**VUSAC MEETING**

**February 1, 2013**

**BC20**

Meeting officially called to order at 5:20 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE**

VUSAC

CHAIR Rajesh Sankat

PRESIDENT Shoaib Alli

VP INTERNAL Angela Sun

VP EXTERNAL Zenia Turkewych-Miner

VP INTERNAL MAL Komal Minhas

ARTS & CULTURE Carrie Proctor

ARTS & CULTURE MAL Rowan DeBues

COMMUTER Christian Julien

COMMUNICATIONS Ruta Rudminaite

EDUCATION & EQUITY MAL Sebastien Hart

SCARLET & GOLD Kathleen Walsh

FINANCE CHAIR Jelena Savic

COMMUTER MAL Christine Da La Cruz

E&E COMISSIONER Jade Huegin

ASSESSOR AND EX-EFFICIO MEMBERS

CLC Samantha Hartlen

OFFICIAL REGRETS: Gabrielle Blais-Jones, Tegan Hansen-Hoedeman, Jelena Djuric, Jacob Blackwell, Sarah Berger, Brianna Mick

*Angela motions to approve January 18th and December 6th minutes, Christian seconds. All in favour. Motion passes.   
Christain motions to approve December 6th minutes. Angela seconds. 2 abstain. Motion passes.*

ADDITIONS:

Assesor member reports – 2 mins under Orientation Co-Chair

Angela -

Christain motions to approve agenda. Rowan seconds. Motion passes

**Sustainability [Tegan Hansen-Hoedeman]**

**o 350 ENDORSEMENT REQUEST (15 MINUTES)**

* Request to endorse – 350 – group on campus
* 350 is an environmental organization, chapter at UofT is new but they have been around for few years
* Deal with carbon emission
* 350 is the safe amount of Co2 in the atmosphere – 350 ppm
* We are currently at 400, going up to 450 is basically the end
* They want from us: university of Toronto has some investments in the fossil fuel industry, they want UofT to sell these shares and invest in non-fossil fuel shares
* The endorsement doesn’t require anything from VUSAC, they just want to be able to show that they are being supported

Tegan motions to have VUSAC officially endorse this movement. Rowan seconds. Motions passes unanimously.

**Clubs [Sarah Berger]**

**o CLUB RATIFICATION (10 MINUTES)**

* Two applications from new clubs
* First: start a CANFAR at Vic Chapter
  + Aids awareness and raise money for cancer research

Motion to ratify “CANFAR @ Vic” as the 40th club of Vic. Tegan seconds

* Angela: how does this work?
* Sarah: It will work same as other clubs such as Amnesty, where they raise money and send it to CANFAR

Motion passes

* Second: Dance Com; will be lead by Sam and David
  + Want to teach kids at vic how to DJ
  + However, issue: they usually do charge to do events even for clubs, they are being paid actual wages, I saw this as being a problem that we don’t really want them to become a business through VUSAC because they don’t use the money they make for other club events or for raising money or something so I spoke to them about this
  + Their final budging line is that when they do pub nights or club events or events related to club is that they wouldn’t stop charge but if they were to do larger events such as HighBall, it would happen through personal \*\*
  + I don’t think its fair to spend all sorts of money to buy turn tables and then they would go out and get paid to do these things
  + I know Vic chorus and other clubs such as Vic Exposure do things without getting paid (exception: vic exposure got paid once)
  + That being said, I would still want to pass this as I think this is a good initiative but I am letting you guys know that this is what is going on
  + Kathleen: would they be expecting a free ticket to partake in an event? Such as Vic Exposure
  + Sarah: I am not sure what happened in the past but I feel like it’s a lot to ask Vic Exposure or DJs as that is a disincentive BUT I don’t want them to get paid
  + If you agree that HighBall is too big of an event for them to get in
  + Kathleen: Carrie and I were planning on having a DJ/Dance party to showcase Vic DJs and I think it would be a good opportunity for this club to come out and show their work that time
  + Rowan: If they want to get paid, they should do it individually and if they want to be a club, then they shouldn’t get paid.

Rowan moves to ratify the club. Sarah seconds.

