



university of victoria  
students' society

## **DRAFT Minutes**

### **Semi-Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 time at 4pm on Zoom:

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89280639265?pwd=otNlbDGeLgpPExQWHJFaj0oENFHlja.1>

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Isabelle Easton called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM with a reduced quorum as per bylaw 4.8. As a result, motions under special resolutions could not be passed; however, director reports were presented, and prizes were distributed.

#### **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES**

Dr. Skip Dick acknowledged the territories.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF CHAIR**

##### **MOTION TO RATIFY - FOSTER/KAY** **MOTION CARRIED**

In favour 97% / Not in favour 3%

#### **4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- a. Agenda of 2025/02/26 SAGM

##### **MOTION TO ADOPT - SALINAS/KING** **MOTION CARRIED**

In favour 99% / Not in favour 1%

#### **5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes of 2024/10/17 AGM

##### **MOTION TO ADOPT- EASTON/MCDONALD** **MOTION CARRIED**

In favour 98% / Not in favour 2%

## **6. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **a. Special Resolutions**

#### **MOTION 2025/02/26: 01 - WILLIAMS**

**WHEREAS** one of the values of the UVSS is Decolonization

**WHEREAS** student surveys show that decolonization and social justice are among their top values of the UVSS

**WHEREAS** it is important that policy is aligned with the goals of the UVSS and student needs

**BIRT** that the UVSS adds the section titled Decolonization in Issues policy

**BIRT** that the UVSS amends the Issues policy as is in package [“Decolonization Issues Policy Proposed changes.”](#)

**MOTION NOT CARRIED - QUORUM NOT REACHED**

#### **MOTION 2025/02/26: 02 - WILLIAMS**

**WHEREAS** the anti-racism section of UVSS Issues Policy has outdated language

**WHEREAS** It is important as a Student Union that guiding policy represents students and their interests

**WHEREAS** Students of Colour are a marginalized community on campus and it is essential that the UVSS has language and policy that allows the UVSS to advocate for Student of Colour effectively

**BIRT** the UVSS amends the Issues policy as is in the package [“Anti Racism Issues Policy Proposed changes.”](#)

**MOTION NOT CARRIED - QUORUM NOT REACHED**

#### **MOTION 2025/02/26: 03 - EASTON**

**WHEREAS** there was changes in other policies that interact with the UVSS Bylaws and the variety of courses offered from the university has evolved over time

**WHEREAS** we want policies to be systemized across all our policies and to align with the Universities changes over time

**BIRT** the UVSS amends the UVSS bylaws as in the package [“Bylaw proposed change #1”](#)

**MOTION NOT CARRIED - QUORUM NOT REACHED**

#### **MOTION 025/02/26: 04 - EASTON**

**WHEREAS** being a Lead Director on the UVSS Board of Directors oversees other staff, operations and projects in the Student Union

**WHEREAS** in the best interest of the students and the general operations of the Student Union UVSS Lead Directors need to work hours that are reflective of the responsibility and workload

**WHEREAS** we want to have some flexibility to consider the different lived experiences of students who may fill those roles while also balancing the workload of being a Lead Director

**BIRT** the UVSS amends the UVSS bylaws as in the package [“Bylaw proposed change #2”](#)

**MOTION NOT CARRIED - QUORUM NOT REACHED**

**7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

**8. QUESTION PERIOD (30 minutes)**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm

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