



September 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Judiciary

President: Alexa Ballis

VPI: Katie Marsland

VPE: Vibhuti Kacholia

VPSO: Cameron Davies

Assessor Members

CHAIR: Gabrielle da Silva

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER: Maria Pepelassis

OFFICE MANAGER: Rena Seeger

COMMUNICATIONS: Holly Johnstone

FINANCE CHAIR: Tyler Brswurm

Commissioners and Councillors

COMMUTER: Michelle Zhao

ARTS AND CULTURE: Vivian Li

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Lucy Faria

EQUITY: Massoma Kisob

SCARLET AND GOLD: Tran Thai

MENTAL WELLNESS: Spandan Sengupta

Co-Chairs

COMMUTER CO-CHAIR: Rheannon Demeter

EQUITY CO-CHAIR: Hannah Ahamedi

SUSTAINABILITY CO-CHAIR: Leila Tjiang

Guests

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR: Christina Alcena

Sepi

Angela Medina

Ally Johnston

Sylvie Fernandes

Aminah Altar

Ellenoor Shameli



Meghan Kilty

Official Regrets: Hannah, Vivian

Land Recognition: Katie

As always, before every VUSAC meeting, we take a moment to reflect on the privilege that comes with living, studying, and working on this land. While we must reflect on our own relationship with the land, we must also remember that this land was stolen, and examine who stole it and who they stole it from.

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto and Victoria College operate. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the [Huron-Wendat](#), the [Seneca](#), and most recently, the [Mississaugas of the Credit River](#). Today, this meeting place is the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

As we continue to live on this land, we must work towards reconciliation in a tangible way. While land acknowledgements are an important part of reconciliation efforts, words can only go so far if they are not supported by actions. One example of this is to support initiatives in our area that support Indigenous people and this land. This being said, as you all know there is a Climate Strike happening next Friday, September 27th at 11 am outside of Queen's Park. There are a number of reasons for this strike, and one of them is to support Indigenous people from around the world who are currently fighting to protect land that is rightfully theirs from companies who are trying to destroy it.

Motion: Motion by Tran to approve the minutes from September 21st, 2019. Lucy seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian

Motion: Motion by Vibhuti to approve the agenda from September 21st, 2019. Massoma seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian

Motion: Motion by Tran to give Megan speaking rights. Lucy seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none



- Abstained: Vivian

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Campus Life Coordinator (Christina): 2 minutes

Hi Everyone, thank you once again for having me, I have a few exciting updates:

Fall Campus Day – Volunteers Needed!

We are currently looking for clubs, VUSAC and levies to participate in Fall Campus Day, happening Saturday, October 26, 10:45am -3:00pm, food will be provided and it's a wonderful way to connect with prospective students and their families. Feel free to e-mail Christina christina.alcena@utoronto.ca

Event Invitation: Marketing Your Leadership – October 11th

We are hosting our annual Marketing Your Leadership Experience workshop hosted by our Career Educator Ilham Alam, Friday, October 11, 2019 12pm-1pm in Wymilwood Lounge, free pizza will be provided, and the event is open to all VUSAC members, clubs, levies, Dons, council members, mentors and any involved student who holds a leadership position at Vic. An invitation with the registration link will be sent shortly.

Booking 1:1 with Ilham Alam (Career Educator)

Speaking of Ilham, she is more than willing to meet with any students who cannot make this specific event, and in general to discuss anything related to career planning and development. You can book an appointment with her via Wanda in-person or vic.dean@utoronto.ca.

Booking 1:1 with Jessie Kussin (Vic Personal Counsellor)

Finally, as we head into the next month, I encourage you to take care of your mental wellness and we're here to help! If you wish to book an appointment with our Vic Personal Counsellor, you can do so by calling Health and Wellness directly, or coming to our Office of the Dean of Students, or the Reg. Office for a referral. You can also book an appointment with a non-Vic counsellor, if you feel more comfortable.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Cameron Davies to ratify Vic Life Drawing as a VUSAC-recognized club, seconded by Michelle Zhao [See Appendix A] (5 minutes)

[Summary] The purpose of the club is to provide free, accessible life drawing sessions and workshops for UofT students and an artistic community on campus. Its goals are to hold semi-regular sessions of life-drawing, collaborate with other clubs and potentially put on a workshop.



