

Victoria University Students' Administrative Council Meeting

March 5, 2011

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In Attendance

SECRETARY	Sienna DiGiuseppe
FINANCE CHAIR	Cindy Hwang
PRESIDENT	Akash Goel
VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL	Brandon Bailey
VICE-PRESIDENT INTERNAL	Clara Ho
CLUBS	Gabrielle Blais-Jones
COMMUNICATIONS	Sarah Sidky
COMMUTER	Rob Rubbini
EDUCATION AND EQUITY	Emily Willmon
PRODUCTIONS	Kimberly Pollak
SCARLET & GOLD	Annie Narae Lee
SPECIAL PROJECTS	Dave Stewart
SUSTAINABILITY	Ashley Quan

VPE MAL	Shoaib Alli
VPI MAL	Rajesh Sankat
COMMUNICATIONS MAL	Matteo Pirri
COMMUTER MAL	Adel Boulazreg
EDUCATION & EQUITY MAL	Julie Beuve-Mery
PRODUCTIONS MAL	Jennifer Banh
SCARLET & GOLD MAL	Carrie Proctor

Assessor Members

Kenny Zhan
Bergita Petro

Official Regrets

Harrison Sones, Kristina Minella, Alex Goel

Guests

Alex Wells
Anda Petro

Akash chosen to be the chair. Proxies his vote to Brandon

Meeting called to order at 11:41 am.

Motion 239: Brandon moves to approve the minutes from. Gabrielle seconds. All in favor. Unanimous approval.

Addition to the Agenda

World Water Day - 5 minutes

Constitutional Amendments - 30 minutes

Orientation Exec - 1 minute

VPE - 2 minutes

Vic Tennis Club 2, International Association - 2 minutes each

Vic Pride - 2 minutes

Grad Banquet - 2 minutes

Finance Budget Changes - 3 minutes

Calculations Update - 5 minutes

Motion 240: Gabrielle moves to approve agenda. Dave seconds. Motion passes unanimously

Guest Presentations

WWD Day - Anda

We are organizing an event on Monday March 21st and have invited Maude Barlow. We were wondering if VUSAC could fund us with anything. PWI, UTSU, Oxfam, New College, UCLit, Woodsworth Environmental Team

Cindy - Ashley requested to make a new line to give \$200 from the supplies sustainability budget line to this event.

Dave - Where will she be speaking?

Anda - William Doo Auditorium

Dave - This is an amazing opportunity, she's an amazing woman.

Gabrielle - Will we be on your promotional material?

Anda - Yes, absolutely.

Dave - We have that huge contingency that's just sitting around.

Alex - Why do you need to touch the contingency?

Dave - Just if they don't have enough money

Anda - She wants us to cover travel costs as well as food

Clara - How much money do you need/have you raised so far

Anda - ...

Dave - If we did donate a larger share, what would you do

Motion 241: Gabrielle moves to reallocate the \$200 from sustainability 004 to the WWD. Seconded by Jennifer. One against. Motion Passes.

Vic Pride - Alex Wells

Alex - Basically, we're looking to be ratified to apply for Levy status.

Akash - Could we get it up on the screen? *See appendix for question*

Motion 242: Dave moves to ratify the referendum question as presented by Alex Wells. Matteo seconds.

Motion 243: Dave moves to extend discussion by 10 minutes. Seconded by Gabrielle. Motion passes unanimously.

Gabrielle - Can I recommend you send it to me so I can put it on the clubs website?

Brandon - Do you think it might be appropriate to list the other levies so that people can see in context?

Cindy - I actually have that up right now.

Brandon - I'd suggest you add that somewhere in the question.

Alex - There's rules about how to write a question but I can see how to add that in.

Dave - I disagree with Brandon, I don't think it's necessary to add more numbers to confuse people.

Gabrielle - The Clubs Commissioner needs to see the club's member's list to ensure that 70% of members are from Vic. Due to the nature of the club some members may not feel comfortable releasing their name

Rob - I'm not sure if it's appropriate we start talking about reasons for levy status, rather than the question itself, but since we are -- though obviously Vic Pride does great work for Vic -- I don't feel it at all qualifies as a levy, and is totally dissimilar from the things levies do

Dave - I think the question is fine

Akash - We don't just approve the wording of the question, we approve that the question should be added to the referendum.

Dave - It's a tremendous benefit for some people, and I think making a levy will ensure that it entrenches it in the college, and makes sure that it won't fade away

Brandon - Why do you think a levy will be better, Alex?

Alex - I think it puts it in a unique position, and gives VicPride more influence and access to better programming. It will really help bring the community together. And like Dave said, as a club it can fade away, but this way it can help

Clara - I think VicPride serves a great role, not only to a certain group of students, but to everyone.

Rob - If the concern is advocacy, VUSAC has an education and equity committee for that. Also, if there's a danger for a group to fade away, it shouldn't be a levy. Although I don't think there is danger of Vic Pride fading away.

Dave - This is not a reactionary move. No offense Rachel, but I'm going to use Caffeinds as an example: if Caffeinds went away it wouldn't make a huge difference in the lives of the people. But if Vic Pride went away it would

Kim leaves 12:02, vote is proxied to Rob

Brandon moves to extend discussion by 5 minutes. Seconded by Jennifer. Motion passes

Brandon - I'm going to just to over what levies we have right now. All of them operate as some sort of umbrella organization or produce something. If we see VicPride as an

umbrella organization then we can see it like VCAA

Alex - We're looking to do a poster campaign right now in Vic that's going to be really big. We do a lot of cultural events, and the leadership conference. We have a very big variety of programming that isn't just about holding social events

Rachel - Just going through the constitution, you include assessor members such as the women and gender studies union, would you extend that umbrella to issues like these?

