



## Minutes

University of Victoria Students' Society

Monday, July 21st – Zoom, 6pm

### Join Zoom Meeting:

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

**Attendance:** Foster, Gavrilenko, King, De Souza, Arnold, Andrew, Caryk, Brooks-Stephenson, Wasserman, Robinson

**Staff:** Love, Robertson, Casado

**Regrets:** Senthilkumaran

**Guests:** Czerwonka

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. LIVESTREAM

#### CONSENT MOTION 2025/07/21: 01 - FOSTER

**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, July 21st, Board meeting; 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 at 6:05pm.

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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##### i. 2025/07/21

**MOTION TO ADOPT - CARYK/BROOKS-STEPHENSON**

**MOTION TO AMEND - CARYK/WASSERMAN - add motion 4**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION TO AMEND - WASSERMAN/CARYK - add dir reports**  
**MOTION CARRIED**  
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- b. Adoption of Minutes
  - i. 2025/07/07

**MOTION TO ADOPT - GAVRILENKO/CARYK**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. RATIFICATION OF DIRECTORS**

**6. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. PRESENTATIONS
- b. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**7. EMAIL MOTIONS**

**8. MAIN MOTIONS**

- a. Priority business

**MOTION 2025/07/21: 02 - CARYK/BROOKS-STEPHENSON**

**WHEREAS** Greater Victoria Acting together also known as GVAT helps our society remain connected to the Victoria Community on issues such as housing, transit, accessibility and affordability.

**BIRT** the UVSS Board of Directors, recommends continuing our partnership and membership within this organization, allocating \$1500 from the campaigns budget for another year.

**BIRFT** Lane Cooke remains as the interim University of Victoria Student Society representative until we can confirm the next representative within the University of Victoria Student society AGM.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**WASSERMAN WOULD LIKE THEIR VOTE NO TO BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES.**

**MOTION 2025/07/21: 03 - CARYK/BROOKS-STEPHENSON**

**WHEREAS** we are facing a climate emergency driven by rising temperatures, and urbanization is placing increasing pressure on green spaces, often leading to their removal without adequate replacement;

**WHEREAS** the loss of trees and natural areas contributes to the urban heat island effect, which intensifies heat in cities and negatively impacts public health and environmental sustainability;

**BIRT** the UVSS Board recommends signing the joint letter initiated by the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment and Sierra Club BC, advocating for all new development to prioritize the inclusion of greenspace and tree cover to mitigate the urban heat island effect and promote climate resilience in our communities. [Heat Dome Anniversary Letter](#)  
**MOTIONCARRIED**

**MOTION 2025/07/21: 04 - CARYK/WASSERMAN**

**WHEREAS** the Faculty of Science Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Council is seeking an undergraduate student representative to serve on the committee for the 2025–2026 academic year;  
**BIRT** the Board elect one undergraduate student representative to serve on the Faculty of Science EDI Council for the 2025–2026 academic year, giving each nominee up to two minutes to provide motivation for the position when seats are contested;  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the elected representative will attend monthly meetings from September 2025 to April 2026, each meeting being approximately two hours in duration, and will report back to the Board or relevant body as required.

Position:	Vacancy:	Nominations:	Elected:
The Faculty of Science Equity Diversity and Inclusion Council undergraduate representative.	One (1) position for an undergraduate student.	Acorn Wasserman	1. Acorn Wasserman

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. Old business**

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

**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:
International Student Relations Committee	One (1) Director at Large		1.
Advocacy Relations Committee	One (1) Student Affairs Portfolio Director (non-voting)		1.

**MOTION TABLED**

**MOTION TO TABLE ARC POSITION UNTIL SEPTEMBER - CARYK/WASSERMAN**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 2025/07/07: 06 - KING/CARYK**

**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		1. Tenzin Nyidon 2.

**MOTION TABLED****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. SOCC
4. SSD
5. Pride Collective

**MOTION TO MOVE IN-CAMERA - ROBINSON/BROOKS-STEPHENSON**

## **MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was moved in-camera at 6:43pm

### **10. IN-CAMERA**

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

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF IN CAMERA - Brooks-Stephenson/Caryk**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was moved out of in camera at 7:13

### **11. MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:**  
Monday, August 11st, at 6pm on Zoom (online).

### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

### **13. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

#### **Michael Caryk - Total 69 of Hours**

- *Internal meetings (20.5 hours)*
  - Committees
  - Exec meetings
  - Meetings with advocacy group leaders
  - Board meeting
- *Campaigns external/ external meetings - (2.5 hours)*
  - BC3 meeting
  - Meeting with EQHR, AVP, SVRO, OSL
- *Outgoing projects/ outreach- (5 hours)*
  - Meeting with other student unions
  - Website editing
  - Creating board motions

- *Administrative/ housekeeping - (41 hours)*
  - Emails
  - Organizing
  - Research
  - Budget
  - Strategic planning
  - Creating agenda
  - Communications and meetings with directors and excluded management

