



MINUTES
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: Williams, Sharma, Easton, Harvey, Blacklock, Wadhwa, Aimoe, Buchanan, Wasserman

Staff: Love, Shah, Robertson, Casado

Regrets:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Williams called the meeting to order at 6:12pm.

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 CARRIED

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Williams acknowledged the land at 6:14pm.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of Agenda

i. 2025/01/06

MOTION TO ADOPT - WASSERMAN/EASTON

MOTION TO AMEND - WADHWA/SHARMA - change motion 3 and

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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND - WADHWA/SHARMA - add dir reports

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND - SHARMA/EASTON - add motion 6, 7, 8

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

b. Adoption of Minutes

i. 2024/12/09

MOTION TO ADOPT - WASSERMAN/WADHWA

MOTION TO AMEND - WADHWA/SHARMA - add dir reports

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

ii. 2024/12/02

MOTION TO ADOPT - EASTON/SHARMA

MOTION CARRIED

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

Motion 2024/12/20 - WADHWA

BIRT The UVSS Board of Directors, approve the hiring of Barry Hutchinson to the position of UVSS Accounting and Payroll Manager.

MOTION CARRIED

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

7. MAIN MOTIONS

a. Priority business

MOTION 2025/01/06 02 - SHARMA/EASTON

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 CARRIED

MOTION 2025/01/06 03 - BLACKLOCK/EASTON

BIRT the Board of Directors approves the following question go to a referendum and the proponent, Trinity BlackLock to be 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 CARRIED

MOTION 2025/01/06 04 - WADHWA/EASTON

BIRT the Board of Directors approve the following question go to a referendum and the proponent, Liam Whitney to be 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 CARRIED

MOTION 2025/01/06 05 - AIMOE/EASTON

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.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2025/01/06 06 - SHARMA/WASSERMAN

BIRT the following list of clubs are ratified and allocated their respective funding:

Returning clubs: **\$182.79**

1. Mountain Bike Club
2. UVic Poetry Club
3. Uvic Pre-Dental club
4. Uvic Blood4Life club
5. Victoria Association for Psychedelic Studies
6. uvic polar dippers
7. Her Campus at UVIC
8. International Friendship Group
9. UVic Trad Music Club
10. UVic Satellite Design
11. UVic Robotics Club
12. UVic Fashion Society
13. UVic Minecraft Club
14. Vietnamese Student Association
15. UVic American Indian Science and Engineering Society Chapter
16. UVIC Biomedical Engineering Student Society

17. UVic Students Offering Support (SOS)
18. Cool Insect Community, Appreciation, and Discovery Association (CICADA)
19. Society of Economic Geologists Student Chapter (SEG)
20. Victoria Disability Arts Collective at UVic
21. Catholic Students' Association
22. Punjabi Students Association
23. The Athenian Commons
24. UVic Poker Club
25. Uvic Formula Hybrid
26. UVic Model UN Club
27. Rhabarbermarmelade
28. UVic Ecological Restoration Club
29. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
30. University of Victoria Ukrainian Students' Society
31. Society for Indian Classical Arts
32. University of Victoria Submarine Racing Club
33. Brain Changes Initiative
34. UVic Stem Cell Club
35. Uvic NiteShifters Toastmasters
36. Hillel on Campus
37. Divest UVic
38. UVic Women in Science
39. University of Victoria Wellness Journaling Club
40. UVic Female Ice Hockey Interest Club
41. Uvic Anime Club
42. Wine Club
43. UVic Photoclub
44. Beer Club (Wizards of Beer)
45. Uvic Novelist Society
46. Uvic Student-Inmate Correspondence Club
47. University of Victoria Taylor Swift Club
48. Pacific Asian Students' Society
49. Best Buddies UVic
50. UVic Greens
51. UVic Live Music Club
52. Uvic AI Club
53. UVic Boxing Club
54. University of Victoria Rocketry Club
55. World University Services Canada
56. UVic Tea Parties
57. UVic SUP Club
58. VikeSec
59. UMANG UVIC ISA

