



DRAFT MINUTES
University of Victoria Students' Society
Monday, May 25 – online

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Attendance:

Lead Directors

Matthew Curtis, Maddy Vanderhooft, Mariah Luzon, Tam Aljundi

Directors-at-Large

Midori Schimmelmann, Ame Sillers, Evan Maher, Juliette Kaniki, Lila Grieson, Donovan Wood-Gaines, Artem Kuklev

Advocacy Representatives

Roven Brooks-Stephenson, Jayce Kusardi, Acorn Wasserman, Cecilia Bulbrook

Staff: Lily Drimmel, Errin Johnston-Watson, Dale Robertson

Regrets: Sydnee Tailfeathers, K'sana Wood Lynes-Ford, Alena Gavrilenko

Guests: Brianna Bock

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:04pm

2. LIVESTREAM

CONSENT MOTION 2026/05/25: 01 - CURTIS

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, May 25, 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.

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Adoption of Agenda

i. 2026/05/25

Motion to adopt - BROOKS-STEPHENSON/KUKLEV

Motion to amend - BLUBROOK/WASSERMAN - add directors reports

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED, AGENDA ADOPTED

b. Adoption of Minutes

i. 2026/05/11

Motion to adopt - Wasserman/Brooks-Stephenson

MOTION CARRIED, MINUTES ADOPTED

MAHER Abstains

5. RATIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

6. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. PRESENTATIONS

b. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. EMAIL MOTIONS

8. MAIN MOTIONS

a. Priority business

MOTION 2026/05/25: 02 - SELVARAJAN

WHEREAS Chief Electoral Officer from the UVSS Electoral Office suggested the following dates for the 2026 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

MOTION TO TABLE - BULBROOK/MAHER

MOTION TABLED

MOTION 2026/05/25: 03 - ALJUNDI/KUSARDI

BIRT nominations be opened for Members-at-large 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.

Committee:	Vacancies:	Nominations:	Elected:
Campaigns	Three (3) seats	Brooks-Stephenson Artem Kuklev	1. Brooks-Stephenson 2. Artem Kuklev 3.
Events	Two (2) seats		1. 2.
Member Outreach & Engagement	Two (2) seats		1. 2. 3. 4.
Finance and operations	Two (2) seats	Brooks-Stephenson Artem Kuklev	1. Brooks-Stephenson 2. Artem Kuklev 3. 4. 5.
Policy Development	Two (2) seats		1. 2. 3. 4.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Old Business

MOTION 2026/05/11: 06 - VANDERHOOF/BROOKS-STEPHENSON

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:
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Advocacy Relations Committee	One (1) Director (non-voting)	Ame Sillars	1. Ame Sillars
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MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2026/05/11: 07 - LUZON/SILLARS

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:
Ombudsperson	One (1) Advocacy Rep Director, who is/will be a member of ARC	Acorn Wasserman	1. Acorn Wasserman

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2026/05/11: 08 - LUZON/GRIERSON

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

Committee:	Vacancy:	Nominations:	Elected:
Senate Committee on Academic Standards	One (1) UVSS Representative	1.Evan Maher	1.Evan Maher
Senate Committee on Admission, Re-registration and Transfer Appeals (1 position)	One (1) UVSS Representative	1.Donovan Wood-Gaines 2.Ame Sillars	1.Donovan Wood-Gaines
Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching (2 positions)	Two (2) UVSS Representatives	1.Acorn Wasserman 2.Cecilia Bulbrook 3.Artem Kuklev 4.Alena Gavrilenko	1.Acorn Wasserman 2.Cecilia Bulbrook
Senate Committee on Planning (1 position)	One (1) UVSS Representative	1. Alena Gavrilenko 2.Artem Kuklev	1.Alena Gavrilenko
Traffic and Parking Committee*	1 seat	1.Acorn Wasserman	1.Acorn Wasserman

*This is a monthly meeting (virtual) with a bit of prep work (less than 2 hours). Appointments are for a three-year term and may be renewed following review.

MOTION CARRIED

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

Moved in camera at 7:29pm

11. IN-CAMERA

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

12. Out of Camera

MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday, June 8th at 6pm, **online.**

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31pm.

14. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Leads

Tam Aljundi - Total 70 of Hours

UVic Student Housing Advocacy (5 hours)

- Continued advocacy on the UVic 510-bed student housing expansion project.
- Followed up on housing-related communications after the Saanich Council decision, including local government and media-related outreach.

UVic AI Academic Integrity Policy (23 hours)

- Continued work on the UVic AI academic integrity policy issue.
- Supported discussions on student concerns, including consultation, fairness, privacy, academic rights, and possible next steps.

UVSS Consultation and communication (5 hours)

- Took part in discussions on how UVSS approaches.
- Reviewing guides and feedback on meaningful team relationship-building.

BC Transit / VRTC Representation (6 hours)

- Followed up on student representation at the Victoria Regional Transit Commission.
- Looked into how UVSS can stay engaged in transit advocacy while not holding the formal VRTC student seat this term.

External Relations and Coalition Work (9 hours)

- Responded to external communications and meeting requests from student advocacy partners and community stakeholders.
- Continued building relationships with student advocacy partners and external links.
- Supported early coordination on broader student issues, including affordability, housing, transportation, and student rights.

