

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board
(HYBRID) MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 2023

EXECUTIVE PRESENT:

Wyatt MADDUX, Chair;
Greg GAUBE, Director of Communications and Vice Chair;
Samuel FIELDER, Director of Finance;
Kyla TURNER, Executive Director (non-voting)

GUESTS: Babak Ashrafkhani-Limoudehi, GSS 2022-23 Work Study Student (partial); Petranella Daviel, GSS Communications and Outreach Coordinator (partial)

Regrets: Mitch NASCIMENTO, Director of Services; Lindsay BEAL; Director of Student Affairs;

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:56am by MADDUX.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territorial acknowledgement offered by FIELDER.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: RESOLVED the agenda is approved as presented.

M/S: FIELDER/GAUBE

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. WORK STUDY REPORT – GRAD DORMS: INTERNATIONAL AND A BIT MORE CANADA

Lead: Babak Ashrafkhani-Limoudehi

Reference: None

For: Discussion

Ashrafkhani-Limoudehi presented his findings in investigating the graduate dorms in international universities, primarily in the Northern Europe, and domestic universities not covered by Hannah Brown's previous report.

Ashrafkhani-Limoudehi noted that UK does not typically offer family housing but contracts/collaborates with local landlords. McGill does something similar. McGill's response to our dorm survey noted that the majority of grad students in dorms (that are restricted to grad students) are international students. UK dorms also

Sept 6 Ice cream social – Lindsay

Sept 6 Events Highlight – Sam and Greg

Sept 13 Welcome Back BBQ – Wyatt for set up, Greg for hosting, all board members to attend

Sept 20 Pancake Breakfast - Sam

Board members raised workload sustainability concerns.

TASK: TURNER to propose a timeline for changing board positions as well as two options for a new board structure.

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: RESOLVED the minutes from the July 5, 2023 Executive Board Meeting are approved as presented [OR with minor corrections as provided].

M/S: FIELDER/GAUBE

CARRIED

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Lead: TURNER

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

Tasks Completed/Decisions fully acted upon:

June 7 - Reminder: BEAL would like to Beta-test a list of resources for students on food security and sovereignty during the July GRC meeting. A brief introduction during the June GRC.

June 21 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 MADDOX. Additionally, TURNER will ask if additional seats for the GSS are available.

F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Committee: Equity and Human Rights Student Engagement Working Group on the 5 Days of Action

Member:

M/S:

CARRIED/FAILED

Member not elected. Position to be offered to BEAL outside the meeting.

G. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Item 1: SFU Funding Update from SFU GSS Executive Director

Item 2: UofCalgary Grad Funding Info Request

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: August 16, 2023

Next GRC Meeting: TBD – end of term party?

AGM: October 24, 2023

Office, Staff Scheduling: Kyla is on vacation August 8-19 inclusive. Have fun! Don't burn the place down.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: RESOLVED the meeting is adjourned at 11:50 am.

M/S: GAUBE/FIELDER

CARRIED

X

Wyatt MADDOX
GSS Chair 2023-24

X

Kyla Turner
GSS Executive Director