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VUSAC MEETING MINUTES

October 20th, 2017 at 3PM in the Goldring Student Center
MINUTES

In Attendance

Judiciary

PRESIDENT: Zahavah Kay (late)

VP INTERNAL: Artimes Ghahremani

VP EXTERNAL: Katie Cohen

Assessor Members

CHAIR: Sayeh Yousefi

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER: Stephanie Xu

SECRETARY: Emma Lailey

COMMUNICATIONS: Jade Koh

FINANCE: Graham Allison

Commissioners

SCARLET AND GOLD: Stephanie Spagnuolo

SUSTAINABILITY: Jared Connoy

COMMUTER: Gabriel Calderon

ARTS AND CULTURE: Blanaid McNally

EQUITY: Shailee Koranne

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Zoe Ritchie

Councillors

Haleema Khan

Alexa Ballis

Vibhuti Kacholia

Cameron Davies

Devon Wilton

James Hannay (late)

Cameron Davies

Ally Johnston

Guests

UTSU VICTORIA COLLEGE DIRECTOR: Hamboluhle Mayo (late)

UTSU VICTORIA COLLEGE DIRECTOR: Jayde Jones
CAT'S EYE CO-MANAGER: Ali Kehl
VCDS CO-PRODUCER: Alyssa DiBattista
VCDS CO-PRODUCER: Leora Nash
Krista Steeves

Regrets

Cynthia Wong
Nickolas Shyshkin

Land Recognition: Sayeh (1 minute)

I would like to acknowledge this sacred land on which the University of Toronto operates. It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 years. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. The territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory.

Motion: Cameron moves to approve the minutes from the VUSAC Meeting on October 6th, 2017 as it stands. Haleema seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Additions to the Agenda (maximum 3 minutes per addition)

- Jayde to be added as a speaker to Hambo's motion; and to include a line item for the update titled "VUSAC Food Bank Collaboration"
- Artimes to move to give Krista Steeves speaking rights (2 minutes)
- Jared C. to update on Sustainability Commission (2 minutes)
- Blanaid to discuss open night mic on commission update (3 minutes)

Motion: Stephaine moves to approve the agenda as it stands. Blanaid seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Pressing Items:

- Club Ratification - Zahavah (2 minutes)

Motion: Zahavah moves to omnibus the following clubs (University of Toronto Super Smash Bros 4., Victoria Student Ambassadors, University of Toronto Dance Club, First Ministers Conference Simulation, Bridge with Words) for the 2017-2018 year as one motion. Zoe seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Zahavah moves to ratify the following clubs (University of Toronto Super Smash Bros 4., Victoria Student Ambassadors, University of Toronto Dance Club, First Ministers Conference Simulation, Bridge with Words) for the 2017-2018 year. Katie seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: James (conflict of interest)
- Opposed: None

- Ratification of Student Projects Approved Project - Zahavah (2 minutes)

[Summary] We have to approve a grant that was approved by Student Projects towards a merch line; put forward by Katie Cohen, for \$10,000 for that line. I want to motion to approve that approval. I also want to encourage all students involved with the project to abstain.

Motion: Zahavah moves to approve the Student Projects approval granting Katie Cohen's merch line a grant of \$10,000. Stephanie seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: Katie, Zahavah, Artimes, Gabriel
- Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

- UTSU Director Update - Hamboluhle Mayo, Jayde Jones (15 minutes)

Jayde: On Facebook, as of Monday there will be a food donation box in VUSAC. Once a month or more often if donations allow, we will bring donations over to the U of T's Student Food Bank at the Multi-Faith Centre. If office hour holders could mention it is there on office hours, that would mean a lot.
Hambo: Updating on the annual general UTSU meeting on the 30th: the proxy is done. But if you can still come I encourage you to do so. It is a great opportunity to raise concerns and issues about anything on campus; and to listen to different perspectives. If you can't make it, either message myself or Jayde. The agenda is available on the website.

Jayde: You can visit UTSU.ca/agm. Hambo and I will also set up a Facebook event to walk over (at two separate times). I'd be stoked if three people came.

Hambo: As well, the job opening at UTSU is still available. We also have an executive assistant position open. The job entails handling various projects. Information about all available jobs can be found at UTSU.ca/jobs. We have an updated calendar on our website as well, which can be found at UTSU.ca/events. It has all meeting dates and minutes.

