

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(ONLINE VIA ZOOM) MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2022

EXECUTIVE INVITED: Summer OKIBE, Chair; Nicole KENT, Director of Communications (partial); Wyatt MADDOX, Director of Services; Nahid Pourdolat SAFARI, Director of Student Affairs (partial); Robert BICKLEY, Director of Finance; Kyla TURNER, Executive Director (non-voting)

GUEST: Karen POTTS, Governance Coordinator

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 with OKIBE in the chair.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land acknowledgement offered by MADDOX. OKIBE invited all board members to take a moment of silence to reflect on their own connection to colonized lands.

C. ICE BREAKER

What is your secret talent that has nothing to do with grad school? The 2022-23 board has talents in dance, fiber arts, singing, and cooking.

[KENT arrived at 1:39pm]

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED the agenda is approved as presented.

M/S: MADDOX/BICKLEY

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. GRC AGENDA APPROVAL

Reference: April 19, 2022 GRC Agenda

Motion: RESOLVED the April 19, 2022 GRC Agenda is approved as presented.

M/S: MADDOX/BICKLEY

CARRIED

BOARD TRAINING

2. TRAINING – GRC 101

Guest: Karen POTTS

For discussion: What powers and authority does GRC have? What makes for a successful GRC meeting? How do you use Connect to share information and work with your committee members? How do you motivate, support, and manage your committee members? How do you make a work plan?

[SAFARI arrived at 2:41pm. POTTS left at 2:57pm]

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED the minutes from the April 8, 2022 Executive Board Meeting are approved as presented.

*M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI
CARRIED*

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Note: To ensure motion log is updated, ensure completed items are reported in the minutes.

G. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion: RESOLVED one Executive Board member is elected to the GSSBC Executive Committee for 2022-23.

*Nominations: Nahid SAFARI Member elected: Nahid SAFARI
M/S: BICKLEY/MADDOX
CARRIED*

Motion: RESOLVED one Executive Board member is elected as UVSS Liaison for 2022-23.

*Nominations: Wyatt MADDOX Member elected: Wyatt MADDOX
M/S: MADDOX/OKIBE
CARRIED*

H. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

TASK: TURNER to confirm May 10, 2022 board meeting attendance with Jim Dunsdon.

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: OKIBE asked whether meetings with UVic leadership are hosted in person or virtually. TURNER stated that one-on-one meetings could be schedule according to the preferences of the Board member. OKIBE requested website updates for the GSS contacts page.

Director of Communications: KENT no report.

Director of Finance: BICKLEY no report.

Director of Services: MADDOX reminded everyone of the picnic April 22, 2022 on the quad 12-2.

Director of Student Affairs: SAFARI no report.

Executive Director: TURNER reported largely the same work as last meeting around long-term summer planning for the staff and operations.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Motion: BIRT to approve the in-camera minutes from XYZ dates.

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

- *Faculty of Graduate Studies Council – 1 Executive Board member*

Nominations: Member elected:

- *Graduate Fee Reduction Appeals Committee – 1 Executive Board member*

Nominations: Member elected:

- *Graduate Recruitment, Retention and Success Implementation Committee – 1 Executive Board member*

Nominations: Member elected:

- *VP Research Advisory Committee – 1 Executive Board member*

Nominations: Member elected:

- *Campus Planning Committee – 1 Executive Board member*

Nominations: Member elected:

- *Integrated Steering Committee for the Climate Sustainability Action Plan – 1 Executive Board member*

Nominations: Member elected:

- *Mandatory Temporary Medical Insurance Opt-Out Appeal Committee – 1 Executive Board member*

Nominations: Member elected:

Motion: BIRT one Executive Board member is elected to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission Student Transit Advisory Committee.

Nominations: Member elected:

Motion: BIRT Nicole KENT is reappointed as the incumbent to the EQHR Policy Advisory Committee for 2022-23.

Nominations: Member elected:

NOTE: Nicole was elected to this committee in the 2020-21 Board term. Per new University and External Committee Representation Policy section 4.3, GSS representatives with an unspecified term of office will be deemed to have a 12-month appointment. Nicole is now overdue to be reappointed.

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: April 19, 2022 – Land acknowledgement by SAFARI

April 26, 2022 – Land acknowledgement by BICKLEY

Next GRC Meeting: April 19, 2022

AGM: October 25, 2022

Office, Staff Scheduling Notes: GSS closed April 15 and 18 for Easter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: RESOLVED the meeting is adjourned at 3:26pm.

M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI

CARRIED

X



Summer Okibe
GSS Chair 2022-23

X



Kyla Turner
Executive Director