

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(HYBRID) MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2024

Zoom Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/2244264481>

EXECUTIVE INVITED:

Wyatt MADDOX, Chair;
Greg GAUBE, Director of Communications and Vice Chair;
Samuel FIELDER, Director of Finance;
Mitch NASCIMENTO; Director of Services;
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 9:31am by MADDOX.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territorial acknowledgement offered by MADDOX.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.

M/S: GAUBE/BEAL

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. CHECK IN ON EXEC MEETING TIMES FOR THE TERM

Lead: MADDOX

For: Discussion

Any conflicts with continuing to meeting on Thursday mornings? No need to change schedule.

2. LIBRARY LUNCH AVAILABILITY

Lead: TURNER

For: Discussion

Library Services invited us to lunch in "early to mid February" to talk about how to connect more with grad students. What are 3-5 available dates we can send them?

First two Wednesdays at noon, Friday the 2nd or 9th at 11.

Dietary restrictions: no dairy, vegetarian, no melon, no eggs, no avocado

3. STUDENT WELLNESS CENTRE ADVOCACY LETTER

Lead: TURNER

Reference: Student Wellness Centre (SWC) Advocacy Letter

For: Discussion

The SWC has identified physician scope of work classification as a major barrier to attracting and retaining doctors. Right now, all campus clinic doctors are considered to have a “reduced scope” of practice, and therefore receive a lower rate of pay compared to other specialty clinics like sexual health clinics. This new letter addresses the need for reclassification. TURNER has also reached out to the clinics at SFU, UBC, UBC-Okanagan, and UNBC to research the financial impacts for the Province for reclassification, particularly in comparison to revenue generated through the International Student Health Fee. Next steps beyond this letter may include a joint letter calling on the Province to reclassify all campus clinics.

NASCIMENTO noted that Ontario and Quebec physicians operating on campus are not considered reduced scope and receive the standard physician pay rate for family medicine. He can connect the GSS to several Ontario practicing or new physicians for further info.

BEAL asked after the development

TASK: TURNER to recirculate the advocacy letter on improving care at the SWC to the Student Wellness Centre and Government Relations offices for their approval then send the letter to the full recipient list.

4. GROUP PHOTO!

Lead: everyone!

For: Posterity

Thanks to Petri for taking our picture!

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2023 Executive Board Meeting as presented [OR with minor corrections as provided].

M/S: FIELDER/BEAL

CARRIED/FAILED

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Lead: TURNER

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

Items assigned to board members that Kyla thinks are complete or abandoned will be listed below and highlighted in yellow. If there's an item you were assigned below highlighted in yellow, please confirm if the task was completed, revoked, or abandoned!

Tasks Completed/Decisions fully acted upon:

Nov 9: Tasks to assign: GAUBE and FIELDER to book a recap meeting for the Graduate Student Appreciation Week with Dean Hicks.

Nov 23: TASK: MADDUX to reach out to FGS Dean about bringing in the Rock the Boat program into the Graduate Supervision Policy review process.

Dec 7: TASK: TURNER to add the GSS as an official signatory on the National Housing Accord.

F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No appointments made.

G. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

No correspondence received.

H. AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF

Reference: Meeting Debrief Template

1. Dec 12 GRC – debrief
 - i. Went great!
 - ii. Having a post-GRC pub night was super helpful and people opened up more in an informal setting to let the board know what is going on on campus.
2. January 23 GRC – agenda planning
 - i. Add: Welcome kit and GRC orientations
3. Jan 18 Operational Relations – strategizing, new agenda items
 - i. Greg has a folder for garbage pictures to demonstrate the need for increased cleaning
4. Feb 1 Exec-to-Exec – agenda planning
 - i. Presentation on the new Faculty of Health
 - ii. Linguistics/Languages amalgamations
 - iii. Grad specific considerations International student IRCC regulations and off-campus studies

TASKS: TURNER to check for receipts for the post-GRC pub night. The January GRC recruitment emails and drive to be sent out.

TURNER to send OR meetings a request for a Campus Planning presentation, otherwise we are sending a smaller contingent.

TURNER to send in Exec-to-Exec meeting agenda items.

I. LOBBYING REPORTS

Reports due at the first meeting of every month.

J. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK-IN

CLOSING ITEMS 10:50

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: MADDUX

Director of Communications: GAUBE Comms Comm is planning their offboarding, as well as planning an welcome package of swag for orientation. GAUBE also looking at adding a previous board member section to the defender wall.

Director of Finance: FIELDER

Director of Services: NASCIMENTO

Director of Student Affairs: BEAL SAC is meeting today, with a focus on climate action working group on developing resources for climate action in daily life.

Executive Director: TURNER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

January 25 – Budget Consultation (notes are on teams already)

February 8 – Meet and greet with International Centre for Students and Global Communities

New item: Draft a “Live like a student week” challenge for Uvic Deans and VPs – possibly via bingo card

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: Jan 25, 2024

Next GRC Meeting: January 23, 2024

AGM: March 19, 2024


Office, Staff Scheduling:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 11:02.

M/S: GAUBE/BEAL

CARRIED

X 
Wyatt MADDOX
GSS Chair 2023-24

X 
Kyla Turner
GSS Executive Director