Motion: Motion by Cameron Davies to ratify Vic Life Drawing as a VUSAC-recognized club.
Michelle seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian

Motion: Vibhuti motions to have 2 minute recess. Katie seconds. Motion passes.

Motion by Vibhuti Kacholia to approve the Climate Strike statements from VUSAC [See Appendix B] (5 minutes)

[Summary] This is a statement we have come up with, and hopefully we will have your vote to put it up from the VUSAC front. It's regarding the climate strike happening next Friday, VUSAC office will be closed for that day. This is a statement to show our dedication and our commitment to getting the conversation about climate change going and to show our support. There will be two VUSAC events that day, equity putting on the Queer and Trans Students of Color Social as well as Town Hall that evening. We worked with Allie Rougeot along with Leila who both helped us craft this statement.

Lucy: I don't want to be pain, but we should add an 'A' before catastrophic

Michelle: Just in the last paragraph, it mentions that students can pick up a green pin to stand in solidarity, so maybe mentioning where.

Leila: If you come to the event, you can get it, we will leave some out of the VUSAC office.

Vibhuti: Statement paired up with act of closing the office and sustainability is putting up an event that day which Leila will talk about later.

Sepi: The Facebook page says the event is 10am-3pm – can you confirm when it starts.

Vibhuti: The rally itself starts at 11am.

Motion: Motion by Vibhuti Kacholia to approve the Climate Strike statements from VUSAC.
Tran seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Student's Choice Initiative: Alexa (10 minutes)

[Summary] This might be old news to some of you, but I still have some updates on SCI. To recap, at the start of our term this year we were asked to unbundle our fees into essential and nonessential because of the SCI which puts students societies at risk in terms at their funding because we had categories we were asked to put all our feeds into including clubs and levies. We ended up getting around 52% essential on VUSAC's end and the levies were a little different because university not as flexible with that, needed to see what was going across the board with the



different clubs and levies across the university. The opt-out period opted started in July and finished just yesterday, so we will be getting a fee breakdown the week of September 23rd about what our results are and how many people opted out, and we will be getting our funds in October. It impacts our budgeting, and unfortunately budgeting had to be pushed back because of this news, but we will try our best to work around it. In addition, VUSAC partnered up with various student societies across U of T campus to come up with the Choose University campaign to encourage students to not opt out if they are financially able, and to highlight all the services they provide, as well as to promote this campaign on all of our social medias as well.

Gabby: Is the VUSAC budget meeting still happening on the 4th?

Tyler: We are waiting on schedule, still hasn't been approved yet.

Alexa: The timeline for the opt-out period was based on the university's decision. We are meeting with provost to understand why they made that decision, because some universities had an opt out period of only one day, which is more favorable since ours was the second longest. And there are reasons why those decision were made in the first place, and we deserve to know why because it impacts our experience here. We were told that our numbers are better than expected, but don't know what that means, so we will see.

Cam: When is the meeting with the provost?

Alexa: We're still trying to figure it out, will be meeting with them Oct 1st, will bring it up then if they don't answer our emails.

Gabby: Maybe we'll take a 5 minute recess, or do you want to get started?

Meghan: I'm not sure where Robins is, not like him to not be punctual, hope everything is okay; I am quite happy to give you an overview of the strategic planning process, we can launch into it if you'd like, or we can take a recess if you'd like.

Motion: Katie motions for recess. Michelle seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian

President Robins and Meghan Kilty will be coming to speak about the Victoria University Strategic Plan exercise (20 minutes)

