University of Victoria Graduate Students’ Society

Semi Annual General Meeting DRAFT Minutes

March 29, 2016

Grad House Restaurant

Halpern Centre for Graduate Studies, University of Victoria

PRESENT:

Robert Livingstone, Business Administration
Phil Henderson, Political Science/CSPT
Gabriela Luciani, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Julie Fortin, Environmental Studies
Joe Kolthammer, Physics & Astronomy
Jennifer McConnell, Social Dimensions of Health
Seamus Wolfe, Political Science
Sarah Warder, Interdisciplinary Studies
Joseph Horan, Mathematics & Statistics
Astara Light, Art History & Visual Studies
Kierstyn Butler, Child & Youth Care
Markus Sommerfeld, Mechanical Engineering
Josh Meyer, Educational Psychology & Leadership Studies
Theo Christianse, English
Harpreet Parhar, Business Administration
Laurent Sevigny, Business Administration
Nels Carlson, Business Administration
Cory Shankman, Physics & Astronomy
Alex Hoggarth, Biology
Patrick Reeson, Division of Medical Sciences
Hazen Fowler, Business Administration
Mike Chen, Physics & Astronomy
Ryan Butler, Sociology
David Collins, Mathematics & Statistics
Andrew Hettle, Biochemistry & Microbiology

Chris Lim, Exercise Science, Physical Health & Education (via videoconference)
David Schostek, Dispute Resolution (Via videoconference)
Joëlle-Alice Michaud-Ouellette, Political Science
Farmoosh Farhoomand, Biology
Jasem Estakhr, Biology
Anastasia Litke, Biology
Nicholas Wees, Anthropology
Jamie Constable, Geography, Electoral Officer
Katrina Flanders, History, Chair
Alexander Kovalchuk, Political Science, Director of Finance
Hilary Cullen, Exercise Science, Physical Health & Education, Director of Services
Elissa Whittington, Political Science, Director of Student Affairs
Amanda McLaughlin, Neuroscience, Director of Communications

Non-voting attendees:
Stacy Chappel, Executive Director
Brandy Sistili, Operations & Services Manager
Matthew Park, Interim Health and Dental Plan Coordinator, meeting recorder
Rinita Mazumder, Interim Office Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm with FLANDERS in the chair.
KOVALCHUK acknowledge the meeting was held on traditional unceded territories.

MEETING BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION M/S SOMMERFELD/SHANKMAN
RESOLVED to approve the agenda as presented.
CARRIED
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION M/S SHANKMAN/HORAN

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2015 Annual General Meeting as presented.

CARRIED

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

MCLAUGHLIN introduced the Executive Board’s year-end report, and noted some of the report highlights.

WHITTINGTON thanked all the GRC reps, Committee members and volunteers whose hard work has made all the Board’s accomplishments possible.

SISTILI spoke to the Staff’s annual review, accomplishments and suggestions.

GSS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Food & Beverage Committee:
SISTILI spoke to the composition and mandate of and work completed by the FBC. Dinner specials.

Appeals Committee:
CULLEN noted that the Appeals Committee heard over 40 U-Pass and Health Plan-related appeals.

Finance Committee:
LIVINGSTONE reported that the Committee had six budget working sessions this year, as well as consultations with students, and gave input that made the new budget possible.

Organizational Development Committee:
SHANKMAN reported the committee has been reviewing Committees terms of reference.

Services Committee:
CULLEN reported the Services Committee had a very active year organizing social events. The committee introduced use of a feedback form after each event. CULLEN invited everyone to this Saturday’s scavenger hunt.

Communications Committee:
MCLAUGHLIN reported the committee produced the GSS handbook/day planner, revamped the email bulletin. The committee has started new grad student handbook for incoming graduate students.

Student Affairs Committee:
WARDER explained that the committee has been working on the Supervisory Relationship document; has designed a survey to find out if students are aware of the policy, have used it, etc. She encouraged members to complete the survey.

Update on the Strategic Plan

MCLAUGHLIN provided an overview of the Board’s strategic goals and the progress made on them to date. Notable achievements not already mentioned in committee reports included increasing engagement in Graduate Representative Council (GRC) and the implementation of active GRC committees, holding a fee referendum, and work with other BC universities to lobby for re-establishment of a BC Graduate Scholarship.
She noted significant progress on obtaining a dedicated graduate students seat on UVIC’s Board of Governors, noting that the Senate and Board of Governors are currently considering this proposal.

