

## **Caucus Meeting**

**April 4, 2012**

**EM 119, 9:15 pm**

*Meeting officially begins at 9:27 pm*

**Caucus Chair (Shoaib):** Very briefly she's not here tonight but the Victorian of the month for March is Gabrielle.

### **VUSAC Judiciary & Chairs & CRO**

**President (Brandon):** Thanks for coming out I know it's a stressful time of year. I don't have that much to report since I'm not officially President anymore it is Shoaib. On VUSAC's end, we succeeded in our goal of amending the constitution to improve clubs funding so they have access to funds they raise instead of going back into the pot we moved a bunch of our budget over to the clubs which spends more than VUSAC ever spends so we ran a huge surplus so next year there's a lot of freedom money something will be put in place for clubs to access money easier and to spend it more easily. We at Vic just launched our fundraising campaign to raise 20 million we already raised 40 mill I hope you heard about this big launch yesterday smooth year solid thanks

**Finance Chair (Brian):** Tomorrow is the last day that VUSAC office is open so bring your check reqs if you have any, after tomorrow you will be dealing with the new finance chair. I'll handle them tomorrow but Brandon will have to submit them.

Brandon: If you submit it tomorrow you'll get it back mid-April if not, then it'll take forever. You have to put your info on the check req?

**Shoaib:** Grad Banquet- it's on Monday so if you haven't bought your ticket her email is [gradbanquet@vusac.ca](mailto:gradbanquet@vusac.ca)

**CRO (Rob):** so elections wrapped up a couple weeks ago, 25% higher turnout than last spring. I'm going to run through who won Shoaib is pres, Zenia VPE, Angela VPI..Sarah Berger clubs,ruta communications, Christian commuter, jade E & E, Kathleen got scarlet and gold, Tegan is again sustainability so that's VUSAC2012/2013 there's going to be some other positions up for election in the fall obviously for VCC and senate and MALs..and if you are looking to apply for CRO look for application out in august and contact me if you have any questions

**Commuter: (Christian)** we had a fun year this year lots of pancakes we're going to do that next year and run more dinners and social events and execs applications are out close on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and co-chairs close on the 10<sup>th</sup> please email me at [commuter@vusac.ca](mailto:commuter@vusac.ca) so apply!

**Jade:** Alex, Tegan and then Michael the senior don are working together for the clothing drive that's the last contribution they are making this year and now E & e exec apps are open if you are interested you can talk to me or check out the new renovated website

**Arts & Culture (Evita):** hey guys, so I guess the most recent event was Vic variety show in collaboration with Emily it was awesome, raised over 1000 for SID and we had lots of raffle prizes and it was a really good time next thing is we are hiring new .

**Scarlet & Gold (Anastasia):** Our most recent event was high ball thanks for everyone who came out, the last event is the lawn party after party and fox and the fiddle – free food, karaoke, and dancing and entry is 3 and proceeds goes to SID as well come on out have a good time

**Sustainability (Tegan):** Last thing sustainability is doing is we are working with dons to do a clothing drive on April 21<sup>st</sup> basically we are going to go around residences to collect clothes commuters can drop off as well we have bins set up we are going to sell it for really cheap it's going to be great it's to combat the unbelievable amount of clothes left at the end of the year the other thing I want to say is in the next couple of days I'll be opening applications for sustainability positions for next year so talk to me if you have any questions about anything

### **Vic Governing Council Updates:**

**Brandon:** there's a board meeting tomorrow, Goldring centre still on schedule funding is still good but nearing end of our contingency we're on hiring a new principal we should be announcing one in near future she's with our Bloor street properties Vic owns a huge slot of Bloor street the rent and the contract for space is up so now it's somewhat of a legal battle so we're either going to make more less or somewhere in the middle a long while from now because one of the chief negotiators got sick we had board elections and everything's good senate is being reviewed it hasn't done anything VCC had a meeting it hasn't done anything not other university has what program? Material cultures, we're trying to get alumni to donate as part of the campaign with ROM and the Gardiner

### **Victoria College Orientation Update:**

**Orientation Co-chair (Carrie):** Orientation is going very well we've chosen our new exec and we just did our first round of carousels we have about 170 leaders which is phenomenal;

