

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(ONLINE VIA ZOOM) MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

AUGUST 2, 2022

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)

GUESTS: Daniel GUDINO, Events Coordinator

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

C. ICE BREAKER

What has your favourite virtual space been this year?

Board members report using Instagram, twitter, zoom, discord with friends, and youtube for hobbies. Social media was both rewarding/informative but also occasionally a source of stress.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion: RESOLVED the agenda is approved as presented.
M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI
CARRIED*

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORIENTATION TRAINING

Reference: Department Orientations Sign Up Sheet and Powerpoint presentations

Guest: GUDINO

For Discussion:

GUDINO provided an overview of the powerpoints that are pre-prepared for board members to facilitate department orientation events throughout August and September. SAFARI gave examples of previous questions from members from last year.

TASK: TURNER to update the powerpoint for department orientations

2. UBC RENT FREEZE LETTER

Reference: UBC Rent Freeze Letter to Minister Eby

Motion: RESOLVED that the UVIC GSS endorses the UBC AMS letter to Minister of Housing, Minister Eby, regarding a rent freeze for 2023.
M/S: BICKLEY/SAFARI
CARRIED

TASKS: Executive Board Members to meet Thursday, August 11 at 1:30pm to draft a response letter to UBC AMS to officially endorse their letter to Minister Eby calling for a 2023 Rent Freeze. TURNER to send a meeting invite for the same. TURNER to communicate with UBC AMS to officially endorse their letter to Minister Eby calling for a 2023 Rent Freeze.

3. \$10 A DAY CHILDCARE CAMPAIGN

Reference: \$10 A Day Campaign Website and Endorsement Webpage

Motion: RESOLVED that the UVIC GSS endorses the \$10 A Day Campaign to improve access to affordable childcare across BC.
M/S: MADDUX/SAFARI
CARRIED

TASKS: TURNER to sign the GSS up as a corporate endorsement for the \$10 A Day Childcare Campaign. TURNER to assign staff to promote the \$10 A Day Childcare Campaign on social media and create materials promoting the campaign for orientation events.

4. MAEST SEXUALIZED VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN AND INVITE TO MEET

References: MAEST letter to student societies requesting feedback on the Sexualized Violence Policy, Summary of Feedback on Sexualized Violence Policy Act, Leger Presentation on Sexualized Violence on BC Campuses

For Decision: Select date and time to meet with MAEST personnel. Available time slots are:

- Monday August 22, 2022 – 9:30-11:00am OR
- Tuesday August 30, 2022 – 2:00-3:30pm

TASK: TURNER to correspond with MAEST staff to secure a Teams link for a meeting regarding their Sexualized Violence Policy Act for Monday, August 22, 2022. SAFARI, KENT, TURNER, and MADDUX to attend the consultations with MAEST on Sexualized Violence Policy Act on Monday, August 22, 2022 from 9:30-11:00am.

5. COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS AND ROLES AT GSS

Lead: TURNER

Motion: RESOLVED to forward the communications platforms and roles at GSS document drafted by TURNER along with the Office/Communications job description to Communications Committee for feedback.
M/S: MADDUX/SAFARI
CARRIED

TASK: TURNER to complete draft of communications platforms and roles at GSS document and forward to Comms Committee.

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED the minutes from the July 19, 2022 Executive Board Meeting are approved as presented.

M/S: SAFARI/BICKLEY

CARRIED

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

TASKS COMPLETED:

2022 July 19: TASK: TURNER to circulate a meeting invite for the annual planning meeting July 26, 2022 at 10am.

TASK: TURNER to invite GUDINO to the August 2, 2022 board meeting for training the board on department orientations. TURNER to circulate orientation documents by email to all board members by August 2, 2022.

G. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No appointments made.

H. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Item 1: Victoria Forum Registration

Motion: RESOLVED the correspondence is received.

M/S: MADDOX/OKIBE

CARRIED

Task: TURNER to circulate the registration link to the Victoria Forum for Executive Board members to register.

I. AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF

1. Meeting Debrief: GRC July 26, 2022

Discussion:

MADDOX wanted a focus on inclusion of hybrid/virtually attending reps at GRC in 2022-23.

2. Meeting Debrief: Housing Discussion with UVic July 26, 2022

Discussion:

SAFARI requested to hold off on this item until a second meeting with UVic occurs.

J. LOBBYING REPORTS

Reports due at the first meeting of every month.

K. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK-IN

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: OKIBE no report.

Director of Communications: KENT is focused on facebook and Instagram for social media engagement with the Comms Comm.

Director of Finance: BICKLEY is attending Halpern Centre regularly to sign checks. The Finance Committee is still not meeting until Fall.

Director of Services: MADDOX is gearing up for orientation. He is away from the 3rd to the 15th.

Director of Student Affairs: SAFARI is in contact with her own departments regarding orientation events.

Executive Director: TURNER reported that the Head Cook was not hired last week as expected. All other restaurant positions have robust applications, however the Head Cook being a full-time professional position does not receive the same kind of applicants from within our membership. TURNER and BARNEY are moving forward with activities normally conducted by the Head Cook, such as re-establishing our contacts with

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Agenda item: Meet with CUPE re: RA Legal Status.

Agenda item: UVSS/GSS Meeting

Agenda item: Compensation for grad reps on time-intensive UVic Committees

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: August 16, 2022 – chaired by: _____. Land acknowledgement by: KENT.

Next GRC Meeting: Sept 27, 2022

AGM: October 25, 2022

Office, Staff Scheduling Notes: Kyla will be working afternoons only August 8-12.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: RESOLVED the meeting is adjourned at 3:30pm.

M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI

CARRIED

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Nicole Kent
GSS Vice Chair 2022-23

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Kyla Turner
Executive Director