**Report from the Stipend Review Committee**

FLANDERS reported that LIVINGSTONE and WOLFE have resigned from the Stipend Review Committee in order to run in the Executive Board election. As a result, they cannot move the motion to increase the stipend or speak to the motion, although it could be moved by HETTLE who was committee chair and seconded by another member if they wished to have the report considered at the meeting.

HETTLE provided an overview of the Stipend Review Committee’s mandate to review and make recommendations on the Executive Board stipends. He presented the report, which recommended an increase to each of the Executive Board stipends. He said the proposal reflects a concern that the Executive Board members invest more time than currently reflected in the stipend compensation.

**Resignations and conflict of interest**

KOLTHAMMER expressed concern that members resigned from the Stipend Review Committee and then ran for positions affected by the stipend increase proposal. He thought this was poor optics.

On the question of the resignations, FLANDERS stated the GSS Bylaws have no language about the procedure for resignations, except that the Grad Council, which is the appointing body, follows Robert’s Rules. Robert’s Rules requires resignations to be accepted at a meeting of the appointing body. However, the GSS has not previously followed this procedure. As such her decision as chair was to make the issue public for transparency. FLANDERS said she expected procedures for resignations to be improved in future.

MICHAUD-OUELETTE expressed concern about conflict of interest and thought this was the reason the Bylaws state members of the Stipend Review Committee cannot run for the Executive Board.

SHANKMAN stated that he did not believe the stipend proposals were made in bad faith. He said that the conflict of interest question was about the election, not the stipend.

KOLTHAMMER disagreed and that any conflict of interest would relate to the optics of both the election and the report.

HORAN stated the meeting should deal with the stipend question now, and deal with the possible conflict of interest of former Stipend Review Committee members during the election portion of the agenda.

WOLFE seconded Horan’s sentiment. He said he resigned from Stipend Review Committee because it was important to be transparent when there is a potential for conflict.

**Report data**

In regards to the proposal, KOLTHAMMER noted that the report’s table does not include hours worked for all positions in some years, or the current stipends. Consequently, he thought the chart was inconclusive. He asked whether this is a large increase compared to past increases.

HETTLE responded that the last significant change to the stipend was an increase to the Director of Finance stipend four years ago, which added four hours. There have also been adjustments in keeping with CUPE rate increases some years.

HENDERSON noted that if the last increase was in 2012, this means stipends have no kept pace with inflation.

HOGGARTH asked why there is a recommendation for a 12 hour per month increase for the Director of Student Affairs position, when the proposal is for an eight hour increase for the other positions.
HETTLE explained that this recommendation was made in light of the big jump in hours put in by the Director in recent years, noting the jump in hours from 2010-11 to subsequent years.

Referring to the data table in the report, WEES said he did not know how to reconcile the discrepancy between high hours reported in previous years and lower hours worked by this year's board in some positions. He asked if there was a reason for this discrepancy. He asked if the recommendation to increase the hours was aspirational.

HETTLE noted the report gives three options (status quo, the proposed stipend increase described in the motion, and a lower increase in stipend). The committee has to prepare a motion for the SAGM, and the preferred option is the one described in the motion.

Amount of proposed increase
In response to a question, CHAPPEL reported the current stipends of the Executive Board are $629.46 per month for Chair and Director of Finance, and $532.62 per month for Directors of Services, Student Affairs, or Communications., and the proposal is an increase of the stipends to $823.14 per month for the Chair, Director of Finance, and Director of Student Affairs, and an increase to $726.30 per month for the Directors of Services and Communications.

KOLTHAMMER noted these are very large increases, percentage-wise. He questioned the rationale for the increase provided in the Stipend Review Committee report.

COLLINS pointed out that the stipend budget is relatively small compared to the organization’s overall budget.

Three options provided in the report
HETTLE asked whether the other options in the Stipend Review Committee report would be discussed if this motion is defeated.

CHAPPEL said if a motion to increase the stipend fails, the current stipend will be unchanged for the coming year. She suggested that members interested in the mid-range option could amend the motion.

Level of director involvement
KOLTHAMMER said directors had always worked as needed, and the stipend was not an hourly wage in past. He asked if the bylaws had been changed, or if the directors still work as much as they see fit.

CHAPPEL agreed that past Stipend Review Committee reports had specified that stipends do not reflect an hourly rate. She noted there has been an ongoing practice to have stipends comparable to CUPE TA positions. She reported there have been minor adjustments to the directors’ duties described in the bylaws, such as removing the editing of a defunct print publication from the duties of the Director of Communications or making the role of representative to the UVSS one that can be held by any director. However there has not been a significant change to Executive Board duties in the last decade.

