



## **MINUTES**

**University of Victoria Students' Society**

**Monday, August 11th – Zoom, 6pm**

### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

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

**Attendance:** Foster, King, Caryk, Senthilhumanan, Gavri, Robinson, Filipescu, Andrew

**Staff:** Robertson, Johnston-Watson

**Regrets:** Arnold

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

### **2. LIVESTREAM**

#### **CONSENT MOTION 2025/08/11: 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, August 11th, 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**

### **3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

#### **a. Adoption of Agenda**

##### **i. 2025/08/11**

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT**

#### **MOTION TO AMEND - MOTIONS 3 - 5 - CARYK/BROOKS-STEVENSON**

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **b. Adoption of Minutes**

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

#### **MOTION TO ADOPT - CARYK/FILIPESCU**

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

## 5. RATIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

## 6. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### a. PRESENTATIONS

### b. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 7. EMAIL MOTIONS

## 8. MAIN MOTIONS

### a. Priority business

### **MOTION 2025/08/11: 01 - ARNOLD/BROOKS-STEPHENSON**

**WHEREAS** Dedicated student fees can only be used for a specific purpose and are transferred at the end of the year to cover costs related to different board accounts

**As recommended by the Finance and Operations Committee,**

**BIRT** up to \$65,000 be transferred from the Food Bank Trust to Food Bank Program Operating Budget to cover some of the costs directly relating to the operation of the Food Bank in the 2024-2025 Board Term

**BIRT** Up to \$50,000 be transferred from the Peer Support Fund into the Peer Support Operations Budget to cover the costs directly relating to the operation of Peer Support in the 2024-2025 Board

**BIRT** Up to \$17,000 from the Election Fund be transferred into the Elections Operating Fund to cover costs relating to elections made in the 2024-2025 Board Term

**BIRT** Up to \$27,000 from the Government Relations and Outreach Fund be transferred into the Campaigns Operating Fund to cover costs relating to campaigns made in the 2024-2025 Board Term

**BIRT** Up to \$34,000 from the Events Trust be transferred into the Events Operating Budget to cover costs relating to special events made in the 2024-2025 Board Term

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2025/08/11: 02 - Support for the Canadian Youth Climate Corps (YCC) - CARYK/BROOKS-STEVENSON**

**WHEREAS** Canada is experiencing the escalating impacts of the climate crisis, including rising temperatures, invasive species, and increasingly frequent extreme weather events;

**WHEREAS** failure to take proactive environmental action will heighten the risks and consequences associated with climate change;

**BIRT** the UVSS Board endorses the joint letter initiated by the BC3 coalition—comprising AMS, UBCO, UVSS, and SFSS—advocating for student job development that prioritizes youth employment and empowers young people to lead the creation of resilient communities.

You can view the letter:

[https://ams-ubc-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/vpexternal\\_ams\\_ubc\\_ca/EXEHRH\\_3w7hlmFKdYn7dUr8BjPLEzG0nrDeqsdP\\_nPZXYQ?rt=1QEvzhrZ3Ug](https://ams-ubc-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/vpexternal_ams_ubc_ca/EXEHRH_3w7hlmFKdYn7dUr8BjPLEzG0nrDeqsdP_nPZXYQ?rt=1QEvzhrZ3Ug)

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2025/08/11: 03 - CARYK/GAVRILENKO**

**WHEREAS** students are navigating an economic crisis marked by rising global tensions, natural disasters, and international tariffs—all of which disrupt local supply chains and increase the cost of living;

**WHEREAS** maintaining high ferry rates undermines students' ability to remain connected, competitive, and resilient during these challenging times;

**BIRT** the UVSS Board endorses the joint letter initiated by the BC3 coalition—comprising AMS, UBCO, UVSS and SFSS—calling for reduced BC Ferries rates to ensure affordable transit for all post-secondary students on Vancouver Island, strengthening national unity and accessibility.

You can view the letter:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/15YcvJE0RQFEiZUrrltlIBZ7lbWs84hDnH9meR8dUhU0/edit?usp=s\\_haring](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15YcvJE0RQFEiZUrrltlIBZ7lbWs84hDnH9meR8dUhU0/edit?usp=s_haring)

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2025/08/11: 04 - CARYK/BROOKS-STEVENSON**

**WHEREAS** Acorn Wasserman has indicated their intention to resign from the position of the UVSS Pride Rep

**BIRT** the Board accepts Acorn Wasserman's resignation effective immediately.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### **MOTION 2025/08/11: 05 - FOSTER/CARYK**

**WHEREAS** Policy Development recommended bringing a policy regarding Affiliate Groups to the board this evening to be approved

**BIRT** the board accepts the Affiliate Group policy

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **b. Old business**

### **MOTION 2025/07/07: 06 - ARNOLD/CARYK**

**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>
International Student Relations Committee	One (1) Director at Large		1.

## **MOTION TABLED**

### **MOTION 2025/07/07: 07 - KING**

**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	One (1) Directors-at-Large		1.

## **MOTION POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

### **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

**10. IN-CAMERA Mike/Robinson - 6:55**

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

**11. Out of Camera: Robinson/Brooks-stephenson - 7:20**

Adjourned 7:21

In-camera, the recommendations of Personnel to update the CGD job description and current salary were approved.

**MEETING TIMES**

**The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:**  
Monday, August 25th, at 6pm on Zoom (online).

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**13. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS**