

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 20, 2026

EXECUTIVE INVITED:

Rosemary WEBB, Chair;

Maggie LAWTON, Director of Finance;

Sarah ROBERTS, Director of Internal/University Relations;

Lillian ABELLS, Interim Director of External Relations;

Kyla TURNER, Executive Director (non-voting);

REGRETS: Curran CHAPMAN, Interim Director of Student Life

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 11:53am by WEBB.

B. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territory acknowledgement offered by TURNER

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Notice of this meeting was given 24.75hrs prior to the meeting in compliance with Bylaw 8.4c. Policy 13.2.1 requiring circulation of a call for agenda items, as well as Policy 13.1.2 requiring an agenda be circulated with the notice of meeting, are proposed to be waived due to extenuating circumstances. The extenuating circumstances are that the Board had to schedule an urgent meeting in a restricted timeline, and Board members' availabilities did not allow for a call of agenda items per policy 13.1.2 in advance of a 24hr-notice call for meeting. An agenda was not circulated with this meeting notice per policy 13.2.1 due to the Chair being out-of-office the day it was determined necessary to call the meeting and thus unable to coordinate preparation of an agenda with the Executive Director. The urgent nature of the meeting prevented the Board from following all of our standard procedures.

Motion: to approve waiving Policy 13.2.1 and Policy 13.1.2 in the case of this Executive Board meeting on March 20, 2026 due to extenuating circumstances.

M/S: LAWTON/ROBERTS

CARRIED/FAILED

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.

M/S: LAWTON/ROBERTS

CARRIED/FAILED

NEW BUSINESS

1. IN-CAMERA SESSION: REFERENDUM COMPLAINT 12:08

Lead: WEBB

Reference:

For: Discussion

Discussion item: Executive Board to discuss proposed actions regarding the 2026 referendum formal complaint submitted by graduate students representing WUSC (World University Services Canada).

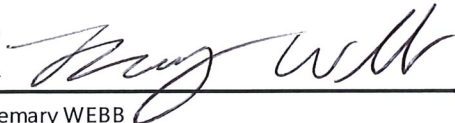
Board moved in camera at 11:55 am and went out of camera at 1:02pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 1:02pm.

M/S: LAWTON/ROBERTS

CARRIED

X 

Rosemary WEBB
GSS Chair 2025-26

X 

Kyla Turner
GSS Executive Director

APPENDIX A: MINUTES

University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society

Executive Board (HYBRID) MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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

EXECUTIVE INVITED:

Maggie LAWTON, Director of Finance;
Sarah ROBERTS, Director of Internal/University Relations;
Lillian ABELLS, interim Director of External Relations;
Curran CHAPMAN, interim Director of Student Life;
Kyla TURNER, Executive Director (non-voting);

REGRETS: Rosemary WEBB, Chair;

STANDING ITEMS PART 1

D. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:03am by LAWTON.

E. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Territory Acknowledgement offered by LAWTON. She went to the Horticulture gardens of the Pacific (HCP Gardens) this weekend. HCP labels all their plants with their Linnean scientific name, generally after the settler who "discovered" them. As part of decolonization, some scientific names for these plants have had the names of colonizers removed and replaced with more factual information about the function and form of the plant. This move also indicates that our non-human relatives are not owned by any person and should not bear their name.

F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: to approve the agenda as presented.

M/S: ROBERTS/ABELLS

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

2. BUDGET APPROVAL

Lead: LAWTON

Reference: 2026-27 Budget

For: Decision

Motion: to approve the 2026-27 Budget as presented and to recommend the budget for approval at the March 24, 2026 SAGM.

M/S: CHAPMAN/ROBERTS

Discussion:

LAWTON presented the final draft budget to the board and went over changes from the previous drafts (CPI, budget cuts) and a brief overview of the format of the budget.

CHAPMAN asked after details on the Events and Entertainment budget and TURNER review the budget line item break downs and sub-budgets.

ROBERTS asked after the capital budget, which TURNER and LAWTON reviewed.

LAWTON reviewed that, as a non-profit society, we budget on a revenue neutral (i.e. no deficit, no surplus) basis, which this budget has achieved.

The Board voted unanimously in support of the budget.

CARRIED

3. TASK REMINDER: SAGM REPORTS

Lead: TURNER

For: Discussion

Reminder for board members: your SAGM reports (identical format to AGM reports, but with information from October 2025-March 2026) are due March 10. These include reports from each GRC committee, as well as a board report written by the Chair. (Curran and Lily: Maggie and Sarah respectively can assist with drafting these reports.)

TASK: All board members to submit their SAGM reports to the 2026-03-24 SAGM folder on Teams by 9am on March 10.

4. PSI REVIEW LOBBYING

Lead: LAWTON

For: Discussion

LAWTON gave an overview of lobbying training provided by Graduates of Political Science (GPS) in preparation for a meeting with MLA Diana Gibson, Minister for Citizens' Services in early March. GPS has put together a teams channel to gather information and strategize for this meeting.

5. LIMERICK FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTH PROMOTING CAMPUSES

Lead: TURNER

Reference Doc: The Limerick Framework (See notes), Kyla's very rough draft letter because she got bored.

For: Discussion

The Limerick Framework is the latest iteration of an international framework for developing "health promoting campuses." It builds on the 2015 Okanagan Charter. UVic never signed onto the Okanagan Charter. Do we wish to request UVic adopt the Limerick Framework?

The Limerick Framework focuses on:

- Healthy planet – sustainability, equitable environmental action, honouring Indigenous knowledge and relationship with land

- Healthy places – encompassing the physical, social, cultural, digital and natural settings that shape how people learn, work, play, etc.
- Health people – taking a whole-person and community approach to advancing wellbeing while recognizing the intersecting impacts of determinants of health. Develop “relationship-rich” experiences with positive social interactions across campus while addressing prejudice and conflict.

Key principles of the Limerick Framework:

- Partnership - local, regional, national, global,
- Participation - involving everyone, especially in decision making, and
- Progress - take action that can be measured and celebrated.

Currently, UVic is supportive of both the Okanagan Charter and the Limerick Framework, but they have not committed to adoption. UVic is planning to develop a Student Well-being Strategy informed by the Charter, Framework, and the National Standard for Mental Health and Well-being for Post-Secondary Students.

Discussion:

TURNER gave an overview of the history of creating health promoting campuses strategies once per decade and the themes of the Okanagan Charter and Limerick Framework. ROBERTS asked after UVic’s history of signing onto the Okanagan Charter. TURNER gave her understanding of that history.

Decision: The GSS will ask UVic to formally adopt the Okanagan Charter and Limerick Framework.

TASK: LAWTON and ROBERTS to review a draft letter asking UVic to formally adopt the Okanagan Charter and Limerick Framework.

STANDING ITEMS PART 2

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2026 Executive Board Meeting as presented.

M/S: CHAPMAN/ABELLS

CARRIED

H. 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:

TASKS: LAWTON shall register the Board for a “yes” side campaign on all referendum questions on or after February 9.

TURNER, ROBERTS and CHAPMAN to attend the Provincial Training on Referrals to Community Resources for Sexualized Violence Disclosures.

TURNER to submit the board's feedback on the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy on February 6.

ROBERTS and ABELLS to follow up with EQHR re: consulting on the Equity Action Plan and circulate the survey.

Tasks revised:

TURNER and ROBERTS to attend the Provincial Training on Referrals to Community Resources for Sexualized Violence Disclosures once re-scheduled if they are available. CHAPMAN and ROBERTS noted that they have each repeatedly received similar training.

I. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

No committee appointments made.

J. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Item 1: Faculty correspondence re: WUSC question in referendum

Motion: to receive the correspondence.

M/S: ROBERTS/CHAPMAN

CARRIED

K. AGENDA PLANNING, OR MEETING DEBRIEF

Reference: Meeting Debrief Template

1. Meeting debrief: None.
2. Meeting agenda planning: February 24 GRC
3. Meeting agenda planning: first thoughts on Mar 13 Operational Relations
 - i. Limerick Framework?
 - ii. Building heating?
 - iii. Equity action plan?
 - iv. Housing update?

