

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(HYBRID) MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 2024

Zoom Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/2244264481>

EXECUTIVE PRESENT:

Wyatt MADDOX, Chair;

Samuel FIELDER, Director of Finance;

Rosemary WEBB, Director of Internal/University Relations;

Jitendra PALAPARTY, Director of External Relations;

Maggie LAWTON, Director of Student Life;

Kyla TURNER, Executive Director (non-voting)

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 12:03pm by MADDOX.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territorial acknowledgment offered by TURNER.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: to approve the agenda with an addition to discuss our insurance renewal.

M/S: FIELDER/WEBB

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. GRC SCHEDULING – CANCELLING JUNE AND ADDING AN OCTOBER GRC MEETING

Lead: MADDOX/TURNER

For: Decision

Should we add a GRC meeting on October 29 to allow the flow of governance meetings in the Fall to be:

1. Sept 24 GRC: Focus on welcome and training – what is the GRC? How can you be an effective rep? How is the GSS run? Which training topics do the board feel are most required here?
2. Oct 22 AGM: Focus on annual plan overview and recap of work done to date. Use audit presentation to give an overview of how finances at the GSS work.
3. Oct 29 GRC: Meet and greet with FGS Dean, rearrange any committees that are required, welcome late-elected GRC reps.

Motion: to cancel the June 25, 2024 GRC meeting due to high board member regrets;

Further to add October 29, 2024 to the schedule of 2024-25 GRC Meetings.

M/S: WEBB/LAWTON

CARRIED

2. RESCHEDULING BOARD MEETINGS AFTER JUNE 6

Lead: MADDOX

For: Decision

Motion: after June 6, 2024, all scheduled board meeting will move to Tuesdays at 9:15am.

M/S: MADDOX/FIELDER

CARRIED

TASK: TURNER to reschedule board meetings in Outlook calendar, the board room calendar, etc.

3. ENCAMPMENT IN THE QUAD

Lead: MADDOX

For: Discussion

The board discussed the organizational level response to the current encampment on the Quad in support of Palestine. Turner will prepare statements for emergency scenarios and we will bring the demands which the GSS will co-sign on to UVic through Operational Relations. Otherwise, the GSS is invested in not contributing to the atmosphere of misinformation by commenting on a still developing situation.

4. INSURANCE RENEWAL

Lead: FIELDER/TURNER

For: Decision

Motion: To form a referendum side for the 2024 Health and Dental referendum to support:

-Increase vision exam coverage (\$75/24 months to \$100/24 months)

-Increase dental coverage (9 month recall to 6 month)

-Increase physiotherapy coverage (\$250/year to \$500/year)

-Include gender affirming care

-five year fee renewal

M/S: PALAPARTY/LAWTON

CARRIED

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2024 Executive Board Meeting as presented.

M/S: FIELDER/LAWTON

CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Lead: TURNER

Note: To ensure motion log is updated, ensure completed items are reported in the minutes.

Items assigned to board members that Kyla thinks are complete or abandoned will be listed below and highlighted in yellow. If there's an item you were assigned below highlighted in yellow, please confirm if the task was completed, revoked, or abandoned!

Tasks Completed/Decisions fully acted upon:

Apr 11: TASK: Complete formal debrief of the April GRC meeting.

Apr 11: TASK: the Board to bring the Lactation Friendlier Campus project to a forthcoming Operational Relations meeting.

Apr 25: TASK: MADDIX to provide an agenda for the May 7, 2024 Annual Planning meeting

Tasks revoked or abandoned:

F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No appointments made.

G. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (APPENDIX D)

Item 1: Alliance of BC Students Training Days Invite (appendix D)

Item 2: Ministry for Housing Response Letter

Motion: to receive the correspondence.

M/S: WEBB/FIELDER

CARRIED

H. AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF

Reference: Meeting Debrief Template (link actually works now)

1. GRC agenda planning
 - i. Rescheduling
 - ii. Encampment update
 - iii. Referendum update
 - iv. FGS Equity Survey

I. LOBBYING REPORTS

Reports due at the first meeting of every month.

J. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK-IN

Board will meet on May 30, 12:00-1:30 to finalize the annual plan.

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: MADDIX FGS Exec Council meeting was cancelled again. The supervision policy development group is likewise on hold.

Director of Finance: FIELDER Appeals committee is meeting to discuss multi-year opt outs and appeals of appeals.

Director of Internal/University Relations: WEBB met with LAWTON and GSS staff re: Grad Student Appreciation Week for planning. They will meet with FGS with staff and LAWTON within the next 4-6 weeks.

Director of External Relations: PALAPARTY A&C meets today to plan to first Climate Connection event.

Director of Student Life: LAWTON Events Committee is having a productive month. LAWTON, PALAPARTY and staff met with ICS and GC to discuss cross-promotion on events.

