

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

(HYBRID) MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2024

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

EXECUTIVE INVITED:

Samuel FIELDER, Director of Finance;
Rosemary WEBB, Director of Internal/University Relations;
Jitendra PALAPARTY, Director of External Relations;
Maggie LAWTON, Director of Student Life;
Kyla TURNER, Executive Director (non-voting)

GUEST: Petranella Daviel, Events, Communications, and Outreach Coordinator

REGRETS: Wyatt MADDOX, Chair;

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:23am by WEBB.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territorial Acknowledgement offered by WEBB.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.
M/S: FIELDER/LAWTON
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. DEPARTMENT ORIENTATIONS

Lead: TURNER/ DAVIEL

For: Discussion

TURNER and DAVIEL gave an overview of the department orientations that the board present across campus in August-October. DAVIEL shared her timetable and other tools she creates to organize the board for this project. The slide decks are there as a tool to assist the board in providing these orientations. DAVIEL also gave an overview of the materials available to distribute including handbooks, pamphlets, bookmarks, buttons, bags, etc.

LAWTON and PALAPARTY also noted that GSAW, EGRS, and GRC are important areas to note in orientations. LAWTON also noted she'll bring more info about orientations across campus to the board throughout the summer.

2. GRC IN JULY PLANNING

Lead: WEBB

For: Discussion

How do we get butts in seats in July? Keep in mind Kyla will be away.

PALAPARTY suggested an afterparty. LAWTON suggested board games in the board room. TURNER noted the board room is unlicensed and there can be no alcohol in here. WEBB suggested calling it a "social" instead of a party. FIELDER noted that food will already be available but drinks afterwards has been successful in the past. FIELDER also recommended leveraging the language of end of term social as there will be no August GRC. PALAPARTY asked to call it an appreciation social. TURNER asked after the budget.

WEBB suggested taking plenty of group photos.

The two options agreed to were: 1. Drinks and board games after GRC in Side Project if the Grad House will be open and staffed. Or 2. Non-alcoholic drinks and board games in the board room.

TASK: LAWTON to submit a catering order to Neil Barney, Operations and Services Manager, for the July GRC.

3. PEOPLES PARK UPDATE

Lead: WEBB/PALAPARTY

For: Discussion

WEBB and PALAPARTY met with a liaison between GSS and People's Park regarding the GSS's response to the encampment. The liaison is available to present formally to the board and has asked to do so. People's Park asked after:

1. GSS being firmly in support of the geopolitical issue at the heart of the encampment
2. GSS becoming visibly present within the encampment, attending events there, etc.
3. GSS being a strong front on the back end of negotiations between the University and students
4. GSS providing food to the encampment
5. GSS to demand information about the hiring of Paladin Security from UVic
6. GSS schedule events nearby the encampment

LAWTON noted that she's happy to hear that events in the Quad is still desired but we don't typically host events in the Quad. FIELDER asked after the overall relationship with the protest encampment. TURNER noted that there needs to be a much broader systemic discussion on this issue.

TASK: WEBB to send out a whentomeet poll to have a broader discussion on this issue.

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2024 Executive Board Meeting as presented.

M/S: WEBB/FIELDER
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:

June 6 TASK: TURNER to register the GSS as a naloxone distribution site with Island Health and TowardsTheHeart.

DECISION: To send an advocacy letter to the Province, UVic, and Island Health regarding the availability of drug checking services on campus.

April 25: DECISIONS: Board vacations are approved are MADDOX May 10-22, June 15-28, LAWTON May 23-28, Jul 27-Aug 19, FIELDER June 2-9, June 22-29, Jul 6-20 (out of town but available online for July dates), WEBB June 13-16, June 19-25, July 30ish-Aug 5th (will be available online only Aug 5-12ish), PALAPARTY no dates available, TURNER July 10-Aug 6.

TASKS: All board members to put their dates away on the Outlook Calendar and share them with all other board members.

F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No committee appointments made.

G. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

No correspondence received.

H. AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF

No meetings to plan or 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: MADDOX no report.

Director of Finance: FIELDER reported the appointment committee for the new ARC director has completed their work. His other committees have not yet met.

Director of Internal/University Relations: WEBB checked in with LAWTON on the meeting with the Library and will meet offline about this. FGS will be in touch shortly about the equity working group.

Director of External Relations: PALAPARTY met with GSSBC yesterday and will bring a letter to the Province on post-secondary education to the next board. PALAPARTY met with WEBB regarding co-chairing the A&C meetings. PALAPARTY also met with the BC Transit Coalition about the 96Blink rapidbus route between campus and Uptown and other major routes. PALAPARTY interviewed with the Martlet on June 11 regarding the Health and Dental referendum, particularly gender affirming care being adding to insurance plans. PALAPARTY also attended the Saanich city council meeting on June 10 to advocate for free transit for students/all with the UVSS.

Director of Student Life: LAWTON has been meeting with FGS, ICS/GC, OSL, and every other acronym around campus to book campus wide orientation events. LAWTON has also been meeting with the 5 Days of Action organization team.

Executive Director: TURNER reported on the successes of the records review week.

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 OUTLOOK CALENDAR****

Next Executive Meetings: July 2, 2024

Next GRC Meeting: July 23, 2024

AGM: October 22, 2024

Office, Staff Scheduling: Kyla out on vacation July 10-Aug 6

ADJOURNMENT


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 11:39.

M/S: FIELDER/PALAPARTY

CARRIED/FAILED



Rosemary WEBB
GSS Vice Chair 2024-25



Kyla Turner
GSS Executive Director