



MINUTES

University of Victoria Students' Society

Monday, January 19 – Online, 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Attendance: Foster, Yeo, Nyidon, King, Bulbrook, Andrew, Senthilkumaran, Robinson, Brooks-Stephenson, Arnold, K'sana Wood Lynes-Ford, Kusardi, Caryk

Staff: Johnston-Watson, Robertson, Casado

Regrets: Filipescu

Guests: Ruby Harris,

1. CALL TO ORDER

Foster called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

2. LIVESTREAM

CONSENT MOTION 2026/01/19: 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, January 5, 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

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of Agenda

i. 2026/01/19

MOTION TO ADOPT CARYK/ROBINSON

MOTION TO AMEND FOSTER/BULBROOK - Add 2nd electoral committee member

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND - Add Directors Report

SENTHILKUMARAN/BULBROOK

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED, AGENDA ADOPTED

- b. Adoption of Minutes**
 - i. 2026/01/05**

MOTION TO ADOPT CARYK/NYIDON MOTION CARRIED

5. RATIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

6. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

7. EMAIL MOTIONS

The following email motion was passed:

WHEREAS UVSS Electoral Policy indicates the Board of Directors must select the proponents of each of the referenda questions in the upcoming election cycle,
BIRT the Board of Directors selects Jonah Arnold as the proponent for the Uni 101 fee elimination referenda question,
BIFRT the Board of Directors selects Declan Snowden as the proponent for the Martlet fee increase referenda question.

8. MAIN MOTIONS

- a. Priority business**

MOTION 2026/01/19: 02 - KING/BROOKS-STEPHENSON

WHEREAS Lauren Aimoe has stepped down as the NSU Board representative; and,

WHEREAS NSU has elected a new board representative

BIRT the Board accepts the resignation of Lauren Aimoe as the Firekeeper to the Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 Board term

BIFRT the Board ratifies K'sana Wood Lynes-Ford as the NSU Firekeeper to the Board of Directors for the remainder of the 2025-2026 Board term.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2026/01/19: 03 - CARYK/BULBROOK

WHEREAS the Electoral Committee is in need of two voting members to join the committee

BIRT up to two (2) UVSS members are elected to the committee, with an opportunity for nominees to provide 2 minutes of motivation for their election when seats are contested.

MOTION CARRIED

Nominations: Andrew

Elected: Andrew

MOTION 2026/01/19: 04 - CARYK/BROOKS-STEPHENSON

WHEREAS the Board recognises the food insecurity many students face, and

WHEREAS the Board supports the proposed Student Food Security Grant

BIRT the Board endorses the [“Fund Student Food Banks” online petition](#) in conjunction with the BC3

MOTION CARRIED

FOSTER STEPS DOWN AS CHAIR

ARNOLD STEPS UP AS CHAIR

MOTION 2026/01/19: 05 - FOSTER/CARYK

WHEREAS the Society passed AGM 2025 Motion 4 to amend Bylaw 2: Faculty Representatives

BIRT the Board approves the following motion to be brought to the 2026 SAGM, to remove all mention of Faculty Representatives from the Constitution and Bylaws.

WHEREAS the Society removed Faculty Representatives from its policies during the 2025 AGM,

WHEREAS any wording mentioning Faculty Representatives is outdated as policy has removed them from being a functioning item in the policy,

BIRT the UVSS amends UVSS Constitution and Bylaws to remove all mention of Faculty Representatives.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2026/01/19: 06 - FOSTER/CARYK

WHEREAS Standard office hours need to be updated in Board of Directors Policy,

WHEREAS this policy has been reviewed and discussed by Policy Development Committee,

BIRT that Board passes the following proposed change to Board of Directors Policy.

1.7 Lead Directors

a. Scheduling & Hours of Work

- i. Lead Directors shall post on their office doors **a minimum of two three hours per week on two three different days** the specific office hours when they will be available to members of the Society and the means by which members can contact them outside of their posted office hours.
- ii. ~~With the exception of the Director of Events,~~ Lead Directors shall, ~~as much as possible,~~ strive to maintain **in-person** office hours that coincide with the operating hours of the Students' Society Centre **and staff (10am-4pm)**.
- iii. The Director of Events may, during event delivery periods, be exempt from Policy 1.7(ii).

MOTION CARRIED

ARNOLD STEPS DOWN AS CHAIR

FOSTER STEPS UP AS CHAIR

9. QUESTION PERIOD (15 mins)

10. 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

11. IN-CAMERA

MOTION TO MOVE IN-CAMERA - CARYK/BROOKS-STEPHENSON

MOTION CARRIED

Moved in-camera at 6:34pm

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

12. Out of Camera

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF CAMERA BROOKS-STEPHENSON/BULBROOK

MOTION CARRIED

Moved out of camera at 6:50pm

MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:

Monday, February 2, at 6pm, **online**.