Alex - We don't only confine our events to LGBTQ students, all our events are inclusive.

Dave - This is also the most active group on campus. They organize amazing events and almost integral part of this college. They do a lot.

Akash - How long have clubs usually been clubs before clubs?

Brandon - Some of them predate VUSAC. Some started right away as levies. Some more recent ones such as Caffiends have started as clubs.

Kenny Zhan arrives at 12:07

Motion 242 result: 12 in favour. 4 opposed. Motion passes.

Akash - Thank you Alex, we will work closely with the CRO to ensure your question comes up on the referendum.

Grad Banquet - Alex Wells

Alex - Grad Banquet is coming up, I've been going over the budget and traditionally VUSAC takes over one budget line as a gift to the graduation class. I'm looking to develop a budget line where VUSAC can actually give a real gift not a metaphorical gift. It's probably going to give wine glasses.

Motion 244: Dave moves to extend discussion by 10 minutes. Gabrielle seconds. 4 opposed. Motion passes.

Alex - since these students have been contributing to the contingency I think it would be nice to give back

Brandon - Just don't give champagne flute

Dave moves to release funds from the contingency fund for the grad banquet. Seconded by Matteo

Cindy - We don't want to touch the money in the bank as much as possible.

Akash - To clarify, the term contingency is different from the bank account.

Cindy - Last time I checked it was \$50 000, but some cheques hasn't been cashed

Brandon - A couple years ago the cats eye got broken into and everything got stolen, and they had to take out a loan from VUSAC and that's why we like keeping that

Alex - I just want to reiterate that in the past VUSAC has given a budget line which has either been for bussing or center pieces etc. We've cut most of that this year. Traditionally there has been a gift from the council, and in the past couple years it has been pushed to the wayside.

Gabrielle - Cindy, how much do we actually have in the contingency?

Cindy - We originally had about \$500, but with some cancellations with productions.

There were some problems with the calculations. I have looked into different commissions to see if there were some spaces to make up for this. It's possible that we could make up this \$800. It's possible I would just need to contact each commission

individually. So at this point, we are sort of in deficit.

Brandon - I was just wondering if Cindy knew how much that last club night went?

Cindy - We actually budgeted a lot on this night, so we're under budget

Dave - This is one the biggest celebratory nights and I think it would be kind of weird is they don't get this momento.

Kenny - So quick question - VUSAC hasn't contributed in the past few years, so in the past years Grad Banquet has still given gifts, how has that happened?

Alex - Last year was a fuck up on the companies part and they got

Rob - Can we discuss this later, after we've figured out the budget in Cindy's section?

Motion 245: Gabrielle moves to discuss 5 more minutes. Brandon seconds 3 opposed.

Brandon - Can we talk about this at the next meeting?

Alex - It's April 1

Rob - we can talk about this later in the meeting

Gabrielle - Can you give us a window of what would help or wouldn't help?

Alex - \$500 is the budget line for the gifts, but anything helps obviously. With \$500 it would be a nice gift from VUSAC

Akash - As a graduating student I think it would be nice to have a gift

Dave - How much to we spend on Crescams?

Kenny - I think we would all love to spend the money, its a matter of water from stone

Gabrielle - I move to table the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Akash - Thanks Alex. Do we want to take a break now?

Ashley - I'm sorry I'm late but I have the CRO report that Naafia e-mailed me.

Akash - Ok so shall we recess for 5 minutes?

Break at 12:27. Meeting continues at 12:33.

Akash - I have to say, attendance for VUSAC meetings have been very sparsely attended this year. Clara maybe you would maybe present that information at the next meeting?

Lets start out with the CRO

Dave - Motion to amend the agenda for 5 minutes for the CRO report. Seconded by Gabrielle. Motion passes unanimously

CRO Report - Ashley Quan for Naafia Mattoo

Ashley - Election dates: Nominations open on March 7, close on March 14 with a mandatory candidates meeting that evening. Mandatory poll clerk meeting March 15. Town hall March 17th in Cat's Eye. VOCA dinner at the same time. Voting is 23-25 of March. Rules are as is: no post campaigning. VUSAC has traditionally remained neutral, and it's now in the rules. That means you as VUSAC members are not allowed to campaign on behalf of candidates. I'm going to have paper ballots available (20-30). She expects everyone on VUSAC to help promote the elections. Expect e-mails from me in the coming days.

Akash - They're doing away with post campaigning, what does that mean?

Rob - There's strict rules regarding post campaigning. You are no longer allowed to campaign during the voting period?

Akash - Were there any reasons for this?

Rob - People didn't think it was a good idea, they felt it would be better to going to the last way

Shoaib - Just a clarification for the dates, when are nominations closed?

Brandon - When do the results become official?

Annie comes in at 12:41.

Akash - A few things to keep in mind. We don't really have much of a say in the rules. I think it's interesting that she does note that there's no active campaigning from current VUSAC members. Shoaib makes a good point. We have on schedule for this coming meeting. Maybe we should consider some of the dates for our upcoming meetings and change them around. We have 5 weeks of the school term left. The last one will be the transition meeting. May I suggest that we have a VUSAC meeting 13 days from now, and then the last meeting on the 30th?

Dave - Can we not have it on the 30th? That's the last special projects meeting.

