



Victoria University Students' Administrative Council

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VUSAC Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 5:30 PM, March 5th 2021

Land Acknowledgement: Tran Thai

Tran: We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. 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 still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

Official Regrets: Vedika Jha

Approval of minutes: *Motion by Nerija to approve the minutes from January 29th, seconded by Kate. Motion passes.*

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

Additions to the agenda:

- Aminah with a Board of Regents Update
- Jenny with a budget allocation

Approval of the agenda: *Motion by Leila to approve the agenda for March 5th, seconded by Alexandra. Motion passes.*

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

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EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

President of Victoria University:

Dean's Office:

Board of Regents: 3 minutes

Aminah: We presented at Caucus last week. We've heard a bit about how the President's strategic plan is progressing, and the Ryerson Report is going to be issued soon which is really exciting. Administration continues to face COVID challenges, and we continue to hear updates from Emmanuel College. We encourage you to attend our next meeting on April 8th!

Victoria College Council:
Victoria University Senate:
Campus Life Coordinator (Alero): 10 minutes

Alero: We have orientation positions open until Monday at the end of the day! We also have the Crescam ceremony on April 1st from 4:30 to 5:30 and we have lots of nominees this year so it should be great. Orientation planning is underway and we are looking at having the focus of orientation being on equity, maximizing our resources and working within the guidelines. The Equity in Careers program is coming up soon so if you are looking to talk to someone in your field, please come. There is an undergraduate survey that came out recently about remote learning, faculty and staff interactions, and COVID responses so please fill that out if you want to tell the university how you've been feeling about the last year.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Michelle Zhao to approve proposed referendum for Vic Black levy status [Appendix A], seconded by Nerija. (10 minutes). Motion passes.

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

Amara: We are in pursuit of Levy Status for the 2021-2022 year. We are doing this in order to increase our autonomy for budgeting and to extend our offerings to the broader Vic community. We are also hoping to ensure the status of the club once I've graduated.

Jay: I wanted to ask to ask if it's \$0.77 per semester or \$0.76 one semester and \$0.77 another?

Amara: I was just rounding up, but this would probably be settled by admin.

Jay: Maybe you should add the word VUSAC before full-time incidental fees in the question just so students are fully aware of what they are voting for, as there are many different incidental fees.

Amara: Okay.

Tran: We are going to have to make that change now because what we are voting on now is what's going to be put on the ballot.

Jay: I'm thinking we should specify that it's a VUSAC fee for the full-time annual fee.

Michelle: It's not only the VUSAC fee, but also the VUSAC and Levy fee so I think that would be good to include.

Jay: In our policy somewhere, I think it does call the whole fee the VUSAC Incidental Fee, but I see how it might be more clear to say VUSAC and Levy fee in the question.

Tabina: I think you should just check that the character count is under 1000.

Motion by Jay Muoio to ratify the WUSC Constitution [Appendix B], seconded by Alexandra. (5 minutes). Motion passes.

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

Charul: Essentially, we just want to ratify the constitution that we presented in December. We added in a part about the President and VP roles. We want to limit it to students who have already been a part of the executive in the past so it's about the election procedure. Having prior experience with working with the SRP student would be extremely beneficial to the levy and to the SRP student. Other than that, all VCU members are eligible to run and vote in the election.

Jay: The addition is bolded and in blue text if you're looking for it in the constitution.

Rheannon: I was a little bit concerned that you're restricting it to current exec students but if you look at all the other levies, all of them are open elections for Vic students. I think you would be the first to restrict the elections.

Charul: When we were first creating our constitution that we wanted to do. We are also legally bound to the Canadian government which is why we want to have someone with prior experience in the position. Next year, WUSC is going in a new direction by getting 2 SRP students instead of one and we want to make sure that there is adequate support for those two students.

Motion by Jay to extend the discussion by 2 minutes, seconded by Nerija. Motion passes.

