

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2020

EXECUTIVE PRESENT: Mehdi HASHEMI, Chair; Carla OSBORNE, Director of Finance (part); Sima SHANJANI, Director of Services; Saeed REZVANI, Director of Student Affairs; Stacy CHAPPEL, Executive Director.

REGRETS: Elaine LABERGE, Director of Communications

STANDING ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM with HASHEMI in the chair.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED that the agenda is approved with item F- Capital Spending request struck and two items added:

- *Income tax on student loans campaign*
- *Non-attendance and Department grants.*

CARRIED by CONSENT.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED that the minutes from the February 19, 2020 Executive Board meeting are approved with corrections as provided.

M/S

CARRIED.

[OSBORNE arrived at 3:21 PM.]

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

ITEM Tabled to March 18 Executive Board meeting for a year-end wrap up.

TASK: Executive Board to review tasks outstanding in preparation for next meeting.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Review requests for graduate student representation, review of incumbents and new applicants.

Motion: RESOLVED to elect Daniel Gudino Perez as the graduate student representative to the 2019-20 Excellence in Graduate Supervision and Adjudication

M/S: REZVANI/SHANJANI
CARRIED.

MEETING BUSINESS

A. EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE WORK – YEAR END REVIEW

REF DOC: APPENDIX C

All positions assigned by role will move to the next Exec

Senate and elected positions will continue until end of term.

Hiring Committees the elected rep continues.

TASK: HASHEMI to submit update

B. BUDGET PREPARATION

REF DOC: CHAPPEL CIRCULATED DRAFT Budget from Finance Committee meeting March 9, 2020

OSBORNE noted it is a conservative budget. Restaurant sales conservative. Budget includes 2% drop in enrolment.

REZVANI asked if the Corona Virus could have a larger impact than 2%.

HASHEMI asked how conservative the restaurant sales budget is.

Motion: RESOLVED BUDGET is submitted to the members with amendments as follows:

Increase labour cost in Grad House to 62%, which results in a higher loss.

Correct capital spending to match instruction from Vancity about payment.

M/S: SHANJANI/REZVANI

CARRIED

TASK: CHAPPEL to circulate final draft to the Exec with amendments as discussed.

C. SAGM PLANNING

Executive to meet Friday after 2:30 to make a plan for the SAGM.

D. SIGNING AUTHORITY

Motion: RESOLVED to remove Nancy Patino as a signing officer...

FURTHER RESOLVED the Restaurant Manager credit card is cancelled effective March 6, 2020.

M/S ?/?

CARRIED

Osborne / Hashemi

E. LIQUOR PURCHASES

Motion: RESOLVED the Director of Finance request a prepayment of \$3,000 to the Executive Director's credit card to cover liquor purchases in the interim until the new Restaurant Manager is hired.

M/S OSBORNE/SHANJANI

CARRIED

F. CONTACT INFORMATION

Executive Board members to update their personal contact information.

G. GSS EXEC/UVIC EXEC AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED the following items are added to the GSS/UVIC Executive meeting for March 19

- UVIC response to Corona Virus
- Emergency shut down
- Impact on students studying abroad
- International student tuition

M/S SHANJANI/REZVANI

CARRIED

H. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Motion: RESOLVED that the correspondence presented has been received by the Executive Board.

TABLED to next Exec meeting.

I. CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE TAX ON STUDENT LOANS

REZVANI reported he continued his correspondence regarding the campaign, and the students involved had sent their campaign materials.

REZVANI asked for feedback on the proposal.

OSBORNE spoke in favour of eliminating tuition and student debt.

HASHEMI spoke in favour of the campaign and noted the negative impact of student debt.

Motion: RESOLVED to endorse the campaign for the elimination of interest fees on student loans.

REZVANI/OSBORNE

CARRIED

J. COMMITTEE MEMBER ATTENDANCE

SHANJANI reported she has a few committee members who have not been attending due to illness, and also some resignations upcoming due to graduation. She asked other members how this is handled on other committees.

REZVANI said he does have this problem. He noted that non-attendance can result in removal from Council.

HASHEMI noted that if a member misses three consecutive meetings they are deemed to have resigned. He noted this the bylaws states meeting “three consecutive meetings of Grad Council”, which he interprets to include committees of council.

CHAPPEL read the bylaws on duty to attend of GRC and Executive Board members.

TASK: SHANJANI will follow up with her committee members.

TASK: HASHEMI will send a notice to COUNCIL about attendance.

TASK: HASHEMI will include this as an issue in the training for incoming Executive Board.

TASK: HASHEMI to recommend consideration of the matter by the Bylaw and Policy Committee.

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Tabled to the next meeting

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

None, except items tabled from this agenda.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Next Executive Meetings: March 18

Labour Management: March 12, 26

SAGM March 24

Incoming Executive Board training: March 30, 31

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

sc/KLP


X

Mehdi Hashemi
GSS Chair 2019-20


X

Stacy Chappel
GSS Executive Director