Akash - Why don't we have 3 meetings instead? May I suggest the 18th, 29th and 6th?

Gabrielle - Why change it to a tuesday as opposed to a Friday?

Akash - Grad banquet.

Emily - Why not the 11th

Ashley - Environmental Fashion Show, Art Gala and Rocky Horror

Akash - 18th and 30th. Clara can you please make sure about bookings?

Matteo - Did she make any mention of poll clerking? Can VUSAC members sign for a fellow VUSAC member or is that not allowed?

Rob - I don't see a problem with that.

Dave - was there a discussion about co-commissioner?

Akash - One suggestion that I have is to change the constitution to include that, but I think it's a little late for that now. I'm gonna call that discussion off now, and I'd just like to acknowledge Naafia for her good job in putting everything together.

Judiciary Reports

VP Internal [Clara Ho]

Ok, so take a look at the constitutional amendments that you have in front of you. how this will work again I will more to approve the amendments and then we will have discussion. Perhaps some people are seeing this for the first time so I'm suggesting that I read the entire amendment out. Can i just get a straw poll about that: against. Ok, i'll just state the amendment, assuming that everyone have read it.

Akash - I'd just like to say that these were posted before for 5 days

Rob - I'd just like to say that there are new amendments, and they weren't posted.

Brandon - And there are also new subsections.

Akash - What I'm hearing is that we haven't constitutionally gone through this properly.

Kenny - I think it would be beneficial to still discuss them.

Akash: I'd like to have a straw poll: Would people like to discuss these today even

though we can't vote on them. I'm confused.

Dave - I was going to suggest that we cap each at one minute per suggestion.

Clara - We can discuss them now.

Emily - Can I just ask why they weren't sent out?

Clara - I sent a notice to have them posted on the VUSAC website

Sarah - I'd just like to mention that I posted them within 24 hours

Rob - Rob - Why weren't they posted in front of the VUSAC office? Although, even if they had been, we wouldn't be able to pass them since they weren't posted online

Akash - I'm going to say that we don't talk about this today, to give more chance for people to discuss later. Now one minute for orientation exec.

Clara: We received a lot of applications, we will be having interviews next week.

Akash - Any questions for Clara? Ok let's just shake around now for a minute. Currently we have two proxies in effect. Rajesh would you like a proxy?

Rajesh - Yes, Shoaib.

Brandon - Can I request that Cindy goes next since we have some assessor members here for her update?

Finance Chair [Cindy Hwang]

Cindy - Basically this is something I mentioned before. This was a miscalculation on my part which left a discrepancy of \$1800. This is our current thing with a deficit of \$1000. There are some events that have a very big buffer, and hopefully we can go through some lines and try and fix this. Such as the Magic Flute.

Motion 246: Jennifer; I move to remove budget line Prod-009 to the contingency.

Gabrielle seconds. Motion passed.

Cindy - The biggest is commuter budget.

Motion 247: Rob - I move to move \$500 to the buffer from line Commut-004. Seconded by Carrie. Motion passes unanimously.

Cindy - The 1st was the supplies for sustainability. I'm not sure how much.

Motion 248: Ashley - I guess you can take \$491.78. Ashley moves to move these funds to the buffer. Seconded by Carrie. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 249: Rob - I can still cut more. I move to cut budget line 006 to the buffer.

Gabrielle seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Gabrielle - I notice that theres money left over from Hart House Farm Retreat. Rob can you speak to that?

Akash - May I suggest we talk about this later? Can you all come back to the next meeting with any surplus you have in your budgets so that we can discuss it next meeting.

Cindy - Victoria Student Ambassadors want to merge their lines 356 to come to a total of \$80 and they asked for another \$20 to give them \$100 for their speaker series.

Akash - Cindy do you think this is justified?

Cindy - Yes I think so.

Akash - Time is up for this discussion topic.

Motion 250: Dave moves to extend discussion by 20 minutes. Sarah seconds. Motion passes.

Motion 251: Gabrielle moves to merge the budget lines for VSA. Matteo seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 252: Gabrielle moves to move the budget line for the movie line from Vic Chorus for the movie night to give to VSA. Jennifer seconds. One opposed. Motion passes.

Motion 253: Gabrielle moves to remove budgeted line 003 for Vic chorus. Jennifer seconds. 2 opposed. Motion passes.

Cindy - There's one more from VUHS, they want to change the material to construct banners line.

Gabrielle - Basically the VUHS has working really hard to work on a booklet of Vic's history, so this is just the opening party.

Motion 254: Gabrielle moves to change the material to construct banners and to the launch party and reallocate \$20 to the buffer. Jennifer seconds. Motion passes.

Akash - Thank you for your update Cindy

Matteo - What about the Grad Banquet?

Dave moves to release \$500 from the buffer to the Grad Banquet. - *tabled*

Motion 255: Ashley moves to remove money from Sustainability to the buffer. Motion passes unanimously.

Cindy - I would also like to comment on it, we still have the money from the reading week party.

Motion 256: Jennifer moves to remove the \$193 from the reading week party to the buffer. Gabrielle seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 257: Gabrielle moves to put the grad banquet question back on the table. Rob seconds motion passes. All in favour. Two abstentions. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 258: Dave moves to release \$55 for the Grad Banquet chair ticket. Seconded by Carrie.

Gabrielle - This was done last year.

Ashley - How much is the ticket?

Akash - \$55. Annie was your ticket covered for high ball?

Annie - Yes.

