

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(ONLINE VIA ZOOM) MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2022

EXECUTIVE PRESENT: Summer OKIBE, Chair; Nahid Pourdolat SAFARI, Director of Student Affairs; Wyatt MADDUX, Director of Services; Robert BICKLEY, Director of Finance; Nicole KENT, Director of Communications (partial)

GUEST: Neil Barney, Operations and Services Manager standing in for TURNER

REGRETS: Kyla TURNER, Executive Director (non-voting)

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 with OKIBE in the chair.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land acknowledgement offered by SAFARI. OKIBE invited all board members to take a moment to reflect on their relationship to the lands that they are on.

C. ICE BREAKER

[KENT arrived at 1:45pm]

BARNEY lead the board on an ice breaker exercise.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED the agenda is approved as presented.

M/S: Maddox/Kent

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK IN

Discussion:

MADDUX leads discussion of internal Exec meeting (Maddox, Okibe, Safari)

- Discussed housing issue (including cost, especially increased cost, and lack of availability); unable to find stats, but seeing an uptick in scams around housing. Municipalities are changing laws, but these changes are slow. Similar, with Uvic housing initiatives.
- Lack of housing is preventing people from coming from Uvic.

- Want to connect with people who are working on this at Uvic.
- Discussion of letter writing campaigns, connecting with news outlets
- Supporting Uvic in advocacy campaigns – adequate, affordable housing

Communications (MADDOX)

- Need to bring ourselves into standards set out by Societies Act.
- Write new policy and approach Uvic to ensure that we are able to meet our obligations under the Societies Act

Events (MADDOX)

- COVID-19 has diminished events, but is a core pillar of the GSS
- Programming designed to engage a broad spectrum of grad students
- Repeat and hybridized programming to foster regrowth of community
- Safety highlighted as key component

BICKLEY

- Need to schedule collaborative meetings with Safari about shared items
- Grant eligibility appears vague on BC gov website. BICKLEY would like to inquire further into this.
- Want to explore RA legal status

TASKS:

- **Turner to connect the Executive Board with individuals at Uvic working on housing**

2. IN-CAMERA SESSION: LABOUR

Motion: RESOLVED to go in-camera at 1:55pm.

M/S: MADDOX/BICKLEY

CARRIED

Agenda items:

1. Approval of In-Camera Minutes
2. Collective Bargaining Report from BARNEY and BICKLEY

Motion: RESOLVED that the negotiated terms of the Collective Agreement with BC UWU for 2022-25 are accepted as presented.

M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI

CARRIED

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED the minutes from the June 7, 2022 Executive Board Meeting are approved as presented

M/S: BICKLEY/MADDOX

CARRIED

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

TASKS COMPLETED:

June 7, 2022: TASK: TURNER to respond to Ministry of Finance regarding a meeting about Societies Act amendment and invite BICKLEY.

- BICKLEY provided a summary of the meeting with Ministry of Finance

G. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

*Motion: RESOLVED to elect the following members to the below committees:
Adjudication Committee for the REACH Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Supervision and Mentorship*

Handled last meeting – SAFARI was elected

H. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The appendix will be empty if no correspondence has been received.

Item 1: Ombudsperson Letter Re: Collaboration on Issues Effecting Grad Students.

*Motion: RESOLVED the correspondence is received.
M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI
CARRIED*

Discussion: No discussion or tasks assigned

I. AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF

1. Planning: GRC June 21, 2022: Do all board members feel prepped and ready for GRC tonight?

Yes – some concern about the COVID-19 safety motion, but board members feeling ready to engage.

2. Debrief: Operational Relations June 14, 2022

Agenda item: Mike Wilson's Climate Sustainability Plan

Operational issue: TURNER was unable to submit agenda items on time due to Bargaining.

Discussion: No discussion or tasks assigned

J. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK-IN

Moved to New Business.

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: OKIBE no report

Director of Communications: KENT no report

Director of Finance: BICKLEY no report

Director of Services: MADDOX, increased parking cost at Uvic and monthly pass model with lack of consultation

TASK: OKIBE can be put on future agenda. SAFARI can raise at Operational Relations. (parking)

Director of Student Affairs: SAFARI, wants to provide something with our logo on it as part of orientation.

MADDOX suggests stickers as an affordable option.

Executive Director: TURNER has been on vacation for the last week and the week prior was caught up in bargaining. TURNER will be completing all outstanding tasks from the June 7 meeting ASAP upon her return and thanks the board for their patience. TURNER also thanks BARNEY for his tremendous work in covering for her during her vacation.

Operations and Services Manager: BARNEY no report

Further Discussion:

MADDOX timeline for Annual Plan? OKIBE for next Board Meeting establish timeline for Annual Plan.

TASK: MADDOX to create google drive for Annual Planning

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

****Task Reminder: Please be sure your meetings and events are up to date on the GRC Connect Calendar****

Next Executive Meetings: July 5, 2022 – chaired by: BICKLEY. Land acknowledgement by: MADDOX.

Next GRC Meeting: June 21, 2022 (tonight!)

AGM: October 25, 2022

Office, Staff Scheduling Notes: TURNER is back from vacation Thursday. She wishes everyone an excellent week without her and a happy and productive GRC tonight. Y'all are going to do great!

Halpern Centre will be closed Friday, July 1 for Canada Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: RESOLVED the meeting is adjourned at 2:45pm.

M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI

CARRIED

Minute taker: NOB. Editor: KT /klp

X



Summer Okibe
GSS Chair 2022-23

X



Neil Barney
Operations and Services Manager