Jayde: Also: those interested in having input in how the student commons space will be managed, there are five positions that will be open for students to sit on the board that determines how the space will be allocated to student groups.

Hambo: The floor is open for discussion.

Stephaine: Are there any hot topics on the agenda for AGM?

Hambo: Not really.

Jayde: Nothing super contentious; it is mainly a consent agenda for approval of changes the board made last year and receipt of our audited financial statements. There was only one member submitted motion and it pertains to student union autonomy, stipulating that the UTSU would only be able to enter into contracts it can unilaterally exit. The context here is that we are currently in a contract with the CFS that we cannot do this with – for more on that background, hit us up!

Hambo: Or feedback to the exec.

Jaybe: There may be some passionate feedback during the exec feedback session in the wake of our settlement of the lawsuit with Sandra Hudson.

- Discussion on draft of constitutional amendments - Zahavah (20 minutes)

[Summary] There are two documents, the Constitutional Amendments and the Council Policies Amendments. This is not a voting matter now, just a discussion. This is a very rough draft. If there are any amendments that you don't think should be added, or you have concerns with...I've highlighted some sections which still need reworking or what people might have conflicts with. I've divided the documents into areas of policies where we are "catching up" and "moving forward." There is a bit of blurring between the two documents, but for now I've kept them where they are. I will look into moving some things though. I'd prefer to hear questions, opinions, on other topics than what is highlighted in yellow.

Sayeh: The floor is open.

James: When talking about the referendum and increased levy fees, why do no fees end in .26?

Zahavah: That was a request made from the office because it is easier if they end in an even number. An easier system. Because we will eventually have to divide all the fees in two.

Devon: For that same amendment, is the aim to ensure levies aren't charging as much?

Zahavah: The reason it applies to increases because if I were to amend that now, every levy would have to apply for the increase. There would be a conflict between part-time and full-time students. It would be a logistical nightmare. It will even itself out moving forward, so the part-time and full-time fees have a rational fee they can follow. It will not be a 2:1 ratio on the good copy, but the goal is to get it to a place through upcoming increases where the ratio is 1:2.

Devon: If they wanted to increase just the part-time student portion of the levy fee, would they not be able to do that without increasing the full time fee?

Zahavah: Hm. Maybe that's a place I need to re-phrase my wording.

Jayde: For the third amendment, on in-camera meetings, one thing is missing: the number of voting council members that need to vote for in-camera. My recommendation is at least majority. That is super important for this amendment.

Stephanie: I agree with that in terms of bigger organizations. But in VUSAC, in-camera meetings should be dealt with differently. We might be edging into a territory where conflicts of personal interest might be confidential.

Jayde: If the concern is that privacy is needed to motivate as to why council should move in camera, a staff meeting would be the appropriate place to have those discussions. The issue with moving in camera is that there are no public documents to relay those conversations to the VCU, who have the right as members to have public records of all governance. At last year's Spring Caucus, a VCU member expressed concerns about VUSAC using in-camera meetings to avoid accountability. I do not share those concerns, but the fact that they were brought up and there is the possibility for them to be validated should be addressed in any amendment.

Zahavah: First, let me define in-camera, for those members who don't know. In an open meeting, if a voting member were to move to go in-camera, that would mean that only voting members, the chair and secretary, can stay in the room and a separate minutes page would be sent to outside commissioners and everything in the room is confidential. This could be decided by a simple majority, 50+1, or a super majority, 2/3 of council. In order to pass it would have to be a simple majority. But we can discuss on whether to raise or lower this.

Hambo: The issue with confidentially is that council decides what is confidential—which might pose a problem because they could say anything is confidential.

Shailee: To my knowledge we only had one in-camera meeting last year. There was discussion about the case prior to the in-camera motion called. Something we could look into, is releasing

some kind of information about why that meeting took place. That is a very case-by-case solution, but there might be value in that. It might not be good to wait for a staff meeting—or maybe it is better. I think there is a way to have in-camera meetings properly.

Zahavah: They are an emergency situation; last year there was a major internal issue about a member saying inflammatory statements. The decision to go in-camera is a very case-by-case basis. There is no specification in the constitution right now, so I wanted to add this to clarify what reasons may be. Perhaps the in-camera confidentiality should only for a certain amount of time. It is an uncomfortable thing to write policy about, because it's about when no other constitutions are working.

