

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

## Executive Board (ONLINE VIA ZOOM) MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2021

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

### STANDING ITEMS

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#### A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:32PM with FOSTER in the chair.

#### B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land acknowledgement offered by NG.

#### C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion: RESOLVED the agenda is approved as presented.*

*M/S: FOSTER/SAFARI*

*APPROVED by Consent*

#### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion: RESOLVED the minutes from the September 20, 2021 Executive Board Meeting are approved as presented.*

*M/S: FOSTER/SAFARI*

*APPROVED by Consent*

#### E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTIONS/TASKS noted as completed, or revoked:

July 28, 2021 – Faculty Association letter sent.

August 11, 2021 – Fall orientation and letter sent.

Sept 15, 2021 – KENT to finalize booking with AVP for joint Board and GRC anti-violence training, TASK: TURNER, FOSTER, and POTTS to meet on Friday morning September 17, 2021 to finalize GRC training plans. TASK: TURNER to arrange meeting with FOSTER, NG, Neil BARNEY and Andrew COWARD regarding the mandatory ATRS fee being administered by the GSS.

[TURNER left meeting from 1:39pm to 1:45pm. NG took minutes during TURNER's absence.]

#### F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

*Motion: RESOLVED graduate student representatives are elected to the following UVic committees:*

*2021-22 Bookstore Advisory Committee – 1 Executive Board member*

*Nominations: Adair NG Member elected: Adair NG*

*Faculty of Social Sciences Equity and Diversity Committee – 1 member in Social Sciences*  
Nominations: Wyatt Maddox      Member elected: Wyatt Maddox  
*Faculty of Social Sciences Graduate Curriculum Committee – 1 member in Social Sciences*  
Nominations: Cole Freeman      Member elected: Cole Freeman  
M/S: FOSTER/???  
APPROVED by Consent

#### G. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

References: United Way request to partner with GSS on fundraising events; Ministry of Advanced Education letter re: Here2Talk campaign; UVic Faculty Association letter and petition re: COVID-19 report; Student Union Development Summit invite from UVSS

*Motion: RESOLVED the correspondence is received.*  
M/S: FOSTER/KENT

Discussion:

RE: United Way events: NG agreed to bring this item to Events Committee for further consideration. SAFARI stated that Student Affairs Committee may be interested in any mental health support events.

Re: MAEST email re: Here2Talk campaign: TURNER confirmed that this information has been circulated through our communication channels.

Re: UVic Faculty Association letter and petition re: COVID-19 reporting

**Task: FOSTER to sign the letter on behalf of the GSS.**

Re: Student Union Development Summit

**Task: FOSTER to respond that the GSS is unable to fill UVSS's seat at the summit for October 18, 2021**

*APPROVED by Consent.*

*Motion: RESOLVED that GSS endorses the letter written by the VIU Faculty Association calling on post-secondary institutions to provide notifications of COVID-19 exposures.*  
M/S: FOSTER/SAFARI  
*APPROVED by Consent.*

**Task: TURNER to circulate the petition re: VIU Faculty Association to GSS membership.**

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

##### 1. GRC SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Discussion:

KENT felt that break out rooms worked well to get GRC Reps engaged in advocacy within their departments. FOSTER noted that more time with our reps in less structured settings gives us the information we need to prioritize issues for the Executive Board to deal with. Housing and Grad House appear to be top of mind for GRC reps right now.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### 1. IN-CAMERA SESSION

- a) Legal re: Research Assistants' status

*Motion: RESOLVED to go in-camera at 2:01pm.*

*M/S: FOSTER/KENT*

*APPROVED by Consent*

[Executive Board rose from in camera and resumed regular business at: 2:31pm]

### 2. SCHEDULING

*Motion: RESOLVED the Graduate Representative Council meeting scheduled for November 23, 2021 is cancelled, and*

*FURTHER RESOLVED the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2021.*

*M/S: FOSTER/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

*Motion: RESOLVED the following training sessions are scheduled:*

*Indigenous Cultural Acumen Training for GRC and Society members – December 1, 2021, 1pm-3pm*

*M/S: FOSTER/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

### 3. GRC AGENDA

REF DOC: [GRC DRAFT Agenda, October 26, 2021](#)

*Motion: RESOLVED the GRC Agenda for October 26, 2021 is approved as presented.*

*M/S: FOSTER/KENT*

*APPROVED by Consent*

### 4. GRC LOGISTICS

Task sign up:

Chat monitor – seconding: SAFARI

Chat monitor – questions and comments: NG

### 5. GRC COMMITTEE SUPPORTS

The following items were reviewed for Board members by FOSTER:

Chair duties

Update Connect Calendar

Track attendance

Contact Committee Members

### 6. SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA AND GOVERNANCE

REF DOC: [SCAG Proposal to Increase Student Representation](#)

*Motion: RESOLVED the Society endorses the proposal to increase student representation on the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance from one student senator to a graduate student senator and an undergraduate student senator.*

*M/S: FOSTER/KENT*

*APPROVED by Consent*

## 7. AGM PREP LIST

*Motion: RESOLVED to table the AGM task sign up list for the AGM tasks.*

*M/S: KENT/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

## CLOSING ITEMS

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### EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: FOSTER Graduate Executive Committee met regarding rules about withdrawal vs transfer credits. The hope is to remove transfer credit limits for courses transferred from outside UVic but that policy is still in development. As well, GEC approved changes to the Child and Youth Care program. Otherwise, FOSTER is focused on GRC, AGM, and BPC prep.

Director of Communications: KENT the VP hiring committee has made a short-list. Last week there were two full days of interviews.

Director of Finance: KHAN no report.

Director of Services: NG is happy with the size of her committees.

Director of Student Affairs: SAFARI met with UVSS Director of International Students to talk about the MSP petition. UVSS has created a video to promote the campaign.

Executive Director: TURNER resolving issues around previous staff member's pay after leaving the GSS, working on audit prep, MHC, and handling one student case including a transphobic assault on campus.

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Board Code of Conduct

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

**\*\*Task Reminder: Please be sure your meetings and events are up to date on the GRC Connect Calendar\*\***

Next Executive Meetings: November 8, 2021

GRC Meetings: October 26, 2021

AGM: November 23, 2021

### ADJOURNMENT

*Motion: RESOLVED the meeting is adjourned at 3:38pm.*

*MS/: FOSTER/SAFARI*

*APPROVED by Consent*



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David Foster  
GSS Chair 2021-22

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Kyla Turner  
Executive Director

