



## MINUTES

University of Victoria Students' Society  
Monday, May 5th – Zoom, 6pm

### Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85850358909?pwd=r6t8LV8NE6e6jmaRc3vopayrCHtQ7D.1>

**Attendance:** Foster, Gavrilenko, Filipescu, Luz Yeo, King, Brooks-Stephenson, de Souza, Arnold, Andrew, Robinson. Thompson, Currie, Elhav, Caryk

**Staff:** Shah, Love, Robertson, Casado,

**Regrets:** Nyidon

**Guests:** Barkley

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Foster called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

### 2. LIVESTREAM

#### CONSENT MOTION 2025/05/05: 01 - FOSTER

**WHEREAS** the UVSS Board of Directors values the comfort and privacy of all Board members, and will only proceed with live streaming Board meetings if they pass unanimously; therefore,

**BIRT** the Board approves the livestreaming of the Monday, May 5th, 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

Foster acknowledged the land.

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### a. Adoption of Agenda

##### i. 2025/05/05

**MOTION TO ADOPT - FILIPESCU/GAVRILENKO**

**MOTION TO AMEND - ANDREW/AIMOE - strike reports**

**MOTION CARRIED  
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- b. **Adoption of Minutes**
  - i. **2025/04/07**  
**MOTION TO ADOPT - BROOKS-STEPHENSON/ROBINSON**  
**MOTION CARRIED**
  - ii. **2025/04/14**  
**MOTION TO ADOPT - BROOKS-STEPHENSON/THOMPSON**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. RATIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

**MOTION 2025/05/05: 02 - KING/CURRIE**

**BIRT** the following Advocacy Group Representatives and Native Students Union Representative are ratified to the UVSS Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 Board term:

- SSD Representative: Dacian Filipescu
- SOCC Representative: Roven Brooks-Stephenson
- GEM Representative: Georgia de Souza
- NSU Representative: Lauren Aimoe

**ABSTAIN - BROOKS-STEPHENSON, FILIPESCU, DE SOUZA, AIMOE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**6. EMAIL MOTIONS**

**MOTION 2025/04/16: 03 - WADHWA**

**WHEREAS** the Pub patio was renovated a couple years ago but does not have any speakers to make it more welcoming and give better ambiance,

**BIRT** the UVSS Board of Directors recommends allocating up to \$4,800 from the Major Capital Fund to cover the costs associated with installing an addition to our sound system to have music on the Felicita's patio.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **7. MAIN MOTIONS**

### **a. Priority business**

#### **MOTION 2025/05/05: 04 - ANDREW/BROOKS-STEPHENSON**

**WHEREAS** the UVSS Board of Directors Policy requires Board meetings to happen twice per month; and,

**WHEREAS** Board meetings usually take place at 6pm on Monday evenings; therefore,

**BIRT** the Board approve of the following schedule for UVSS Board meetings, at 6pm on the following dates for the 2025-2026 term:

#### **Summer**

- May 5, 2025
- May 26, 2025
- June 9, 2025
- June 23, 2025
- July 7, 2025
- July 21, 2025
- August 11, 2025
- August 25, 2025

#### **Fall**

- September 8, 2025
- September 22, 2025
- October 6, 2025
- October 20, 2025
- November 3, 2025
- November 17, 2025
- December 1, 2025
- December 8, 2025

#### **Winter**

- January 5, 2026
- January 19, 2026
- February 2, 2026
- February 23, 2026
- March 9, 2026
- March 23, 2026
- April 13, 2026
- April 20, 2026

**MOTION TO AMEND MAY 26TH TO MAY 12TH**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **MOTION 2025/05/05: 05 - KING/BROOKS-STEPHENSON**

**BIRT** the Board set the following dates for general meetings for the 2025-2026 term:

- **UVSS Annual General Meeting** Tuesday, October 28th, 2025
- **UVSS Semi-annual General Meeting** Thursday, February 26th, 2026

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2025/05/05: 06 - THOMPSON/BROOKS-STEPHENSON**

**WHEREAS** Chief Electoral Officer from the UVSS Electoral Office suggested the following dates for the 2025 UVSS General Election

**BIRT** the Board set the following dates for the 2026 UVSS elections to the Board of Directors:

- **Nomination Period** Monday, January 26th, 9am - Thursday, February 5, 9am
- **Campaign Period\*** Thursday, February 26, 12am - Thursday, March 12, 3pm
- **Voting Days** Monday, March 16, 9am - Wednesday, March 18, 3pm