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

Jay: Rheannon is right that most levies have open elections but VCAA is also along the same lines as WUSC in that they have the President position limited to returning execs only and will then open it up to the general VCU if they get no interest.

Rheannon: Do you have a stipulation saying that they will be opened up to people who are not returning WUSC members? Also do you know if the current VP and President are returning?

Charul: Yes, they both are.

Rheannon: Awesome thank you for explaining.

Motion by Hannah Ahamedi for VUSAC to ratify \$476.52 for the Screenwriting at Victoria College Club (5 minutes), seconded by Kate. Motion passes

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

Hannah: I am here to bring forward a motion that has already been passed by Student Projects. Screenwriting at Vic wants to create a podcast about movie producers and professionals. They are requesting an amount over \$400 which means that they don't need any endorsements and they are asking for an RRS fee for 12 months, a microphone, and a pair of good quality headphones.

Faye: We only need to bring budgetary agenda items to the council if they are increasing their fees. With that in mind, I am going to strike the motions that are about budgetary reallocations because you can just fill out a form and send them to me.

Jay: I think that the constitution says that the form needs to be filled out in addition to bringing it to council.

Faye: You need to submit the form to the Finance Chair and then bring it to council. So I am going to motion to strike the budget reallocation motions.

Motion by Faye to strike the motion by Leila Tjiang to re-allocate Sustainability Commission Funds, seconded by Leila. Motion passes.

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

Leila: Do I have to fill out the form first and then come back to council with my request?

Faye: Yes, you do.

Motion by Faye to strike the motion by Jenny Zhang to re-allocate Arts and Culture Commission Funds, seconded by Kate. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Dorian DiTommaso to reallocate Vic Merch (two Vic sweaters, a hat, and a pennant) to a new budget line under the Mental Wellness Commission titled "Resource Survey Raffle Prizes", seconded by Nerija (3 minutes). Motion passes.

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

Dorian: Rachel has been putting together a survey and so we want to put together a bit of an incentive for people to fill out this survey, so we are just reallocating money to pay for those prizes.

Motion by Faye Tan to ratify the VISA budget (10 minutes) [Appendix C], seconded by Nerija. Motion passes.

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

Faye: VISA recently contacted me about their budget which you can find in the appendix. If you have any questions, you can ask them now.

Motion by Faye Tan to reallocate the U of T's Veterinary Medicine Club's request of \$300.00 from the General Reserve Fund to 20x15\$ tickets for a veterinary symposium (5 minutes) [Appendix D], seconded by Nerija. Motion passes

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

Faye: The Vet Med Club would like to purchase tickets for all of their 20 members to go to a 3-day symposium.

Motion by Fatima Rana to add the budget line "Winterfest Arcade Night gift bags shipping cost" for \$150 (2 minutes), seconded by Nerija. Motion passes.

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

Fatima: I didn't allocate for shipping costs for these gift bags, but I recently assessed the costs for this and realized that I hadn't budgeted for it. I am just adding this to the budget now so I can send these prizes out.

Motion by Fatima Rana to add the budget line "Falling for Vic Arcade Night gift card winners" for \$150 (2 minutes), seconded by Nerija. Motion passes.

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

Fatima: In my fall budget, I was unable to send out the gift cards, so I was told that I needed to propose it for my winter budget since I'm sending them out now. There were 6 winners and they each won \$25.

Motion by Nerija Gray to add the budget line "Program Roundtables Gift Card Compensation" for \$150 (5 minutes), seconded by Fatima. Motion passes.

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

Nerija: The Academic Commission is hosting program roundtables and for an incentive and a thank you, we are hoping to give the upper year students participating a gift card. We're hoping to get around 10-15 students so hopefully this amount will cover that.

Motion by Dorian DiTommaso to rename budget line 43 from "Shipping" to "Packaging Expenses" and increase the budget line from \$250 to \$355 (5 minutes), seconded by Alexandra. Motion passes.