60. The Warren Undergraduate Review
61. Campus Association for Bahá'í Studies
62. UVIC Game Development Club
63. Medieval Club
64. UVic Skate
65. Hong Kong Student Association
66. Muslim Student Association
67. UVic Games Club
68. International student services club
69. UVic Calisthenics
70. Pakistani Student Association
71. University of Victoria Environmental Engineering Club (UVEEC)
72. Surfrider UVic
73. Uvic Horticulture Club
74. UVic Cycling
75. Uvic Meditation Club
76. Catholic Christian Outreach Club
77. UVic Seismic Design Team
78. Association of Korean-Canadian Scientists and Engineers
79. UVic AERO
80. Community Dinners Uvic
81. Autonomous Underwater Vehicles Interdisciplinary Club
82. UVIC Oral Health Education Club
83. University of Victoria Global Engineering Brigades
84. University of Victoria Global Business Brigades
85. African and Caribbean Students' Association
86. VikeLabs
87. UVic ASL Club
88. University of Victoria Global Medical and Dental Brigades
89. UVic Guitar Club
90. UVic Crafts Club
91. Inclusive Christians at UVic
92. University of Victoria Philippine Community (UPC)
93. UVIC Cuban Salsa
94. Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology
95. Women in Engineering and Computer Science
96. UVic Stem Cell Club
97. UVic Kpop Club
98. UVic Tamil Club
99. UVic Bring Your Own Book Club
100. Vegans of Uvic
101. Uvic Unicef
102. University of Victoria Formula Racing
103. UVic MCAT Prep Club

104. Camping Shenanigans
105. Victoria FGC
106. UVic Yu-Gi-Oh Club
107. Victoria Association for Psychedelic Studies
108. Uvic Smash Ultimate Club

Returning Clubs (LATE FORM, HALF FUNDING) **\$91.40**

1. Community Cabbage
2. UVIC Chess Club
3. Uvic Disc golf
4. Young Women In Business
5. UVic Debating society
6. UVic Hands for Humanity
7. UVic Bike Design and Manufacturing Club
8. UVic Engineering Career Development Club
9. Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) UVic Student Association
10. University of Victoria Aviation Club
11. UVic Found Off the Grid
12. Uvic Renewable Energy Club

New Clubs: (HALF OF RETURNING) **\$91.40**

1. UVic GeoGuessr Club
2. Dykes Nation
3. UVic Engineers Without Borders
4. University Christian Ministry UVic
5. Anakbayan Victoria
6. UVIC Fish and Game Club
7. Sewa Uvic
8. Biochemistry and Microbiology Graduate Social Committee
9. Connected Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) Club

Returning Clubs (NO FUNDING)

1. UVIC Bikepacking Club
2. Photography Excursion club
3. Revolutionary Communist of UVic
4. Impact Group
5. Uvic tabletop roleplaying game club
6. Brain Changes Initiative
7. UVic NDP Club
8. UVIC Freediving and Spearfishing Club
9. UVic TCG Club
10. University Bible Fellowship
11. UVic F1 Club

New Clubs (NO FUNDING)

1. Rhythm Games Club
2. UVic PHE Canada Student Chapter

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2025/01/06 07 - SHARMA/EASTON

BIRT the following list of clubs are allocated their respective SPG funding:

- a. Motion to allocated SPG funding to the following list of clubs along with their respective amounts

- i. APPLICATIONS: **+** SPRING SPG APPLICATIONS

1. Mountain Bike Club **\$368.74**
2. Uvic Pre-Dental club **\$368.74**
3. Blood4Life club **\$368.74**
4. Hong Kong Student Association **\$368.74**
5. UVic Robotics **\$368.74**
6. UVic Games Club **\$368.74**
7. Uvic environmental engineering club **\$368.74**
8. UVic Formula Hybrid **\$368.74**
9. UVic Fashion Society **\$368.74**
10. UVic Cycling **\$368.74**
11. Community Cabbage **\$368.74**
12. Victoria Disability Arts Collective at UVic **\$368.74**
13. The Society of Economic Geologists Student Chapter (SEG) **\$368.74**
14. UVic Poker Club **\$368.74**
15. UVic Model UN **\$368.74**
16. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship **\$368.74**
17. UVic Ecological Restoration Club **\$300.00**
18. University of Victoria Submarine Racing Club **\$368.74**
19. University of Victoria Rocketry Club **\$368.74**
20. UVic Game Development Club **\$368.74**
21. Best Buddies UVic **\$368.74**
22. UVic AI Club **\$368.74**
23. UVic Boxing Club **\$368.74**
24. UVic SUP Club **\$368.74**
25. The Warren Undergraduate Review **\$368.74**
26. Uvic Skate **\$368.74**
27. Uvic Horticulture Club **\$368.74**
28. University of Victoria Philippine Community (UPC) **\$368.74**
29. UVic Seismic Design Team **\$368.74**
30. African and Caribbean Students' Association **\$368.74**
31. UVic Calisthenics **\$368.74**
32. Victoria Association for Psychedelic Studies **\$368.74**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2025/01/06: 08 - SHARMA/WADHWA