Cameron: Previously mentioned about a supermajority; would it be possible to have an increased supermajority. For example, 75%? Is that feasible?

James: I disagree with the simple majority. I think the motion of going in-camera should include a ten minute discussion, about whether it should be done first.

Zahavah: To keep in mind: going in camera is not a lengthy process. You might not want to force ten minutes of discussion if someone is in harm's way. If there is an emotionally sensitive topic, forcing ten minutes is not ideal.

Stephanie: A discussion afterwards could be beneficial; just to explain the situation. I want to stress, yes we are on VUSAC, but we are also students. We shouldn't be caught up in structure if we don't feel safe with minutes being taken.

Motion: Cameron moves to extend discussion time on the draft of constitutional amendments for five minutes. Devon seconds. Motion Passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Devon: If someone is in a position where they feel unsafe, they shouldn't have to justify that reason.

Shailee: We could put in a point that says if an in-camera meeting is held than a staff meeting should be held after.

Cameron: If a member of council feels uncomfortable, then they shouldn't have to elaborate.

Jayde: The majority of the concerns I'm hearing in the room could be worked around if there was a provision in the constitution for closed session meetings, which are common under Robert's Rules. Similar to what Shailee had suggested, closed session still requires non-voting members of council to leave the room but the meeting is still minuted as normal and made public as usual. I would strongly recommend council consider a policy that delineated between when council can move into closed session and when they can move in-camera.

I would also like to point out that feeling unsafe and feeling uncomfortable are different things, and as elected student leaders sometimes it is an obligation to those who elected you to speak up despite discomfort.

Zahavah: The sections in italics were not written by me, but by last year's President External. I said I would bring them forward, and I want to highlight (located on pages ten and eleven) an amendment that Steve wrote and I wrote (we disagree with each other). The point of disagreement is that "the Bursar must be notified," and what I extended: "The Dean of Students and the Bursar must be notified." I added that because the Dean submits the fees to the Bursar.

Graham: It is a logistical thing; just so everyone is on the same page with student fees.

Zoe: Did Steve have a reason?

Zahavah: Under Reason, he wrote "self explanatory." (Likely because the Bursar handles fees.)

Graham: To clarify: there is one line item; that is all the bursaries. Then it goes to the Bursar, a cheque to VUSAC is written, then it is broken down. Perhaps Steve was thinking that it's not a concern for the Dean to know how the money is broken down, since that is a VUSAC affair.

Zahavah: I want to discuss this more. I will be setting personal office hours and I invite anyone who has anymore concerns or questions to come stop by.

LEVY UPDATES

- VCDS Constitutional Amendments - Sayeh (5 minutes)

[Summary] First, we need someone to motion to consider the motion to vote on VCDS' Constitutional Amendments not by email.

Motion: Cameron moves to motion to consider to strike the motion to vote on VCDS Constitutional Amendments via email, and proceed with the vote in present time. Devon seconds.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Sayeh: We can then open the floor for discussion. I sent out all the documents. The floor is open.

[REFERENCE] VCDS Constitutional Amendment Explanation:

"The amendments to our constitution that we have proposed are mostly things the VCDS has done or has been doing for many years. For example, since there has been a history of Co-Producer and Co-Technical Directors, we want to specify in our constitution that this is allowed, because both jobs require a lot of work. We are also changing the timelines in which some things occur, such as Executive elections and production proposals, because of how those schedules have operated in the past couple of years. We are amending the list of Executive positions because of what positions have been effective in the past and which have not, as well as which positions have tended to be hired in the past years. Some of our proposed amendments cover grounds that we believe need to be officially added to the VCDS's protocols.

For example, we are now constitutionally requiring all Exec members to submit a transition report to the incoming person who assumes their role at the end of the year, because though this has been unofficially required in the past, not everyone follows through with it. The proposed amendment most relevant to VUSAC is our honoraria. VCDS has been giving honoraria to its Producer(s) since at least 2015-16 (neither of the current VCDS Producers were on VCDS before then, but you should be able to find that in your budget records). To the best of our knowledge, that budget line has always been approved by VUSAC in the past, and we thought that the most transparent and responsible thing to do would be to officially add this honoraria to our constitution. The current proposed amendment for Producer honoraria is "The budget will include a \$1000 honorarium for each Executive Producer, to be received at the end of the season". We proposed this because in the past, Co-Executive Producers have split a \$2000 honorarium. However, if VUSAC thinks it would be more fitting to maintain a fixed budget line of \$2000 to be distributed whether this is one Producer or two Co-Producers, VCDS is also willing to accept an amendment that reads "The budget will include a \$2000 honorarium to be distributed evenly to the Executive Producer(s), to be received at the end of the season".