[Summary] First my apologies that I am flying solo, as much as you are happy to meet me, it would have been better if you were meeting with Will Robins as well, I will go through the strategic planning exercise. Some of you may have heard about the process, it's been mandated by the board of collegiate, though it will be managed by the senior management team. The timeline is very short, we are hoping to present a SP document to the board to their February planning ;if you've ever been involved in SP before, the



amount of meetings is intense, we will be conducting, primarily Will and I and the associates at HESA (higher education strategic associates). The consultations required for Strategic Planning to take shape is going to be in a very compressed timeline, we're talking a few months; one of the main constitute groups we want to engage in is students, we want to hear from students, and will do this a few different ways. The first way is starting today, to meet with some of the engaged leaders across campus to let you know of the process. We will be having a student town hall on October 9th from 12-2pm in VC115, which will be next. An invitation will be sent to every current student at Vic, and this is for Vic college in particular, we are splitting it up from Vic and Emmanuel Kurt student. I will be there, Will will be there, as well as Alex and Robert Bursoh. This is an opportunity for all students to hear about the Strategic Planning initiative, a chance to ask questions, learn about concerns and it is a chance to engage in a question and answer session, brainstorming, and for students to start to feed into the process. After the Town hall and the large forum, I will be conducting smaller focused groups, and will divide them in different ways. We want to first hear from students, hopefully we will have balance between commuter and res, second year students, and fourth year students. We want to meet with them twice throughout the process, first at the initial outset of the SP process, to get a deeper question and answer session, then after we have a draft that has been circulated and presented to all stakeholder groups, will ask folks to get together for an opportunity to look at what we have to critically analyze. The final document will be completed by the winter break in December, and we will have a web presence once we figure out our website and that is another conversation. Please keep an eye on your emails for the town hall and focus groups and opportunities for student engagement.

Tyler: Are there definite events planned after the review process?

Meghan: We are currently blocking out time, and we will let the student body know around the time; right now it's a super short runway with a week, two weeks process, once we have this planned out we will make that note out and block out a time

Tyler: On that point, are you planning to have a second town hall?

Meghan: Yes there will be a second town hall, and a survey that will be distributed to all students; those students who either can't make a town hall, or are not inclined to speak in front of a large group, or feel more comfortable writing their thoughts down will have other opportunities to share their thoughts.

Vibhuti: Is there a reason why the whole process is so condensed and why February for next year is the deadline? And how will the focus groups be chosen?

Meghan: They will be randomized through the Registrar's office, and they have a normal process to do that. The focus groups won't necessarily be the same from the first and second round, not like we choose a select group of students and follow them through the focus groups. Just so that



you know, the other constituent groups/stakeholders we're working with, the students, young alumni (from Emmanuel and Vic), faculty and teaching staff will have two town halls, all those groups will receive surveys as well, and that covers all the constituent groups. The first question is difficult to answer since I wasn't here when the decisions were made. The mandate was given by the board of Regents; when considering the plan there were a few options, and whether it's management preference or the board of regents decision I'm honestly not sure but the decision was made along a compressed timeline which was preferable over continuing it through the entire academic session. It also accommodated some of the timelines within the board of regents.

Alexa: Thank you again for coming and speaking to this, so are the questions that will be asked in person the same as the survey, and how are those questions decided upon?

Meghan: The questions will be slightly different as I understand it, though they are still being created, so still can't say how they are different. They are decided through the senior administrative management team and through HESA. It is a mix of one strategic planning process, and some of the standard and typical questions you'd engage with for universities and SP process, and some of those questions are specific to Vic based on what we've heard in some of the initial information gathered and some of the foundational documents like presidential priorities, etc. some historical and foundational documents that will be looked at to help decide on the next step, which is the first round of consultations.

Tyler: I had another question – you mentioned that there would be presentations involved around stakeholders – would VUSAC be one of the presentation receiving bodies?

Alexa: Yes, once the draft is complete, President Robins will come in to look it over properly before we ask questions and make comments.

Vibhuti: Another question – are there going to be any incentives for students to participate in these focus groups to bring in a diverse group of students? Because students who will respond are already those who will be engaged or are leaders in their environment and are already heard.

Meghan: I don't know that incentives have been part of the conversation yet, definitely will bring it up, apart from feeding people.

Tyler: I have two questions. First, about the nature of cyclical review, what are the plans for that?

Meghan: Strategic Planning from my point of view can last from anywhere from 3-7 years; this plan would have a life cycle of 5 years. If president robins is reappointed for Vic university this would be a strategic plan that would last for his presidency then would be revisited.

Tyler: What is the nature of HESA's involvement?

