



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, 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

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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**
- **UVSS Semi-annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025
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.

Portfolio:	Vacancies:	Nominations:	Elected:
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

Portfolio:	Vacancies:	Nominations:	Elected:
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 Jonah Arnold Michael Caryk Tenzin Nyidon Gabrielle Elhav	1.Michael Caryk 2.Alena Gavrilenko

Finance and Operations	Two (2) Directors-at-Large	Jonah Arnold 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 Michael Caryk Tenzin Nyidon Gabrielle Elhav	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	Five (5) seats total: Four (4) Directors + One (1) Director as Second Chair	Alena Gavrilenko Lily Luz Yeo Abhee Senthilkumaran Georgia de Souza Katie King Griffin Foster Dacian Filipescu	1. Lily Luz Yeo 2. Abhee Senthilkumaran 3. Georgia de Souza 4. Dacian Filipescu 5.
Events	Six (6) seats total: Five (5) Directors + One (1) Director as Second Chair	Lily Luz Yeo Abhee Senthilkumaran Michael Caryk Gabby Elhav Katie King Tenzin Nyidon	1. Abhee Senthilkumaran 2. Michael Caryk 3. Gabby Elhav 4. Tenzin Nyidon 5. Dacian Filipescu 6. Roven Brooks-Stephenson

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

Committee:	Vacancy:	Nominations:	Elected:
Advocacy Relations Committee	One (1) Student Affairs Portfolio Director (non-voting)	Lily Luz Yeo Katie King Gabrielle Elhav Griffin Foster	1. Gabrielle Elhav
Clubs Council	One (1) Director as Second Chair (non-voting)	Michael Caryk Gabby Elhav 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 Katie King	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.

Committee:	Vacancy:	Nominations:	Elected:
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Electoral	Three (3) seats total: 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	Three (3) seats total: 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 Katie King	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