

*University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society*

**Executive Board**  
(ONLINE VIA ZOOM) MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 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 (partial); Kyla TURNER, Executive Director (non-voting)

**GUESTS:** Karen Potts, Governance Coordinator

**REGRETS:** Robert BICKLEY, Director of Finance (partial)

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**STANDING ITEMS PART 1**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 with OKIBE in the chair.

**B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Land acknowledgement offered by MADDOX. OKIBE asked board members to reflect upon their relationship with the lands they occupy.

**C. ICE BREAKER**

New ice breaker question not circulated to the board.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

*M/S: MADDOX/KENT*

*CARRIED*

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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**1. EXEC MEETING TIMES**

*Motion: RESOLVED to reschedule board meetings for 3-5pm on their previously scheduled dates.*

*M/S: MADDOX/SAFARI*

*CARRIED*

**2. BOARD REVIEW UPDATE**

Lead: BICKLEY and MADDOX

Discussion:

Frank proposed board governance 101, but the board felt that that issue had been addressed. Do we want to engaged Frank on the issue of “focusing on board synergy, practical tools for success, and navigating some of the logistical & interpersonal obstacles” or find a mediator with conflict resolution experience? If so, ED recommends reaching out to the Ombudsperson for a referral.

**Decision: The Executive Board confirms that they will move forward with a consultation/board midterm review with Frank’s Growth Solutions.**

**Task: BICKLEY to confirm a date with Frank ATNIVOK to schedule a board review for November 14.**

### 3. IRANIAN STUDENT PROTESTS SUPPORT EVENT

Lead: MADDOX/SAFARI

Discussion:

SAFARI noted that she and MADDOX briefly discussed hosting an event to support students impacted by the current protests in Iran against the government sponsored state violence and violations of women’s and human rights.

OKIBE suggested hosting a campus walk and posting videos and pictures of the walk on social media.

SAFARI noted that UVSS arranged an event on-campus that led to the Legislative Assembly that gained media coverage. SAFARI would like to better engage the media about this issue to promote awareness. TURNER noted that previously there were issues with media attempting to take exploitative images and interviews with Iranian students in mourning after UIA flight 752 was shot down. TURNER recommended designating a point person from the board to handle media requests.

OKIBE suggested hosting an online campaign to solicit video responses from members to post to our social media. SAFARI recommended also promoting UVic events regarding the Iranian protests on our social media. KENT offered support from the Communications Committee in crafting social media posts for this.

**TASKS: KENT, SAFARI, MADDOX to meet and discuss a pathway forward to offer effective support to Iranian students and those impacted by the protests in Iran.**

### 4. IN-CAMERA SESSION 2:50

*Motion: RESOLVED to go in-camera at 2:40pm*

*M/S: not noted*

*CARRIED*

The board rose from in-camera at 4:14pm.

Due to KENT’s stated intent to file legal action against the GSS, further business was not addressed.

## STANDING ITEMS PART 2

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### E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes not approved.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**TASKS COMPLETED:**

July 5, 2022: TASK: Board members to provide a verbal overview of GRC work within orientation events. OKIBE and TURNER to include an invite to attend in all meeting reminders, or ask GRC Reps to send a proxy to ensure that their department is still represented.

G. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No committee appointments made.

H. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

No correspondence received.

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CLOSING ITEMS 3:50

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Board reports template review with Alix Galumbeck

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Next GRC Meeting: November 29, 2022

AGM: October 25, 2022

Office, Staff Scheduling Notes: Fall BBQ at Halpern Centre Thursday, October 20! Come out and join us!

Halpern Centre will be closed to the public Nov 7-11 for Reading Break.

ADJOURNMENT

*Motion: RESOLVED the meeting is adjourned at 4:14pm.*

*M/S: MADDUX/BICKLEY*

*CARRIED*

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Summer OKIBE  
GSS Chair 2022-23

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Kyla Turner  
GSS Executive Director