Motion 258 result: Akash - All in favour? Motion passes unanimously

Gabrielle - I know that the Art Gala needs more money.

Motion 259: Emily moves to reallocate line e&e 007 to sustainability 001. seconded by Matteo. Motion passes unanimously.

Akash - If it was a collaboration we are not restricted by the budget committee rules.

Ashley - We could reallocate it to sustainability since it's a collaboration with Environment week.

Cindy - There's already \$250 so far.

Motion 260: Emily moves to reallocate e&e 0012 to the buffer. Seconded by Julie. Motion passes unanimously.

President [Akash Goel]

Adel leaves at 1:24.

Akash - I promise you that my report is not going to be as long as it says it will be. OK a few things. One thing before I talk about the referendum question. Sarah and I are

discussing whether a media policy will be in effect, regarding an article in the varsity that someone from VUSAC commented in. So this referendum question that i'm proposing (*see attached*) One of the biggest things that comes up is traditionals. I think there's something to be said about having the ceremonies separate, and having them together. I've had some discussions with Paul Gooch about changing these, and they're very different than they used to be. I think it's worthwhile to have a referendum question to say that we can impose to the orientation executive about what they will do.

Ashley - I don't think we can make it binding because orientation isn't to do with VUSAC.

Akash - It's in the constitution, so anything in the constitution we can make binding.

Brandon - I just want to say that I'd recommend that the vote isn't a pick one, but a ranking option to have a much more balanced result.

Dave - I don't think this should go to referendum. You're going to have a majority/minority. We're going to look really bad from this. The alumni are not effected by this and shouldn't decide how orientation operates.

Ashley - I feel like if the results end up being that they want to keep things as they are, then it might send the message out to students that the rest of the student body doesn't care about them. Especially for transgendered people etc.

Emily - What's Evan's opinion of this?

Akash - I didn't receive any response from Evan. However, Kristina thought that this was a good idea.

Brandon - Just as far as this I would disagree with Dave's assertion that this is just for the first years, it's an entire vic event

Ashley - Evan is very much against the referendum question from what i've heard from him. If you want to discuss it that's fine, but I don't think that a referendum is the best venue to discuss this. I think people will see it and not understand why it's uninclusive. I think an open meeting would be a better venue.

Akash - Just to note that people who attend those meetings tend to be the same core group of people. Also I agree that this isn't just a first year issue. However, it is difficult to make this a discussion. Maybe the significant minority can be treated as the majority.

Dave - When I said it's all about the first years I just meant the traditionals specifically. The impact on the first years is not the same as the impact on the leaders

Brandon - "I think this would be a bad decision making tool and shouldn't be a referendum. It might be useful as a survey to get numbers." Which is pretty much the opposite of what appears here!

Akash - Maybe the best thing to do would make it non binding and a survey

Julie - We already had an open meeting and the people who were uncomfortable weren't present.

Kenny - I think that either way we go there will be a small minority of people who wont be happy. I think that the ceremonies are pretty gender neutral

Rob - In terms of who this affects most, I think it affects the upper years more than anything.

Emily - If people are saying that it affects upper years and alumni. I think that this is

ultimately up to the Orientation Executive

Gabrielle - One comment was maybe have a comment box so that people can input their opinions. Also, at the town hall meeting last year, the strand discussed their levy increase. It might be useful to use this as an open discussion forum

Ashley - Maybe we can have a Strand article so that people can comment anonymously. Also, I think that the first years are going through this so I don't think it matters if the upper years and alumni are upset for nostalgia reasons.

Akash - So I think I'm getting that this is more of a survey tool. So I think we need to approve this

Brandon - The Strand just got a new news editor who wants to make more Vic centered news, so it may be easier to get an article.

Akash - Do we want to call the question then?

Dave - Can I say one thing? Once we get these numbers, those people who affect will see them and react to them accordingly

Gabrielle - I feel that we should stop trying to assume what these people want to do." should be "I feel that we should stop trying to assume how people affected feel about this.

Akash - I think we're assuming that these oppressed people want combined ceremonies.

Kenny - I think that assuming that people are offended by traditionals is wrong

Brandon - I don't think we can mute a group because we're afraid of what they will say.

Akash - Do we have a motion?

Motion 261: Gabrielle moves to approve this as a non binding referendum questions, contingent on the aforementioned changes being met. Seconded by Jennifer.

Emily - Can we see the final copy before voting?

Akash - It's just some small typos that need to be changed.

Dave - would it be possible to table this and redraft it

Akash - There's only small typos to change.

Ashley - Why don't you just change it now?

Gabrielle - First sentence second paragraph, the phrasing is weird.

Akash - It's slightly odd to see you guys making all these changes now when you've had a week to do so.

Ashley - I would suggest that we clarify who we are looking to include

Clara - I'm just echoing what Ashley said. Perhaps a new paragraph to clarify this?

Rob - Might I suggest that we change men and women to just everyone?

Akash - Where were these suggestions a week ago when I sent it out?

Emily - I thought the point of the meeting was to discuss this.

Rob - Make sure that traditional ceremonies look the same throughout, with capitalization and such.

Brandon - In the last paragraph there's a comma splice after below.

Gabrielle - Including the non binding part somewhere.

Brandon - You should switch 5 back to abstain

Jennifer - Check the capitalizations for Orientation week

Emily - Do you mean universal ceremony or unified ceremony?

Kenny - Do you want someone else to handle the speakers list?

