice issues on campus and in the community.
- vi. Approve constituency groups' and NSU's previous and current semesters' financial documents, as per BoD finance policy.
- vii. Allocate funds from the constituency control account to constituency organisations and the Native Students Union **as detailed below.**

- viii. At the first meeting of each semester, familiarize committee members with all ~~policy~~ **policies** directly relevant to the committee, including its terms of reference.
- d. **Membership**
 - i. **Voting Members**
 1. The BoD representative for each Constituency Group.
 2. The BoD representative for NSU.
 3. Director of Student Affairs - ex officio and chair of the committee.
 4. An alternate representative for each Constituency Group and NSU for a semester upon ratification by their respective Constituency Group or NSU and by Advocacy Relations Committee **and only in the case that a Firekeeper or Board Representative role is vacant.**
 - a. **This alternate must be a student voted into an Executive-level role with the Advocacy Group that they represent.**
 - ii. **Non-voting Members**
 1. One [1] director elected by the BoD - ex officio and second chair of the committee
 2. Executive Director or designate - ex officio
 3. Constituency Groups Director– ex officio
 4. Director of Finance & Operations - ex officio
 5. Director of Campaigns & Community Relations – ex officio
 6. Director of Outreach & University Relations – ex officio
 7. Director of Events – ex officio

*Voting members shall reserve the right to meet without non-voting members present.
- e. **Voting**
 - i. Shall be limited to the voting members designated in Section 4: Membership, sub-section a: Voting Members.
 - ii. Temporary alternative representatives may be selected by each group, for a semester upon presenting minutes from a quorate meeting from their respective constituency organisation ratifying their representative.
 - iii. **All guests invited to attend a meeting must be unanimously approved by voting members.**
 - iv. **All voting decisions must be made by a 2/3rds majority.**
- f. **Quorum**
 - i. Shall be the chair and a minimum of three other voting members.
- g. **Meetings**
 - i. Shall meet bi-weekly at a day/time agreed upon by committee members at the beginning of each term or upon the call of the **UVSS BoD, CGD or other Excluded Manager, BoD, Executive Director, General Manager**, constituency organizations, or NSU.
 - ii. The chair shall distribute meeting agendas and policy under consideration a minimum of 48 hours in advance of all meetings.
 - iii. The chair shall record minutes for each meeting containing an attendance list and important decisions and distribute these minutes within 72 hours of the meeting.
- h. **Term of Office**
 - i. Shall be for the duration of the Board of Directors' term (May 1 – April 30) with an annual reset at the beginning of each board term.

MOTION 2025/01/06 03 - BLACKLOCK/

BIRT the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and held in conjunction with the 2025 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days:

Considering that the Pride Collective (Pride) has never received a funding increase and has provided advocacy for LGBTQIA2S+ students for over 30 years by being a source of queer community and gender- and sexuality-affirming care resources and education, do you support replacing the current fee allocated to Pride to \$2.00 / full-time student per semester and \$1.00 / part-time student per semester to meet the growing demand for our services?

BIFRT the Board is in favor of the question and endorses the 'yes' side of the referendum.

MOTION 2025/01/06 04 - WADHWA/

BIRT the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and held in conjunction with the 2025 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days:

"Do you support increasing the UVic Campus Community Garden fee by \$1.50 per full-time student and \$0.75 per part time student to ensure continued support of food security on campus through workshops, free food, garden maintenance, and student employment?"

BIFRT the Board is in favor of the question and endorses the 'yes' side of the referendum.

MOTION 2025/01/06 05 - AIMOE/

BIRT the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and held in conjunction with the 2025 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days and a proponent of Lauren Aimoe:

"Considering that the UVic Native Students Union (NSU) has not received a funding increase in over 20 years and is an important resource for Indigenous students succeeding in university, do you support a funding increase of \$1.50 per full-time student and \$0.75 per part-time student per semester for the NSU?"

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

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
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. SOCC
4. SSD
5. Pride Collective

10. IN-CAMERA

a. Legal

b. Personnel Committee Report

c. General Discussion

11. MEETING TIMES

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday, January 20th via Zoom, 6pm**

12. ADJOURNMENT

13. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Roven Brooks-Stephenson - 1 Hour

- *Emails - (1)*