



UVIC GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY Semi-Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 5 pm – 7 pm

Location: [Grad House Restaurant](#) or [Zoom](#)

Zoom Link:

(Member verification and registration 4:30-4:55 pm)

Agenda

Chair: Wyatt MADDUX, Chair

5:00 1. Call to order – Wyatt MADDUX, Chair

5:05 2. Land acknowledgement

5:07 3. SAGM Quorum Report – Kyla TURNER, Executive Director

5:08 4. Approval of agenda

Motion: BIRT the Agenda of the March 19, 2024 GSS Semi-Annual General Meeting is approved as presented.

Moved: Executive Board Seconded: _____

5:10 5. Approval of previous GSS General Meeting minutes

REF DOC: [2023-10-24 AGM Minutes Draft](#)

Motion: BIRT the minutes of the October 24, 2023 GSS Annual General Meeting are approved as presented.

Moved: Executive Board Seconded: _____

5:15 6. Executive Stipends – Jade FISCHER, Chair of Stipend Review Committee

Motion: RESOLVED THAT the stipends for the GSS Executive Board in 2024-25 are set as:

Chair:	\$ 1049.58 /month
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Director of Finance:	\$ 1049.58 /month
Director of Internal/University Affairs:	\$ 1049.58 /month
Director of External Affairs:	\$ 1049.58 /month
Director of Student Life:	\$ 1049.58 /month

Moved: *Stipend Review Committee* Seconded: _____

- 5:20 7. Presentation of 2024-25 Budget – Sam FIELDER, Director of Finance
REF DOC: [Proposed 2024-25 GSS Budget](#)

Motion: BIRT the 2024-25 Budget is approved as presented.

Moved: *Executive Board* Seconded: _____

5:35 BREAK

- 5:40 8. Reports to the Membership:
- a. Report of the 2023-24 Executive Board – Wyatt MADDUX, Chair
 - b. Membership and Representation Report – Kyla TURNER, Executive Director
 - c. Report of the Executive Director - Kyla TURNER, Executive Director

REF DOCS: [2023-24 Executive Board Report](#); [Membership and Representation Report](#); [2023-24 Executive Director Report](#)

5:50 Reports of Committees of the Society

REF DOCS: For full list see <http://gss.uvic.ca/agm>. For individual reports click the report title below or visit the AGM website for any later submissions

- i. [Appeals](#) – Sam FIELDER, Director of Finance
- ii. [Bylaw and Policy](#) – Wyatt MADDUX, GSS Chair
- iii. [Communications](#) – Greg GAUBE, Director of Communications
- iv. Events – Mitch NASCIMENTO, Director of Services
- v. [Finance](#) – Sam FIELDER, Director of Finance
- vi. Stipend Review – Jade FISCHER, Chair, Stipend Review
- vii. [Student Affairs](#) – Lindsay BEAL, Director of Student Affairs

Health and Dental Plan Update – Kyla TURNER, Executive Director

REF DOC: [2024-03-19 Semi-Annual Health and Dental Plan Update](#)

Motion: BIRT the 2023-24 Executive Board report, reports from the committees of the society, and the semi-annual extended health and dental insurance plans update are received as information.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

6:15 9. Bylaw Amendments (Appendix A)
Motion: to approve the amendments to bylaws 2.8 (members in good standing), 4.7 c.i. (polling period notice), 8.1c (employee management), 9.1f (employee management), 12.3 (Executive Board leaves of Absence), and 14.6 (signing authorities) as presented.

Moved: Bylaw and Policy Committee/Executive Board Seconded: _____

6:35 10. Ratification of Acclaimed Executive Board Candidates – Lauren BURTON, Electoral Officer
[REF DOC: [Electoral Officer Candidacy Update 2024-25](#)]

Director Internal/University Relations– Rosemary Webb
Director of External Relations – Jitendra Palaparty
Director of Finance – Sam Fielder
Director of Student Life – Maggie Lawton

6:40 11. Election of Electoral Officer – Wyatt MADDOX, Chair
[REF DOC: Statements of Candidacy submitted by Monday March 18 will be available through a link posted to gss.uvic.ca on March 19]

a. Call for further nominations from the floor.

b. If there are multiple candidates, an election will be held by members present.