L. LOBBYING REPORTS

Reports due at the first meeting of every month.

M. ANNUAL PLAN CHECK-IN:

CLOSING ITEMS

EXECUTIVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION/UPDATES/QUESTIONS

Chair: WEBB is in Japan!

Director of Finance: LAWTON is busy prepping for lobbying to MLA Gibson with GPS and for the referendum campaigning.

Director of Internal/University Relations: ROBERTS is still very active on the Presidential Hiring Committee and meeting with the Student Wellness Centre.

Director of External Relations: ABELLS has been onboarding with ROBERTS. A&C met and it went well. They've met with EQHR re: UVic's Equity Action Plan. They've met with the Ombudsperson –

Angus has been struggling with consistent student voices on his committee. They also got a response from the Victoria Regional Transit Commission, which they will forward to TURNER.

Director of Student Life: CHAPMAN events are going well. The tenant's rights workshop is still being planned. CHAPMAN is awaiting a reply. Events Committee meeting also went well.

Executive Director: TURNER is catching up from sick leave and working from home today to give the Union the building for their semesterly meeting. Reminder to the board that Neil is off this week.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Approve SAGM agenda, previous minutes, any bylaw amendments – March 3

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

****Task Reminder:** Please be sure your meetings and events are up to date on OUTLOOK CALENDAR**

Next Executive Meetings: March 3, 2026

Next GRC Meeting: February 24, 2025

SAGM: March 24, 2026

Office, Staff Scheduling:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting.

M/S:

CARRIED/FAILED

X

Maqqie LAWTON
GSS Vice Chair 2025-26

X

Kyla Turner
GSS Executive Director

APPENDIX D – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Item 1: Faculty correspondence re: WUSC question in referendum

From: Maggie Lawton - GSS Director of Finance <gssfinan@uvic.ca>

Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 9:38 AM

To: Scott Watson <sdwatson@uvic.ca>; GSS Chair <gsschair@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of Student Life <gsslife@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of External Relations <gssexternal@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of Internal/University Relations <gssinternal@uvic.ca>

Subject: Re: GSS WUSC Referendum

Hi Scott,

Thank you for your interest in how the Graduate Students' Society fees are structured. We are glad to hear that you have opposed the underfunding of graduate students at Canadian universities - you will

understand then that graduate students are highly invested in how their fees are collected and distributed back to campus organizations, and how those organizations utilize graduate student fees. This is why we ensure any potential changes to our fee structure are voted on by our membership as a whole.

We hear your concerns for the students who may be affected by this fee referendum. If you know graduate students who are interested in campaigning, please refer them to our website <https://gss.uvic.ca/referendum/> and our Campaigning Guide: <https://gss.uvic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Referendum-Campaign-Package-2026.pdf>. As this guide indicates, **only currently registered graduate students and student organizations with currently registered graduate student members may campaign for or against these changes**. Graduate students must email our Elections Officer (voteegss@uvic.ca) and register to campaign between **February 9, 9am—February 23, 4pm**. Campaigning by registered graduate students may only take place between **February 24—March 3**. Voting takes place online **March 3—March 6**.

As a faculty member, you are not permitted to campaign for nor vote in a graduate student fee referendum. However, you are more than welcome to inform graduate students that the GSS is holding a referendum and provide them with the above details. If graduate students have questions about our campaign guide and process, they should reach out to our Elections Officer (voteegss@uvic.ca). If you are still a part of the UVic Local Committee for WUSC, and the committee contains an actively registered graduate student, that graduate student may register to form a referendum side at which point the UVic WUSC Committee may register as an endorser of that side.

If you would like to meet with members of our Executive Board to further discuss the history and context of our GSS fees, how the Finance Committee reviewed in detail the financial information provided to them, or if you have questions about advocacy targeted towards our members and your faculty members, please follow up with myself and our Executive Director Kyla Turner (gssmgr@uvic.ca) for scheduling.