Akash - No it's fine

Ashley - I would change the movie in the second paragraph to clarify why we're doing this in the first place.

Cindy - The wording in the options is a little weird.

Dave - The first and second are essentially the same, and don't show a division or change anything

Akash - Do we have any comments on that specifically?

Gabrielle - I think it's important to have the first one there to help people distinguish

Kenny - I agree with Dave, it really doesn't solve the issue

Brigitta - I think this entire question should be framed as a re-envisioning of traditionals, whereas now it seems like it's meant to target an specific group

Clara - I agree, I would actually suggest removing the sentence which picks out a specific group. I know we're not trying to single out a particular group of people.

Brandon - Although it's nicer to think of it as a re-envisioning,

Motion 262: Rob moves to call the question. Matteo seconds. Motion passes. 12 for.

Motion 261 result: 8 in favour. 5 opposed. 3 abstentions. Motion passes.

President's Report

Akash - I met with Richard Chambers who's the director of the Multifaith prayer center. They came in and saw the space, there was a very positive discussion. The discussion that followed was about dedicated and designated multi faith prayer space. The policy right now is to have designated prayer space for certain hours. There's also dedicated which means it's only for multi faith prayer. If you have a space like this right now, it means that it's easy to allocate the space in Goldring later. Brandon would you like to add anything?

Brandon - Nope.

Akash - They took some pictures of the space, we're hoping to get it set up before exams. Any support from you guys would be helpful.

Ashley - I just don't understand why the last motion went through when only 8 people voted

Emily - What's the current status of the multi faith center?

Akash - It's being painted right now. I actually think that it should be an E&E thing to do, I know there were some problems in the beginning of the year, but really the president shouldn't be doing this. I met with the CLC and there was a lot of discussion on the meal plan structure next year for residences. Here are the proposed plans for next year. They will not be able to happen if the commuter experience fee doesn't happen. Basically as you know there's a discussion regarding the new meal plans. Is anyone confused about this?

Ashley - Why is the money for the deans fund only for commuters?

Rob - I think the reasoning is that commuters can use residence common rooms and therefore residence students can use commuter common rooms.

Jennifer - To comment on the seven meals, does the deans office kind of expect the student to use those meals for those programming?

Akash - They expect that it will be an avenue

Dave - What is this a new avenue to bring people to Vic

Akash - There's an argument that suggests that students pay up to \$800 for gold ring, and \$40something for VUSAC levy, coming close too \$4000 total over 4 years for programming at Vic.

Kenny - Just to throw it out there, I think the common room argument is silly.

Matteo - Just to reply to Dave's point I think that imposing a \$120 fee onto them without discussion doesn't seem right

Jennifer - There are students who don't come back to Vic, not because they don't want to, but because it is sometimes really difficult to since it is far off on the East end of campus

Akash - I think that the argument is that is this is sometimes making a

Ashley - I think that most commuters don't live here because they can't afford it, so why would they spend money if they could just bring food form home

Brandon - As far as the meal plan structure goes there wont be guest passes

Akash - There will be

Rob - No there wont be

Brandon - Just as a point, this means roughly 3000 meals

Rob - Yes you are including the minority but you are excluding the vast majority

Akash - I think it comes out often that you have a huge amount of students that satisfy a small majority

Dave - If you average over the year I think its not just a total fee, there is a benefit. Have any of you seen the hart house lunches? They're always packed. I think if we can do this it would really increase the social aspect

Annie - I think this is under the assumption that all the commuters will have a good time going to lunches and such, but it just seems to me that most people don't want this because they would rather go home.

Emily - So there wont be an opt out option? Why is that?

Akash - They need to be able to expect a certain amount of money. No solid and sound project can be built on this

Emily - What about professional faculty?

Rob - I'm going to take this time to list some concerns. Definitely the opt out is a big concern. Also, knowing where the money is going is a really big problem. The reason we haven't had one is because it keeps getting changed. I think there's a lot more information that's needed. In terms of the non meal plan access, there's a potential increase of 2 to 4 commuter dons. As far as I can tell this is arbitrary.

Brigitta - I know there was discussion about how some of the money will be used to pay for commuter dons

Brigitta - I think there's a problem with this. It's not realistic in being presented this way, not all this money is going to commuter dons.

Rob - In terms of this, I don't see why the meal plan aspect is being grouped with the commuter don and the programming aspects, i feel like they should be on their own. And

just in terms of the feedback, I've gotten about 10 e-mails and about a dozen Facebook messages. I hope you can all attend the town hall in the reading room on Wednesday.

Akash - It is possible to have a graded option. you don't get to opt out, but you would be able to potentially partially opt out of the most expensive option.

Kenny - UC has commuter dons as well, and they have a much larger student body, and if they only have two, do we need four? Also i agree with Rob about the clumping. Also, a suggestion, maybe kind of go the way of the UTSU dental plan, so that people have to fill out a form to opt out.

Rob - That's been brought up, but they've flat out said no.

Gabrielle - The major selling point I'm seeing is the 7 free meals at Burwash, and basically you're charging \$24 a meal because because realistically people would use meals before services. And a \$24 meal isn't cheap.

Ashley - Who are the student representatives

Akash - It's right now myself, it's probably going to be Leo and Julia. We don't have anyone else on the CLC who has never lived in residence

Dave - I have 3 really quick things. Not everyone can go home during the day, so any survey done and data taken from people we've talked to is invalid. This has never been done in an institution that is comparable to us. What is we discuss having a test here, and if it doesn't work we scrap it.