Meghan: They are seen as experts in Strategic Planning and higher education and are here to guide the process, here to help formulate some of the, or provide advice on questions and answers in overall consultation process. They are here to help with some of the thinking around what we hear and what is put into a SP. They are not necessarily writing it, but will be involve in the drafting and information gathering and analysis in the information that we receive.



I just wanted to say that I'll leave some of my cards if you have any further questions or want to contact me, I'd be happy to do that, just wanted to thank you for your time and the thoughtful questions for everything that you've brought up.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Returning Officer (Maria): 5 minutes

[Summary] Hi guys, I'm Maria I'm the CRO here, quick update, following the accepted nomination forms, which the deadline has passed for that. All in all, there will be 22 candidates in the election, approximately half of them are first years, a big chunk of the 22 are for councilor positions. Pretty much all the positions have at least one person running, but Senate and UTSU are both uncontested as of now – next week they will be campaigning, but just keep in mind that either tomorrow or Monday night I will put a blind schedule for in-person polling. If you can put in at least an one-hour spot, it will make it easier for everyone who is involved, and I will keep the Facebook group updated.

Cam: Is VCC contested?

Maria: Yes.

Alexa: But there were 6 open spots for VCC?

Maria: Wait then there's less than 6, most are running for councilor and VCC. Also, the meeting for tonight is at 7:30, and it will be at Wymilwood, for anybody that is running it is mandatory. We will just be going over critical rules and dates to keep in mind for the election.

Katie: Could you give 30-second spiel on neutrality?

Maria: For neutral spaces like Cats-eye and Caffiends, it important that there are no campaign posters allowed, no campaigning allowed since those are supposed to be free Vic spaces. If you see posters please take them down, try to create an environment that is relaxed and not stressed out by election. They have my information so if there's something you're not sure about whether it involves neutrality you can just reach out and I'll answer any questions about that.

Tran: What time is town hall next Friday?

Maria: 5:30pm.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Equity (Massoma & Hannah): 5 minutes

[Summary] Hello everyone, I just wanted to update everyone on relevant things coming up. Applications for equity commission close tonight, depending on how many applications we get tonight we may open applications again in the winter semester. We are looking to have our first equity commission meeting this week, queer orientation is also this week, equity commission is co-hosting with LTGB-OUT queer and trans, people of color discussion in Cats-Eye on Friday 3-5pm; if anyone from that community would like to



come and support, that would be awesome. Also, Cam and I just finalized dates for equity training over the next few weeks.

Last week I attended a student wellness meeting where talked about main problems at the different colleges – agency for students was one of the main problems, in terms of how people they interact with talk about their own mental health and if they're getting their needs met, how they can present the issues they're having in that space; one of the second issues was just around access to councilors, some of us have to go through the health and wellness to get to that councilor. We had a conversation around getting it to be Vic college-specific so you don't have that barrier. That session was not really about solutions, just informative and discussion based.

Scarlet & Gold (Tran): 3 minutes

[Summary] I just want to say thank you everyone for helping out at Pub night, it was a lot more successful than I could have ever imagined it, had over 100 first year students coming, that's all I wanted to say!

Sustainability (Leila): 5 minutes

[Summary] First off, we had our first pre-strike event today, a youth rally which went really well, hoping for even bigger numbers to come out to our pre-strike event next week. We are inviting everyone to come to the strike next Friday, the pre-strike event happens at 10, strike starts at 11. Next week's march is a general march so it involves non-youth groups as well, while today's was just a youth rally. And I know VUSAC office will be closed on the 27th but since we serve VCU it's important for us to get out there, solidarity is one thing, and action is another. You can come for just the poster making, or just the rally, or just the march, whatever time you can commit is great; there will be a poster-making event on the 27th at Cecil atrium, and if you don't want to go alone, we will be heading over together.

For sustainability commission programming, there will be two events in October around the election: an information table or activity around climate-conscious voting and to get students out there to vote since we're important sector of voting population. If anyone is interested in collaborating in those projects please let me know. And smaller updates; we are hiring executive, and that's it pretty much, please come to climate strike!!

Angela: I'm very excited for the climate strike! Have you considered talking to Caffiends as well?