The other half of the proposed honoraria amendment is "a \$500 honorarium for each Technical Director, to be received at the end of the season". We added this amendment over the summer when, due

to some financial mishaps in VUSAC records / Bursar's student fee amounts, VCDS thought we would be receiving about \$40,000 this year. That is no longer the case and we are not receiving that much funding, so we understand if VUSAC does not think it is appropriate to give honoraria to our Technical Directors. If, however, VUSAC thinks it may be appropriate, we are also willing to accept an amendment that reads "The budget will include a \$1000 honorarium to be distributed evenly to the Technical Director(s), to be received at the end of the season". The reason we want to give our Tech Directors an honorarium is because, like the Producers, the work and time that they put into their position is above and beyond what is expected of them or of the rest of the VCDS Exec. This proposed honorarium would amount to \$200 for the Tech Director(s) per VCDS show, which we think is fair.

Please let us know if VUSAC has questions or concerns about these proposed amendments."

Motion: Zahavah moves to approve VCDS' constitutional amendments. Shailee seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: Katie (conflict of interest)
- Opposed: None

STAFF MEMBER UPDATES

Finance Chair - Graham A

- Budgeting for November 12 –April - (3 minutes)

[Summary] For budgeting, all budgeting information has been sent out to all of VUSAC, clubs, and levies. I have been working with Nick (VPSO) to make sure all clubs (ratified, and new) have access to the budgeting information. The deadline for budget requests for the rest of the year is November first. The Budgeting steering committee is made up of the President, VPSO, Equity Commissioner, Levy Representative, and one Club rep (TBD). The aim is to have the second budget meeting 2nd or 3rd week of November.

In terms of cheque requisition, Ideally all of the cheque requisition forms for the first budget period will be submitted by November 13(end of the first budget period). This is to allow us to reallocate unspent budget lines to the rest of the year. Please try submit cheque requisition forms before November 13 (ideally, earlier).

In other news, I've received the '60% of funding' cheque from the Bursar's office today: \$116,000 -> \$193,000 for the year; \$77,000 for VUSAC & Clubs for the year. This numbers fluctuate with enrollment; while they are more accurate than the ones we were initially budgeting with, they will change. Levies will be receiving their 60% cheques next week.

[Jared leaves]

Jayde: For deciding on the levy and club rep., who's deciding and what process?

Graham: Myself, by appointment.

Chief Returning Officer - Stephanie X

- [No update]

Communications Director - Jade K

- VUSAC Website (2 minutes)

[Summary] I'm making some changes to the website. I will be putting information about upcoming events on the homepage of the site. If you have any changes you want to see, let me know!

[Jared enters]

Cameron: The Councillor's emails are not on the website—will they be put on?

Jade: I can do that.

[Hambo leaves]

COMMISSION UPDATES

Academic & Professional Development - Zoe R

- LinkedIn update (10 minutes)

[Summary] So upcoming is our first big event, the LinkedIn workshop with 10,000 coffees; a network of alumni. It will happen on Wednesday, from 5-6:30pm. We will also be taking headshots. I need support on advertising, like sharing it on FB. That would be helpful. Let me know if you can attend! I might need some support in administrative roles, welcoming people, as well.

Also, an update on the Grad Committee: They are in charge of a grad banquet, and the class gift giving. VUSAC has a pretty big role; one councillor sits on it. Perhaps someone who is interested in sustainability. It is not a big time commitment. Also, a Commuter rep., Scarlet and Gold rep., VPE, and two graduates. I also worked hard to get the Equity rep. on it.

[Hambo enters]

(Zoe con't:) Come and promote it! The alumni coming are great. We've done this for a couple years, and it's been well attended.

Haleema: Is there a dress code?

Zoe: Nope! But I can make that clear. Although, something to consider, is that you might be taking a professional photo.

Arts and Culture - Blanaid M

- [No update]

Commuter Commissioner - Gabriel C

- [No update]

Equity Commissioner - Shailee K

- Council-wide equity training (5 minutes)

[Summary] So I want to get people's thoughts on the upcoming council-wide equity training, and get an idea of your ideas on what to cover during the training happening at the retreat. After we hear those ideas, then we can discuss what we should cover in club and levy equity training.