Rob - If it get's approved and doesn't work I see no possibility of it being removed.

Akash - Let's go to Clara

Clara - A number of commuter students have expressed problems with this. Putting it into perspective for some people, its a week of work for some individuals who spend no time on the campus

Shoaib - Do you know who the admin is who is going to be on it? Because obviously all three of them are going to vote for it.

Akash - I think we need to stay away from that assumption. I think the reason they would all vote for it if they see it will improve student life and that the benefits outweigh the costs. It would kind of be like a student parent relationship. I don't think one person on that committee knows how they're voting

Shoaib - I think Kelley Castle knows how she's voting.

Jennifer - I think it's really hard for students to think it's a good idea when they don't know how it's going to work. Why don't we have a referendum to actually see how students feel about it?

Akash - It was unanimously passed by VUSAC to have this committee, so we can't have a binding referendum. I've suggested that we have a non binding survey but I don't know if it will happen.

Jennifer - I remember when I was applying for colleges back in high school, I didn't know my classes would be so far from Vic, so maybe we should let first years know about this.

Akash - Since Gabrielle has to leave, can I suggest that we do her update while we still have quorum.

Emily - I don't really see how this meal plan discussion is relevant right now

Akash - This is actually really important, you were elected to discuss these important issues and I will be able to take your feedback and apply it to the parity committee.

Kenny - When will the final decision on this be made?

Akash - Probably very soon. It will be fully decided by April 4th.

Clubs [Gabrielle Blais-Jones]

Gabrielle - I have received two clubs seeking recognition. The Victoria International Students Association. They basically want to promote resources and social events of the Vic International community, as well as support for language and culture barriers.

Motion 263: Gabrielle moves to approve the VISA. Seconded by Matteo. Motion passes unanimously.

Gabrielle - Next is the Vic Tennis Club. They essentially are like the fencing club or like the yoga club, they want to play tennis. The person who is applying for the status did mention that she is applying for a UofT club status next year.

Gabrielle move to approve the Vic Tennis Club. Seconded by Jennifer. - withdrawn

Matteo - Would this fall under the VCAA?

Brandon - There are athletic-based clubs under VUSAC. They can collaborate with the VCAA, but the VCAA is more about intramurals and such.

Rob - Why do they mention that point about members being 17 or older?

Gabrielle - Rob's concern is that the executive positions have to be over 17, but this is not saying they cannot be part of the club, it's saying that they can't be an exec.

Dave - This isn't an inherent quality of the person

Brandon - I don't see why this is relevant

Gabrielle - I will withdraw this motion and will discuss with the president.

Akash - Ok I'm going to say that we move to the other reports.

VP External [Brandon Bailey]

Brandon - Crescams on the 26th. Please free your calendar and take note of it. It will be on 6pm or so. There's nominations all over campus. Nominations close on the 15th.

Carrie steps out 2:50.

Gabrielle leaves 2:50

CASAS met again, but we didn't reach quorum, so we didn't do anything. We're going to do it in the future, what we're going to do is give a document to the UofT wide committee about space allocation. So if you have any questions about space allocation please talk to me and Akash. Just a question - do you think that levies should have to renew?

Akash - let's take a break and discuss this later.

Break at 2:50, back at 3:02

Akash - We have three more commission updates.

Sustainability Commissioner [Ashley Quan]

Ashley - our supplies arrived for bikes, we started building on Thursday, we've built one bike so far and our insurance is coming. We're pursuing it through Vic. Community garden first meeting is next week. Environment week is all next week. I will tag you all in my profile picture and you can hopefully add it as your profile picture. ****

Akash - I must say Ashley, you've done a tremendous job this year.

Ashley - I move to extend the Sustainability commission into perpetuity until we choose to remove it. Dave seconds.

Dave - I think Akash brings up a very interesting point, since these are elected positions it may be good to have a review.

Brandon - I think the justification was that the review was to see if the commission fit in. Motion passes unanimously.

Education and Equity Commissioner [Emily Willmon]

- Conference fund applications closed on the 4th
- Aboriginal Awareness events - Tuesday 15th 3-6, Wed. Movie night
- Equity training on Friday the 18th from 12-1
- Accessibility map is looking really awesome
- First aid training is March 12 from 10-6, we are subsidizing that a lot, and it's only \$30.
- Cuts for cancer is going to be on April 7th
- Does anyone have a hair dresser that may be willing to donate their time?

Scarlet and Gold Commissioner [Annie Narae Lee]

- Thank you for everyone who came out to highball, it was sold out
- I'm sure everyone had a really great time, I just wanted to thank everyone for their support.
- Carrie did such an amazing job with decorations - thank you for that
- I'm not sure about the end of year party, but yeah that's it for now
- Thank you to Rob for the bus situation
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Akash - There's the party for a cure that have asked us to help them with selling tickets. I'll send you all the info.

Now we're onto the discussion topics. This has been brought to my attention by the UofT round table. So basically there's some concerns that have been brought up about the elections. Some students have been disqualified. Trinity college has had a vote to demand the resignation of the CRO. There's also some serious talk of de-federation with the Canadian Federation of Students. It would be massive. Currently the engineering society is strongly considering de-federation from UTSU and the Canadian Federation of Students. They want to establish an independent *** It took them a long time to get a response, basically it said that a lot of their points are moot. There's a few considerations

as you can see. The reason that I'm showing you all is is that the St. George round table sat down and had a meeting to discuss de-federation from the CFS. This would be interesting because we have a federated college system, and how the rest of the central UofT remains to be seen, because the only people who have that power is UTSU?

