

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(ONLINE VIA ZOOM) MEETING MINUTES

MAY 24, 2022

Zoom Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/2244264481>

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

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 with OKIBE in the chair.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land acknowledgement offered by BICKLEY. OKIBE invited all board members to take a moment to reflect on their relationship to the lands that they are on.

C. ICE BREAKER

If you had \$10,000 just for travel, where would you go? Board members interests included sites all over the world, but focused on visiting friends and family they hadn't connected with over the last two years.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED the agenda is approved as presented.

M/S: MADDOX/BICKLEY

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK IN

For Discussion

TURNER asked the board how they wanted to produce an annual plan as the April 29, 2022 session was not attended by all board members due to illness or technical issues.

MADDOX recommended dividing out the work to collaborate on joint portfolios within the Annual Plan. Individual campaigns will be assigned to 2-3 board members to jointly draft those sections of the Annual Plan.

Areas of focus:

Events – 24 events per year through Events Committee – MADDOX/OKIBE

BC Graduate Scholarship and BC Access Grant – working with GSSBC to campaign for a permanent BC GS program and graduate student eligibility for the BC AG– SAFARI/BICKLEY

Housing – success markers TBD – SAFARI/OKIBE/MADDOX

RA employment status – work with CUPE to complete a union membership drive – BICKLEY/SAFARI

International MSP fee – check in on petition to Legislature – SAFARI/OKIBE

Communications – draft new privacy policy with UVic – KENT/MADDOX

Communications – partnership building with campus and off-campus supports – KENT/MADDOX

TASKS: TURNER to circulate the sections of the Annual Plan to the relevant drafting parties on the Executive Board.

All Executive Board members to meet with their drafting partners on their assigned sections of the Annual Plan and develop preamble, a very brief recap of previous work completed, and goals (and/or SMART objectives) for the current year for discussion at a subsequent board meeting.

2. IN-CAMERA SESSION

Motion: RESOLVED to go in-camera at 2:08pm.

M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI

APPROVED by Consent

- a) In-Camera Minutes
- b) Labour: Collective Bargaining
- c) Labour: Labour-Management Committee Request

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED the minutes from the May 10, 2022 Executive Board Meeting are approved as presented [OR with minor corrections as provided].

M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI

APPROVED BY CONSENT

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

TASKS COMPLETED:

TASK: TURNER to circulate an email to all board members to schedule a town hall planning meeting.

TASK: TURNER to send agreed upon questions for VP Finance and Operations interviews to OKIBE.

TASK: TURNER to communicate with Jim Dunsdon's office regarding Operational Relations meeting on May 10, 2022.

TASK: TURNER to set up meeting and invite, TURNER to circulate powerpoint with edits for feedback. All board members asked to provide feedback by Friday, May 13.

TASK: TURNER to circulate full ABCS Lobbying Skills Training Day invite upon arrival for further consideration around sending 1-2 board members to attend virtually.

G. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion: RESOLVED to elect Wyatt MADDOX to the Social Sciences Appointment Committee Acting Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies.
FURTHER RESOLVED to send nominations for the Social Sciences Community-Engaged Learning (CEL) Working Group to the June 21, 2022 GRC meeting.
M/S: MADDOX/KENT
CARRIED

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Director of Student Affairs: SAFARI sought and received informal approval to send the new draft of the letter to introduce the International Student MSP fee petition to Coralee Oakes, MLA.

Executive Director: TURNER requested board members review an application to Student Awards and Financial Aid for a 2022-23 Work Study position ahead of June 6. TURNER further clarified that her vacation overlaps with the June 21, 2022 board meeting and that Neil Barney, Operations and Services Manager is available to attend in her stead.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Motion: BIRT to approve the in-camera minutes from January 4, February 28, and March 31, 2022.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Next Executive Meetings: June 7, 2022 – Chaired by MADDOX and Land acknowledgement by KENT
June 21, Chaired by OKIBE and Land acknowledgement by SAFARI

Next GRC Meeting: June 21, 2022

AGM: October 25, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: RESOLVED the meeting is adjourned at 3:00pm.
M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI
CARRIED

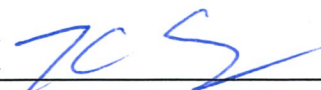
Kt/klp

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Summer Okibe
GSS Chair 2022-23

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Kyla Turner
Executive Director

