MINUTES
University of Victoria Students' Society
Monday, June 8 – online

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Attendance:

Lead Directors: Mathew Allen Curtis, Mariah Luzon, Cherop Lyoba, Tam Aljundi, Maddy Vanderhoof, Mohan

Directors-at-Large: Ame Sillars, Juliette Kaniki, Donovan Wood-Gaines, Lila Grierson, Alena Gavrilenko, Evan Maher

Advocacy Representatives: Jayce Kusardi, Roven Brooks-Stephenson, Acorn Wasserman, Cecilia Bulbrook, K'sana Wood Lynes-Ford,

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

Regrets: Artem Kuklev

Guests: Declan Snowden, Setayesh Salamat

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:01pm

2. LIVESTREAM

CONSENT MOTION 2026/06/08: 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, June 8, 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. **2026/06/08**

MOTION TO ADOPT - LYNES-FORDS/BULBROOK

MOTION TO AMEND - WASSERMAN/BROOKS-STEPHENSON

Motion to add Director Reports

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to add club ratification

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED, AGENDA ADOPTED

b. **Adoption of Minutes**

i. **2026/05/25**

MOTION TO ADOPT - WASSERMAN/BULBROOK

MOTION CARRIED, MINUTES ADOPTED

5. RATIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

6. PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. PRESENTATIONS

Evan Maher - Universal Extended Time (UET) and proposed Terms of Reference (ToR)

UET Terms of Reference

b. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. EMAIL MOTIONS

8. MAIN MOTIONS

a. Priority business

MOTION 2026/06/08: 02 - VANDERHOOFT/BROOKS-STEPHENSON

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

Committee:	Vacancy:	Nominations:	Elected:
Search Committee in the Faculty of Science for a Chair in the Department of	One (1) Member-at-Large	1. Aryan Sethi 2. Jayce Kusardi	1. Jayce Kusardi

Mathematics and Statistics.			

Info: Looking for one undergraduate student registered in the Faculty of Science that could serve in this capacity, ideally students from Mathematics and Statistics Department, but this is not mandatory.The committee will begin meeting in late summer and will run into the fall. Generally, the time commitment involves 5-6 meetings, 1 to 2 hours in duration (total 6-12 hour time commitment).
Kusardi abstains
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2026/06/08: 03 - LUZON/SILLARS
BIRT nominations be opened\ 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

Committee:	Vacancy:	Nominations:	Elected:
Ombudsperson Advisory Committee	**One [1] student senator elected by the BoD**	1. Tam Aljundi	**1.** Tam Aljundi
Ombudsperson Advisory Committee	**One [1] member at large elected by the BoD**	1. Aryan Sethi 2. Roven Brooks-Stephenson	1. Roven Brooks-Stephenson

Brooks-Stephenson Abstains
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2026/06/08: 04 - ALJUNDI/WASSERMAN
WHEREAS The Food Bank student staff report directly to a coordinator. Melony, as the UVSS Services Coordinator, has been the primary point of contact for Food Bank staff and has been directly involved with the Food Bank operations, including organizing agendas and meetings,
WHEREAS The Garden has also been a long-standing partner of the Food Bank and has requested representation on the committee. The Food Bank Committee has approved bringing The Garden onto the committee as a non-voting member,
BIRT The Board of Directors Policy Section 4 Part 2.6.d be amended as follows:

2.6 FOOD BANK COMMITTEE

d. Membership

i. Voting Members

1. Food Bank Officer(s) – ex officio and (co-)chair(s) of the committee

2. UVSS Director of Finance and Operations 3.

1 UVSS Director

ii. Non-voting members

1. Human Resources and Administrative Services Manager
2. **Service Coordinator (secretary)**
3. **Campus Community Garden Office Coordinator**

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 2026/05/25: 05 - VANDERHOOFT/WOOD LYNES-FORD
Motion to ratify the following Clubs with no funding:

- UVic Renewable Energy Club
- Policy and Economics Club
- UVic Women in Science
- UVic Yoga Club

Luzon Abstains
MOTION CARRIED

b. Old Business

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:
Events	**Two (2) seats**	1. Cherop Lyoba 2. Setayesh Salamat	1.Cherop Lyoba 2.Setayesh Salamat
Member Outreach & Engagement	**Two (2) seats**	1. Ame Sillars 2. Setayesh Salamat	1.Ame Sillars 2.Setayesh Salamat
Policy Development	**Two (2) seats**		1. 2.