### **Constituent Organisation (Levy Receiver Updates):**

**Acta Victoriana:** We have the journal we just got it 2 days ago its exciting that its finally here you should be seeing it around campus and it's also stacked by the...you also pay for it with your student fee so enjoy

**Caffiends:** We had a fantastic year, we actually just closed for the summer we're looking forward to opening in Sept you should all apply to volunteer we have a lot of ideas to implement so Caffiends will be more involved next year

**The Cat's Eye:** savannah will be gone the next semester but we do have our new co-manager Megan. So remember her face if you're going to deal with cats eye which you should. Our last day is tomorrow so we're going to be closing early thanks for hanging out with us this year

**Student Projects: (Dave)** hi as you'll all notice, its officially a levy, Kevin Hempstead is the new head, and secondly in the past about 2 years ago this fund epitomised first world problems after enumerable hours of review, of the 120,000 that has passed through, we have spent 118,000 of it so for the first time there's only 2000 going forward. We have this unprecedented thing happening at Vic and this 120,000 was spent on nothing but student initiatives

**VCAA: (Michael):** I'm the new president our banquet went well we've already elected our exec members

**VCDS:** it was a wonderful year, the drama coalition awards is on tomorrow night and one of our shows was nominated in every single category. We've just wrapped up our elections and Blair is our new producer. We are taking show submissions now so if you would like to direct a show we are extending our deadline to next Friday you'll see poster around and apps is available outside VUSAC office

**Victoriad:** yearbooks have arrived they'll be for sale over the next week for 20 dollars you can also pre order for only 15 just sent an email to [victoriad@vusac.ca](mailto:victoriad@vusac.ca)

**VicPride!:** I'm going to be taking over as president, it went really well this year next year i would love to be more engaged and interactive with the community and come up with new ideas and put them into practice I'm going to put all my extracurricular activity efforts into my position as president and hopefully deliver a great fun year next year we had our exec judiciary elections so there's a new group of students taking up that position

**WUSC:** we have a lot of things we are interested in doing next year ....we are changing up the way WUSC works a little bit

**CLC (Kristina):** it's been a great year fun working with all of you if you know any graduating students you want to nominate for the WHAT? Awards and if you have any grads you want to nominate for the senior sticks? Please nominate them by tonight

### **Commuter Life Updates**

**Victoria Off-Campus Association: (Christian):** apply for stuff

**Commuter Dons: (Matteo):** it's been a great year it's the second year went really well we are wrapping up we hired a new year consisting of Katie Johns, Christianne and Mark Duncan, and yeah things wrapping up, had a fun year, love your commuters!

### **Residence Life Updates:**

**Burwash Hall:** Hi everybody biggest news is the lawn party Burwash is co-hosting we are working with cuts for cancer and Vic pride there's going to be cotton candy, ice cream, mechanical bull, free burgers, bouncy castle in other Burwash news we've elected our new presidents who will be Taylor and Haig. Thank you.

**Margaret Addison Hall:** we have a new president her name is Elizabeth White everything went well we had a couple good events went well the construction didn't kill us things are slowing down I can sleep now that's basically it.

**Rowell- Jackman Hall:** the only thing in RJ is that we are getting water bottles so if you know anyone in RJ tell them to pick up a water bottle

**Senior Residence Dons:** We hired a new don team they are awesome there's 4 of us next year that will be on next year

### **Clubs Updates**

**VUSAC Clubs Commissioner (Angela):** hi this has been a great year, clubs you have accomplished so much I thank all of you here to caucus I'm going to miss you guys we're like family we're passing the torch down to Sarah I hope you will welcome her with open arms also two things really quickly, num 1 if you took stuff away from the storage room please return them or contact me we will be checking inventory at the end of the year and please submit all your check requisition forms ASAP

### **Clubs**

**Cuts for Cancer** is a new club that started up so if you want to join talk to me we're going to organising the blood drives fundraisers and the annual cuts for cancer

**Bear Pals:** we ended our meeting like last week and we're just preparing to ship the bears overseas to an organisation to children undergoing medical surgeries