Thanks,

Maggie

Maggie Lawton (she/her)
Director of Finance
University of Victoria
Graduate Student Society
gssfinan@uvic.ca
gss.uvic.ca

From: Scott Watson <sdwatson@uvic.ca>

Sent: February 5, 2026 4:41 PM

To: Maggie Lawton - GSS Director of Finance <gssfinan@uvic.ca>; GSS Chair <gsschair@uvic.ca>; GSS

Director of Student Life <gsslife@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of External Relations <gssexternal@uvic.ca>;
GSS Director of Internal/University Relations <gssinternal@uvic.ca>
Subject: RE: GSS WUSC Referendum

Hi Maggie

Thank you for your reply and explanation for this decision. While I disagree with the rationale provided, I do appreciate your willingness to respond. I find it disheartening that the desire to save \$4 per term would outweigh taking the time to get a full understanding of the organization and the nature of the Covid induced budget surplus, but that is fair enough. It is also disturbing that assisting the world's most vulnerable people is not considered "reflecting Graduate Student interest and needs".

Let me suggest that a great many injustices have been carried out in the name of cost-neutrality - indeed, I have heard (and opposed) the exact same justification for the current underfunding of graduate students at Canadian universities.

I would be happy to meet with any students interested in discussing WUSC, even as it appears that the referendum is in motion and the only option is to mobilize in opposition. I regret to say that I intend to do so. While I am under no illusions that in the current anti-immigrant climate, any effort to continue supporting vulnerable immigrants will meet with success, I can't imagine not doing so. I'd be pleased to work with any members of the GSS board who also oppose cost-balancing a referendum on the backs of people in refugee camps.

Sincerely
Scott

Scott Watson
Professor
Department of Political Science,
University of Victoria
sdwatson@uvic.ca

I acknowledge and respect the *lək'wəŋən* peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and *WSÁNEĆ* peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day

From: Maggie Lawton - GSS Director of Finance <gssfinan@uvic.ca>
Sent: February 5, 2026 3:59 PM
To: Scott Watson <sdwatson@uvic.ca>; GSS Chair <gsschair@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of Student Life <gsslife@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of External Relations <gssexternal@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of Internal/University Relations <gssinternal@uvic.ca>
Subject: Re: GSS WUSC Referendum

Hi Scott,

Thank you for the candid message. Please understand that the GSS board did not propose these changes lightly, and try to keep the best interest of our membership at heart.

To provide more context as to our decision making, the GSS reached out to WUSC regarding this referendum in June, September, October, and November 2025 requesting information relating to the planning of this fee referendum. We unfortunately did not hear back until December 5, at which point we were informed they were operating with a multi-year budget surplus. The decisions our Finance Committee made on this fee referendum were based on the financial situation of all organizations for which we are taking fees to referendum.

The GSS is seeking to increase funding to the Constituency Groups, including the Society for Students with a Disability, the Native Student Union, Students of Colour Collective and Gender Empowerment Centre. These groups have been under significant financial strain for years. GSS members directly work with, for and benefit from the Constituency Groups that address a wide range of social and economic inequities on campus. Due to the current cost of living crisis, which graduate students are particularly impacted by, we have made every effort to reduce other fees to offer the membership a cost-neutral fee referendum.

For more information on this fee and the other changes proposed in this referendum, feel free to peruse our publicly-available FAQ: <https://gss.uvic.ca/referendum/>

Unfortunately, the referendum has already been announced, and no changes can be made at this point. However, graduate students and student organizations with graduate student members may register to campaign for or against these changes. Information on campaigning can also be found on our website.

We would be happy to meet to discuss this issue further.

Thanks,
Maggie Lawton (she/her)
Director of Finance
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Graduate Student Society
gssfinan@uvic.ca
gss.uvic.ca

From: Scott Watson <sdwatson@uvic.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 2:39:05 PM
To: GSS Chair <gsschair@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of Student Life <gsslife@uvic.ca>; Maggie Lawton - GSS Director of Finance <gssfinan@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of External Relations <gssexternal@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of Internal/University Relations <gssinternal@uvic.ca>
Subject: GSS WUSC Referendum

Dear members of the GSS board,

I am emailing with regard to the current GSS referendum that proposes an 80% funding cut for WUSC. As a former faculty advisor for WUSC here on campus, I am appalled that the GSS would seriously consider cutting funding for a program that increases accessibility to post-secondary education for the world's most vulnerable people, and that enhances diversity on this campus. While I am not sure of the motivation for this cut, it seems to reflect the current political trend that generates hostility to international students and immigration to Canada more generally. I am surprised that the GSS would lean into this type of politics.

