

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(ONLINE VIA ZOOM) MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 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)

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 TURNER. TURNER invited all board members to take a moment to reflect on their relationship to the lands that they are on.

C. ICE BREAKER

What song do you have on repeat these days?

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED the agenda is approved as presented.

M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORIENTATION CHECK IN

For Discussion:

Have all board members signed up for 5+ department orientation events? Board members reminded to sign up for department orientations by the end of the week.

2. GRC COMMITTEE SIGN UP CHECK IN

For Discussion:

Have all board members selected a meeting date and time for their committees and submitted any edits to TURNER and POTTS? Board members reminded to send in edits by the end of the month.

3. MEETING WITH CUPE RE: RA LEGAL STATUS

Lead: SAFARI

Reference: Draft Member Card Drive Supporting Documents, Requirements to Unionize in BC, 2022

For Discussion:

SAFARI looking for board members to join reps from SAC to meet with CUPE 4163 to plan for the Fall RA Membership Card Drive within CUPE 4163

Discussion item 1: Setting meeting goals. What were the results of the previous attempt to do a member card drive? What background information do board members need to know from CUPE? What can the GSS offer on this campaign? Where do we need CUPE to take the lead? What timelines should we be aware of?

SAFARI noted that the GSS role in this campaign should be focused on providing meeting space, connection to our membership, and advertisement.

Discussion item 2: Assign tasks!

TASKS: TURNER, SAFARI, BICKLEY, MADDOX, OKIBE to attend joint meeting with CUPE 4163 on August 23 at 12:00 noon on Zoom regarding a member card drive for Research Assistants in Fall 2022.

MADDOX, SAFARI, Events Committee and Student Affairs Committee to arrange an RA social night in September 2022 at the Grad House Restaurant. SAFARI to facilitate CUPE 4163 attendance and presentation to RAs.

4. UVSS/GSS JOINT MEETING

Lead: SAFARI

For Discussion:

TASKS: SAFARI, TURNER, OKIBE, MADDOX, BICKLEY, KENT to attend joint UVSS/GSS Board Meet and Greet August 18, 2022 at 12:00 on Zoom.

Areas to coordinate:

Housing advocacy to Municipalities

Advocacy to Province of BC regarding UVic debt capacity and building another dorm

Clubs access for grad students

5. COMPENSATION FOR GRAD REPS ON TIME-INTENSIVE UVIC COMMITTEES

Lead: SAFARI

For Discussion:

Overview from TURNER: The 2021-22 Board sought to implement policy changes requiring UVic to compensate graduate student representatives on time-intensive UVic Committees (for example, hiring committees, senate committees, advisory committees) as this service work is compensated for UVic faculty and staff, but done on a volunteer basis for student representatives. Attempts to make this policy change at a Senate/BOG level were not successful. The Office of Student Life was pursuing changes offer compensation to students on committees, and this was presented to the board as an alternative route for this advocacy campaign. However, on 2022-08-02, SAFARI reported that the Office of Student Life is only pursuing changes to UVic practices around compensating student representatives on UVic committees for OSL committees. An alternative strategy for this advocacy campaign is now required.

SAFARI has not received any new information from EQHR on this issue.

DECISION: Review campaign strategy to obtain compensation for grad students on UVic committees once EQHR responds to SAFARI regarding the possibility of EQHR joining us on this advocacy campaign.

6. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULING

Lead: OKIBE

For Discussion:

Motion: RESOLVED that the Executive Board shall meet on the following dates and times for the 2022-23 Academic Year:

Tuesday, September 13, 1:45-3:45pm

Tuesday, September 20, 1:45-3:45pm

Tuesday, October 4, 1:45-3:45pm

Tuesday, October 18, 1:45-3:45pm

Tuesday, November 1, 1:45-3:45pm

Tuesday, November 15, 1:45-3:45pm

Tuesday, November 29, 1:45-3:45pm

Tuesday, December 13, 1:45-3:45pm

Tuesday, January 3, 1:30-3:30pm

Tuesday, January 17, 1:30-3:30pm

Tuesday, January 31, 1:30-3:30pm

Tuesday, February 14, 1:30-3:30pm (tentative)

Tuesday, February 28, 1:30-3:30pm

Tuesday, March 14, 1:30-3:30pm

Tuesday, March 21, 1:30-3:30pm

Tuesday, March 28, 1:30-3:30pm

M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI

Discussion:

Alignment with other Governance Meetings/Exec business:

Tuesday, September 13, 1:30-3:30pm – review AGM reporting template. Plan GRC orientation/welcome

Tuesday, September 20, 1:30-3:30pm - approve Sept 27 GRC, Sept 19 OR and Oct 5 Exec-to-Exec agendas

Tuesday, October 4, 1:30-3:30pm – Approve Oct 25 AGM agenda. Review audit.