Executive Director: TURNER planned a referendum in four hours yesterday. She’s tired. She also has a new student case on her plate.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Notice of agenda item: Meet and Greet with Student Wellness Centre and Library reps – May 23

Notice of agenda item: Meet and Greet with ICS and GC teams – June 6

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

****Task Reminder:** Please be sure your meetings and events are up to date on OUTLOOK CALENDAR**

Next Executive Meetings: May 23, 2024

Next GRC Meeting: May 28, 2024

AGM: October 22, 2024


Office, Staff Scheduling: Irfy will be out of office May 9-13. Neil will be out May 27-31.

ADJOURNMENT

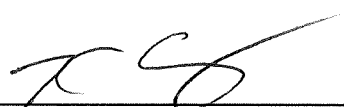
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 1:23pm.

M/S: FIELDER/LAWTON

CARRIED

X 

Wyatt MADDUX
GSS Chair 2024-25

X 

Kyla Turner
GSS Executive Director

APPENDIX D – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Item 1: ABCS Training Days Invite

From: Joshua Millard <jmillard@bcstudents.ca>

Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 4:26 PM

To: Isabelle Easton - UVSS Director of Campaigns & Community Relations <campaigns@uvss.ca>; Sarah Buchanan - UVSS Director of Events <events@uvss.ca>; Khushi Wadhwa - UVSS Director of Finance & Operations

<finance@uvss.ca>; Bunni Williams - UVSS Director of Outreach and University Relations <outreach@uvss.ca>; Hemal Sharma - UVSS Director of Student Affairs <affairs@uvss.ca>; Harshita Sankar - UVSS Director of International Student Relations <internationalrep@uvss.ca>; Corbett Gildersleve - UVSS Executive Director <execdir@uvss.ca>

Cc: Hassan Merali <hmerali@bcstudents.ca>; Grace Dupasquier <chairperson@bcstudents.ca>

Subject: REGISTER: SKILLS AND TRAINING 2024

Notice: This message was sent from outside the University of Victoria email system. Please be cautious with links and sensitive information.

Hello to our friends at the UVSS!

We're so excited to invite you to our annual skills and training conference happening at UBC on Saturday, May 25th and Sunday, May 26th!

****IMPORTANT REGISTRATION DETAILS ARE LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS E-MAIL****

Each year we host a conference to help equip new and returning student leaders and student union staff with the skills, knowledge, and networks they will need to succeed in their roles as changemakers in BC. This conference will give you the opportunity to connect with student leaders from across the province, develop new skills and build on existing ones, and help your organizations to build greater capacity for change.

This year's conference will be hosted at the Graduate Student Society Loft at the University of British Columbia (the GSS Loft is located on the 4th floor of the UBC AMS Nest building). Saturday and Sunday will have workshops running between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on both days, and there will be a social event on Saturday evening from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Attendees will get to participate in workshops on a wide range of topics, covering everything from the fundamentals of provincial and federal politics, lobbying and government relations, campaigning and advocacy, communications and media training, organizing and coalition building, and more!

Here are some of the skills you'll develop and hone over the course of the weekend.

- lobbying (including complying with the rules on lobbying)
- government relations
- advocacy
- campaigning
- how to bring stakeholders together
- how to talk to an MLA, Minister, or the Premier
- how to run an effective campaign
- how to advocate for change on an issue
- how to talk do a media interview
- how to increase the student vote in the upcoming election campaign
- how to understand the political climate in BC and Canada

Dynamic leaders who are experienced advocates from the ABCS and the community will engage delegates in discussions and exercises, developing knowledge and skill sets that are critical to succeeding as a student leader in BC. We will also be running programming specific to international and graduate students to make sure attendees are able to continue centering them in their advocacy and pressuring those in power to make them a priority.

This conference is designed to help new student leaders and staff get started on the right foot and help returning student leaders and staff sharpen their skills as they continue fighting for students.

We know how important it is to build connections between student leaders in order to bring about positive change for our students. This conference will bring together student leaders from across BC to learn from each other and develop skills together, while offering opportunities for delegates to network, exchange ideas, connect, and build capacity for change.

Attendance confirmation deadline: Friday, May 17th by 11:00pm.

Please confirm the number of delegates your association will be sending to our Skills and Training 2024 via email to jmillard@bcstudents.ca

Delegate registration deadline: Monday, May 20th by 5:00pm.

All delegates must complete the **delegate registration form**, found [here](#).

Registration costs

The cost of registration is \$150 per delegate.

Conference Schedule and Further Details

The schedule and additional logistical details will be released in the coming weeks!

Questions?

Please contact our Executive Director at jmillard@bcstudents.ca for more information on the conference and registration process.

Sincerely,

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