Saving grad students \$4 a term, less than a cup of coffee, will mean one or two fewer students resettled at UVic each year. One vulnerable international student denied a post-secondary education to save \$4 – I cannot imagine the moral economics needed to justify such a calculation.

As for the matter that few of these students come over as grad students – WUSC works with the world's most vulnerable populations – most of whom were forced to flee their homes as children and have suffered incredible loss and hardship. They have grown up and been educated in refugee camps – where attaining a secondary education is extremely challenging and completing an undergraduate degree is impossible. Justifying a cut to this program partially because few grad students enter through this program exhibits a shocking degree of blindness to one's own privilege and a complete lack of empathy.

I would ask that the GSS seriously reconsider this initiative.

Sincerely

Scott Watson

Professor

Department of Political Science,

University of Victoria

sdwatson@uvic.ca

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EXECUTIVE MOTION LOG 2025-26: RECORD OF APPROVED MOTIONS AND ASSIGNED TASKS¹

As of February 17, 2026

Meeting Date	Motion or Task (Motions containing expenditures are in bold)
Outstanding 2023-24	TASK: Executive Board to review the Electoral Officer payment policies for possible revision by the Bylaw and Policy Committee.
April 8	All complete.
April 15	No tasks assigned
April 22	All complete.
April 29	All complete.
May 12	All complete.
May 26	All complete.
June 9	All complete.
June 25	All complete.
July 7	No tasks assigned
July 21	All complete.
Aug 11	No tasks assigned
Aug 18	All complete.
Sept 9	All complete.
Sept 22	All complete.
Oct 6	No tasks assigned
Oct 20	All complete.
Nov 17	No tasks assigned
Dec 1	DECISION: We will not change processes for opting into the On Campus Services Package in this case and continue to encourage folks to opt into the On Campus Services Package in order to access on campus services and refer off-campus members to off-campus resources.
Jan 5	All complete.
Jan 19	No tasks assigned.

¹ This document is to assist with motion and task follow-up and completion, particularly spanning Executive and GRC annual transitions. Motions pertaining to internal administration such as the approval of agendas, minutes, committee appointments; and motions that did not pass or were tabled, are not in this document. Financial motions are indicated in **BOLD** to assist our auditors. Incomplete and in-progress items are in the table. Once a task is completed, it is removed from this document.

Feb 2	TASKS: LAWTON shall lead discussions amongst supporters for the GSS 2026 Fee Referendum. TURNER, ROBERTS and CHAPMAN to attend the Provincial Training on Referrals to Community Resources for Sexualized Violence Disclosures.
Feb 17	Decision: The GSS will ask UVic to formally adopt the Okanagan Charter and Limerick Framework. TASK: LAWTON and ROBERTS to review a draft letter asking UVic to formally adopt the Okanagan Charter and Limerick Framework. Task revised: TURNER and ROBERTS to attend the Provincial Training on Referrals to Community Resources for Sexualized Violence Disclosures once re-scheduled if they are available. CHAPMAN and ROBERTS noted that they have each repeatedly received similar training.
Mar 3	
Mar 16	
Mar 30	

APPENDIX C: COMMITTEES

APPENDIX D – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Item 1 Victoria Youth Advisory Council

From: Tristan Denniston <tdenn@uvic.ca>

Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 1:58 PM

To: Kyla Turner - Executive Director, Graduate Students' Society <gssmgr@uvic.ca>; [redacted]

Subject: Call for Applications from MP Will Greaves' Office - Victoria Youth Advisory Council - Due March 1st

Good Afternoon,

I have received the following from the Constituency Office of Victoria MP Will Greaves regarding the establishment of a Victoria Youth Advisory Council that he is forming this spring.