Brandon - Right now every Vic Student pays a fee to VUSAC and UTSU and through that fee they pay a fee to the CFS and for all the programming. De-federation is really murky. If Trin de-federates and they wouldn't pay anything to the UTSU. **

Akash - I've talked to administration about this before, wondering if Vic would be sustainable without UTSU. There's generally positive feedback.

Brandon - I can't stress enough how much legality is involved in this.

Akash - Trinity and Engineering are almost definitely going through with this

Emily - so what happens with UTSU?

Akash - This is one of those grey areas.

Dave - There's a lot of programming that goes along with UTSU. They would still have a lot of functions and responsibility.

Brandon - But those things are funded by students paying from the colleges, so this would put them in a bind.

Akash - I guess we can make a statement given what we know and are gathering at this point in time. So my question to you is to see whether you would be interested in making some sort of a statement.

Dave - This seems really reactionary and fairly hasty. What would make more sense in my mind would say that there's something clearly dysfunctional in the way you're running elections. Next year you can make changes, and then if there are still problems we can start the de-federation process. It would serve to try and create accountability and transparency, on the condition that a serious discussion would start in September

Rob - I don't think Akash was saying

Dave - That's what I was saying, I'm just saying that we assess a potential consequences.

Brandon - There's no way we're going to get anything done in this meeting, but what you are suggesting Dave is what was done in the engineering society.

Dave - Has UTSU responded to this?

Akash - They essentially said that we see how some of your points are valid. One of the major points is that UTSU doesn't disclose where their salaries and wages go.

Julie - I have to leave now, so what would you like to do?

Akash - Maybe the judiciary will make a question.

Dave - I move to replace Clara Ho with Rob Rubbini for any UTSU election related matters. Seconded by Julie. To abstentions Passes unanimously.

Julie leaves 3:33

Dave - Can we go over the proposal?

Brandon - Keep in mind some of the points were kind of outrageous

Akash - I think that there was some problems with misinformation from the CRO.

Brandon - Saying that the CRO is a CFS candidate is misinformed, he's just very well prepared.

Dave - How do you not have a independent elections committee?

Rob - I think UTSU doesn't want administrative input, so it's all just students.

Akash - We're really good at keeping transparent, but it's more difficult for other

organizations such as UTSU.

Clara - I would just encourage people to read the statements made by the CRO and ERC on the UTSU website. I think those will be the most accurate. I just encourage that to that any misinformation is cleared.

Dave - There was an incident that the poll clerks were campaigning at the polling station.

Akash - Also one thing that interests me is that they don't make an effort to make their elections very fair. That's worrisome for me. It's more the process than anything else.

Dave - The issue is to find a way to make them do something.

Akash - Maybe it's worthwhile to come up with a timeline of what we'd like to see from them.

Brandon - I just have a question. Were there any UTSU members there at the SGRT meeting?

Akash - No.

Brandon - Were they invited?

Akash - No. They aren't a voting member, they're an assessor member. Also with the SGRT the voting doesn't really make a difference.

Shoaib - So when is the timeline for this?

Akash - I'm not sure, what do you think?

Shoaib - By next meeting?

Akash - How about having an active discussion at the next meeting?

Dave - It looks like we have a framework but I think there has to be a consequence.

Akash - Can I get a straw poll, what do you guys think of this? I think the important thing to realize is that we do have a lot of power. Like UCLit would have more difficulty, but we have a lot more rights as a federated college. Please take an active role in educating yourself in this issue. Do we still want to have a discussion on the commuter fees?

Brandon - If they are saying that having an opt out issue is off the table proves that they don't think that this is going to work

Jennifer - I have spoken to a lot of Vic commuters who don't want this and are considering switching colleges because they can't afford it. It would be a shame to drive students Vic away and forming a reputation that only rich students who can afford it can be a Vic student

Dave - To go back to the test run, I don't think that the success or failure of the program doesn't affect the people that don't use it.

Emily - I also feel that every year they're going to evaluate this

Cindy - I think we're having discussion so that everyone can benefit, that's why a test run doesn't make sense because we're having this discussion so that it doesn't make a negative impact.

Emily - I've talked to a lot of Vic students who have no idea about all of the resources and programming that goes on at Vic. Perhaps this could be a good thing, if heavily advertised, which would draw students to the campus more often

Ashley - To me this is similar to the orientation, without provided an opt out option

Jennifer - If students don't really know about the services at Vic then we should be trying to promote them as opposed to forcing a fee to 'encourage' them to come to Vic.

Personally, I think it's a great program, but if not many people know about what's already offered at Vic, then there should be a means of letting them know that, that doesn't cost

them anything extra

Dave - I agree that if we could reach those people they would come, but the current system is not as effective as we want it to be. I'm sure a lot of people don't come around because they don't see a reason to

Brandon - I think that in principal i'm not opposed to having not opt out fees, but i think the magnitude is considerable here. Theres no way that this is worth it on the student life side,

Matteo - I think we're forgetting the fact that good majority of students don't care about student life. To impose this fee on them is not really right, because they don't want to be here anyways

Rob - Matteo's point is pretty much what I was going to say.

Cindy - I guess it's just that there are cheaper ways to do it. it just seems like there is a lot of money going to the Burwash revamp, and i don't think we can justify directing the student resources to Burwash dining hall revamp.

Akash - I can have floor plans coming for you this coming week.

