

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board (HYBRID) MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2025

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

EXECUTIVE INVITED:

Wyatt MADDOX, Chair;
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);

REGRETS: Liam Mihalynuk, Finance Committee Representatives

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:17am by MADDOX.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territorial acknowledgement offered by TURNER.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.

M/S: LAWTON/WEBB

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. BUDGET CONSULTATION!

Lead: FIELDER

REF DOC: [Budget consultation template](#)

For: Discussion:

Board consulted on the discretionary funding areas of the Operating Fund.

2. GRC AGENDA PLANNING

Lead: MADDOX

REF DOC: [Jan 28 GRC agenda](#)

For: Discussion

Do we wish to provide an update on Operational Relations items (particularly WorkSafe BC coverage and the next UVic dorm)? Do we want to put the board election on the agenda to let everyone know when we are

hosting events and how to nominate themselves? Maggie has added in an invitation to stakeholder engagements for the AVP Research Hiring Committees.

GRC agenda set.

TASK: TURNER to circulate the GRC agenda.

3. GEC AND FACULTY ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Lead: MADDUX and WEBB

REF DOC:

For: Discussion

WEBB reported on a meeting with the faculty association on the new UVic Accommodation policy, which pushes accommodation planning for grad students to supervisors/grad advisors instead of CAL. The group will meet again in February for action planning. Suggested actions were hosting a petition; joint advocacy letters. FA suggested also going to the media about this.

Board was in support of further work with the FA.

MADDUX reported on degree/program changes at the Graduate Executive Councils, which included reducing course requirements for some PhDs, PhDs targeting professionals, and otherwise streamlining program requirements for many degrees.

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2025 Executive Board Meeting as presented.

M/S: LAWTON/MADDUX

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 7: WEBB and PALAPARTY to set up Buddy Meeting with Committee member for this meeting request.

Tasks revoked or abandoned:

Nov 19 - TASK: TURNER to respond to the Here2Talk survey.

F. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No committee appointments made.

G. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

No correspondence received.

H. AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF

Reference: Meeting Debrief Template

1. Meeting debrief: Jan 15 Operational Relations
2. Meeting agenda planning: Jan 31 Exec-to-Exec strategy planning? Two agenda items: Our welcome letter to Minister Kang, and full-time registration for grad students with CAL accommodations for IRCC purposes.

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 Finance: FIELDER

Director of Internal/University Relations: WEBB

Director of External Relations: PALAPARTY

Director of Student Life: LAWTON

Executive Director: TURNER

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: February 4, 2025

Next GRC Meeting: January 28, 2025

AGM: March 25, 2025

Office, Staff Scheduling: The GSS will be closed from February 17-21 inclusive for Reading Week.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting.

M/S:

CARRIED

X

Wyatt MADDUX
GSS Chair 2024-25

X

Kyla Turner
GSS Executive Director