WHITTINGTON stated that Executive Board roles can take up as much time as a director allows, there is always more that can be done.

KOVALCHUK noted the CUPE TA rates are low compared with other universities. He stated that one of the strategic goals was to get more involvement; he stated that most student executives in Canada are full-time paid positions.

In response to a question about how the GSS ensures director fulfill their obligations, SHANKMAN reported that the bylaws allow Grad Council to refuse the stipends.
MICHAUD-UELLETTE stated the goal of increasing active involvement in the organization will not necessarily be addressed by this change in stipend. She suggested adding a layer of oversight or increasing a stipend is not necessarily the same as mobilising members to participate.

FOWLER observed that if there are vacancies on the Executive Board, they may be due to inadequate compensation.

**MOTION M/S HETTLE/SOMMERFELD**

RESOLVED the recommendation of the Stipend Review Committee are accepted, and effective April 1, 2016, the Executive Board stipends will be as follows:

- Chair: $823.14 /month
- Director of Finance: $823.14 /month
- Director of Student Affairs: $823.14 /month
- Director of Communications: $726.30 /month
- Director of Services: $726.30 /month

CARRIED

CHRISTIAANSE and WEEZ noted their opposition.

McLAUGHLIN, WOLFE, LIVINGSTONE noted their abstentions.

**CONSIDERATION OF BYLAW CHANGES RECEIVED WITH NOTICE**

CULLEN introduced the motion to revise required notice for an election.

**MOTION M/S BUTLER/SHANKMAN**

RESOLVED BYLAW 4.5 is amended and replace section 4.5.2 as follows:

BYLAW 4.5 Notice of Elections and Referenda:

1. At least twenty-one (21) days’ notice of an election and/or a referendum shall be given to members, specifying the schedule of elections and referenda.

2. Notice shall consist of not less than a quarter (1/4) page advertisement in campus media, a poster sent to each academic unit for posting, and notice to all Grad Reps.

At minimum, notice shall consist of:

a. An advertisement in campus media of not less than a quarter (¼) page;

b. A poster sent to each academic unit for posting;

c. An email sent to every eligible member; and

d. Notice to all Grad Reps

CARRIED
KOVALCHUK introduced the proposed budget. He noted that the Finance Committee, GRC, and members at large all collaborate to create the budget. Includes public consultation. He explained the overall goals and assumptions that went into the budget’s creation.

KOVALCHUK reported membership fees include new fees approved by referendum in November 2015, as well as CPI increases for the Operating Fund and Capital Fund fees.

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† *These fees are increased annually by BC CPI. Only pre-existing fees have CPI applied in the 2016-17 year.*

* *These fees are not charged if students are registered in co-op only, or as an off campus student.*

KOVALCHUK reported that revenues are based on year to date experience, and the last audit. He also noted the inter-fund reallocations are used to show how shared costs are distributed across funds, and these are shown as a separate line. For expenses shared by the Food and beverage fund, square footage is used for utilities and maintenance, and a time estimate is used for management salaries. The expenses for the Health and Dental Fund are shared based on a percent of program staff versus total office staffing cost.
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA GRADUATE STUDENTS’ SOCIETY
BUDGET 2016-2017

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| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSE | 59,924 | 12,383 | (59,924) | 40,279 | 0 | 52,662 |
KOVALCHUK noted that the Operating Fund and Food and Beverage Fund must balance out, to ensure they do not rely on restricted funds to cover their expenses.

HORAN asked KOVALCHUK to clarify the Kovalchuk Legacy Contingency Fund. KOVALCHUK explained the budget had not included enough contingency so the committee created one to assign the budget's remaining $92 to contingency and encourage contingency in future.

**MOTION M/S KOVALCHUK/HORAN**

RESOLVED the 2016-17 Budget is approved as presented.

CARRIED

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS**

Report of the Electoral Officer

CONSTABLE reported Nominations opened February 14, 2016 and closed at 4:00 pm February 24, 2016. One nomination was received and accepted, which was from Julie Fortin for the Director or Services position.

A notice was issued that the Chair, Director of Finances, Director of Communications and Director of Student Affairs positions were to be filled at the SAGM in accordance with Bylaw 4.11: Extraordinary Election Procedures. CONSTABLE read the bylaw into the record for the members present:

> In the event that no nomination is received for an Executive Board position during normal electoral nomination procedures as outlined in Bylaws 4.1 through 4.11, the following extraordinary elections procedures will be followed:

i. The electoral officer will issue a call for candidates for any Executive Board positions for which there is no nominee. Call for candidates will be issued via email to all members of the Society and posters in all academic units stipulating the process as outlined in Bylaw 4.11.i.

ii. Candidates can nominate themselves in person at the Semi-Annual General Meeting, or submit a written statement of candidacy to the electoral officer at least one day prior to the Semi-Annual General Meeting.

iii. If a position is contested, all Society members present at the meeting will vote by secret ballot to decide the winner.

iv. If the position is not contested, all Society members present will vote by secret ballot to acclaim the candidate.

b. Bylaw 4.11 shall only be enacted in cases where one (1) week’s notice can be provided before the Semi-Annual General Meeting.

