The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm with McLAUGHLIN in the Chair.

**Present:**

- Joseph Horan, Mathematics & Statistics
- Adar Anisma, Linguistics
- Astara Light, Art History & Visual Studies
- Graeme Niedermayer, Physics & Astronomy
- Carla Osborne, History
- Marie Vance, Biology
- Quirin Holendorf, Environmental Studies
- Luci Marshall, Biology
- Naghmeh Dezabad, Computer Science
- Josh Meyer, Educational Psychology & Leadership Studies
- Michael Silla, Business Administration
- Arash Isapour, Theatre
- Olga Gould, Mathematics & Statistics
- Logan Fancis, Physics & Astronomy
- Cory Shankman, Physics & Astronomy
- Lee Anderson, Greek & Roman Studies
- Siobhan Darlington, Environmental Studies
- David Eso, English
- Joëlle Alice Michaud Ouellet, Political Science
- Anastasia Litke, Neuroscience
- Rad Haghi, Mechanical Engineering
- Teesha Baker, Biochemistry & Microbiology
- Jagjit Sing, Computer Science
- Elissa Whittington, Political Science
- Stephen Luehr, Exercise Science, Physical Health & Education
- Neil Barney, Greek & Roman Studies
- Hannah Mohun, Psychology
- Alok Shaurya, Chemistry
- Natasha Milosovich, Chemistry
- Meagan Beatty, Chemistry
- Lauren Thompson, Germanic & Slavic Studies
- Sadaf Samimi Gharai, Mechanical Engineering
- Sadegh Hasanpour, Mechanical Engineering
- Jessica Wyatt, Biology
- Emily Comeau, Linguistics
- Harmeet Singh Saimbhi, Computer Science
- Abhishek Arya, Computer Science
- Neda Savic, Biochemistry & Microbiology
- Mohan Noolu, Computer Science
- Nick Brodie, Biochemistry & Microbiology
- Farhad Jalilian, Mechanical Engineering
- Laura Pavezka, Curriculum & Instruction
- Amanda McLaughlin, Neuroscience, Chair
- Daniel Martin, English, Director of Communications
- Nicholas Bruce, Mechanical Engineering, Director of Finance
- Gillian Dornan, Biochemistry, Director of Student Affairs
- Julie Fortin, Environmental Studies, Director of Services
- Stacy Chappel, Executive Director
- Brandy Sistili, Operations & Services Manager

**AGENDA**

*Motion: RESOLVED to approve agenda as presented*

M/S ESO/SHANKMAN

CARRIED

**MINUTES**

*Motion: RESOLVED to approve minutes of 2016-10-25 AGM.*

M/S HORAN/ESO

CARRIED
REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Martin referred to the Executive Board report.

The Grad House renovation has undergone final costing estimates and will be proceeding to bid in April 2017. The ideal situation is that the bid will be accepted in May and construction begins in June.

The GSS Executive Board is continuing to work with the UVIC Executive to resolve our concerns about the legal status of Research Assistants. Currently, UVIC policy states that Research Assistants are not UVIC employees, and are directly employed by research grant holders that pay their salary. When issues arise, the GSS works to resolve issues on a case-by-case basis. We are pushing for a concrete change in policy to ensure RAs are protected by UVIC policies.

The GSS has continued advocating for a BC Graduate Scholarship, by raising it as a provincial election issue. BC is the only major province that doesn't provide a scholarship. The GSS, UVSS and UVIC, along with other members of the Research Universities’ Council of BC, are seeking $15 Million for Grad Student BC Scholarships. The GSS encourages graduate students who are eligible to vote in Canada, to attend and promote BC Graduate Scholarships at all candidate forums.

GSS Communications Committee’s major work was the GSS website redevelopment. The Communications Committee developed a tendering package, and the project was recently awarded to a Victoria based designer. Graduate students interested in participating and providing feedback during the design process should contact the Director of Communications.

The Bylaw and Policy Committee updated the GSS Electoral Policy. GSS Bylaws were also updated to reflect changes to the Societies Act.

REPORT FROM STIPEND REVIEW COMMITTEE

Horan reported the Stipend Review Committee had reviewed all Executive Board reports to Grad Council, and had recommended stipend top ups in two cases due to workload.

The Executive board stipends were substantially reviewed in 2016. No further changes will be proposed for Executive board stipends this year.

Horan reported the Committee’s recommendation to formally add the Electoral Officer stipend of $100. In response to a question, Horan clarified the stipend would be issued for the regular election period, with additional stipends issued should a by-election or referendum be held in a given year.

Motion: RESOLVED that the stipend for the Electoral Officer is $100 per election.

M/S HORAN/BAKER
CARRIED
BUDGET

Bruce presented the budget (see Appendix 1, page 5).

Bruce noted the revenue assumptions in the budget: that graduate student enrolment will remain constant, and there will be a CPI fee increase of 1.9% as per policy.

Expense assumptions are based on existing contracts, and continued increases to utilities. He noted that the Health Plan Fund budget is based on the current year. He noted the contract renewal process is underway, and may include fee increases and plan changes subject to member referendum.

The budget also assumes the latest completion date scenario should the renovation not be completed until December.

Capital and Building Fund financial plans will be dependent on the renovation decision, which will occur early in the new fiscal year.

Motion: RESOLVED to approve 2017-18 the budget as presented
M/S BRUCE/LUER
CARRIED

ELECTORAL OFFICER REPORT

Election results
Anisman reported that the Executive Board election was held March 1 – 3. 279 graduate students voted, representing 9% of eligible voters. The results were:

- Susan Kim was elected Chair;
- Daniel Martin was elected Director of Communications; and
- Jessica Wyatt was elected Director of Services.

Anisman reported there were no appeals and these results are final.

Acclamations
Anisman reported that there was a single candidate, Gillian Dornan, nominated for Director of Student Affairs during the election period. In accordance with Bylaws, acclaimed candidates must be ratified by the membership at a general meeting.

Motion: RESOLVED to ratify Gillian Dornan as Director of Student Affairs
M/S ANISMAN / OSBORNE
CARRIED
Election of Director of Finance

Anisman reported that there were no candidates nominated for the role of Director of Finance during the election period. In accordance with the bylaws, a call for candidates was issued, and an election would now proceed.

The chair opened nominations.

Arash Isapour, Lucy Marshall, Michael Silla and Olga Gould were nominated.

Nominations were closed and there was a question and answer period with the candidates.

An election was held by secret ballot. Anisman reported that Olga Gould was elected Director of Finance.

   Motion: RESOLVED to destroy ballots
   M/S ANISMAN / KIM
   CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

   Motion: RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting
   M/S SHANKMAN/LEUR
   CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Approved, Chair               Approved, Executive Director

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