Lucy: Yes we are closing as well, but we will have activities about awareness, strategic planning, environmental awareness for people who may not want to go to the strike.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

VP External (Vibhuti): 5 minutes



[Summary] Hello friends!

First off, I wanted to talk about menstrual products – we have 10 dispensers sitting in the Dean's office, they are just in the front. They will be installed into 8 bathrooms in Goldring, single users and female-designated. The initial plan when the project was taken afloat by Jay last year was to have them in male designated bathrooms as well, but Scott and I decided that it would be better to take it back to the SGDO and talk to them to figure out where it could be more accessible for more students. Scott put in request to get them installed a while ago, we are waiting for Physplant to come in. We are looking at same organization who is selling to U of T in general, and hopefully they will be up and running in a month. The Dean's office and VUSAC came into agreement that for 2021-22 school year will be splitting the products in half.

Next, we had the Deans advisor committee yesterday, which was a 2-hour meeting, most of it taken with HESA conversations. One of the people from the committee talked to the students, personally I wish there had been more time for us to chat with the Deans office. Kelley foresaw this, and we have another meeting coming up with November so I'm excited to see how that will go. I want there to be more conversation and insight from the students who were selected to be a part of that committee. I am sitting on board of regents and governance and university affairs committee; what Dean's Advisory Committee is filling a gap that is committee used so I want to look into making that connection so board can hear what is talked about at this level and hear the concerns brought up at this level.

Next, composting – have been helping Leila and Amina, with talking about sustainability on campus. Something I'm pursuing with Leila is composting at NEDS and getting it started in a way that will be effective.

Next, I had a meeting with Shiny and we talked about policies around Vic – smoke-free, catering, and alcohol-policy. First, smoke-free: we talked about what that means for our res and commuter students, and how that is policed on our campus; there will be no policing by security, more of a warning system make sure students know that if they want to smoke, sidewalks are not university property, so they can move to the sidewalk.

Motion: Motion by Vibhuti to extend for 5 minutes. Tran seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian



Vibhuti: We are lucky to be in place on campus where there are a lot of sidewalks and city property so students can go smoke wherever they need to. We also talked about harm reduction and we can hopefully come up with either a passive programing or active programing to have student supports to couple the smoke-free policy so we enforce it in an equitable manner. We also have a graphic from Shainee so that we can circulate it in the Vic community.

Next, we talked about catering. Cam, Alexa and I had a meeting with Wendy who is part of ancillary services, and AJ (in charge of food services) and Shiny, and we were talking about how we will interact with food services; went well, but we will disseminate that info in a good way, a nice package with a bow on it.

The alcohol policy will be reworked this year, there concerns when it first came around because there was a student consultation the way we wanted to see it; this time, we will have a student consultation where we can come up with a committee, see what we want to change, and bring that to the wider community who will be talking about the alcohol committee before it goes to the board of regents.

Naloxone training is confirmed happening at our retreat which is exciting, more info coming.

Finally, I have an idea about introducing an international councilor position on VUSAC; if anyone is interested in creating that policy with me, would love to collaborate on that; if we have an international student who runs on VUSAC would love to talk about that, please let me know!

Cam: I really like idea of international councilor position, have you talked with VISA about that.

Vibhuti: Great idea, will do that

Tyler: A question about discussion about alcohol policy – do you feel there is a consensus on campus of student priorities?

Vibhuti: Not now, because it's not a hot button topic right now, but I want those conversations to begin, I think that getting this opportunity to have a big group of students to talk about the alcohol policy and discuss old concerns from when it was first passed are things people should talk about before it gets to a level that's just admin.

Tyler: What's the timeline for the alcohol policy?

Vibhuti: Shainee's loose plan is coming together with student group in October and in November is a meeting with larger group.

Motion: Vibhuti motions to extend two more minutes. Alexa seconds.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian



Lucy: I wondering in terms of the international councilor, were you thinking of international as more of the cultural aspect or someone registered as an international student?

Vibhuti: I was thinking of a student who pays international fees because while I'm from the US I pay Canadian fees. It's not only a financial barrier but students who are international have a different perspective and the financial burden is a part of it.

Massoma: 2 questions; do you know what the date is of the deans advisory meeting in November?