\*Date and time at which printed and digital campaign materials may be posted

**ANDREW MOTIONED TO TABLE**

**MOTION TO TABLE SECONDED BY CARYK**

**MOTION TABLED**

**MOTION - 2025/05/05: 07 - ANDREW/ROBINSON**

**WHEREAS** the position of Interim Director of Finance and Operations is currently vacant;

**BIRT** nominations be opened to elect a new Interim Director of Finance and Operations.

<b>Portfolio:</b>	<b>Vacancies:</b>	<b>Nominations:</b>	<b>Elected:</b>
Finance and Operations	One (1) Director	Jonah Arnold	Jonah Arnold

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2025/05/05: 08 - KING/THOMPSON**

**BIRT** nominations be opened for Directors at-Large to fill vacancies as Portfolio DALs attached to the following Lead Directors, and their nominations are approved:

**BIFRT** if seats are contested, nominees have the opportunity to provide 2 minutes of motivation for their election

<b>Portfolio:</b>	<b>Vacancies:</b>	<b>Nominations:</b>	<b>Elected:</b>
Campaigns and Community Relations	Two (2) Directors-at-Large	Alena Gavrilenko Gabby Elhav Tenzin Nyidon	1.Gabby Elhav 2.Tenzin Nyidon
Outreach and University Relations	Two (2) Directors-at-Large	Alena Gavrilenko <del>Jonah Arnold</del>  Michael Caryk Tenzin Nyidon <del>Gabrielle Elhav</del>	1.Michael Caryk 2.Alena Gavrilenko

Finance and Operations	Two (2) Directors-at-Large	<del>Jonah Arnold</del> Alena Gavrilenko Nelson Currie Carson Robinson	1. Carson Robinson 2. Alena Gavrilenko
Student Affairs	Two (2) Directors-at-Large	Michael Caryk Lily Luz Yeo Tenzin Nyidon Alena Gavrilenko	1. Tenzin Nyidon 2. Michael Caryk
Events	Two (2) Directors-at-Large	Lily Luz Yeo <del>Michael Caryk</del> Tenzin Nyidon <del>Gabrielle Elhav</del>	1. Lily Luz Yeo 2. Tenzin Nyidon
International Student Relations	One (1) Director-at-Large	Tenzin Nyidon	1. Tenzin Nyidon

**MOTION 2025/05/05: 09 - ANDREW/CURRIE**

**BIRT** nominations be opened for directors to fill vacancies on the following open committees with open membership, with an opportunity for nominees to provide 2 minutes of motivation for their election when seats are contested; and,

**BIFRT** second chairs are to be elected within the committees and brought forward to the next board meeting for ratification

Committee:	Vacancies:	Nominations:	Elected:
Campaigns	<b>Five (5) seats total:</b> Four (4) Directors + One (1) Director as Second Chair	<del>Alena Gavrilenko</del> Lily Luz Yeo Abhee Senthikumaran Georgia de Souza <del>Katie King</del> <del>Griffin Foster</del> Dacian Filipescu	1. Lily Luz Yeo 2. Abhee Senthikumaran 3. Georgia de Souza 4. Dacian Filipescu 5.
Events	<b>Six (6) seats total:</b> Five (5) Directors + One (1) Director as Second Chair	Lily Luz Yeo Abhee Senthikumaran Michael Caryk Gabby Elhav <del>Katie King</del> Tenzin Nyidon	1. Abhee Senthikumaran 2. Michael Caryk 3. Gabby Elhav 4. Tenzin Nyidon 5. Dacian Filipescu 6. Roven Brooks-Stephenson