CONSTABLE explained that WOLFE and LIVINGSTONE each submitted a resignation from the Stipend Review Committee on the Grad Council listserv, and stated that they were resigning as they were interested to stand for the vacant Executive Board positions. CONSTABLE reported she provided her interpretation of bylaws 10.1 and Bylaw 4.7a via the listserv, and stated that members of Stipend Review Committee are not eligible to stand for the election. CONSTABLE read these bylaws into the record for the members present:

*Bylaw 4.7a: Election Nominations and Referendum Sides:*
Nominees must be members of the Society. The Electoral Officer and members of the Electoral Appeals Committee cannot stand for election to the Executive Board. Members of the Stipend Review Committee cannot stand for election to the Executive Board in a regular election.

**BYLAW X - EXECUTIVE BOARD DIRECTOR STIPEND**

10.1 Directors of the Executive Board shall receive an annual stipend in an amount to be recommended by the Stipend Review Committee and approved at a General Meeting. The Committee will be elected by the Graduate Representative Council annually. Terms of reference for the committee will be set by the Graduate Representative Council, but the Committee’s purpose(s) must include an annual review of the directors’ hours and stipends. The Stipend Review Committee may invite any member of the Executive Board to submit information pertinent to the work of the committee. However, no current Executive Board member may sit on the Stipend Review Committee. Further, no current member of the Stipend Review Committee may stand for election to the Executive Board.

CONSTABLE reported that WOLFE objected to her ruling, and as a result she asked CHAPPEL to obtain a legal opinion on the matter. Legal counsel advised that GSS bylaws have a loophole that allows resignations from the Stipend Review Committee, Electoral Appeals Committee, or Electoral Officer role in order to run in the election.

CONSTABLE reported further advice was that normally resignations should be handled within our policy (which is to use Robert’s Rules). Resignations cannot be unreasonably denied, however, the duties cannot be abandoned until there is opportunity for the resignation to be effective, and a society should have reasonable time to make a replacement. It could be argued that this has not happened, however, this resignation process is not part of past practice at the GSS. As such, CONSTABLE reported that her decision was that corrected practice for resignations from committees will not be introduced in this case in order to remedy an electoral issue.

CONSTABLE recommended that the GSS clarify its rules and procedures for resignations. She recommended the membership consider whether they wish to exclude Stipend Review Committee members from running for the Executive Board positions, and update the bylaws to ensure the intentions of the members are clear.

**Ratification of acclaimed candidates for the Executive Board**

CONSTABLE asked for a motion to ratify the acclamation of the Director of Services.

**MOTION M/S FORTIN/SHANKMAN**

RESOLVED Julie FORTIN’s acclamation as Director of Services is ratified.

CARRIED

**Nominations and elections for vacant positions on the Executive Board**

CONSTABLE reported there were vacancies for Chair, Director of Finance, Director of Communications and Director of Student Affairs. She opened nominations for the positions.

Chair:
FLANDERS nominated Amanda McLAUGHLIN.

Finance:
There were no nominations.

Communications:
LIVINGSTONE nominated Seamus WOLFE.

Student Affairs:
David SCHOSTEK nominated himself.

CONSTABLE invited McLAUGHLIN to address the meeting. McLAUGHLIN thanked the members for allowing her to serve as Director of Communications said that she would be thrilled to continue working on the issues initiated by the Executive this year.

There were no questions for McLAUGHLIN.

CONSTABLE invited WOLFE to address the meeting. WOLFE apologised for confusion his Stipend Review Committee resignation and nomination may have caused. He said his intention was to serve the society, and only stood when the position went unfilled, which happened after the Stipend Review Committee submitted its recommendations. He provided an overview of his past experience and qualifications and said he was interested in working on campaigns such as lobbying the provincial government on student issues.

MICHAUD- OUELLETTE noted that her concern about conflict of interest is not from a legal perspective, but rather the perception. She asked WOLFE to comment on running on a loophole, and said we should encourage debate on this issue.

WOLFE commented that, in his opinion, we can only look at the bylaws as they are written, loopholes and all. He noted that he volunteered to participate because he saw vacant positions.