Vibhuti: November 29 2-4pm.

Massoma: Can you re-clarify what the process is when we revisit in 2021, just how we pay for it?

Vibhuti: Right now, all the dispensers were using are being paid from the student projects grant we received last year that we can't reapply for the grant because of bylaws; 2, we make sure the facilities we are installing it into are kept in stock, want to make sure there are products in there. I came up with the conclusion with Scott that it would be best for VUSAC to go half and half with Deans; someone next year will hopefully make a plea to the Dean's Office to pay for all the products.

Motion: Massoma motions to extend for 5 minutes. Katie seconds.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian

Massoma: For the 8 dispensers, how many washrooms does it not cover?

Vibhuti: 8 dispensers cover every washroom that is single user or female-designated; ordered 10 in the first place because we were putting it in the male-designated washroom.

Massoma: Is there potential depending on what VCDO suggestions are to expand how many we get to be able to get dispensers into the male designated washrooms?

Vibhuti: Depends on the funding we get plus how much Deans office is able to put into it; if VCDO says put them in the male washroom we will listen to their recommendations, we want to make sure they are accessible to a lot of students, if an individual uses the male designated washroom and menstruates they can use the single use washroom, that was our rational, but maybe that has holes in it.

Tyler: Do residence washrooms already have dispensers, and if not why is that not a priority?

Sepi: For the dons each of them gets products from the washroom, are encouraged to make them accessible to our floor. In MargAd on my floor there is a bucket full of menstrual products and condoms, they are just in the middle instead of in the bathrooms.



Vibhuti: At the end of the day VUSAC's purview is under Goldring, in the future we can work with the RLC who is in charge of residences in the Dean's office, also floated by Steven with getting some menstrual products in the washrooms that are not in dispensers, we will see how it goes.

VP Internal (Katie): 3 minutes

First off, for office hours – if someone print, we will be tracking any money that comes into VUSAC in a more systematic way that is not just the cash box. Secondly, councilor assignments – if your position has traditionally had councilor in the past you got an email from me, if you didn't get an email that means you don't traditionally have a councilor. Let me know in next while how many councilors you want, if you don't know we can chat about it.

Next, election neutrality, Leila mentioned it, VUSAC members must stay neutral – information questions you can answer, but apart from that, please read the rules. Retreat planning is in progress, which is happening October 19-20 😊; if there's anything you want to see happen at retreat please let me know, would love that feedback.

Vibhuti: How does VUSAC member be neutral online during elections?

Maria: If people reach out over messenger and are asking you for a semi-endorsement or a veiled endorsement, keep yourself neutral in terms of not promoting someone over someone else. VUSAC members, if you're going to talk about elections online, just say go out and vote, it's informational only, stay away from talking about specific party.

Vibhuti: What if a candidate posts?

Maria: Let me know! If someone posts something not within the rules, not on the right kind of page, take a screenshot, email it, and I will deal with the person directly, just inform me if something happens.

Motion: Vibhuti motions to extend for 5 minutes. Katie seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian

Vibhuti: Can I like someone's post if I'm a VUSAC member? From what I remember, you can like, or react to any post, you can't comment because that's an endorsement, for liking pages you can either like none or like all of the pages.

Alexa: This policy has changed in the past couple of years; I encourage us all including myself to reread the elections code which can be found on the VUSAC page.

Maria: I will make a little paragraph put it on the Facebook page so we are all clear.



Sepi: Do you guys get links to all the fb pages or do you have to look it up?

Maria: What I was planning on doing was the same way you have to submit a poster, you have to submit the event/link to me so I don't have to seek it out.

Katie: Also, please don't angry react or sad react to anyone's post ☹; Maria mentioned they will have an elections forum so people can ask questions, so I encourage you to engage and ask questions.

Maria: So on Monday morning will put the event page out for the town hall page live, will put the google forms live, if you can submit your questions there just to make sure we have questions that I can look through and ask.

Alexa: And also please ask questions as well at the town hall!