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 - WOOD LYNES-FORD/KUSARDI
Motion CARRIED
Moved in camera at 7:54pm

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 22nd at 6pm, **online.**

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 8:46pm

14. BOARD DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Leads

Tam Aljundi - 75

- *Internal meetings & Admin (35)*
    a. *Connecting with students/concerns and hopes*
        - *Discussion/Addressing carried-over concerns from previous year*
        - *Methods to get involved*
        - *Setting up expectations*
    b. *Committees participations and discussions*
        - *Setting up the stage for they year ahead*
    c. *Reviewing on campaigns budgets*
    d. *BoD meetings and prep*
    e. *Continued working with staff, Advocacy groups and executives to understand portfolio expectations, communications processes, and how to coordinate effectively across UVSS files.*
    f. *Reviewing of UVSS Policies and current setup and systems*
        - *Organizations and structures*
    g. *AI policy concerns, setting up action plan. Advocacy on Senate and BoG.*

- *External work/meetings (15)*
    a. *BC3*
        - *Meeting and Communication with AMS, SUO, SFU*
            - *Lobbying plans*
            - *Priorities*
            - *Changes*
            - *Effectivness*
        - *Discussion and planning for shared goals and strategies*
        - *SU shared issues and concerns review*
    b. *1:1 discussion with SUO around shared issues and goals planning*
    c. *BC govt communications and strategies for coming up submission of recommendations.*

d. Introductions and connections with UVIC new president.
e. Continued building relationships with campus and community partners to support future campaign work around student wellbeing, safety, affordability, housing, and accessibility.

- *Portfolio (25)*
    a. Continued preparing for the first Campaigns Committee meeting, including reviewing the committee's role, Terms of Reference, quorum, voting structure, and possible campaign priorities for the year.
    b. Began identifying early campaign priorities around student housing, affordability, food security, transit, student rights, academic experience, mental health, sexualized violence prevention, and campus wellbeing.
    c. Worked on framing the Campaigns portfolio as a space for practical, student-facing advocacy that is visible, useful, and grounded in student needs.
    d. Reviewing previous UVSS campaigns achieve
        - *Meeting previous leads and reflections on current goals*
    e. Checking other campaigns elsewhere
    f. Challenges and goals evaluation and how to address them
    g. Committee agenda's and planning groups and organizing time-line.
    h. Organizing/Evaluating potential speakers for campaigns events

Matthew Allen Curtis - 61

- *Meetings - (18.5)*
    a. Operations Pre-meeting 1
    b. Executive 2
    c. Board meetings, prep and after discussions 3
    d. Pride Statement meeting 1
    e. OAC 1
    f. General Committees 5
    g. Portfolio 1
    h. Other 4.5

- *Statements - (13.5)*
    a. Research and reading 8
    b. Writing 3
    c. Planning future statements 0.5

- *Admin - (14)*
    a. Email 8
    b. Academic Integrity Admin work 3
    c. Time accounting 1
    d. Cheques 2

- *Portfolio Work - (15)*
    a. Morning with Matt 3
    b. Policy review 8
    c. Connecting with Students 4

Maddy Vanderhooft - Total 70 of Hours

- *Admin - (45)*
    a. Email Communications
    b. Cheque Signing
    c. Office Hour/Meetings
    d. Website Updating
    e. Cheque requisitions

- *Clubs & CU Council - (13)*
    a. Processing Club and Course Union Registrations
    b. Preparing Agendas
    c. Receiving Travel Pool, Academic Funding, Publishing, SPG, application
    d. Chairing meeting
    e. Policy Review
    f. Email follow-ups on conditional ratification/ club status

- *Meetings - (12)*
    a. Board meeting
    b. Policy Development
    c. Advocacy Relations Committee
    d. Executive Meetings
    e. Meeting with Leads

Cherop Lyoba - 5.53 hours

- *Heading One - AI Policy/ Planning (3.4 hours)*
    a. Readings for AI policy
    b. Email responses
    c. Planning and Consultation with previous ISR

- *Heading Two - Email responses (0.72 hours)*

- *Heading Three - Initial Planning Session with ISR (1.16)*
    a. Planned Events next semester
    b. Planned UVSS ISR Training
    c. Planned other ISC and UVSS collaborations
- *Heading Four - Email responses (0.25)*

Representatives

K’Sana Wood Lynes-Ford - 10.5 hours total

- *Meetings- (6hrs total)*
    a. Personnel committee meetings (1hr x 2)
    b. Meeting with outreach (1hr)
    c. Policy Development committee (1hr)
    d. ARC Meeting (1hr)
    e. NSU Staff check-in (1hr)

- *Admin - (4.5 hours)*
    a. Review of personnel committee documents for bargaining (30 mins)
    b. Reviewing and responding to emails, Teams messages, and posts (2 hrs)
    c. Review of other relevant UVSS policies (2 hrs)

Roven Brooks-Stephenson - 8 Hours

- *Teams - 1 hr*
- *Events committee - 1 hr*
- *ARC - 2 hrs*
- *BoD meeting - 2.5 hrs*
- *SOCC event - 2 hrs*

Acorn Wasserman - Total 12.5 of Hours

- *Internal Meetings - (10.5 hours)*
    - BoD (2.5)
    - Campaigns (1)
    - Outreach (2)
    - Policy Dev (1)
    - ARC (2)
    - Executive Council “Thrive” (1)
    - Coordinator check in (1)

- *External Meetings - (1 Hour)*
    - Access4All (1)

- *Admin/ Other* - (1.5 Hours)
    - Paperwork (1.5)

Cecilia Bulbrook - Total 2.5 Hours

- *Meetings - (2.5)*
  a. ARC (1hr)
  b. Events (1hr)
  c. GEM staff (.5hr)

Jayce Kusardi - Total 3 Hours

- Meetings - 3 hr
  a. Events committee
  b. FinOps committee
  c. Pride meeting
  d. ARC