UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA GRADUATE STUDENTS’ SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 2012

Present: Dallas Hermanson, Colleen Clement, Pål Skar, Brian Pollick

Regrets: Jon Potter, Stacy Chappel

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am with Hermanson in the Chair.

TASKS ASSIGNED AT THE MEETING

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TASK: Chappel was directed to review policy on tenancy in the dorms and prepare a detailed briefing for the Executive Board.
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STANDING ITEMS

AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as presented

MINUTES

M/S Hermanson/Pollick

RESOLVED the minutes from the July 4 2012 Executive Board meetings are approved with minor corrections.

CARRIED
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Hermanson said he was still waiting for a draft of the CUPE letter.

Pollick presented draft language for a motion to be presented to the Graduate Representative Council regarding graduate representation on the BOG. The board approved the language with a final review to be done by Stacy.

TASKS still outstanding or ongoing

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COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATES

Finance committee reported no updates

Food and beverage committee reported no updates

INTERNAL BUSINESS

MEETING WITH MARTINE CONWAY (OMBUDSPERSON)

Martine discussed the roles of the ombudsperson and how the ombudsperson promotes clear communication and fair practices within UVic's academic community. Martine also detailed how the ombudsperson has helped graduate students in previous years.

Pollick expressed concerns regarding the lack of conflict resolution taught to staff and students at
crucial times throughout the year (October/November/February/March). Pollick suggested that the ombudsperson’s office should coordinate a seminar session for administration and department chairs to learn about dispute resolution.

Hermanson/Skar/Clement agreed that this seminar would help graduate and undergraduate students and discussion around organizing a joint effort between the GSS and the ombuds office should continue in late September.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

M/S Pollick/Skar

RESOLVED Hermanson is appointed to the Grad Fee Reduction Committee

CARRIED

M/S Hermanson/Clement

RESOLVED Pollick is appointed to the Student Aid Appeals Committee

CARRIED

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GSS WEBSITE / HANDBOOK

Clement noted that the website still needs some minor changes but it should be up and running soon. Clement added that completing the GSS handbook is a top priority at the moment and Brandy Sistili was helping to finalize it.

NON-ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT POLICY

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GSS VIDEO

Hermanson reported he had continued work on a video for the GSS, and asked to take photos of executive members if they were willing.

Clement expressed concerns regarding the focus of the video and lack of detail regarding the final product.

Pollick agreed that the video needs more direction.

LUNCH WITH DR. TURPIN

The board agreed to schedule lunch with Dr. Turpin on August 29th at 12:00pm.
CONVOCATION COMMITTEE

Skar suggested to send the details regarding the convocation committee to Jon Potter before sending them to all the GSS members.

MEETING NEW GRADUATE DEAN

The board agreed to plan a formal lunch to meet the incoming graduate dean and then issue an invitation to Dr. Capson.

Approved, Chair

Approved, Executive Director