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

Dorian: This motion is to increase the budget because we didn't calculate shipping and shipping equipment correctly the first time. We are hoping to increase it to the amount that we need for shipping and shipping supplies.

Motion by Michelle to recess for 5 minutes, seconded by Rheannon. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Spandan Sengupta to approve the Amendments to the VicXposure Constitution [Appendix E] (10 minutes), seconded by Kate. Motion passes.

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

Spandan: We've brought this up a few times, but we've amended the constitution to include amendment 5 and 6 so please check that out if you're wondering what we've changed. We want to stagger the terms of the Co-Presidents for ease of transition. Elections used to take place only in April, but we want to change it so that we have one election in April and one in January. If you have any questions or comments, now's the time.

Jay: I don't believe that a specific month was mentioned for when you're holding your elections, but I think it would be a good idea for the elections to be held in March if possible so that the new Co-President can be ratified at the joint council meeting.

Spandan: I think that's valid but VicXposure puts out a lot of work in the last month and I think that it would be too much work for the members of the team to worry about elections in March as well as our current work.

Motion by Spandan Sengupta to approve the Proposed Referendum Question for VicXposure [Appendix F] (10 minutes), seconded by Alexandra. Motion passes

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

Spandan: This was also something that was brought up at the last meeting. The rationale for increasing our levy fee can be found in the Appendix but the main idea is that photography equipment is getting increasingly expensive and that we are hoping to establish an honoraria system for our exec members. Our current levy cheque is around \$3000 per semester but with an increase in the levy fee, it would be around \$4500 per semester which we feel fits our needs.

Rheannon: Are we voting for this to go on the ballot or what are we voting for right now?

Tran: We are voting for this to go on the ballot.

Spandan: Just wanted to specify that this is completely independent from the previous referendum.

Jay: Yeah, I wanted to say that these two referenda are independent and unrelated.

Rheannon: I think it might be important to mention that as the proposition stands, I don't believe it should move forward. There is another levy that is trying to implement the same thing with their honorarium. The reason why I want to object to this is because the roles are not outlined clearly in VicXposure's constitution and it could lead to an issue with eligibility. Given the uncertainty of how long COVID will last, there are 3 of your exec positions that are mainly based on campus and given the uncertainty there, I don't think that they should receive their honorarium if they don't complete the tasks in their role. I don't think that as the motion stands it should be sent out to the Vic public.

Spandan: I have a two-part response. Firstly, it is discretionary to the Co-Presidents based on whether or not they have certain positions on their exec team. If Co-Presidents don't feel as though there is enough work to delegate to a specialized role then they don't have to hire for that position. We haven't explicitly outlined a lot of mandates for these roles is because we want to increase flexibility in these roles. All of what we are doing now can go into a transition report and when the final referendum is finally proposed we can include this.

Motion by Tran to extend for 7 minutes, seconded by Alexandra. Motion passes.

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

Jay: My main concern with the referendum question is not what will happen afterward but that if it goes on the ballot as is, it doesn't specify that these proposed honoraria are not guaranteed. I think the question or rationale should include that this is just something that VicXposure is looking to do if the referendum passes, not something that is definitely going to happen.

Spandan: We can definitely amend the rationale.

Jay: Maybe it should be amended on the question itself, not just the rationale.

Rheannon: The one thing I would like to bring up is that although VUSAC is voting on it, I think that VicXposure should make sure that every exec member has some sort of verification process to make sure that their honoraria is deserved.

Spandan: How would you feel if that went into the rationale?

Rheannon: I think it should be outlined in the proposed referendum or in the constitution.

Spandan: We can't just change the constitution right now so if the referendum goes through, that's when we can reflect in the constitution what the requirements are for receiving an honorarium. I am open to having a friendly amendment to the referendum question

Alero: I was going to ask if it was possible to include a stipulation that allows for the positions that are active to receive the honoraria.

