

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

## Executive Board

(ONLINE VIA ZOOM) MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

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

**GUEST:** Neil BARNEY, Operations and Service Manager

### 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 KENT.

#### C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

*M/S: FOSTER/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

#### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion: RESOLVED the minutes from the February 1, 2022 Executive Board Meeting are approved as presented.*

*M/S: FOSTER/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

#### E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Foregone.

#### F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

*Motion: RESOLVED to refer the election of GSS representatives to the following UVic committees to GRC:*

- 2021-22 Faculty of Social Sciences Awards and Recognition Committee – 1 member in Social Sciences
- 2021-22 Faculty of Social Sciences Dean's Advisory Forum on Indigenization – 1 member in Social Sciences

*M/S: FOSTER/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

## G. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Society for Students with a Disability re: UVic Walkout February 16, 2022; [General Media Brief](#)

*Motion: RESOLVED that the Board of Directors GSS endorses the Society for Students with a Disability's February 16, 2022 UVic Walkout Event.*

*M/S: FOSTER/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

*Motion: RESOLVED the correspondence is received.*

*M/S: FOSTER/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

## H. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK-IN

1. ELIMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MSP

Foregone as D. Student Affairs not present.

2. INCREASE CONTACT BETWEEN BOARD AND SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Attendance at the first Meet the Board event was low, but further attendance is expected for the February 18. The event has been promoted on our social media, in a mass member email, etc.

[SAFARI arrived at 1:47pm. KHAN arrived at 1:54pm.]

## NEW BUSINESS

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### 1. GRAD HOUSE RESTAURANT REFERENDUM

Invited: Neil BARNEY, Operations and Services Manager

*Motion: RESOLVED the Board of Directors schedules a referendum of the GSS membership from March 9 to 11, 2022 on the following questions:*

1. *Do you support:*

- a. *An increase to your student fees to maintain some or all Food and Beverage services at Halpern Centre, as set out in Referendum Question 2, or*
- b. *No increase to your student fees, no Food and Beverages services at Halpern Centre, and renovations to screen off the previous kitchen and sales spaces to allow the Grad House and Side Project to be used for study and gathering spaces*

2. *If Referendum Question 1a passes, do you support:*

- a. *A new mandatory Food and Beverage Fee of \$20 per student per term for all on-campus graduate students to fund operations of a full service restaurant in Halpern Centre, or*
- b. *A new mandatory Food and Beverage Fee of \$11 per student per term for all on-campus graduate students to fund operations of a counter-service, limited-menu food and beverage service in Halpern Centre*

*M/S: FOSTER/NG*

*CARRIED*

## 2. FOOD SERVICES SECOND LETTER

REF DOC: [Food Services Second Letter DRAFT](#)

*Motion: RESOLVED the Board of Directors endorses the attached letter to UVic VP Academic Valerie Kuehne and AVP Student Affairs Jim Dunsdon regarding food services on campus.*

*M/S: SAFARI/FOSTER*

*APPROVED by Consent*

## 3. ACCESSIBILITY OF UVIC GOVERNANCE FOR DISTANCE STUDENTS

REF DOC: [Distance Students UVic Governance Letter](#)

*Motion: RESOLVED the Board of Directors endorses the attached letter to David Zussman, Chair of the UVic Board of Governors, and Kevin Hall, Chair of the UVic Senate, advocating for accessibility of the Board of Governors and Senate for elected representatives who are distance students living outside Greater Victoria.*

*M/S: FOSTER/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

## 4. WORK STUDY POLICY

REF DOC: [Work Study Policy DRAFT](#)

*Motion: RESOLVED the Work Study Policy is approved with friendly amendments with minor wording changes, as recommended by the Labour Management Committee.*

*M/S: SAFARI/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

## 5. JOB DESCRIPTION REVIEW POLICY

REF DOC: [Job Description Review Policy DRAFT](#)

For information only: [Job Description Review Procedures](#)

*Motion: RESOLVED the Job Description Review Policy is approved with friendly amendments with minor formatting changes, as recommended by the Labour Management Committee.*

*M/S: SAFARI/NG*

*APPROVED by Consent*

## 6. PERFORMANCE REVIEW POLICY

REF DOC: [Employee Performance Review Policy DRAFT](#)

For information only: [Employee Performance Review Procedures](#)

*Motion: RESOLVED the Performance Review Policy is approved with friendly amendments with minor formatting changes, as recommended by the Labour Management Committee.*

*M/S: NG/FOSTER*

*APPROVED by Consent*

## 7. BUDGET CONSULTATION

REF DOCS: [Budget Draft – No Restaurant](#); [Budget Draft – Counter Service](#); [Budget Draft – Old Model](#)

[KHAN dropped call 2:38pm-2:41pm]

For discussion

Does the Executive Board wish to recommend the 2022-23 budget to the SAGM without approval by the Finance Committee, due to the Finance Committee's inability to achieve quorum?

Or does the Executive Board prefer to bring the budget to GRC for recommendation to the SAGM? This would ensure that GRC has input on the budget even though it has not been brought to the Finance Committee. However, it would add time to the GRC agenda.

**DECISION:** The Executive Board shall present the budget to GRC on February 22, 2022 for consultation.

## 8. GRC AGENDA

REF DOC: [February 22, 2022 GRC Agenda DRAFT](#)

*Motion: RESOLVED the February 22, 2022 GRC Agenda is approved as amended.*

*M/S: FOSTER/KENT*

*APPROVED by Consent*

## 9. GRC LOGISTICS

For discussion

Chat monitor – moving/seconding motions: KENT

Chat monitor – questions and comments: NG

## 10. SCHEDULING – BOARD TRANSITION

For discussion

Meet the Candidates Scheduling Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:30-5pm

Board transition training dates: no specific dates blocked off for training due to scheduling concerns of current board.

## 11. ICE BREAKER

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## CLOSING ITEMS

### EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: FOSTER has been focused on the BPC work and wrapping up several advocacy campaigns.

Director of Communications: KENT met with Communications Coordinator last Friday to discuss expectations for regular GSS communications. Communications Committee is working on social media presence.

Director of Finance: KHAN no report.



Director of Services: NG Events Committee is going well with three events having occurred in the last several weeks. Appeals is receiving a standard amount of Appeals for February.

Director of Student Affairs: SAFARI is working closely with the office of Student Life, EQHR, and ICS on student cases. EQHR is looking at developing an advocacy office within the portfolio of Student Life that SAFARI felt would be beneficial for our members.

Executive Director: TURNER reported that staff are engaging in re-opening planning as a result of the Feb 15 announcement of BC's new re-opening planning.

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

None.

#### 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: February 28, 2022

GRC Meetings: February 22, 2022

SAGM: March 22, 2022

Office, Staff Scheduling Notes: The GSS is closed for business during Reading Week February 21-25. The unionized staff will be having their semester union day, per our Collective Agreement, on Friday, February 25.

#### ADJOURNMENT


*Motion: RESOLVED the meeting is adjourned.*

*M/S: FOSTER/SAFARI*

*APPROVED by Consent*

KT/klp

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David Foster  
GSS Chair 2021-22

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Kyla Turner  
Executive Director