Dave - The more meals you buy, the less that number becomes. it's not always going to be \$25 dollars per meal. The more meals you eat the less * beer

Jennifer - I remember attending a meeting Kelley Castle was hosting in the Reading Room last semester where she was talking about ideas on how to improve student life. Some ideas were really weird, like making it mandatory that all Vic students have to join a club and be active in order to graduate. The vibe I got was that they are making assumptions that all students want to be involved. Not every student does. I brought up that point and also pointed out that forcing students to be involved may drive high school students away from choosing Vic if they are under the impression that academics is important in university. Kelly replied saying she was okay with that. I didn't agree with this, and I don't agree that we should be forcing students to get involved, especially if they have to throw money into doing it. Students are here to get an education and get a degree, and if they choose that to be their focus we can't change that

Annie - How can you force someone to pay \$120? I know its similar to frosh, but I think it's different from something like this. Personally I would use it, but others may not. This is not an encouragement, this is forcing it.

Brandon - I think the spending more to get more worth is counter intuitive. We aren't at zero are are trying to raise money, we're at below zero and trying to raise up. We can't use commuters to just relieve debt.

Dave - The levies are not opt out. Residence students pay for meal plans which is not opt out.

Brigitta - Students have said this to me. I think the most commuters have problems with physical comforts, the commuter lounge, science vs humanities don't really address this.

Akash - I think the argument is that people pay all of these levies but they don't really use them throughout their time here. I guess the thing is if that's not going to make them come here, then do be just keep charging more?

Dave - If you want a net zero fee increase, why don't we have marginal reduction in other fees. It's a change in structure. It seems necessary.

Clara - It's just thinking about the question about students applying to colleges, a lot of them don't know what it means to pick a college. What about all the UofT wide colleges? Why should we force them to prioritize with vic at the top? I don't feel like this is a

positive attitude. Yes Vic is a wonderful place, but there are so many more avenues.
Brandon - We're not in a student-life crisis. You're going to have to recognize that while financially we are, we shouldn't be acting like Vic has a huge student life problem. There's always room for improvement, but I'd wager Vic is the best-off college as far as student engagement is concerned

Annie - The concept of student involvement is still there, if they want to be they will do their own research. Forcing them to pay is not doing this properly

Cindy - We're here to provide services to students. If they don't think coming to Burwash is worth it for them, they won't use it.

Dave - To speak to Clara's point, I don't think this detracts other students from joining other UofT clubs. Right now we don't have a student commons. UofT doesn't have a general student commons. Burwash could become this. You can't do that anywhere else here.

- VUSAC not at quorum ∴ meeting cannot be adjourned until next meeting.

Motion Summary

Motion 239: Brandon moves to approve the minutes from. Gabrielle seconds. All in favor. Unanimous approval.

Motion 240: Gabrielle moves to approve agenda. Dave seconds. Motion passes unanimously

Motion 241: Gabrielle moves to reallocate the \$200 from sustainability 004 to the WWD. Seconded by Jennifer. One against. Motion Passes.

Motion 242: Dave moves to ratify the referendum question as presented by Alex Wells. Matteo seconds. 12 in favour. 4 opposed. Motion passes.

Motion 243: Dave moves to extend discussion by 10 minutes. Seconded by Gabrielle. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 244: Dave moves to extend discussion by 10 minutes. Gabrielle seconds. 4 opposed. Motion passes.

Motion 245: Gabrielle moves to discuss 5 more minutes. Brandon seconds 3 opposed. Motion passes.

Motion 246: Jennifer moves to remove budget line 440 to the contingency. Gabrielle seconds. Motion passed.

Motion 247: Rob - I move to move \$500 to the buffer. Seconded by Carrie. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 248: Ashley moves to move \$491.78 from Sustainability to the buffer. Seconded by Carrie. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 249: Rob - I can still cut more. I move to cut budget line 006 to the buffer. Gabrielle seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 250: Dave moves to extend discussion by 20 minutes. Sarah seconds. Motion passes.

Motion 251: Gabrielle moves to merge the budget lines for VSA. Matteo seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 252: Gabrielle moves to move the budget line for the movie line from Vic Chorus for the movie night to give to VSA. Jennifer seconds. One opposed. Motion passes.

Motion 253: Gabrielle moves to remove budgeted line 003 for Vic chorus. Jennifer seconds. 2 opposed. Motion passes.

Motion 254: Gabrielle moves to change the material to construct banners and to the launch party and reallocate \$20 the the budget. Jennifer second. Motion passes.

Motion 255: Ashley moves to remove money from Sustainability to the buffer. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 256: Jennifer moves to remove the \$193 from the reading week party to the buffer. Gabrielle seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 257: Gabrielle moves to put the grad banquet question back on the table. Rob seconds motion passes. All in favour. Two abstentions. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 258: Dave moves to release \$55 for the Grad Banquet chair ticket. Seconded by Carrie. Motion passes unanimously

Motion 259: Emily moves to reallocate line e&e 007 to sustainability 001. seconded by Matteo. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 260: Emily moves to reallocate e&e 0012 to the buffer. Seconded by Julie. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 261: Gabrielle moves to approve this as a non binding referendum questions, contingent on the aforementioned changes being met. Seconded by Jennifer.

Motion 261 result: 8 in favour. 5 opposed. 3 abstentions. Motion passes.

Motion 262: Rob moves to call the question. Matteo seconds. Motion passes. 12 for.

Motion 263: Gabrielle moves to approve the VISA. Seconded by Matteo. Motion passes unanimously.