**Dumbledore's Army:** we had a really great year we raised like \$ 200 for children crisis

**Students Against Hunger:** slow start this year our last day of bagging is tomorrow in Burwash kitchen we can always use some help also co-presidents is myself, Klaudia Kloc and Matt Douglas Vail

**Motion Victures:** *variety show went really well we are going to keep trying to make movies this summer you can subscribe to us on Youtube so that we get paid*

**Vic Chorus:** we had a fantastic year thank you so much for those who came out to the performance we are looking forward to next year we are thinking of doing two showings still in the planning stages keep your eyes peeled for posters

**Vic Records:** they are thinking of doing printing in summer (Angela)

**Vic Xposure:** they got a bunch of new equipment from student projects and they are looking to provide services to other colleges

**Vic Life-Drawing Club (Angela):** they are looking for models so if you'd like to be a model contact clubs commissioner we will hook you up they restarted having practices Tuesdays in room 109 I think

**The Final Frontier: Vic's Sci-Fi Club:** (Angela) they are still showing movies in the Cat's Eye I believe it's Mondays 7-9

**Vic Fencing Club: (Angela):** they just had their last meeting and it went super well

**(Christian):** also a tournament

**Humanitas:** the next issue is coming out early next week we redesigned our website check that stuff out its great look forward to bigger and better things from us next year

**Hey Teach!:** We had an awesome year this year we had launch party for our last issue

**Vic iTeach:** the Ontario government is having enrollment of teaching training programs in half we're doing alright we had a good year a lot of successful events getting people into classrooms and getting them involved in the community and we look forward to keeping that going next year

**Victoria Political Science Association:** doing well we had a couple of meetings, also I wanted to talk about cuts for cancer I'm going to be shaving my hair for the event and I just wanted to do it because my aunt and uncle passed away from cancer .....I wanted to be proactive after finding out about this event I'm going to be passing around an envelope and going class to class so if you have any spare change please put it in the envelope thank you all the proceeds are going towards leukemia research

**Vic Ambassadors:** My name is daisy I'm the next years president we had a great year we helped out at a bunch of alumni events and the book sale we're hoping to next year connect more alumni with students currently we are conducting interviews find us on FB if you want to collaborate with us

**Victoria University Historical Society:** today we had a banner year we got the mascot out he's gorgeous very sexy then we also got this beautiful Vic history book it looks great so next year the club heads is going to be me I'm in charge of mascot and also there's going to be a new project coming in we're going to try and do some oral history so if that's something you're interested in please email VUHS

**Plen-tea to Talk About:** we had plenty of fruitful conversations and we made buttons and we have events till the next of the year

**Vic Trivia club:** we had a lot of people come up to show their awesome knowledge the position of Jedi mind master is still open so please come talk to me you might be the person we are looking forward

**Vic Community Garden Club:** so a lot of you guys are wrapping up but are ramping up we started our seedlings and so we're going to have a couple of events around April 14<sup>th</sup> if weather cooperates plant some seedlings with us and regular events starting in may so if you are around Toronto in the summer we are actually hiring someone for the position of the garden coordinator

**Betty & Dash Community Bike Co-op:** we have bikes for lending please contact me

**Victoria International Students' Association:** it's our second year we had a great year we are also recruiting more for our mentorship program that started this year so if you want to help international students contact us on Facebook thank you

**Scarlet Dragons:** Sarah asked me to speak on her behalf. There are water practices starting soon with the first race on May 21<sup>st</sup> in Milton so go there.

**Dave:** Dan Hermann just published the goose i don't know much about it because I'm not Dan but it looks awesome it's short stories by Vic students

**Sarah:** Applications for directorship for the fashion show is opening up, we still need people so tell people

**Jamie:** Tomorrow at 7 o'clock in chapel there's a debate between two fantastic profs on nature of foreign policy in Canada so they will debate discuss its Nelson Wiseman pol214 and he'll be facing off against Irvin who teaches POL340- International Law, so it's going to be fantastic food will be provided

### **Closing Remarks**

**Caucus Chair (Shoaib):** Thank you for all coming out to the various caucus meetings good luck with exams