

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(ONLINE VIA BLACKBOARD) MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2020

EXECUTIVE PRESENT: Drake RUSHFORD, Chair; Matty CERVANTES, Director of Communications; Jacob HUNT, Director of Finance; Daniel GUDINO, Director of Services; Antoine ROSE, Director of Student Affairs.

VACANT: Executive Director (non-voting) position.

STANDING ITEMS

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm with RUSHFORD in the chair.
ROSE gave the land acknowledgement.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED that the agenda is approved as presented.

M/S CERVANTES/ROSE

CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED that the minutes from the August 18th and September 1st, 2020 Executive Board meeting were approved with minor corrections as provided.

M/S CERVANTES/ROSE

CARRIED.

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTIONS/TASKS noted as completed, or revoked:

August 18th:

REVOKED: CERVANTES to circulate a doodlepoll for a Zoom group photo.

COMPLETE: GUDINO will reorganize the spreadsheet based on date/time and circulate for allocating slots.

September 1st:

COMPLETE: RUSHFORD to arrange for GSS to be a signatory to the letter regarding an extension of the eviction ban and rental supplement.

COMPLETE: RUSHFORD to provide letter and supplemental materials to CERVANTES and BARNEY for posting on the GSS website.

E. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion: RESOLVED to elect Kate Fairly as the graduate student representative to the 2020-21 Faculty of Social Sciences, Graduate Curriculum Committee.

M/S GUDINO/ROSE

CARRIED.

Motion: RESOLVED to elect Kate Fairly as the graduate student representative to the 2020-21 Faculty of Social Sciences, Awards and Recognition Committee.

M/S GUDINO/ROSE

CARRIED.

Motion: RESOLVED to elect Kate Fairly as the graduate student representative to the 2020-21 Social Sciences Dean's Advisory Forum on Indigenization.

M/S GUDINO/ROSE

FAILS.

REVISITED: Motion: RESOLVED to elect Kate Fairly as the graduate student representative to the 2020-21 Social Sciences Dean's Advisory Forum on Indigenization.

M/S GUDINO/ROSE

CARRIED.

F. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Trimble correspondence regarding TA placements was reviewed with general discussion.

EQHR sent an email asking if the Board would like to meet with Executive of EQHR regarding Sexualized Violence Prevention and Response Policy.

TASK: RUSHFORD to arrange for Executive to meet with EQHR on September 29, 2020

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

1. Operational relations meeting – agenda items, consensus on priorities

- Drop date/tuition
- Student Funding

2. GRC AGENDA – motion to approve and circulate for September 22, 2020

MOTION: RESOLVED the following items will be included in the September GRC Agenda:

- GRC Orientation
- International Student/TA Concerns
- GSS Committee Appointments
- EQHR and ICAT Training notice

M/S CERVANTES/ROSE

CARRIED.

TASK: RUSHFORD to include Bylaw 6 changes on the AGM agenda

3. Meeting with UVic Executive – October 7th

Potential items for inclusion:

- BC Graduate Scholarship
- RA Legal Status
- Update on ED search

4. AGM planning – key dates and tasks

Motion: RESOLVED that membership cut-off for AGM Participation be the day after drop day without academic penalty.

M/S CERVANTES/ROSE

CARRIED

MEETING BUSINESS

1. UVSS PARTNERSHIPS

Issue: Current UVSS interpretation is that grad students cannot create grad students clubs due to lack of contract with UVSS outlining agreement.

GUDINO suggested having informal conversation with the UVSS pertaining specific issue of club brought up by student.

RUSHFORD voiced concerns about creating a separate GSS-run clubs program.

TASK: RUSHFORD and GUDINO to set up meeting with UVSS to solve issue for particular student, sow seeds of larger discussion about GSS input on clubs policy.

2. LETTER FROM BC GSS'S

Tabled.

3. UVIC DECISION TO MOVE 100% DROP DATE AND EXTEND TUITION FEE DEADLINE

Motion: RESOLVED that the GSS Health & Dental Plan Coordinator will continue their current hours for an extra week to account for any delays in processing.

M/S: CERVANTES/ROSE

CARRIED.

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: RUSHFORD met with register to discuss room bookings on campus (not happening really this term), restricted to classes and learning, general stuff with recruitment and working with Karen, GRC reps, lots of other meetings.

Director of Communications: CERVANTES has been preparing schedule for social media, templates for use and branding for events, asked for feedback from Executive members.

Director of Finance: HUNT provided update on Hiring Committee, potential timeline for new ED joining the team.

Director of Student Affairs: ROSE continues to focus his efforts on the funding cuts experienced by some students, trying to coordinate meeting with the Dean to find solution.

Director of Services: GUDINO talked about bringing back Wednesday coffees as well as the new things they are offering. Asked for feedback from GSS members on orientations and video feedback.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, TABLED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

BC GSSs letter.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Next Executive Meeting: October 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion: RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.
M/S ROSE/Cervantes
CARRIED.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

jh/dtr/klp

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Drake Rushford
GSS Chair 2020-21

X *matilde cervantes*

Matty Cervantes
Director of Communications and Vice-Chair