Internal Governance (22 hours)

- Participated in
 - Internal onboarding (x2)
 - governance discussions
 - meetings.
- Worked through director responsibilities, committee planning, board process, time-tracking expectations, and internal communication practices.

Mohan Selvarajan - Total # 40 of Hours

- **Portfolio Planning & Events Calendar Development** — (20 hours)
 - Reviewed Lindsey's handoff manual and 2026–2027 training manual to understand recurring events, past formats, and key contacts
 - Built and iterated the UVSS Fall 2026 Events Portfolio Excel workbook across multiple versions, including Fall 2026 Overview, CKO Detail, Recurring Events, and My New Event Ideas tabs
 - Built the Winter 2027 Events Portfolio Excel workbook from scratch, including Winter 2027 Overview, Recurring Events, Collaborations, and My New Event Ideas tabs with consistent formatting, colour-coding, and status tracking across all sheets

Meeting with Leanne — (1 hour)

- Met with Leanne for onboarding check-in; discussed portfolio priorities, board responsibilities, and transition from previous Director of Events
- Reviewed key handoff items and confirmed approach to summer pre-term planning

Miscellaneous Board & Administrative Tasks — (19 hours)

- Reviewed previous years' events calendars and strategic planning documents to inform 2026–2027 portfolio direction

- Began identifying vendor contacts, room booking timelines, and graphics/comms order deadlines for Fall 2026 events
- Reviewed UVSS Constitution and Bylaws (Section 8.3) and Democratic Rules of Order in preparation for chairing Events Committee

Mariah Luzon - Total # of Hours: 70

- *Strategic Planning - (25 hr)*
 - Past documents/Seeing what can be done better and scope of work
 - Vendor Research and Outreach
 - Going over facilities processes
 - Going through budget and potential ideas for what's feasible and what aligns with sustainability goals ie led retrofit , bas system, solar heating etc
 - Identifying potential sponsor leads for upcoming year
- *Finance and Operations - (25 hr)*
 - Meeting with Dale
 - Going over Feb and March statements identifying weak points
 - Emails
 - Reviewing what comms orders needed for Fall 2026
 - Review Constitution and bylaws for chairing committees
 - BOD, exec meetings
- *Misc Board Tasks - (20 hr)*
 - Check signing
 - Food bank walkthrough and talk about potential for additional storage
 - AVP meeting
 - Committee tasks (scheduling, Familiarizing oneself with what to do given past dir. deleted content, FRAC lookover, Actual committee meetings)
 - Marketing ideas
 - Manager's meeting

Directors at Large

Ame Sillars - 8 Hours Total

- *Emergency Board Meeting - (1)*
 - Attended and engaged in emergency board meeting
- *Meetings with Directors and Representatives - (4 hours)*
 - Meetings with Directors - 1.5 hours
 - Meetings with Advocacy Representatives - 2.5 hours
- *Administrative & Office Responsibilities - (1 hour)*

- Returned emails and messages
- Collected information
- *Committee Meetings - (2 hours)*
 - AVP and U-pass committees

Evan Maher - 11.5 Hours

- *Outreach Portfolio Meeting - (1 Hour)*
 - Meeting with Matthew and Alena
- *Email Drafting - (2 Hours)*
 - Drafted email motion and email communication
- *Teams Messaging - (2 Hours)*
 - Read, Processed, and Responded to Messages in the Teams Channels
- *Outreach Strategic Planning Meeting - (.5 Hours)*
 - Met to discuss outreach plan and University communications
- *AIP Working Group Meetings - (6 Hours)*
 - Met to discuss AIP

Artem Kuklev - Total 3 of Hours

- *Administrative & Policy Work:*
 - Emergency Board Meeting 1 hr
 - AIP and policy review for E-Mail motion - 2 hrs

Representatives

K'Sana Wood Lynes-Ford - Total 10.5 of Hours

- *Admin - 3.5 hrs*
 - Responding to teams and emails (1.5 hours)
 - Reviewing relevant policy and providing feedback (2 hours)
- *Meetings - (7 hours)*
 - BoD meeting - 5 hours
 - Meeting with NSU staff - 1hr x 2

Roven Brooks-Stephenson - 9 Hours

- *Emails - 1 hr*
- *BoD meeting - 4 hrs*
- *AVP committee - 1 hr*

- *UPass appeals committee - .5 hrs*
- *SOCC collective meeting - 1 hr*
- *Teams - 1.5 hrs*

Acorn Wasserman - Total 19.3 Hours

- *Internal Meetings - (9.5)*
 - BoD meetings
 - May 11 (4.5)
 - May 15 (1)
 - Coordinator check in (1)
 - Council meeting (1)
 - Bus pass committee (1)
- *External Meetings - (1)*
 - Access4All
- *Administrative / Other - (8.8)*
 - Emails (1)
 - Paperwork (20min)
 - Policy review
 - AIP (6)
 - Orientation (1.5)

Cecilia Bulbrook - Total 8.5 of Hours

- *Meetings*
 - May 11 Board Meeting (4.5)
 - May 11 Board Meeting After Chat (1)
 - Coordinator and Outreach Meeting (1)
- *Administration*
 - Teams correspondence (2)
- *Heading Four - (Number of Hours for this section)*
 - Task/Item completed within section Four
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Jayce Kusardi - 1 hr 30 min

- *Meetings - 1 hr 30 min*