## **Griffin Foster - 45 Hours**

- *Internal Meetings - (5 hours)*
  - Electoral Committee
  - Exec meetings
  - Board meetings
- *Planning & Development - (20 hours)*
  - Strategic Planning
  - Policy Development
  - Outreach Strategy
  - Policy Research
  - Electoral History Research
- *Administrative - (12 Hours)*
  - Emails Response & Management
  - Teams Messaging
  - Board Meeting Prep
- *Outreach Portfolio - (8 Hours)*
  - Statement Work
  - Foster Feature Planning

## **Lindsey Andrew - 60 Hours**

- *Internal Meetings - (18 hours)*
  - Committees
  - Exec meetings
  - Exec and excluded meetings
  - Board meetings
- *External meetings - (5 hours)*
  - OSL meeting
  - Thunderfest meeting
  - Meetings with businesses
- *Events portfolio - (25 hours)*

- Strategic planning
- Events planning
- *Admin/other - (12 hours)*
  - Social media filming
  - Emails
  - Office hours
  - Cleaning/office maintenance

## **Jonah Arnold - 70 hours**

- *Meetings - (19 hours)*
  - Food bank training for executives
  - Hiring committees
    - CDP Grill
    - ACDP Grill
    - ACDP Main Kitchen
    - ACDP Grill interview
    - CDP Grill interview
    - CDP HFB interviews (3)
  - Events committee
  - Campaigns committee
  - Chaired FinOps committee
  - Chaired U-Pass Appeals committee
  - Department Manager/Coordinator meeting
  - Executive committees (2)
  - Board meeting
  - Studentcare/Alumo social media campaign meeting
  - Financials meeting w/ GM
- *Administrative/Other - (51 hours)*
  - Meeting preparations
    - Made agenda for FinOps committee
    - Shortlisted interview candidates for hiring committees
    - Reviewed U-Pass appeal grounds & documentation provided
    - Created Teams channels for H&D/U-Pass Appeals, FinOps committees
    - Migrated U-Pass Appeals committee to respective channel
    - Added financial statements (January, February, March) & tentative budgets (2026 fiscal year) to Google Drive
    - Coordinated ad-hoc U-Pass Appeals meeting
    - Confirmed availability for Food Bank Officer hiring committee
  - Schooled4Life affiliate agreement
    - Approved affiliate agreement proposal & forwarded to GM
    - Relayed personal and managerial feedback on proposal
    - Provided details on costs + dimensions for printed coupons at CKO
  - Social Media
    - Promoting naloxone trainings
    - Promoting CKO

- Miscellaneous
  - Sorted emails
  - Organized Google Calendar

## **Katie King - Total 71 of Hours**

- *Administrative- (44 hours)*
  - Email/Phone management
  - Agenda and minutes management
  - Office hours
  - Club Accounts
  - Email List management
  - Website management
  - CCU Days planning
  - Club concerns
  - Sexualized violence prevention training update
  - Cheque signing
  - Scheduling
  - Review
  - Organization
  - Policy overview
  - Draft emails
  - Cheque requestions
  - Strategic Plan
- *Internal meetings- (24.5 hours)*
  - Meeting with AVP
  - Meeting with excludes
  - Meeting with coms
  - Clubs Council
  - Course Unions Council
  - Events committee
  - FinOps committee
  - Meeting with DALs
  - Meeting with other leads
  - Campaigns committee
  - Execs committee
  - Department managers meeting
  - Hiring committee
  - Meeting with clubs
- *External meetings - (2.5 hours)*
  - Meeting with representative from SSMU



### **Abhee Senthilkumaran - 17 hours**

- *UVSS Committees/Internal Meetings (2 hours)*
  - Board meeting
  - Committee meetings
- *Ongoing Projects/Events/Outreach (5 hours)*
  - Preparing materials for second ISR committee meeting and external meetings
  - Meetings with GC
  - Meeting with OSL
- *Administrative and Other/Housekeeping (10 hours)*
  - Emails
  - Organising separate ISR documents for release (in Fall)
  - Brainstorming upcoming events for the next semester

### **Alena Gavrilenko - Total 7.5 of Hours**

- *Meetings - 6.5 hours*
  - U-Pass Appeals: 30 minutes
  - DAL Meetings: 5 hours
  - Board of Directors Meetings: 1 hour
- *Bus-Opt out Proposal - editing/emails/research: 1 hour*

### **Carson Robinson - 2 Hours**

- *Internal Meetings - (2 hours)*
  - Committee Meetings
  - Finance Portfolio DaL meeting

### **Roven Brooks-Stephenson - 4 Hours**

- *Emails - .5 hrs*
- *Teams - 1 hr*
- *Internal meetings/communications - 2.5 hrs*
  - *Events committee*
  - *Finops committee*
  - *BoD*
  - *SOCC hiring discussion*

### **Dacian Filipescu - 5 ½ Hours**

- *SSD Hiring Committees - 2 Hours*
  - Job Interviews

- *UVSS Tasks - 3 ½ Hours*
  - Committee Meetings
  - OSL Meeting

### **Georgia de Souza - Total 4h45min**

- *Committees* -GEM coordinator hiring committee (2 hours)
  - Teams and E-mails (15 min)
- *GEM tasks* -
  - Zine printing and assembling (1 hour)
  - Space changes (1 hour)