Stephanie: I do a lot of hiring in terms of commissions. Perhaps how to have applications out, an equitable way of hiring, and on the opposite side of the hiring process?

Zahavah: Some discussion on what learning from your mistakes looks like. Tangible conversation.

Katie: In regards to maintaining equitable spaces. How to approach when something makes you uncomfortable.

Stephanie: Intervention training. Differences between tokenizing and representation.

Blanaid: Making venues more equitable? How we can treat that space.

- Student leaders' (club and levy execs) - Equity training (1 minute)

[Summary] Are there any ideas for clubs and levy equity training?

Jayde: I think the best hiring practices and event planning should carry over.

Leora: How to show that we are making an effort to achieve equitable spaces.

Shailee: In terms of the details on equity training for clubs and levies: There are three decided days, one session per day, two hours long. Clubs and levies are encouraged to drop by. I am currently trying to figure out how to make the training these groups have received public knowledge, and how to still allow people who couldn't make it to get training.

- Upcoming Equity Commission initiatives (3 minutes)

[Summary] Apefa and I have assigned some members on commission based on their interests. I want to make that some kind of solid thing in the constitution. For example, we have designated roles for someone who is incharge of the website, our various social media channels, doc and talks, etc. For events, we had our first screening of "Dear White People" with the Black Students Association. I think it was a good turn out. More screenings are happening (one after this meeting!). Yesterday, I had that mooncake event. I want to make this a staple at vusac; a space for celebrations.

On another topic, Jared, Emilia and I met with Food Services because we had food waste concerns. We met with Art and chef Nathan, and the meeting went really well. We discussed the possibilities of creating a partnership with Second Harvest; a food donation service. It will be a process, but hoping to make something work. I would like to open the floor for discussion, but give that time to Jared and Gabe.

Gabe: I showed up to the meeting late.

Shailee: Emile was suggesting ways in which Food services can open up their food to commuters and students too busy for a sit down meal at Burwash. If you have any other ideas, I'd love to hear them.

Motion: Shailee moves to extend the discussion period on Upcoming Equity Commission initiatives three minutes. Zahavah seconds. Motion carries.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

[Artimes leaves]

Haleema: Is this food at Ned's, Burwash or both?

Shailee: Mainly Ned's. On Fridays Ned's used to leave out extra food for free. They stopped because it was a profit loss. We brought forward the idea of selling food at half price. Art said that food services has been thinking about this.

Jared: For Second Harvest, the food would mainly be coming from Burwash...

Shailee: Mostly Ned's and Burwash. Ned's is easier to donate because it is safer. According to chef Nathan, they already have methods to minimize food waste.

Stephanie: I work for Vic Events and I see garbages of food waste and sandwiches. Vic Event workers can't even take food away, so it all goes to waste. One day, *I had two steaks*.

Jayde: Just this morning, we had an event that no one showed up to and no catered food was eating, and we were told that though it was technically stealing if we took it, we could take it to Dis-Orientation. Maybe this could be looked into as a standard practice: moving unused food from one event to another that is happening on the same day?

Scarlet & Gold - Stephanie S

- Winterfest and Highball Committee Applications (5 minutes)

[Summary] Highball committee applications are out officially after this meeting. If someone comes to hand in applications during office hours it goes into the Scarlet and Gold mailbox. Due dates: Highball due date is 5:30 November 13th. The Winterfest co-chair application is due Friday, November 3rd.

Sustainability Commissioner - Jared Connoy

- [no update]

JUDICIARY UPDATES

VPSO - Nickolas Shyshkin

- [no update]

VP Internal - Artimes G

- Retreat Update (3 minutes)

[Summary] The retreat is on October 29th, and we will be meeting people, getting equity training, discuss office history, etc. Let me know if you can't make it, so we can schedule a time for you to make up on equity training. I'm still working on the details of assigning councillors. In the meantime, if you have an event coming up that you need councillor help for, post in the group.

Devon: For everybody, Bernie Sanders is speaking at Con Hall at the same time as retreat.

Artimes: Bernie booked after I did.

Cameron: Why don't we invite Bernie?