BIRT the following list of course unions are ratified and allocated their respective base funding: EACH = 244.63

1. RCStuds
2. university of victoria nursing student society
3. UVic Music Student Association
4. Biology Undergraduate society
5. Physics and Astronomy Students' Events and Recreation Society
6. Underlings (linguistics undergrad student union)
7. General Assembly of Students in Earth and Ocean Science (GASEOS)
8. Germanic and Slavic Studies Course Union
9. Undergraduates of Political Science (UPS)
10. Child and Youth Care Student Society
11. UVic Art History and Visual Studies Student Association
12. Society of Geography Students
13. Bureau of Sociology Students
14. Anthropology Student Union
15. UVic Chemistry Undergraduate Students' Society
16. Greek and Roman Studies Student Association
17. History Undergraduate Body
18. Philosophy Student Union
19. Psychology Undergraduate Students
20. Health Information Science
21. Biochemistry and Microbiology Students' Society (BMSS)
22. Environmental Studies Student Association (ESSA)
23. UVIC Writing Undergraduate Course Union
24. English Students' Association
25. Medieval Studies Course Union
26. Computer Music Course Union
27. EPHE PERKS
28. UVic Student Music Educators Association
29. Équipe UVic French Undergrads
30. Economic Course union
31. BFA Grad Show
32. Pacific Asia Students Society
33. Visual Arts student association

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
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

MOTION TO MOVE IN-CAMERA - MOTION

The meeting was moved in-camera at 6:53PM.

10. IN-CAMERA

a. Legal

b. Personnel Committee Report

c. General Discussion

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - AIMOE/SHARMA MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was moved out of camera at 6:59pm
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11. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday, January 20th in person, 6pm

12. ADJOURNMENT

13. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Sarah Buchanan - 29 hours

- *Meetings + Committees*
 - Exec
 - Femexpo
 - Events
 - Electoral
 - Comms
 - BoD Meeting
- *Events*
 - Outreach Work/Planning
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - Hot Lunch
 - Global Village
 - Femexpo
- *Misc*
 - Housekeeping
 - Comms Plan
 - General electoral work

Khushi Wadhwa - 70 Hours

- *Committees/Internal work*
 - exec committee
 - personnel committee
 - Personnel committee and work
 - Leads
 - Excluded managers
 - Health and Dental Appeals committee meeting
 - Board Meeting
 - Foodbank and free store committee

- Graphics & Comms
- Accounting and payroll manager hiring committee (meeting +prep)
- Exec/ Exec
- Board meeting
- Honorarium forms for the Board
- *External Meetings*
 - FRAC (meeting+ prep)
 - UBC Food Bank meeting
 - SCARTA (meeting + prep)
- *Admin/ Housekeeping*
 - Leads hour tracking sheet
 - teams
 - emails
 - Student inquiries
 - Reports:
 - Strategic plan
 - FBFS vision sheet

Lauren Aimoe - 13 Hours

- *NSU internal meetings - (2 hours)*
 - Council meeting
- *NSU external meetings - (2 hours)*
 - Board meeting
- *Admin - (3 hours)*
 - Directors reports x2
 - Emails
 - Teams messages
 - Organization of agenda, minutes for NSU
- *Internal programs and tasks - (6 hours)*
 - Council meeting schedule for spring 2025 - lettucemeet, teams, etc
 - Google calendar invites

Roven Brooks-Stephenson - 1 Hour

- *Emails - (1)*

Acorn Wasserman - 4.5 hours

- *UVSS Committees/Internal Meetings (2.5 hours):*
- *UVSS BoD*
- *SSD Executive council meeting “thrive”*
- *SSD council meeting*
- *University Relations/External Meetings (2 hours):*
- *Post Secondary Disability Alliance*
- *Facilities Management meeting*
- *Administrative and Other/Housekeeping (0.5 hours)*

- *Emails*