

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(HYBRID) MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 25, 2024

EXECUTIVE PRESENT:

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)

GUEST: Finance Committee!

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by MADDOX at 9:32.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territorial acknowledgement offered by FIELDER. He shared the Four Rs of Indigenous ways of knowing and being in colonial education structures: Respect of cultural integrity, Relevance to all involved, Reciprocity in relationships, Responsibility through participation.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.

M/S: FIELDER/GAUBE

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE CONSULTATION ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET

Lead: Finance Committee!!

Reference: Finance Committee Budget Consultation Questions

For: Discussion

The board discussed the discretionary budget for advertising, grants, events, music and entertainment, board and staff training and provided feedback on their budget priorities to the Finance Committee.

2. LIVE LIKE A STUDENT BINGO CARD

Lead: GAUBE

For: Discussion

FIELDER took notes on additions to the proposed Live Like a Grad Student bingo that the GSS will use to bring a bit more empathy among faculty and staff for the current graduate student standards of living. TURNER recommended sharing this item with UVSS to create their own Live Like an Undergrad Student Bingo.

TASKS: GAUBE to re-format the Live Like a Student Bingo Card and communicate with the UVSS board about this challenge.

3. BPC UPDATES

Lead: MADDOX

Reference: Bylaw amendments to Bylaws 2.8, 4.7, 8.1, 9.1, 12.3, 14.6

For: Decision:

Motion: to approve the amendments to bylaws 2.8 (members in good standing), 4.7 c.i. (polling period notice), 8.1c (employee management), 9.1f (employee management), 12.3 (Executive Board leaves of Absence), and 14.6 (signing authorities) as presented.

M/S: BEAL/NASCIMENTO

CARRIED

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2024 Executive Board Meeting as presented.

M/S: FIELDER/NASCIMENTO

CARRIED

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:

Jan 11: TURNER to send OR meetings a request for a Campus Planning presentation, otherwise we are sending a smaller contingent.

Jan 11: TURNER to send in Exec-to-Exec meeting agenda items.

F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No appointments made.

G. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (APPENDIX D)

Item 1: Iranian Student Project Fund Management

Item 2: CUPE request for support

Motion: to receive the correspondence.

M/S: GAUBE/NASCIMENTO

CARRIED

TASK: MADDUX to respond regarding the Iranian Student Project Fund Management and suggest they seek support from the Student Affairs portfolio at UVic.

TASK: GAUBE to meet with CUPE4163 regarding the request for endorsement and invite Petranella.

H. AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF

Reference: Meeting Debrief Template

1. Jan 18 Operational Relations – debrief

MADDUX provided an overview for the board members who were unable to attend.

2. Jan 23 GRC – debrief

I. LOBBYING REPORTS

Reports due at the first meeting of every month.

J. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK-IN

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: MADDUX

Director of Communications: GAUBE

Director of Finance: FIELDER

Director of Services: LAWTON

Director of Student Affairs: BEAL

Executive Director: TURNER asked for confirmation on Meet the Board and Meet the Candidate events times from the board to keep election preparations running on schedule. TURNER provided a very brief update on the announcement of a international student cap implemented by IRCC.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Agenda item: Graduate Dorms

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: Feb 8, 2024

Next GRC Meeting: Feb 27, 2024 (Last GRC of the board term!)

AGM: March 19, 2024

Office, Staff Scheduling: GSS Closed for Reading Break

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 11:15am.

M/S: GAUBE/NASCIMENTO

CARRIED

X

Wyatt MADDIX
GSS Chair 2023-24

X

Kyla Turner
GSS Executive Director

APPENDIX D – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

From: Catherine McGregor

Sent: January 16, 2024 10:17 AM

To: GSS Chair; Graduate Students' Society

Subject: Re: Discussion regarding support for Iranian students

Hello again colleagues; I am wondering if you have had a chance to consider my earlier request (see email thread below) to meet and talk about the management of an Iranian student project fund. If there is no interest in this, please let me know so I can approach other student groups on campus.

With thanks,

Catherine McGregor

Dr. Catherine McGregor (she/her)

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From: "Dr. Catherine McGregor" <cmcgreg@uvic.ca>

Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 10:32 AM

To: GSS Chair <gsschair@uvic.ca>, Graduate Students' Society <gsscomm@uvic.ca>

Subject: Discussion regarding support for Iranian students

Good morning colleagues. I am writing to see if you might be interested in having a conversation about a project I have been working on the last year. This project involved providing project funds to Iranian students as a means of creating greater knowledge of, and understanding of, the Iranian conflict and its impacts on many of our students.

We set up a project fund that originally had about \$7,000.00. Most of it has been expended but a small amount (about \$1600.00) remains.

We have used a process of advertisement to student from my office and to other faculties on campus; this has worked reasonably well, but our intention was for it to become student led. It might be a project suited to management by a student organization like yours.

I would be happy to discuss this idea further with you. Do you have a time that we could meet either face to face or via zoom/teams?

I am attaching the first annual report I prepared based on the projects we funded in 2023.

With thanks,

Catherine McGregor

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