[Alyssa and Stephanie leave]

VP External - Katie C

- Upcoming conferences, Merchandise Project (10 minutes)

[Summary] We have two upcoming conferences: Minding our Minds, Oct. 26th 8:30am - 4:30pm, and Gender and Sex, late November. Here is the blurb about the former:

"The issues of sexuality, sexual violence, and gender identity on campus are central topics of conversation for universities, these issues often intersect with one another and with broader social concerns. This conversation around this is challenging and complex, and very important, this conference is the beginning of that open conversation for the Victoria College Community."

If you are interesting in volunteering (general and executive roles), email me! On another note, I was approached by a member of the VCU about an event next semester, a Charity All-Star Basketball game, like a March Madness of sorts. Perhaps VUSAC wants to help with. The idea is that the college would be broken into two parts (west and east). They wanted to know if VUSAC wanted to partner with them on this.

Zahavah: Do we have to play?

Katie: It's just allstars! We would not be playing. VCA would handle the more sporty sport stuff and VUSAC would handle advertising and such.

(Katie con't) Last thing, the student projects merch fund; I will have a pop-up shop the week after reading week. It just got approved, I have money. Very excited! Email me if you are interested in either of the conferences. I believe bi-standard training is featured and that is excellent training.

Hambo: Minding our Minds time?

Katie: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Haleema: Do you know the charity the basketball game is going to?

Katie: No. They are working on logistics now, before they decide.

President - Zahavah K

- [no update]

Added:

Arts and Culture - Blanaid M

- Open Mic Night on commission update (3 minutes)

[Summary] If you know people interested in joining our commission, pass the word! The reason I created this commission is to get more first and second years involved. I want lots of applications!

For Open mic night, our meeting in two weeks time. I will post in the group about councillors. Vic Records held a similar event yesterday. The Bob crew applications are open. I know there are a lot of applications open right now.

Katie: What if you mass posted on VUSAC page about all applications open right now?

Blandid: Yes!

Leora: Are levy members allowed to apply to commission applications?

Blanaid: Yes, that is what I want!

VP Internal - Artimes G

- To extend speaking right to Krista Steeves (2 minutes)

[Summary] She said that Katie covered everything she wanted to say.

Sustainability Commissioner - Jared Connoy

- Update (2 minutes)

[Summary] We had our first meeting last wednesday. On the meeting with food services, I suggested infographics above the belt (for students who don't finish their plates). In addition, Meatless Mondays. Chef Nathan was worried about the students who would be disappointed without meat, but I think we can help them make it through. Our first event is on Oct. 26th, collaborating with the Environmental Students

Union, screening “An inconvenient sequel” with a live stream Q and A with Al Gore. Exec position applications online till Oct. 28th, in the coming week I will be meeting with someone from Vic about composting in residences. Tricky details.

Jayde: It seems like the meetings for Sustainability and Equity Commissions conflict. Given how interrelated the two are, there are likely students who’d want to sit on both, is there any way that can still happen?

Shailee: Equity are bi-weekly, both are now happening in alternative weeks.

[Zoe adds update for three minutes, approved by unanimous consent]

Academic & Professional Development - Zoe R

- VUSAC Space, Study Group

[Summary] I’ve been speaking with a learning strategist about study spaces because in the past the VUSAC office has offered study hubs. I’m presenting a pilot program for using the back room, so just so office hour holders know, people will be in the office who you might not recognize. Feedback about this idea? It will mainly be referral-based; a structured study space.

Katie: Make sure the communication before is strong, so people don’t intrude.

Zoe: People can flow into the space, but it will be a more structured environment.

Sahilee: Is this a space that will primarily be focused on helping students who have disabilities?

Zoe: Not primarily. Just a space where we can introduce some learning skills. It is a pilot course.

Any students are welcome to come, but it will be structured and very quiet.

Blanaid: When will it be held?

Zoe: I will post details later. There will be a little signage in the office. Two, two hour sections a week. My thinking is a little in the beginning and more later on. Let people know it’s there!

Artimes: If someone is interested in joining, who do they contact?

Zoe: It is not registration based. We can put them in touch with other resources. Do you think registration would be helpful?

Artimes: No, just clarifying.

Zoe: If anyone knows of any good groups to share this with?

Artimes: First year learning communities.

Zoe: That’s good. I will also reaching out to a VicOne stream to invite them to use as the room for structured study space.

Sayeh: Discussion time is exhausted. Does anyone wish to motion to extend the discussion?

Motion: Katie moves to adjourn meeting. Devon seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None