

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(ONLINE VIA ZOOM) MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2021

EXECUTIVE PRESENT: David FOSTER, Chair; Nicole KENT, Director of Communications; Adair NG, Director of Services; Nahid SAFARI, Director of Student Affairs; Kyla TURNER, Executive Director (non-voting).

STANDING ITEMS

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04AM with FOSTER in the chair.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land acknowledgement offered by FOSTER.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED that the agenda is approved as presented.

M/S: NG/KENT

APPROVED BY CONSENT

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED the minutes from the April 7, 2021 Executive Board Meeting are approved as presented.

M/S: FOSTER/KENT

APPROVED BY CONSENT

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Follow-up TASKS assigned:

2020-Jul-21 Refer definition of GSS member in bylaws to Bylaw and Policy Committee.

F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion: RESOLVED nominations be opened to elect an Executive Board member to the GSS Appeals Committee.

M/S: FOSTER/NG

Nominations: SAFARI

Motion: RESOLVED to elect Nahid SAFARI to the GSS Appeals Committee.

M/S: FOSTER/KENT

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Motion: RESOLVED Adair NG is ratified as the GSS representative on the UVic Orientation Advisory Committee.
M/S: FOSTER/KENT
APPROVED BY CONSENT

NEW BUSINESS

1. ACADEMIC UNIT GRANTS

REFERENCE: [2021-22 Academic Unit Grant Application form – Amended during meeting.](#)

Motion: RESOLVED that the Executive Board approves the 2021-22 Academic Unit Grant application form and opens the fund for applications.
M/S: FOSTER/KENT

Discussion:

FOSTER corrected dates in section B. FOSTER suggested edits to Section B 1. Re: COVID plans to allow for the possibility of in-person events at a later date with GSS approval. These amendments were made to the application form during the meeting.

CARRIED

2. APRIL 20, 2021 GRC AGENDA

REFERENCE: [2021-04-20 GRC Agenda](#)

Motion: RESOLVED the April 20, 2021 GRC Agenda is approved as presented.
M/S: FOSTER/KENT
CARRIED

3. LOGISTICS

TURNER provided brief training on Connect, Zoom, and Outlook for Committee work.

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: FOSTER announced the FGS Council elections have been delayed until September. The Council will not be meeting during the summer.

Director of Communications: KENT has hosted a Communications Committee with no member attendance. She will bring this up at GRC.

Director of Services: NG working on starting her committees.

Director of Student Affairs: SAFARI still working on international student advocacy.

Executive Director: TURNER focused on resolving payroll concerns.

TASK: TURNER to scan and send out pay slips for board members until such time as they can reasonably attend Halpern Centre to collect them.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Next Executive Meetings: April 21, 2021

GRC Meetings: April 20, 2021

Office, Staff Scheduling: Halpern Centre staffed Tuesday-Thursday only. Unionized staff in once per week at most.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: RESOLVED that the meeting is adjourned at 9:30am.

M/S: FOSTER/KENT

APPROVED BY CONSENT.

KT/klp/KT

X

David Foster
GSS Chair 2021-22

X

Kyla Turner
GSS Executive Director