

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(ONLINE VIA BLACKBOARD) MEETING MINUTES

JULY 7, 2020

EXECUTIVE PRESENT: Drake RUSHFORD, Chair; Matty CERVANTES, Director of Communications (part); Jacob HUNT, Director of Finance; Angélique ROSE, Director of Services (part); Antoine ROSE, Director of Student Affairs; Stacy CHAPPEL, Executive Director (non-voting).

REGRETS: none

STANDING ITEMS

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM with RUSHFORD in the chair. RUSHFORD gave a land acknowledgement.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED that the agenda is approved as presented.

M/S Antoine ROSE/HUNT

CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED that the minutes from the June 16, 2020 Executive Board meeting are approved with minor corrections.

M/S Antoine ROSE/HUNT

CARRIED.

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTIONS/TASKS noted as completed, or revoked:

DRAKE and STACY submitted to Saanich Bylaw change

BLM letter was circulated

Action letter not yet handed

Blue Cross notified student health plan renewal

Capital fund transfer completed

Fed government loan approved and in the bank account

Laptops were ordered

COVID Committees:

Financial committee done

Risk almost done and there is related work ongoing at LMC

Student Services meeting tomorrow

E. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

TASK: circulate a call for a grad council rep to serve on the graduate student representative to the 2020-21 Learning and Teaching with Technology Committee.

TASK: circulate a call for graduate council members for a graduate student to serve on the Transition to Online Task Group.

F. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Motion: RESOLVED that the correspondence presented from Greater Victoria Acting Together and the SFU Learning Together Conference have been received by the Executive Board.

APPROVED by Consent

[Angélique ROSE joined the meeting at 4:23 PM]

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

1. AVP Student Affairs and GSS Chair
2. Grad Council (later in the agenda)

MEETING BUSINESS

1. HEALTH AND DENTAL STAFF PLAN RENEWAL

REF DOC: Graduate Students' Society - Staff Plan Policy 77197 Pacific Blue Cross Renewal effective August 1, 2020

Motion: RESOLVED to accept the renewal offer for the staff benefit plan as presented by the broker.

M/S: Antoine ROSE/Angélique ROSE

CARRIED.

2. GRAD COUNCIL AGENDA

[CERVANTES arrived at 4:40 pm]

Agenda will be circulated on July 21.

Motion: RESOLVED to include the following items on the Grad Council agenda for July 28, 2020

- GSS 2020-2021 Annual Plan
- Student concern re (President's Fellowship and Teaching Award)
- Election of Director of Services (tentative)
- Finance Update
- Notice of events for summer

M/S: Antoine ROSE/Angélique ROSE

Discussion: Antoine ROSE reported he had heard from the Ombudsperson on the students' concern regarding the President's Fellowship and Teaching Award and she will attend the next Student Affairs meeting in the 3rd week of July. After that discussion, they will be able to bring further information to Grad Council.

This will be the last meeting for the 2019-20 Grad Council.

CARRIED

TASK: RUSHFORD will invite Mark Zion to attend the Grad Council meeting.

3. ATRS AND UPASS

RUSHFORD and CHAPPEL have requested a meeting with the AVP Student Affairs to discuss the reintroduction of the ATRS fee where none of the services associated with the ATRS fee are available.

4. ANNUAL PLAN

RUSHFORD gave an update on the Annual Plan development process, including draft mission and vision, and possible goals.

He noted that since the last session, he had received an email from graduate councillor WILLIAMS suggesting some additional ideas for service development (group internet discount) and increasing gigabyte storage at UVIC for student files.

NEXT STEPS:

- Meeting with Staff
- Exec session to finalize a draft
- Take Draft to council

Discussion:

TASK: RUSHFORD and CERVANTES will attend the July 14 staff meeting at 1 pm to discuss annual plans and staff input.

TASK: RUSHFORD to draft Policy Manual and BC Graduate Scholarship plan section drafts

TASK: CHAPPEL to update existing Research Assistants and Department Council section drafts and the anti-racism campaign section

TASK: HUNT to draft sections on graduate student cooperative housing

TASK: CERVANTES to draft section on Graduate Student Charter of Rights

TASK: Antoine ROSE to draft a proposal regarding scholarship and awards fairness statement (based on students concerns raised this year)

TASK: Angélique ROSE to write a draft section on graduate representation to Council

NEXT Annual Planning Meeting: Saturday, July 18 at 11 am.

5. ORIENTATION

[Angélique ROSE left the meeting at 5:30 pm]

CHAPPEL reported that Orientation is setting dates and will notify BARNEY this week.

CERVANTES reported she has been working on the handbook with BARNEY.

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: RUSHFORD reported he had continued discussion with other BC GSS regarding the letter to the Minister of Advanced Education.

Director of Communications: CERVANTES nothing further to report

Director of Finance: HUNT had nothing to report

Director of Services: ROSE had nothing further to report

Director of Student Affairs: ROSE had nothing further to report

Executive Director: CHAPPEL had nothing further to report

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, TABLED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

TASK: CHAPPEL to circulate Volunteer Victoria opportunity for committee chairing

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Next Executive Meetings: 21st of July

Next Annual Plan: July 18, plus Friday staff meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: *RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.*
M/S HUNT/CERVANTES
CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

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Drake Rushford
Chair

X 

Stacy Chappel
Executive Director