Tran: I agree that accountability is important, but I think the other thing is that integrating them into the rationale and the referendum question would be sufficient. Although it is an increase in a levy fee, the increase is something to be conscious of considering that our students are facing financial barriers at the moment.

Motion by Jay to extend the discussion by 5 minutes, seconded by Kate. Motion passes.

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

Jay: I think it's important to note that this referendum question is not about approving a VicXposure constitutional amendment to add honoraria, we are just considering the question of whether or not this referendum question will be put on the ballot in its current form.

Rheannon: As I mentioned, the point of us accepting this is that it will go onto the ballot for Vic students to vote on, but at this junction I don't believe that it should go onto the ballot.

Jay: I think that the questions about honorarium and accountability should be included in the referendum questions, but it might be a little clunky.

Rheannon: Again, "with the completion of their duties" is very vague so I think it should be noted as the "completion of their duties as listed".

Jay: I think it could read that they could pursue the distribution of honoraria on the completion of their duties as listed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

VUSAC Constitutional Amendments, put forth by Zoe Lazaris (15 minutes) [Appendix G]

Zoe: We have proposed a number of amendments to the VUSAC Constitution, should I read them out directly?

Jay: Maybe just highlight the most important amendments.

Zoe: We amended almost every chapter to a degree and tried to make sure that language was clear and concise. We moved some clauses that we believed were repetitive too and updated the roles on council so that they are as relevant as possible. The other amendments were mainly just editing for clarity.

Jay: Congrats to Zoe for all her hard work! I think Article 13 has a little spelling error and Article 5 section 1b should not mention assessor and ex-officio members, because it is talking about the VCU, not VUSAC, and there are no assessor or ex-officio VCU members. Also, Article 23 is a different format from the rest of the constitution.

Zoe: Awesome, I will amend those things now before we vote on this.

Mehr: Congrats on all the hard work you put in on the team!

Leila: I wanted to let people know that we will be looking at council policies in two weeks which is 120 pages long so I'll be sending that out soon so you can read it over.

Alero: Can you include me on that list?

Michelle: The one amendment I would suggest is that Article 23 a) should have its language changed slightly.

Jay: I also think it might be a good idea to capitalize Finance Chair throughout the document.

Student Projects Fund Operating Policy Amendments, put forth by Jay Muoio (10 minutes) [Appendix H]

Jay: I chair the Student Projects Advisory Board which is responsible for reviewing the Student Projects Fund operating policies twice a year. All the amendments for the year are aggregated into this document. Nothing controversial here and all of it was done in consultation with the Student Projects Chair and various other Vic admin and student consultants. Most of the amendments are focused on clarity and refining the roles and hiring process. If you have any questions, please read through the doc and you can ask me before next meeting when we vote on approving this!

Sustainability policy, put forth by Leila Tjiang (10 minutes) [Appendix I]

Leila: This is the culmination of a year's worth of work and Mehr and I conducted a variety of consultations with major stake holding bodies. We did include that we would like this to be reviewed next year just because a lot of the policy hasn't been tested out yet due to the online situation this year. It outlines a broader sustainability advocacy at Vic, so we are essentially just forwarding it to next year's council to continue on this.

Mehr: The intention of this was to be more general in the recommendations to make it more adaptive to various events and policies around campus.

Leila: The idea behind this isn't that it is a stand-alone policy, rather it is trying to be incorporated within VUSAC's other policies and the operation of campus on the whole

Tran: I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who participated in this!

Michelle: This is a really well-written policy and I wanted to mention that some of the suggestions you made in the policy are fantastic and the next steps are figuring out how to incorporate this into council policy in the future.

