

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2020

EXECUTIVE PRESENT: Mehdi HASHEMI, Chair; Elaine LABERGE, Director of Communications (by videoconference); Carla OSBORNE, Director of Finance; Saeed REZVANI, Director of Student Affairs (part); Stacy CHAPPEL, Executive Director.

STAFF AND/OR GUESTS PRESENT: Nancy PATINO, Restaurant Manager (part)

REGRETS: Sima SHANJANI, Director of Services

STANDING ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:28 pm with HASHEMI in the chair.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED to approve the agenda as approved with the following additions

- MSP letter
- Iranian student memorial

M/S HASHEMI/OSBORNE

CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED that the minutes from the December 11, 2019 Executive Board meeting are approved as presented.

M/S REZVANI/OSBORNE

CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTIONS/TASKS noted as completed, or revoked:

CHAPPEL reported the Minister of Health letter is completed, the Restaurant Manager has been added to the GSS-UVIC Operational Relations Meetings invite list, CHAPPEL advised UVSS Chair that the GSS would not join their VIPIRG RFP process, she has sent the question to the Electoral Officer and scheduled a meeting with her for tomorrow to review the process.

PATINO organized the Christmas party.

REZVANI circulated the Executive board meeting invitations.

Regarding UPASS opt in for students on Western Dean's Agreement, CHAPPEL reported that a student on Western Dean's asked to opt in to the bus pass January 2. They were already populated in the UPASS opt in system, which means there is no technical barrier to adding the students as an MOU student.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion: RESOLVED to elect Meaghan Story as the graduate student representative to the 2020 Award for Excellence in Teaching for Experiential Learning Adjudication Committee
M/S: REZVANI/OSBORNE
CARRIED.

CHAPPEL reported that other vacancies had been circulated to grad council and are posted on the website.

AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF (GRC, OPERATIONAL RELATIONS ETC.)

1. GRAD COUNCIL AGENDA: JANUARY 28, 2020

Agenda to be posted January 21st.

Motion: RESOLVED that the GRC agenda for January 28 will include the following items from the Executive Board, in addition to any items submitted by GRC members and committees:

- *Referendum and election update*
 - *Schedule of election and referendum*
 - *Campaign sides*
- *Changes to Stipend Review Committee Terms of Reference (From Bylaw and Policy Committee and Stipend Review Committee)*
- *VIPIRG next steps*
 - *Feedback from department reps*
 - *Update on steps taken by UVSS*
 - *Options for the GSS*
- *Ad hoc committee (Leshner)*
- *Guest speaker: Dean of Graduate Studies*
- *GVAT: Recommendation to table indefinitely.*

M/S REZVANI/OSBORNE
CARRIED

2. OPERATIONAL RELATIONS MEETING AGENDA: JAN 13

Agenda items to be submitted January 9, 2020.

Motion: RESOLVED the following items are submitted for the Operational Relations Meeting:

- *Introducing Nancy PATINO, Restaurant Manager*
- *Visiting Students by special arrangement & UPASS*
- *Restaurant signage*
- *MSP and implied status*
- *Residence move-out policy and graduate students/international students*
- *Delayed scholarship payments in December*

M/S OSBORNE/REZVANI
CARRIED

TASK: CHAPPEL AND REZVANI TO DRAFT PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGE TO THE RESIDENCE CONTRACT.

3. GSS-UVIC EXECUTIVE AGENDA: FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Agenda items to be submitted January 23, 2020

Motion: RESOLVED the following items are submitted to the agenda for the GSS-UVIC Executives on February 6, 2020:

- *Update on support for graduate student representatives*
- *Graduate student enrolment and SEM update*
- *Advocacy Fund*
- *SFU recognition of external grant funded Research Assistants as university employees*

M/S REZVANI/OSBORNE

CARRIED

MEETING BUSINESS

A. PERSONNEL UPDATE

Motion: RESOLVED to move the meeting in camera for a personnel update.

M/S REZVANI/OSBORNE

CARRIED

[Meeting went in camera at 3:54 pm]

[Meeting moved out of camera at 4:14 pm]

B. FINANCE

Motion: RESOLVED the GSS make a lump sum payment on the loan held at Vancity from the Capital Fund of 50,000.

M/S OSBORNE/REZVANI

TABLED until decision and return to agenda when have costs of signage resolved.

Motion: RESOLVED to allocate \$1,000 of the capital fund to an office point of sale upgrade.

M/S OSBORNE/LABERGE

CARRIED

C. SERVICES

1. SIDE PROJECT

PATINO reported that the SIDE PROJECT will remain open for the Winter 2020 term, and will be closed during summer.

TASK: OSBORNE will add plans for summer closure schedule in the Food and Beverage meeting.

2. DEPARTMENT GRANT FUND

MOTION: RESOLVED that grants issued January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020 any first time applicant first priority over any returning applicants not yet processed.

M/S REZVANI/OSBORNE

CARRIED

D. MSP LETTER

Letter is complete.

TASK: CHAPPEL and HASHEMI to send letter to the Minister of Health and post on the website.

E. GOVERNANCE

1. ELECTION DATES

Motion: RESOLVED the polling days for the Executive Election and the fee referendum will be March 4 – 6, 2020.

TABLED until the Stipend Review Committee is complete.

2. REFERENDUM QUESTION

Motion: RESOLVED the Operating Fund Fee referendum will use the following question:

“Do you support an increase of \$5 per term the GSS Operating Fund fee?

YES

NO”

M/S OSBORNE/LABERGE

CARRIED

[REZVANI left the meeting at 4:55 pm]

F. IRANIAN PLANE CRASH

HASHEMI announced he had arranged for a Side Project memorial event in 5 – 7 January 9th, 2020.

GSS to provide coffee and tea and space.

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: HASHEMI thanked everyone for their support.

Director of Communications: LABERGE reported she and a group of others have been making progress on ensuring inclusion of social class as a topic theme in an upcoming equity and inclusion conference (Victoria Forum).

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Meet the ombudsperson at the next Executive meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

None beyond those for which agendas approved earlier.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.



Approved, Chair

Approved, Executive Director

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