KOLTHAMMER noted that 10.1 says "no current member" of the Stipend Review Committee can run, but bylaw 4.7 says that Stipend Review Committee members are not eligible to run in the regular election. The same electoral officer is overseeing this, so in KOLTHAMMER'S opinion this is still part of the regular election.

MICHAUD- OUELLETTE asked WOLFE to speak to his plan for encouraging participation in the GSS.

WOLFE responded that advocacy is the primary purpose of any student organisation; he expressed his desire to update UVic's sexual assault policy, bullying and harassment policies, as well as work on the Supervisory Relationship Policy.

KOLTHAMMER asked WOLFE why he advocated for a stipend increase before then running for an Executive position.

WOLFE explained that he was participating in Stipend Review Committee in good faith and to the best of his ability; he had no intention of running until vacancies on the Board became apparent, and he feels that these contributions to the Society are completely separate.

CONSTABLE clarified that legal counsel suggested the GSS clarify what constitutes "extraordinary election procedures"; she reminded members that her decision to allow WOLFE to run based on advice received on the matter.
CONSTABLE noted SCHOSTEK is attending the meeting via video conference and had submitted his nomination in writing along with a candidate statement. She read the candidate statement to the members present:

Since Stanford’s website so succinctly defined the term, I will borrow their description of the role of the Student Affairs Committee:

“Student Affairs advances student development and learning; fosters community engagement; promotes diversity, inclusion and respect; and empowers students to thrive.”

The following are the elements of my platform for the position as Director for Student Affairs:

1. Coordinate efforts with Communications Committee to increase student engagement with the GSS:
   - Marketing the GSS and its relevance to increase student awareness of our function and operation;
   - Student-led outreach events to increase active participation with student government;

2. Coordinate efforts with Communication to reach out to student body to hear concerns relating to student affairs. “How can we contribute to the learning atmosphere of our campus?”

3. Increase UVSS/GSS cooperation to unify student body:
   - Liaise with UVSS to develop joint events.

4. Represent the student body on the Ombudsman Advisory Council with integrity and a profound sense of commitment:
   - As a MA Dispute Resolution student, I will employ the skills and knowledge gained from my program to advocate for the student body efficaciously.

I will encourage all members of the Student Affairs Committee to contribute their ideas.

As I have done in the past, I will advocate for the GRC. Should any task or project be brought to my attention by the GRC, I will work diligently to implement it.

It is central to everything I have done, and do, that projects be treated with a sustainable perspective. That is, if there is a job to be done, that it will not be performed merely to the point of implementation. It will be performed in such a way that accounts for the evolution of that project as circumstances change. Ongoing evaluation for any long-term project is essential to meeting this objective.

Student Affairs will seek to increase student participation in GSS under my guidance. Outreach will be emphasized; inclusion of the student body in governance will be central to this. If elected, I will endeavor to represent the GSS and the GRC with the utmost professionalism and concern for the integrity and effectiveness of our student government.

There were no questions for SCHOSTEK.

Seeing no questions, CONSTABLE asked for scrutineers. SOMMERFELD and SHANKMAN volunteered.
CONSTABLE verified there two members participating via videoconference and that SISTILI had the correct number of ballots to assist with their voting. She asked the scrutineers to verify that the ballot box was empty, which they did.

CONSTABLE explained the voting procedures, and called on members to cast their ballots.

CONSTABLE and the scrutineers retired to a private space to tally the ballots.

FLANDERS called for a recess for ballot counting at 7:10 pm.

FLANDERS called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

CONSTABLE reported that Amanda McLAUGHLIN is elected as Chair, David SCHOSTEK is elected as Director of Student Affairs, and Seamus WOLFE is elected as Director of Communications.

MOTION M/S CONSTABLE/KOVALCHUK
RESOLVED to destroy the election ballots.
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

FLANDERS invited questions from members about the Executive Board’s decision to halt the renovation. She noted there are written reports on the issue available in the agenda packages.

CHRISTIAANSE noted that a lot of time today was spent discussing bylaws, elections, and the work of the Stipend Review Committee. He suggested making the bylaws explicit could preclude problems in future.

HORAN asked for the Briefing on Building Renovation to be posted on the GSS website.

KOVALCHUK said this recommendation can be passed to the incoming Executive Board.

HORAN asked what will happen with vacant positions on the Executive Board at this point. FLANDERS stated that the new Executive Board is able to call a by-election.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION M/S HORAN/WOLFE
RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

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Approved, Chair                  Approved, Executive Director

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