		<del>Eva Thompson</del> Dacian Filipescu Roven Brooks-Stephenson	
Member Outreach & Engagement	<b>Four (4) seats total:</b> Three (3) Directors + One (1) Director as Second Chair	<del>Alena Gavrilenko</del> Abhee Senthilkumaran <del>Dacian Filipescu</del>	1. Abhee Senthilkumaran 2. 3. 4.
Finance and operations	<b>Five (5) seats total</b> 4 Directors (DaLs or Advo Reps) + 1 director as second chair	<del>Jonah Arnold</del> Alena Gavrilenko Nelson Currie Carson Robinson <del>Griffin Foster</del> Roven Brooks-Stephenson	1. Alena Gavrilenko 2. Nelson Currie 3. Roven Brooks-Stephenson 4. Carson Robinson 5.
Policy Development	<b>Four (4) seats total:</b> 3 Directors (DaLs or Advo Reps) + 1 director as second chair	<del>Jonah Arnold</del> Alena Gavrilenko Dacian Filipescu Carson Robinson Michael Caryk Lauren Aimoe <del>Griffin Foster</del>	1. Alena Gavrilenko 2. Dacian Filipescu 3. Lauren Aimoe 4. Carson Robinson
Food Bank Committee	<b>One (1) UVSS Director</b> (Leads, DaLs or Advo Reps)	<del>Katie King</del> Tenzin Nyidon Gabrielle Elhav	1. Gabrielle Elhav

**MOTION 2025/05/05: 10 - KING/FILIPESCU**

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

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Vacancy:</b>	<b>Nominations:</b>	<b>Elected:</b>
Advocacy Relations Committee	One (1) Student Affairs Portfolio Director (non-voting)	Lily Luz Yeo <del>Katie King</del> Gabrielle Elhav <del>Griffin Foster</del>	1. Gabrielle Elhav
Clubs Council	One (1) Director as Second Chair (non-voting)	Michael Caryk <del>Gabby Elhav</del> Lily Luz Yeo Tenzin Nyidon	1. Michael Caryk
Course Union Council	One (1) Director as Second Chair (non-voting)	Lily Luz Yeo Michael Caryk	1. Lily Luz Yeo
FSS Council	One (1) Director as Second Chair (non-voting)	Lily Luz Yeo Michael Caryk <del>Katie King</del>	1. Michael Caryk

**MOTION 2025/05/05: 11 - KING/ROBINSON**

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

**BIFRT** chairs and second chairs are to be elected within the committees and brought forward to the next board meeting for ratification.

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Vacancy:</b>	<b>Nominations:</b>	<b>Elected:</b>
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Electoral	<b>Three (3) seats total:</b> 3 UVSS Directors (Leads, DaLs or Advo Reps)	Lindsey Andrew	1. Lindsey Andrew 2. 3.
Health & Dental Plan Appeals	One (1) Director (DaL or Advo Rep)	Lily Luz Yeo Katie King	1.Katie King
SUB Marketing	<b>Three (3) seats total:</b> Two (2) Directors + One (1) FinOps Director as Second Chair	Tenzin Nyidon Carson Robinson	1.Tenzin Nyidon 2. Carson Robinson 3.
Ombudsperson	One (1) Advocacy Rep Director*	Dacian Filipescu	1.Dacian Filipescu
Personnel	One (1) Lead Director as Second Chair		1.
	One (1) Non-lead Director	Nelson Currie	2.Nelson Currie
	One (1) Director		3.
U-Pass Appeals	Two (2) Directors	Alena Gavrilenko Nelson Currie	1.Alena Gavrilenko 2.Nelson Currie
	One (1) SSD Member		1.
Peer Support Centre Committee	One (1) Director	Lily Luz Yeo Georgia de Souza <del>Katie King</del>	1.Georgia de Souza

**MOTION TO RECESS FOR 5 MINUTES - FILIPESCU/BROOKS-STEPHENSON  
MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2025/05/05: 12 - SENTHILKUMARAN/ANDREW**

**WHEREAS** International student Relations Director Abhee Senthilkumaran has requested an



adjustment to their working hours

**BIRT** the Board of Directors approves reducing Abhee Senthilkumaran's working hours to 12 hours per week and allows them to perform their duties remotely, effective immediately until their return to the office on July 3rd.

**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. UVSS Food Bank~~
- ~~4. Peer Support Centre~~

**d. ~~CONSTITUENCY ORGANIZATIONS & NSU~~**

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

**MOTION TO MOVE IN-CAMERA - FILIPESCU/THOMPSON**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was moved in-camera at 8:16pm.

**10. IN-CAMERA**

- a. Legal
- b. Personnel Committee Report
- c. General Discussion

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA - THOMPSON/ROBINSON  
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was moved out of camera at 8:24pm.

**11. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:  
Monday, May 12th, on Zoom (online).**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**