VP Student Organizations (Cameron): 3 minutes

[Summary] I have a couple of things to talk about – couple of exciting club-related things coming up. There will be a big club meeting for all club heads in the Cats-eye Wednesday September 25 from 4:30-5:30pm! As Massoma mentioned, equity training is on the horizon, we had consultations with Hannah and Mairi – we will be holding 6 Equity Training Sessions between September 25th and October 10th. Event planning 1 is for those who haven't had the opportunity to participate in equity training before; second one is event planning 2 which is more for people who have already attended the first one, this usually goes over really well for those who have attended so they can build upon their information. The third one is bringing inclusion into finance, for people who are club heads of financial officers.

President (Alexa): 5 minutes

[Summary] A few things; first off, the Grad Photography contract – it was started last year by our former president Jayde Jones, the contract up for renewal with Lassman Photography that we are currently using, but there have been a number of complaints about the service which we found out through a survey that she conducted, which included lighting, the green screen, and the cost, since it was kind of expensive. We are in the works of renegotiating this contract or seeking out a new contract that will work better. So we are working with the Dean's Office, Registrar's Office, and Emmanuel college to come up with a contract that works best for all of us; we had this meeting earlier today, one notable thing is that in the past VUSAC has received a kickback of funds from Lassman Photography – we get a certain portion back into our funds, and given the Student Choice Initiative I want to see if there's a way to continue to give some of it back to Vic and especially Emmanuel since they haven't gotten anything back yet.



We also had our first two Board of Regents committee meetings; first was about the property Vic owns and how we are interacting with it, and the executive committee; if you have questions please talk to Ally and Vibhuti!

We had the Dean's advisory committee meeting yesterday as Vibhuti mentioned, shared same sentiments about hoping to have the opportunity for students to bring up their concerns and thoughts to this committee but understand that Strategic Planning took up a portion of that. Moving forward I want to look over membership of that club – want to make sure everyone's voices are heard.

Also we are in process of hiring new SP chair, applications are out and we are also hiring the committee as well, please share it with your friends on Facebook, it is one of our many fantastic levies, and especially crucial this year given potential budget cuts, we need to look over the policy.

Speaking of student projects, we are getting new computers, Scott Johnson and Emma are also working with us, and hopefully will get them in the next few weeks. We will still be using the old computers, just will be relocating them so that more students can print at the same time.

I am also working on logistics for a potential VUSAC study space; it is an initiative run on this past spring, similar to Burwash study space but in the VUSAC office space, encouraging more people to come study. Right now, it's quite expensive to ask security to stay until 1am, I am thinking about keeping it until the building ends and advertising that it's a space any student can use!

Motion: Alexa motions to extend for 5 minutes. Spandan seconds.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian

Corn coming!! It is happening on October 4th from 3-6pm in UC quad, the game is at 6-7PM, Tran will be taking over planning, and it is run by the St George round table. We will be bringing out a corn costume again!

We are working on potentially getting alumni donation with president Robins given the Student Choice Initiative, and are navigating the best way to do this, may be Webster fund, where alumni can donate into that, so seeing how it possible. So the plan is to reach out to alumni keeping in mind that it's not their responsibility to pay for short falls of what the SCI has brought to us and students opting out.

Finally, you've heard of Strategic Planning; I also ran on creating a Victoria Strategic Planning, about services we provide and events to run; features Vic students, given we don't have



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the same pool of funds moving forward, may need to make sure that we're still able to give the best services that help Vic students – if you have any thoughts on that, please let me know, if you want to work on this project with me also please let me know!

Sepi: Will it be extended VUSAC hours past regular hours with VUSAC members volunteering to sit behind the desk? Would there be printing allowed, and would volunteers be working with Burwash study space in any way? If you volunteer with Burwash early on do you have more of a chance to get a study space later on if you want to use it on a non-volunteer position?

Vibhuti: That is a don thing; for our own list, for people who work at study space it will be different.

Alexa: We're going to be keeping track of who is using the extended hours study space because it is a pilot project now, don't know if we will be keeping printing, I know it will be advertised as a quiet study space, the back can be for discussions.

Part of my job is to support everyone in their portfolios and I've had an amazing time do it so far, so please feel free to drop by my office hours even if it's just to drop by I am here to help, it's been fantastic!

Motion: Michelle motions to adjourn. Lucy seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: all
- Opposed: none
- Abstained: Vivian