

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2023

EXECUTIVE INVITED:

Wyatt MADDUX, Chair;
Greg GAUBE, Director of Communications and Vice Chair;
Mitch NASCIMENTO, Director of Services;
Samuel FIELDER, Director of Finance;
Lindsay BEAL; Director of Student Affairs;
Kyla TURNER, Executive Director (non-voting)

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:02 by MADDUX.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territorial acknowledgement offered by MADDUX, with an additional thanks to the Nations that have allowed him to complete his research on their lands. TURNER also noted that today is National Indigenous People's Day and invited them to attend events at the First People's House. NASCIMENTO also gave thanks to Mitiarjuk Nappaaluk, a late Inuk author and language protector, whose birthday is June 21 as well.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED the agenda is approved as presented.

M/S: NASCIMENTO/GAUBE

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. BPC MOTIONS

Lead: MADDUX

Reference: Proposed changes to bylaws 2, 5, 6,

For: Decision

Motion: RESOLVED the proposed bylaw changes from Bylaw and Policy Committee are approved for presentation at the 2023 AGM.

M/S: BEAL/GAUBE

Discussion:

MADDUX gave an overview of the bylaw changes proposed around the creation of affiliate members to replace the full membership offered to previously enrolled grad students on leave who opt into services to

avoid the procedural issues we encountered with members on leave. Additionally, BPC recommends changes to the notice for general meetings, as well as several linguistic updates.

CARRIED

Decision: GAUBE recommends changes to Bylaw 5.6b on general meeting quorum to the Bylaw and Policy Committee to address the low number of members currently required for major spending outside the approved budget.

Decision: Procedural update for the board meetings: all documents for review to be included in the agenda rather than additional documents.

2. BOARD VACATION PLANNING – LAST CALL!

Lead: MADDUX

For: Discussion

GAUBE is out of town for the majority of July and has to give regrets to the June 27 GRC meeting. FIELDER out Nov 12-26. NASCIMENTO out for the first week of October and the week of August 20. BEAL to report at a later time. MADDUX is out the first week of August. BEAL is out July 16-23. TURNER has vacation August 7-18 and will try to take lieu time over the November Reading Break.

3. IN-CAMERA SESSION: PERSONNEL

Lead: MADDUX

For: Discussion

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED the minutes from the June 7, 2023 Executive Board Meeting are approved as presented.

M/S: FIELDER/BEAL

CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Tasks Completed/Decisions fully acted upon:

Outstanding from 2022-23: TASK: The 2022-23 Board commits to hosting a transition meeting with each GRC committee where they co-chair with their successor and have up to 5 hours of one-on-one transition meeting that must include at a minimum a review of work completed, current state of on-going projects, and overview of upcoming priorities.

Mar 15: TASK: TURNER to present WorkStudy applications to the Board in May.

Mar 31: TASK: TURNER to prepare signing authority change over documents and send introductory email between MADDUX and FIELDER and the GSS Vancity account representative.

Mar 31: TASK: FIELDER to bring the Building Fund Policy to Finance Committee for review.

April 12: TASK: TURNER to connect with Laurel Collins office to book a meeting at 10:00am on April 25, 2023 with MADDUX and BEAL on the matter of the graduate funding in the Federal Budget 2023.

Apr 12: MADDUX to communicate with Robin HICKS office about a walk out on the quad on May 1 for a photo op.

Apr 12: TURNER to request a meeting with Usec office to discuss the full extent of concerns around student engagement on hiring committees with MADDUX and FIELDER.

May 10: Task: TURNER to request SRC approve formatting changes to increase space for the written sections of the board reports.

May 10: Reminder: Board members are requested to email their reports to Evangeline Wagner, chair of SRC. Come June, board members can submit via Teams.

May 10: Task: NASCIMENTO to book a meeting between CUPE, GAUBE, NASCIMENTO, and BARNEY on planning events in September-October.

May 10: Task: GAUBE to send an email to landerse@uvic.ca to report concerns about waste management.

May 24: Task: BARNEY will need to build/modify the way individuals/group can sign up for the spaces.
Reminder: Calendar should be setup in Google.

May 24: Task: GAUBE to schedule meeting with UVSS Board

June 7: Task: FIELDER in communication with Vanity in regards to the credit cards.

F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (APPENDIX C) 10:41

Reminder to Kyla: Include full name and titles for Governance Coordinator in Committee Appointments.

Motion: RESOLVED to elect the following members to the following committees:

Committee: Ombudsperson Hiring Committee

Member: Wyatt MADDUX

M/S: NASCIMENTO/GAUBE

CARRIED

TASK: TURNER to communicate with Lane Cook, Chair of UVSS, regarding Lindsay BEAL serving as a proxy for the first Ombudsperson Hiring Committee for Wyatt MADDUX. Additionally, TURNER will ask if additional seats for the GSS are available.

G. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Item 1: SFU tuition and RA unionization update

Item 2: Student Affairs Department Restructuring

Motion: RESOLVED the correspondence is received.

M/S: GAUBE/FIELDER

CARRIED

Agenda item for Operational Relations: Can we ask for an explanation of why Student Support Services is not under the Student Success portfolio.

H. AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF

No report.

I. LOBBYING REPORTS

No report.

J. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK-IN

Agenda item: 15 minutes on the next annual plan check in.

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: MADDOX BPC has submitted their first bylaw changes and will now turn their attention to the bylaws around Roberts Rules.

Director of Communications: GAUBE Comms is working on two brochures for orientation.

Director of Finance: FIELDER Fin Com is meeting this week for the first time.

Director of Services: NASCIMENTO Events has met for September planning, particularly around the restaurant. Volunteerism is strong, with 12 signed up volunteers. Knitting night was entirely volunteer night and saw 7 new faces there. Focus for July is budgeting for orientations.

Director of Student Affairs: BEAL A Student Affairs Comm member wrote to York University about their RA union status. This correspondence will be brought to the board meeting in July. BEAL asked for clarity on submitting board reports. Student Affairs Comm meeting was postponed.

Executive Director: TURNER provided an update on the two complex student cases involving withdrawal of graduate students.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

****Task Reminder:** Please be sure your meetings and events are up to date on the GRC Teams Calendar**

Next Executive Meetings: July 5, 2023

Next GRC Meeting: June 27, 2023

AGM: October 24, 2023

Office, Staff Scheduling: Office closed Monday, July 3 for Canada Day.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion: RESOLVED the meeting is adjourned at 11:30am.

M/S: FIELDER/GAUBE

CARRIED


Wyatt Maddox
GSS Chair


Kyla Turner
GSS ED