UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 3, 2012

Present: Jon Potter, Dallas Hermanson, Colleen Clement, Brian Pollick, Stacy Chappel

Regrets: Pal Skar

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am.

TASKS ASSIGNED

TASK: Pollick to follow up with Skar and to draft the final proposal regarding membership fee remittance for Operational Relations.

TABLED a discussion of principles regarding the fee reversal to Grad Council in November.

TASK: Chappel and Shi to work with Skar and Pollick on a briefing regarding health plan fee reversals

TASK: Chappel to include general meetings in governance structure committee's points for consideration.

TASK: Hermanson to obtain the event schedule of UVERT discussions for our files.

TASK: Hermanson to invite the University 101 representative to present at grad council in November to present, and ask her to request three years.

STANDING ITEMS

AGENDA

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES

The September 19, 2012 Executive minutes were approved with minor corrections.

BUSINESS ARISING

Potter asked about the posting for the Events Coordinator. Chappel said it had not been posted yet, and would be this week.

Chappel reported invitations had been sent to relevant departments to send someone to be introduced at the international welcome.
REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Finance: Pollick reported the audit and the management letter are complete. Finance Committee met last week and there is no new information because the August statements have already been circulated. Bank statement online access is being established. Finance committee meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2pm. We are in solid financial situation.

Executive Director: Chappel reported the Car coop membership was updated and three waitlisted members were admitted. She met with a group of graduate student parents who wished to form a mutual support group. She and Skar met online with the BC GSS, and a lobby platform was circulated. Notice for the AGM was sent to the members, and thus far no items for consideration were received. She also joined Clement and Potter at the UVIC 50th tabling on Saturday, and the quilt panels have had their first “defender” buttons added.

Pollick suggested a first aid course for babysitting exchange would be a contribution the GSS could consider making.

Communications: nothing to report

Services: Potter said the last two weeks were busy. The BBQ came together despite losing the Events Coordinator and Potter thanked Clement for stepping up to manage the room decoration and Hermanson for M.C.ing. The event was sold out. The open house was held last Friday. Potter reported a display about the history was made. It wasn’t busy but it was fun and enjoyable. Tabling Friday and Saturday at the 50th anniversary went well and quite a few alumni buttons were added to the quilt.

Chair: Hermanson attending talk by Quebec student leaders Thursday evening and other items are on the agenda.

INTERNAL BUSINESS

AGENDA FOR MEETING THE PRESIDENT

Meeting is on October 10 at 2pm in ASB 120

Next meetings are Nov 22, Feb 13, March 27.

Budget cuts – how will they be handled, especially in regards to graduate students.

Inform them working with operational relations re standardized formula for amount and schedule of fees.

Give us an update on implementation of % grade in place of letter grade, and whether there are issues that will result from uneven implementation.

In some departments there are no PhD courses. So everything is directed studies, and the paperwork takes a lot of delays, including award, bus pass, etc.

Recruitment and expansion but with no support guaranteed.

Unintended consequences on enrolment increase in a time of budget shrink.

What are some proposed solutions re enrolment expansion vs budget cuts
information on real impacts, ask that through the Dean of Graduate studies there be documentation gathered of problems and their magnitude

when we see what problems are greatest and most serious, determine what our interim and long term solutions can be

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Campus Planning Committee

M/S Pollick/Potter

RESOLVED Paula Johanson is elected as the graduate student representative to the Campus Planning Committee

CARRIED

Student Campus Health Advisory Committee

M/S Clement/Hermanson

RESOLVED Ghulam Mustafa is elected to the Student Campus Health Advisory

CARRIED

OPERATIONAL RELATIONS

Membership fee remittance

Pollick said he was sorry as he should have volunteered for the membership fee issue briefing, and didn't say so when Skar volunteered, and he hadn't had a chance to talk to Skar regarding the issue.

Pollick circulated some draft principles regarding UVIC collection of membership fees.

TASK: Pollick to follow up with Skar and to draft the final proposal regarding membership fee remittance for Operational Relations.

Health and Dental Fee Reversals

Skar's proposal regarding was circulated.

Pollick noted an additional key consideration is whether UVIC should be making the reversals.

There was a discussion of options.

TABLED a discussion of principles regarding the fee reversal to Grad Council in November.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting is on October 23, 2012 5pm, in the Grad House.
TASK: Chappel to include general meetings in governance structure committee's points for consideration.

Executive report – each person have 2 minutes to give a verbal report.

Audit – Pollick will present the audit.

It was decided there would be time set aside for small groups to discuss in 4-5 ask for what role the GSS should play in the life of students AND what was the most important issue do you think we should be working on.

INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST

Chappel reviewed the program for the International Graduate Student Welcome breakfast.

FUNDING REQUEST

UVERT

M/S Hermanson/Pollick

RESOLVED to donate $500 to UVERT

CARRIED

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UNIVERSITY 101

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MEETING SCHEDULE

The schedule of upcoming meetings was reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Approved, Chair

Approved, Executive Director

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