



# UVIC GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY Semi-Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 5 pm – 7 pm

Location: [Grad House Restaurant](#) or [Zoom](#)

## Zoom Link:

(Member verification and registration 4:30-4:55 pm)

## Agenda

Chair: Wyatt MADDUX, Chair

5:00 1. Call to order – Wyatt MADDUX, Chair

5:05 2. Land acknowledgement

5:07 3. SAGM Quorum Report – Kyla TURNER, Executive Director

5:08 4. Approval of agenda

*Motion: BIRT the Agenda of the March 25, 2025 GSS Semi-Annual General Meeting is approved as presented.*

*Moved: Executive Board                      Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_*

5:10 5. Approval of previous GSS General Meeting minutes

REF DOC: [2024-10-22 AGM Minutes Draft](#)

*Motion: BIRT the minutes of the October 22, 2024 GSS Annual General Meeting are approved as presented.*

*Moved: Executive Board                      Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_*

5:15 6. Executive Stipends –Chair of Stipend Review Committee

*Motion: RESOLVED THAT the stipends for the GSS Executive Board in 2025-26 are set as:*

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| Chair: | \$ 1070.66/month |
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| Director of Finance:                     | \$ 1070.66/month |
| Director of Internal/University Affairs: | \$ 1070.66/month |
| Director of External Affairs:            | \$ 1070.66/month |
| Director of Student Life:                | \$ 1070.66/month |

Moved: Stipend Review Committee Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

5:20

7. Presentation of 2025-26 Budget – Sam FIELDER, Director of Finance

REF DOC: [Proposed 2025-26 GSS Budget](#)

Motion: BIRT the 2025-26 Budget is approved as presented.

Moved: Executive Board/Finance Committee Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

5:35

8. Reports to the Membership:

- a. Report of the [2024-25 Executive Board](#) – Wyatt MADDOX, Chair
- b. [Membership and Representation Report](#) – Kyla TURNER, Executive Director
- c. [Report of the Executive Director](#) - Kyla TURNER, Executive Director

REF DOCS: [2024-25 Executive Board Report](#); [Membership and Representation Report](#); [2024-25 Executive Director Report](#)

5:45

Reports of Committees of the Society

REF DOCS: For full list see <http://gss.uvic.ca/agm>. For individual reports click the report title below or visit the AGM website for any later submissions

- i. [Advocacy & Campaigns](#) – Jitendra PALAPARTY, Director of External Relations
- ii. [Appeals](#) – Sam FIELDER, Director of Finance
- iii. [Bylaw and Policy](#) – Wyatt MADDOX, Chair
- iv. [Events](#) – Maggie LAWTON, Director of Student Life
- v. [Finance](#) – Sam FIELDER, Director of Finance
- vi. Stipend Review – Yukio JAMIESON-BURNS, Chair, Stipend Review

Health and Dental Plan Update – Kyla TURNER, Executive Director

REF DOC: 2025-03-25 Semi-Annual Health and Dental Plan Update

Motion: BIRT the 2024-25 Executive Board report, reports from the committees of the society, and the semi-annual extended health and dental insurance plans update are received as information.

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

6:05

Break

- 6:10 9. Bylaw Amendments (Appendix A)  
*Motion: to approve the amendments to bylaws #4.4 (Referenda), bylaw #14.3, (Membership Fees), bylaw #14.4 (Funds) as presented.*
- 6:20 *Moved: Bylaw and Policy Committee/Executive Board Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_*
10. Ratification of Acclaimed Executive Board Candidates – Jono QUALTER, Electoral Officer  
[REF DOC: Electoral Officer Election Update 2025-26]
- Chair – Rosemary Webb  
Director of Finance – Maggie Lawton  
Director of External Relations – Jitendra Palaparty
- 6:30 11. Election of Electoral Officer – Wyatt MADDOX, Chair  
[REF DOC: Statements of Candidacy submitted by Monday March 18 will be available through a link posted to gss.uvic.ca on March 19]
- a. Call for further nominations from the floor.
- b. If there are multiple candidates, an election will be held by members present.
- OR
- Should there be only 1 candidate, a ratification vote will be held.
- OR
- Should there be no candidates, an Electoral Officer will be appointed by the Graduate Representative Council at their April meeting.
- 6:45 12. Introduction of the 2025-26 Executive Board
- 6:55 13. Other Business
- 7:00 14. Adjournment
- Motion: BIRT the 2024 GSS SAGM is adjourned.*  
*Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_*

~ Emergency preparedness: In the event a major power or technology failure disrupts the March 25 meeting, the AGM will be reconvened on Wednesday, March 26 at 5 pm.

The GSS Bylaws governing the Society and general meeting procedures can be found here:  
<https://gss.uvic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2023-10-24-GSS-Bylaws-APPROVED.pdf>

# Appendix A: Bylaw Amendments

## University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society 2025 SAGM Bylaws for Amendment

The Bylaw and Policy Committee recommends the following changes for ratification at the 2025 Semi-Annual General Meeting. Please note that additions are **highlighted yellow** and deletions are **struck through**.

### Bylaw 4.4 Referenda:

- a. Referenda shall be initiated by:
  - i. a resolution of the Executive Board; or
  - ii. a resolution passed by two-thirds (2/3) of Grad Council; or
  - iii. a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the full members of the Society.
- b. Referenda questions shall be phrased by the Executive Board. However, where a referendum is initiated by petition, the phrasing shall not alter the original intent of the petition.
  - i. **Where a referendum question creates or revises a membership fee, the text of the referendum question shall include whether or not the fee shall increase by the Consumer Price Index annually.**
  - ii. **Where a referendum on GSS fees would necessitate alterations of bylaw 14.3 Membership Fees, the revised bylaw text shall be presented in the referendum.**
- c. Where the referendum is initiated by the Executive Board, the Graduate Representative Council will be notified within 48 hours of the Executive Board Meeting.

### Bylaw 14.3 Membership Fees:

- a. **Membership fees shall be set by majority vote of a referendum held according to Society Bylaws. Where the referendum which set or revised the fee included provisions to increase the fee annual by the Consumer Price Index, the fees shall increase by the Provincial Consumer Price Index in line with GSS Core Membership Fees.**
  - i. **Fees which include a CPI increase include: Campus Food Bank, CFUV, University 101, Conference Travel Fee, and Distance Travel Fee.**
  - ii. **Fees which do not include a CPI increase include: Childcare fee, Anti-Violence Project, Ombudsperson, Constituency Groups, Clubs, WUSC, Student Advocate, and Food and Beverage Fees.**
- b. Total core membership fees are automatically increased annually to a maximum determined by the provincial Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous calendar **fiscal** year.

Bylaw 14.4 Funds:

As per the Societies Act (2015), the funds of the Society shall consist of:

- a. Membership fees;
- b. Private endowments;
- c. Any revenue accruing from a Society transaction;
- d. Any grants received from the municipal, provincial, federal government(s), and/or non-governmental organizations; and**
- e. Any public donations.**