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Hello GSS Members and colleagues,

I am writing to provide an update on the 2023-24 GSS Executive Board Elections. Please note that the nomination period closed Tuesday, February 22 at 4:00pm and all nominations have now been verified. We have received the following candidates:

Chair – Wyatt Maddox

Director of Communications – Greg Gaube

Director of Student Affairs – Lindsay Beal

Director of Services – Mitch Nascimento

Thank you to all our candidates for their interest in the Board and their continued leadership and volunteerism for all graduate students at UVic!

As you will see above, the GSS has no contested elections this term. Therefore, in compliance with Bylaw 4.10 (below), we will be ratifying our candidates at the Semi Annual General Meeting on March 21, 2023 from 5-7pm PST. We strongly encourage all our members to attend the SAGM and ratify our new Board.

There was one board position that did not receive any nominations: Director of Finance.

Because no nominations were received, we are proceeding under our Bylaw 4.11 (below) and calling for nominees to stand for election to Director of Finance at the Semi-Annual General Meeting (SAGM) on Tuesday, March 21, 2023! Interested candidates should email Ladan their candidacy statement by Monday, March 20 and/or present themselves as a nominee at the SAGM.

Why should YOU run for the Director of Finance? This position serves many functions at the GSS. The Director of Finance reviews the GSS's financial statements with the finance committee and creates the annual budget. They also work closely with GSS management to ensure the GSS operations run smoothly and meet our members' needs. If you have or want to develop your skillsets in any of the areas below, we encourage you to consider nominating yourself to this vital role:

1. Leadership
2. Non-profit financial practices
3. Volunteer and Project Management
4. University and Government Advocacy
5. Strategic Planning
6. Public Speaking/Media Relations

Join our team of student leaders and make a difference in your campus community today!

Please email me at votegss@uvic.ca for more information.

Ladan Kalani, Electoral Officer

GSS Bylaws:

4.10 Acclamations:

When a nominee runs unopposed, the acclamation shall be approved through an ordinary resolution of Grad Council or a General Meeting.

4.11 In the event that no nomination is received for an Executive Board position during the electoral nomination procedures as outlined in Bylaws 4.1 through 4.10, the following elections procedures will be followed:

- a. The Electoral Officer will issue a call for candidates for any Executive Board positions for which there is no nominee. The call for candidates will be issued via electronic message to all members of the Society and a poster-format notice sent to each academic unit stipulating the process as outlined in Bylaw 4.11.b.
- b. Candidates can nominate themselves at the Semi-Annual General Meeting or submit a written statement of candidacy to the Electoral Officer at least one day prior to the Semi-Annual General Meeting.
- c. If a position is contested, all Society members present at the meeting will vote by secret ballot to decide the winner.
- d. If the position is not contested, all Society members present will vote by secret ballot to acclaim the candidate.
- e. Bylaw 4.11 shall only be enacted in cases where one (1) weeks' notice can be provided before the Semi-Annual General Meeting.