Council Policies amendment on Executive Honorarium, put forth by Michelle Zhao (15 minutes)
[Appendix J]

Michelle: Last year, this proposal was brought forward to council and it was pretty well received but it didn't pass at the time because we didn't have the correct voting numbers to pass it. I've been working with the current exec and last year's exec to talk about how to implement executive honoraria. We've worked with various stakeholders to build this current policy but I want to know if we should demand a report from the exec in the fall before Caucus to update their roles but I decided against this because of how close it is to Caucus. The goal of this is to make the exec positions more accessible to students by paying them for their positions.

Tran: This whole amendment will apply to next year's council and will not be applicable to this year's council.

Michelle: We will be voting on this next meeting and not at the joint council meeting so we won't know who next year's exec will be. I urge you to think about whether the position itself deserves an honorarium, not the people who filling those positions.

Mehr: I think this is important to implement the values that we hold on VUSAC and making sure that we are upholding our values of accessibility and inclusion in the long run.

Tabina: I think this is a wonderful idea. The amount of work that execs put into this is insane and they deserve to be compensated for it. The only thing I am worried about is that during this current election cycle, possible nominees won't know that there's an honorarium available for these positions.

Michelle: Any kind of amendment needs to be posted on our website and on social media so hopefully there will be some advertising for this in the next couple of weeks.

Faye: For the parts about accountability for the VPs, I would suggest that we change the person because it creates a conflict of interest. The VPE and VPI are accountable to one another to get their honoraria which could be problematic.

Michelle: I agree. Who do you think the accountable party should be?

Jerico: I think students should be paid but I know that VUSAC is a bit of a contentious group in the eyes of the VCU. How would you address concerns that this honorarium is self-serving?

Michelle: The goal of the honoraria is to reduce barriers to students who aren't able to participate due to the lack of financial compensation. I think the honoraria actually increases the ability for students to get involved and 'pop' the Vic Bubble.

Tabina: I think the execs work super hard and if there is something that is compensating for all the work that they are about to engage in, it definitely should be written in to pay them.

Vibhuti: I was VPE last year and the topic of conversation about giving VP honoraria has been happening for a long time. The VP positions are around 20-25 hours a week which is like a part time job so making sure that people are compensated for that is important. I think if you look at council this year, you'll see that it's super diverse, so I don't think that it's self-serving. I think the people who should be in charge of determining eligibility should be the Dean's Office, the Finance Chair, and the President.

Motion by Tran to extend the discussion for 5 minutes, seconded by Alexandra. Motion passes.

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

Tran: After hearing that rationale, I think it should be the Finance Chair, the President and the Office of the Bursar who decides whether or not a VP receives their honorarium. It is a position that deserves to be paid though and I think the President would be able to keep us accountable.

Jay: I know that this looks like a popularly supported motion so it isn't necessary to keep dogpiling on support, but I just wanted to say that the amount of work demanded by the VPs are incredible and there are actual costs associated with being in these positions, like commuting and reduced course loads extending tuition costs, and that is a financial barrier that needs to be compensated.

Michelle: I think that was a really great point. I do believe that these positions should be paid or compensated. I really hope that this lays the groundwork for more positions to receive a paid honorarium.

Written Feedback to the UTSU on the University Mandated Leave of Absence Policy, put forth by Michelle Zhao (10 minutes)

Michelle: We've been invited by the UTSU to provide feedback about the University Mandated Leave of Absence Policy. The Provost Office is allowed to mandate a student to take a leave of absence if they feel as though the student is not well enough to attend classes. If you have feedback on this survey, you can submit that individually, but we are also asked to submit a response as a council. If anyone is interested in writing this, we are also looking for your help there.

Kate: This is the policy that allows the Provost to remove students from residence when they are experiencing mental health crises. As someone with a mental illness, I think this is an egregious injustice and something that could be used against me. There was a fear that if I went to someone and told the truth, I could get kicked out of my home. I think this is something that students are afraid of and undoes all the work that the university does to provide mental health services. I think we need to be clear that this is not a policy that VUSAC promotes.