13. ADJOURNMENT roven-caryk carried 6:51

14. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Leads

Griffin Foster - Total 72 of Hours

- *Internal meetings (17)*
 - Executive Meetings
 - Board Meeting
 - Lead Director Consultation & Coordination
 - Committee Meetings
 - Comms & Graphics
 - Planning Meetings
- *External meetings (21)*
 - Student Inquiries
 - UVic Presidential Selection Committee
 - UVic Presidential Selection Background
 - UVic Senator Coordination
 - UVic/UVSS Meeting
- *Portfolio (23)*
 - Annual General Survey
 - SAGM Preparations
 - UVic Policy Review
 - Student Feedback
 - Legal Issues
 - Outreach Tabling
 - Senate Coordination & Strategy
- *Administrative (11)*
 - Email Management
 - Board Meeting Prep
 - Archival Review
 - Office Management

Michael Caryk - Total of 64 Hours

- *Internal Meetings - 10 hours*

- Committees
- Board meeting
- Preparation for meetings
- *Campaigns and External meetings- 30 hours*
 - Post secondary review (ministry of education)
 - Preparation for post secondary review
 - BC3 meetings
 - Meeting with GSS, other student unions
- *Outgoing projects/ outreach - 18 hours*
 - Tabling for CCU days
 - Information session with student senators regarding academic accommodations
- *Administrative/ Housekeeping - 6 hours*
 - Collaboration with student senators
 - Emails
 - Naloxone training certificates
 - Check signing

Lindsey Andrew - Total 42 of Hours

- *Internal meetings - (12.5)*
 - Leads meetings
 - Excludes meetings
 - Meeting with students
 - Comms meetings
- *External meetings - (1.5 hours)*
 - Task/Item completed within section Two
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 - Task/Item completed within section Two
- *Events portfolio - (12)*
 - Events planning
 - Brainstorming electoral events
 - Setting up 2026 events committee
 - Global Village planning
 - Femexpo planning
- *Admin/other - (16)*
 - CCU Days
 - Email correspondence
 - Cleaning/organizing
 - Office hours

Jonah Arnold - Total 70 Hours

- *Admin (42 hours)*
 - Emails
 - World University Service of Canada
 - Discussed funding logistics
 - H&D Appeals
 - ATRS fee discussion
 - Teams communications
 - Google Calendar updates/edits
 - New office hours
 - Class schedule
 - Signing cheques
 - Leads brainstorming
 - UVic senate strategy
 - Meetings with staff
 - Studentcare communications plan + work order
 - Business survey communications plan
 - Student inquiries
 - EDI jeopardy crossover
- *Internal/External (28 hours)*
 - Volunteering:
 - Pancake breakfast
 - Outreach
 - Making pancakes
 - CCU days
 - Outreach
 - Checking clubs in
 - Committees:
 - Executive Committee
 - Weekly progress updates
 - Outreach Committee
 - Discussed prizes for AGM draw
 - Policy Development Committee
 - Looked at SAGM policy
 - Personnel Committee
 - Booked meeting
 - Created agenda
 - Produced minutes
 - Finance & Operations Committee
 - Booked meeting for this week
 - Meetings:
 - Board Meeting

- Studentcare online onboarding walkthrough
 - Reviewed opt-out process for inefficiencies

Katie King - Total 76.5 of Hours

- *Admin*
 - Emails
 - Agenda making/minutes
 - Funding work
 - Spread sheet work
 - CCU Day Planing
 - Office hours
- *Internal Meetings*
 - Board meeting
 - Exec committee
 - Clubs Council
 - Course Unions council
 - Meeting with excludes
- *CCU Days*
 - Event running
 - Checking in clubs
 - Tabling

Abhee Senthilkumaran - 23 hours

- *Administrative*
 - Emails
 - Teams communication
- *Internal meetings*
 - Meeting with SOCC
 - Global village planning
 - Board meeting
 - Outreach committee

Directors at Large

Lily Luz Yeo - Total 6 Hours

- *Pancake Breakfast - (3hrs)*
 - Event hand
 - Serving
- CCU Day 1 - (3hrs)
 - Check-In
 - Tabling

Representatives

Roven Brooks-Stephenson - 5 Hours

- *BoD meeting - 2.5 hrs (Dec 8th) // 1 hr (Jan 5th)*
- *ARC - .5 hrs*
- *Teams - .5 hrs*
- *Emails - .5 hrs*

Cecilia Bulbrook - Total 2.5 of Hours

- *Pancake Breakfast - (1.5)*
 - Made pancakes
 - Event runner
- *Board meeting - (1)*
 - Attend and participate in the board meeting

Jayce Kusardi - 7 hrs

- *Events - 3 hrs*
- *CCU - 4 hrs*