Tuesday, October 18, 1:30-3:30pm – Finalize and approve AGM reports for publication same day

Tuesday, November 1, 1:30-3:30pm -

Tuesday, November 15, 1:30-3:30pm – approve Nov 29 GRC and Nov 21 OR agendas

Tuesday, November 29, 1:30-3:30pm – approve Dec 13 GRC and Dec 8 Exec-to-Exec agenda

Tuesday, December 13, 1:30-3:30pm – approve Dec 19 OR agenda

Tuesday, January 3, 1:30-3:30pm – Set election schedule. Consider guest speaker for SAGM

Tuesday, January 17, 1:30-3:30pm – approve Jan 24 GRC and Feb 2 Exec-to-Exec agendas

Tuesday, January 31, 1:30-3:30pm - Review budget draft or plan exec training

Tuesday, February 14, 1:30-3:30pm – approve Feb 28 GRC and Feb 22 OR agendas. Review budget draft or plan exec training

Tuesday, February 28, 1:30-3:30pm – approve Mar 21 SAGM agenda

Tuesday, March 14, 1:30-3:30pm – approve Mar 22 OR agenda. Finalize/approve SAGM reports for publication same day

Tuesday, March 21, 1:30-3:30pm – finalize business of 2022-23 Executive Board

Tuesday, March 28, 1:30-3:30pm – joint incoming/outgoing board meeting

CARRIED

TASK: TURNER to circulate Outlook and Connect calendar invites for forthcoming Executive Board meetings.

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED the minutes from the August 2, 2022 Executive Board Meeting are approved as presented.

M/S: BICKLEY/MADDOX

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 give availability to UWU for Aug 18/19 for board training.

TASK: TURNER to give availability to Community and Government Relations for the week of 1-2pm July 25, 27, or 29.

TASK: TURNER to provide front office staff with a list of eligible GRC reps for a free Welcome Back BBQ ticket.

2022 Aug 2: TASK: TURNER to update the powerpoint for department orientations

TURNER to send a meeting invite for [Rent Freeze letter drafting]. TURNER to communicate with UBC AMS to officially endorse their letter to Minister Eby calling for a 2023 Rent Freeze.

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.

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.

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

Follow up tasks assigned:

TURNER to confirm availability of UWU to provide HR training to Executive Board as no availability for August 18/19 was provided.

G. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No committee appointments made.

H. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Item 1: Parking Fee Increase

Motion: RESOLVED the correspondence is received.

M/S: MADDOX/BICKLEY

CARRIED

TASK: TURNER to promote parking fee increase Change.org petition on GSS social media and bulletin.

I. AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF

1. Agenda planning: August 18 Operational Relations Meeting
 - Parking fee increase – GSS in support of campus unions and as a campus employer we object to the lack of consultation on the issue
 - Maintenance of dorm buildings – requesting update from OSL regarding the status of maintenance of the dorm buildings ahead of move-in date
 - Debt capacity – GSS preparing a letter to Minister responsible for Housing, would UVic like to review before we submit this letter?
 - Contact with membership – access to our full membership list for mass member emails

Task: TURNER to send list of agenda items to Operational Relations meeting coordinator

2. Agenda planning: MAEST Sexualized Violence Consultation

The following questions will be used to guide the consultation:

- What changes do students feel are needed to improve the *SVMPA*?
- What is working with the *SVMPA* in the implementation of the SV policies?
- What is not working with the *SVMPA* in the implementation of the SV policies?
- Other concerns/issues/ideas that students would like to bring forward.

J. LOBBYING REPORTS

No reports made.

K. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK-IN

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: OKIBE will be meeting with President Hall in September and will schedule upon scheduling return to Victoria.

Director of Communications: KENT no report.

Director of Finance: BICKLEY passed his candidacy exam TODAY. Congratulations, Bobby!

Director of Services: MADDOX – GRC call for reps starting to go out to members from grad secretary

Director of Student Affairs: SAFARI no report.

Executive Director: TURNER reported that hiring has started for the Grad House and plans for orientation are on track.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Work Study Project List; Debt Capacity Advocacy Letter

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 30, 2022 – chaired by: MADDUX. Land acknowledgement by: BICKLEY.

Next GRC Meeting: Sept 27, 2022

AGM: October 25, 2022

Office, Staff Scheduling Notes:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: RESOLVED the meeting is adjourned at 2:30pm.

M/S: MADDUX/KENT

CARRIED

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Summer OKIBE
GSS Chair 2022-23

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Kyla Turner
GSS Executive Director