OR

Should there be only 1 candidate, a ratification vote will be held.

OR

Should there be no candidates, an Electoral Officer will be appointed by the Graduate Representative Council at their April meeting.

6:50 12. Introduction of the 2024-25 Executive Board

6:55 13. Other Business

7:00 14. Adjournment

Motion: BIRT the 2024 GSS SAGM is adjourned.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

~ Emergency preparedness: In the event a major power or technology failure disrupts the March 19 meeting, the AGM will be reconvened on Wednesday, March 20 at 5 pm.

The GSS Bylaws governing the Society and general meeting procedures can be found here:
<https://gss.uvic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2023-10-24-GSS-Bylaws-APPROVED.pdf>

Appendix A: Bylaw Amendments

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society 2024 SAGM Bylaws for Amendment

The Bylaw and Policy Committee recommends the following changes for ratification at the 2024 Semi-Annual General Meeting:

2.5 Cessation of membership:

Current Language:

- a. Membership in the Society shall cease when a member is no longer registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, with the exception of:
- iv. Members of the Executive Board, who shall continue to be members of the Society until expiry of their current term of office, provided that they are registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies or in a concurrent graduate/undergraduate program or are members under Bylaw 2.2 for the first nine months of their term of office.

Proposed language change:

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2.8 Membership in good standing:

*no current language

Proposed Language:

Members will be considered to be in good standing, as outlined within the Societies Act, if they adhere to all definitions outlined above for their membership class. This includes the definition of a student as per the Societies Act.

4.7 Schedule of Elections and Referenda:

Current Language:

c. Polling Period

i. Polling shall begin no less than ~~thirty-five (35)~~ days after notice of an election has been given

Proposed language change:

c. Polling Period

i. Polling shall begin no less than **twenty-one (21)** days after notice of an election has been given.

8.1 Purposes of the Executive Board:

Current Language:

c. Hire and supervise ~~employees~~ of the Society.

Proposed language change:

8.1 Purposes of the Executive Board:

c. Hire and supervise **the Executive Director** of the Society.

9.1: The Executive Board, in addition to any duties imposed by the *Societies Act*, SBC 2015, c. 18 shall:

Current Language:

f. Hire and supervise ~~management staff~~ of the Society

Proposed language change:

f. Hire and supervise **the Executive Director** of the Society

12.3 Leave of Absence may be granted to an Executive Board director provided that the Executive Board is given a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice. Remuneration will be suspended for absent periods and may be reallocated to a replacement member for the duration of the absence.

Current Language:

- a. Leaves of absence may be granted for no longer than four (4) months by the Executive Board.
- b. Replacement appointments for up to a cumulative one (1) month will be made at the discretion of the Executive Board.
- c. Replacement appointments for greater than a cumulative one (1) month will be made at the discretion of Grad Council.
- d. Replacement members will assume all incumbent responsibility and authority of the position they take.
- e. In the event that the Chair requires leave, a member of the Executive Board shall assume all incumbent responsibility and authority and a replacement may be appointed for the Executive Board member's position. Grad Council shall determine which Executive Board member shall assume the role of Chair in the event of disagreement.

Proposed language change:

12.3 Any Executive Board director who is not a member of the Society in accordance with bylaw 2.1, 2.5(a)iv, and 8.3b shall be deemed to have resigned.

12.4 Leave of Absence may be granted to an Executive Board director provided that the Executive Board is given a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice. **Emergency leaves of absence will be considered on a case by case basis by the Executive Board and Stipend Review Committee and will be limited to two (2) weeks.** Remuneration will be suspended for absent periods and may be reallocated to a replacement member for the duration of the absence.

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14.6 Signing Authority:

Current Language:

a. The signing officers of the Society shall be the Chair, the Director of Finance, and the Executive Director.

Proposed language change:

a. The signing officers of the Society shall be the Chair, the Director of Finance, **the Operations and Services Manager**, and the Executive Director.