University of Victoria Graduate Students’ Society

Executive Board Minutes

October 6, 2015

Present: Elissa WHITTINGTON, Amanda McLAUGHLIN, Hilary CULLEN, Stacy CHAPPEL

Regrets: Katrina FLANDERS, Alexander KOVALCHUK

Meeting was called to order at 9:29 am with McLAUGHLIN in the chair.

TASKS ASSIGNED

TASK: CHAPPEL to prepare a briefing on the items for the UVIC-GSS Executive meeting

TASK: WHITTINGTON will send a doodle poll to set a new Executive Board standing meeting time.

STANDING ITEMS

AGENDA
The Agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES
Minutes for the September 15, 2015 Executive Board were approved with minor corrections.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
- Huxtable not available to chair the AGM
- CHAPPEL to circulate referenda calendar and give to electoral officer
- FLANDERS talked to registrar re INTD
- Orientation agenda DONE
- Other tasks are ongoing

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
RESOLVED the election-by-email of Bradley Cranwell to Registrar Search Committee and Erin Donwals to the Appointment Committee for AVP research is ratified; and

FURTHER RESOLVED Chris Lim is elected to the Convocation Committee; and

FURTHER RESOLVED Charlotte Whitney, Kevin Jackman and Jonathan Weller are elected to the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

M/S CULLEN/McLAUGHLIN
CARRIED
REFERENDA QUESTION
WHEREAS the Executive Board received input from Grad Council on the referendum questions approved at the September 15, 2015 Executive Board meeting, and
WHEREAS the GRAD COUNCIL supported breaking the referendum question on travel grants into two parts (one on Conference travel, and one on Distance travel), therefore
RESOLVED the Travel Grants referendum question approved at the SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 Executive Board meeting is struck and replaced with the following separate questions:

“Do you support the GSS establishing a travel grant fee of $4.25 per term, to be increased annually by the Consumer Price Index, to support the Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant Fund?

r YES
r NO

Do you support the GSS establishing a travel grant fee of $1 per term, to be increased annually by the Consumer Price Index, to support the Distance Graduate Student Travel Grant Fund?

r YES
r NO”

M/S WHITTINGTON/CULLEN
CARRIED

Chappel gave update on pricing for the two renovation options.

GSS – UVIC AGENDA
The Executive Board added the following items to the meeting between UVIC and GSS Executives.

- GSS Strategic Plan
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations: what is UVIC’s response?
- Update regarding the GSS referendum
- Follow up on past items
  o Equity Faculty policy
  o CCCBE

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GRAD COUNCIL AGENDA
Agenda for Grad Council is as follows

- SOUP CLUB (poster circulation)
- Referendum
  o How board got to this point
How to campaign on either side

- Committee appointments
- Cookie fundraiser
- INTD registration issue? Does it exist?
- Audit
- Notice re AGM

CLOSED ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS
McLaughlin is away 14 – 26, so will be away next Exec meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION
WHITTINGTON noted that since everyone has their full schedule now, she proposes discussing the meeting time at the next meeting.

TASK: WHITTINGTON will send a doodle poll about new Executive Board standing meeting time.

“Travel Grant Funding for first year students” and “Peers donation box” are tabled to the next meeting.

The following items are added to the next Executive Agenda

- Food and Beverage Committee Update
- Preliminary Action Plan for an advocacy program
- Forum on making Victoria a Sanctuary City

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned 10:13 am.

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Approved, Chair

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Approved, Executive Director

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