For clarity, I am sharing this because they are seeking UVic students to apply, and I am not directly involved in this council or its ongoing administration/activities. That said, it appears to be a unique opportunity to engage directly with a local elected representative.

The Council aims to bring together youth aged 15 to 24 from across the riding in a non-partisan setting to discuss community issues, current events, and policy topics directly with the MP.

Applications are open until March 1, 2026, and details, including how to apply, are included below. Please feel free to share this opportunity with any interested students or youth networks.

Kind Regards,
Tristan

Original Email from MP Will Greaves' Office:

We are starting a Victoria Youth Advisory Council – a non-partisan group where youth in the riding of Victoria will meet once a month to connect with each other and provide input to MP Greaves on current events, world issues, bills, and more. By getting involved in the Victoria Youth Advisory Council, young people will have the opportunity to engage and learn about Canada's political processes, develop leadership skills, and most importantly, be involved in our community.

This group is for youth ages 15–24 who are looking for ways to engage in democracy and get involved in the community to make their voices heard.

We will be accepting applications up until March 1, 2026. Complete applications will include a copy of the student's resume highlighting their school and community experience and a brief cover letter (maximum two pages) that answers at least one of the following questions:

1. What makes you want to get involved in politics?
2. What makes you want to get involved within the community?
3. What do you want to see for the future of Victoria?

All applications and inquiries can be sent to: will.greaves@parl.gc.ca

Item 2: Qwul'sih'yah'maht Extends Term as Acting President

From: Brian Cant, Chair, UVic Board of Governors <bulkmail-noreply@uvic.ca>

Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 10:02

To: Morag Mochan <mmochan@uvic.ca>

Subject: An update on UVic leadership

Dear Staff and Faculty,

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I am pleased to announce that Qwul'sih'yah'maht, Dr. Robina Thomas, has agreed to an extension of her role as Acting President and Vice-Chancellor until June 30, 2026.

We express our gratitude to Robina for agreeing to remain as acting president. She continues to provide strong and consistent leadership at UVic's executive table, while moving the university forward.

As you know, a search for the next president and vice-chancellor of the University of Victoria is currently underway. Updates on the appointment process will be shared with the university community in the coming months.

Current information about the search process is available on the [University Secretary website](#). If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to usec3@uvic.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Cant

Chair, University of Victoria Board of Governors

Item 3: Odd Bunch

From: Kyla Turner - Executive Director, Graduate Students' Society <gssmgr@uvic.ca>

Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:43 AM

To: GSS Director of External Relations <gssexternal@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of Internal/University Relations <gssinternal@uvic.ca>; GSS Director of Student Life <gsslife@uvic.ca>

Subject: FW: GSS x Odd Bunch

Hey Sarah, Lily, Curran,

Question for you: do you have any interest in meeting with Odd Bunch, a produce distributor that sells produce that does not meet appearance standards set by grocery stores at a reduced cost, to see if we want to advertise this service to our members? If so, I'll ask for a meeting with Odd Bunch, Neil, me, and whoever among you want to join to ask after how we could explore a partnership for both the members and the Grad House. If not, no worries. I have already referred these folks to the Campus Food Bank.

From: Charles Balcita <charles@oddbunch.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 8:32 AM

To: Kyla Turner - Executive Director, Graduate Students' Society <gssmgr@uvic.ca>

Subject: GSS x Odd Bunch

Hi Kyla,

Checking back to confirm you received the email I sent over last month? I'd love to get something on the calendar to discuss ways we can help support your food programs and extend your impact bolstering student nutrition this year.

Best regards,

Charles Balcita

(778) 683-2795

charles@oddbunch.ca



On Tue, Jan 27, 2026 at 12:48 PM, Charles Balcita <charles@oddbunch.ca> wrote:

Hi Kyla,

I would love to connect to discuss supporting GSS's food programs this school year.

Odd Bunch is a sustainable produce service that is committed to bolstering student health & nutrition and we would like to help reduce your spend on produce.

We are working with TMU, UBC, BCIT, and George Brown as well as food security initiatives across Canada and have been successful in extending our partners' purchasing power on produce items quite significantly.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Charles Balcita

(778) 683-2795

charles@oddbunch.ca