Mehr: I think the issue with the policy is that it has specific stipulations as to how it is enforced. Despite those stipulations, I think the consequences of having this policy is the main point here. It stops people from wanting to access mental health resources and I think that the circumstances behind enacting this policy aren't clearly communicated enough. I've read through the policy before but there isn't how much mention as to which medical professionals are engaged with

determining whether or not a student should be removed from campus. I think that if a student is put on leave, it might be difficult for them to find a place to live or find supports. Implementing this policy negates the kind of work that the university is trying to accomplish with mental health services. Putting up this wall and thinking that it solves mental health issues on campus is just wrong.

Motion by Tran to extend the seconded by 10 minutes, seconded Nerija. Motion passes.

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

Tabina: This policy to me says that the university wants to move students with mental illnesses out of the way. I think that they need to clarify whether or not this is the intention with the policy. It silences students and exacerbates the mental health issues of students who are already struggling.

Jerico: I feel like this policy is a symptom of the toxic administration that the university has. VPs of this university perpetuate systemic errors that make mental health on campus worse. I think that we should strongly disagree with this policy and make it clear that we don't support the system that creates it.

Rachel: I have strong feelings about this policy, and I would like to help draft our response. I think that we need to address the finances aspect of this and how getting removed from campus might exacerbate existing mental health crises. I also think that there isn't enough follow-up afterwards to make sure that once the leave is finished, they are able to reintegrate into the university.

Tran: There needs to be much more tangible action here to address what's going on here. If you need someone to talk to, I am here to discuss anything that you might be going through.

Alero: I know that this is a heavy topic so if you need someone to talk to, you can always talk to me. If you are afraid because of the implications of the policy, we can talk.

Michelle: In terms of next steps, I will contact everyone who spoke today, and we'll have it written up and sent through an email vote for approval before sending it to the UTSU. If you have comments and concerns that you would like to have reflected in this, please let me know.

Motion by Alexandra to recess for 5 minutes, seconded by Rheannon. Motion passes.

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

ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS:

Vic UTSU Directors (Ava & Radhika):

Orientation Co-Chairs:

Victoria College Dons:

Constituent Organizations:

Cat's Eye: no report

Acta Victoriana: no report

Caffiends: no report

Student Projects: no report

The Strand: no report

VicXposure: no report

VicPride!: no report

VISA: no report

VCAA: no report

VCDS: no report

WUSC: no report

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Returning Officer (Tabina): 5 minutes

Tabina: Nomination season for the spring elections is now open! Nominations will close on March 19th at 12pm (lunchtime). We have QnA sessions coming up on March 9th, March 11th and March 17th. You can find these dates on social media and on the nominations packages. Please feel free to email me if you can't come to the QnA period. I've been getting some questions about neutrality on social media so if you still have those, please email me or come out to one of the QnA sessions.

Tran: If you have any questions about neutrality, please ask one of the execs!

Communications (Veronica):

Finance (Faye):

Office Manager (Holly):

Chair (Zoe):

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Academic (Nerija & Cathy): 3 minutes

Nerija: I just want to give a big shoutout to Alex and Alero for planning the BIPOC panel! It went so well. Next up, we have program roundtables on March 19th from 3-4pm. If you're a first year interested in upper year programs, please come join us! If you're an upper year student who is interested in talking about your program, please DM me and you will be compensated with a \$10 gift card for speaking at the event! Also, VUSAC members are not eligible to apply for the Graduation Celebration Chair but you are more than welcome to ask your friends to apply since applications for that are open now!

Arts & Culture (Jenny):

Equity (Lulu & Sooyeon):

Mental Wellness (Dorian & Rachel): 5 minutes

Rachel: I wanted to talk a bit about 3 initiatives coming up. The first one is Words of VicCouragement which is just writing nice messages to members of the Vic community online.

The second one is the resource survey which is open until March 13th which we are hoping to compile into a report that outlines the best and most popular mental health resources for students. The last one is Sharing and Charing which is a form seeking to gather voices on mental health experiences and sharing them with people who are looking for community support — this is essentially an anti-stigma campaign. Please fill out the resource review and find us on social media!

Tabina: Would you be able to put the link to the resource review in the chat?

Alero: Just wanted to commend you on this Rachel!

Scarlet & Gold (Fatima): 3 minutes

Fatima: March is usually Highball month but since that's not happening this year, we decided that we are going to do a Highball-themed scavenger hunt. It's basically going to be a virtual Highball activity. I was hoping to get your feedback as to when I should host this! We're starting our marketing on this next week.

Sustainability (Leila & Jerico): 5 minutes

Leila: Environmental Equity week is done now and went well. If you want to watch any of the panels, you can watch them online through our social media pages. Some of the work that we've been doing with the Sustainability Committee — which is different than the Sustainability Commission — is adding two additional student reps onto that committee. I've been working on the wording of that with Shiny over the last few weeks.

Commuter (Rheannon & Aya): 5 minutes

Rheannon: Just wanted to give a big shoutout to Alex for putting together the Commuter Cookbook! If you complete a recipe and send us the picture, you can submit it to us and enter into a draw for a gift card! We are also collaborating with 4 other colleges for Commuter Appreciation Week which is going to be a fun week filled with events and giveaways which is exciting. You are entered into a set of larger prizes if you attend a certain number of events so be sure to come out to those. Two of our events are entirely asynchronous which is very accessible.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

VP External (Mehr):

VP Internal (Tran): 3 minutes

Tran: Start your transition reports now! We have a new council coming in very soon, so we need to be prepared with that! VPI check-ins start next week so be aware of that and check your inboxes to book an appointment with me.

VP Student Organizations (Jay): 5 minutes

Jay: VicPride is going to be dormant for the rest of the year but their elections for next year are open now! Please get people to run if you know anyone interested! I don't want to see this levy

gone for another year. If you have any questions about that, you can email Mehr since she's acting as the CRO for the elections. I also still don't have the attendance back from the Equity and Diversity Office, so I don't know exactly who has attended the equity training sessions even though I have asked for the attendance lists multiple times. According to the clubs and levies though, I believe that everyone has met their quotas this year for equity training so I'm hoping that's the case. I am also hoping to have my club and levy meetings for this semester done by March. Finally, we will be auditing clubs and levies for the fall semester in March, and for the winter semester in April so fingers crossed we'll be able to catch up on all our audits this year!

President (Michelle): 10 minutes

Michelle: Fundraising for the BIPOC Student Leader Award is going really well! We have raised almost \$3000 so far which is awesome and will be quadrupled to \$12,000 because of our other donors. We are launching phase 2 of our fundraiser soon so keep an eye out for that! 100% of the proceeds we raise for that are going towards the BIPOC Student Leader Award! Mehr and I are going to be talking to the Office of the Bursar and the Registrar about how they are going to distribute this money in the next few weeks. I also got the chance to speak with Nick Saul, who is Vic's Chancellor, and he is very excited to meet all of you! I am planning a meet and greet with him in the coming weeks so please come out to that. Mehr and I have also been talking to Kelley about setting up a Goldring Student Centre Committee which is something that has been done in the past but sort of fell out of commission in the last couple years. Students pay the mortgage on this building so their input needs to be heard there. Hopefully we'll get that set up for the coming years again. This past week, I also went to a PUSAG meeting. The Provost has released an equity survey so please fill that out! It is super important to collect race-based data and it's ultimately really beneficial to Vic. We also talked about the mental health redesign team which is aiming to incorporate suggestions made by student groups last year on how to improve mental health on campus. Lastly, I just wanted to say that we are really coming up on the COVID-anniversary and I wanted to say thank you so much for everyone who has stuck it through with VUSAC. You have all shown so much strength and resilience and I wanted to thank you all!

Motion by Tran to adjourn, seconded by Mehr. Motion passes.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.