* + Tegan: If you needed an inside opinion – ask Sebastian he knows a lot about DJing
  + Sarah: What I want to do next year is that all the equipment that people rent out of the office, I think that type of stuff should be rented out and given out by VUSAC members. I trust the Club heads a lot but when I was going through stuff from Vic Exposure and people had taken out things on long term lease such as last year’s club heads took it on exchange actually. I understand it’s a lot for VUSAC to do to be selling tickets AND rent things out.
  + Sebastian: I don’t get
  + Sarah: What Sam said to me was that their purpose wasn’t really to go out to big events, they would host their own events where they are DJing and they would collaborate with other Djs and would not get paid. But if they were requested to go to Highball, they are not coordinating that event, its them personally DJing, then that’s when I’m okay with them being paid.

1 against. 4 abstain. Motions passes.  
  
Sarah and Megan leave at 5:40pm

**Scarlet & Gold [Kathleen Walsh]**

**o HIGHBALL TICKET SELLING/UPDATE (10 MINUTES)**

* Going to have a binder that has all the information
* If someone comes in, they might also want friends to sit with them but what if their friends don’t buy their tickets so instructions will be included in the binder that will tell you what to do
* EMAIL FROM KATHLEEN

Tegan leaves at 5:52pm

* Can’t reserve early bird tickets
* Tickets go on sale Monday and will be on sale the week until after High Ball.
* We might consider dance tickets BUT only if the tickets aren’t sold out
* Can reserve as many tickets as they want
* Has to be a 1:1 ratio Vic to Non Vic
* Needs student number, dietary restrictions etc WHEN tickets are being sold (friends,guests etc information should be given at that time as well). Should not tell us at High Ball that they are allergic to certain things = ONLY IF PAYING FOR GUEST’S TICKETS, not if RESERVING
* Ten people per table
* The first table is for admin, so don’t put people down
* Alcohol is in the menu items
* Going to give people with dietary restrictions a card with a number or letter on it and the caterers will know if the hors d'oeuvres
* VENUE – Steam Whistle Brewery
* THEME: Skyball: Night of International Espionage
* Wondering if HighBall tickets can be subsidized for highball committee members, so what we are suggesting is that by Feb. 27 if members have put in 8 hours of work by then, then they would get a $20 ticket any other members who haven’t put in that much time will still be on $30
* Jade: Are the High ball members ($30) a part of the 65?
* Kathleen: 65-17high ball committee members = 48 early bird tickets
* Christian: how many people are realistically looking like they would get the discount?
* Kathleen: 11 or 12
* Straw poll: Who would vote in favor of that? Uniamous!

Kathleen moves to extend this discussion by 5 mins. Jade seconds. Motion passes

**o MONTREAL TRIP UPDATE (5 MINUTES)**

* KATHLEEN
* Ticket sales are going to be from Monday – Wednesday
* Only accept cash
* Be careful with the money
* There will be A LOT of money in the VUSAC office next week PLEASE be top on it by the end of your shift! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE make sure everything is handled properly
* PLEASE make sure you are in office during your hours next week because there will a lot of people wanting to buy tickets

**Angela:**

* Doing Candy Gram sales
* Instructions are on top of the binder
* They need to fill out the form and on the actual note card
* Sender needs to put name and email address
* Candy Grams will be ready the Monday of the Valentines week
* PLEASE do not book meetings during office hours
* There is a lot of money in the office, even if you have to go to the cats eye or commuter lounge PLEASE just close the door
* People who are not key holders cannot be in the office WITHOUT a key holder
* Constitutional amendment deadline is middle of February
* You don’t have to consult me about it but please CC me on the email

Angela leaves at 6:14pm

**EX-OFFICIO REPORTS**

**• CLC UPDATE : SAMANTHA HARTLEN (5 MINUTES)**

* Working with the new co-chairs and exec applications became available today
* No one will be accepted after the deadline has passed
* Dean’s office update: Res and Commuter Don Applications are open, can come talk to me if you need anything or have any questions
* Wednesday Feb 27th = Life after Vic - we have exciting alumni coming, free food!
* People have been asking me about funds such as Travel and Conference Fund so wanted to let you know that people are already looking for things like it and it hasn’t even been official put out there.

**Carrie:**

* Wanted to officially hand over the KEY to orientation to the co-chairs – Jenny Pazio and Komal Minhas

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**• President [Shoaib Alli]**

**o MEETINGS (10 MINUTES)**

* Meeting with the SGRT
  + Talked about collaboration, pretty standard
  + Most of the stuff they are dealing it will be published on their forums and stuff
  + UTSU SGM – next week. Who from here is going next week including your proxy vote?
  + Consensus was that next week’s minute is more like voice of reason and not so much aggressive as the AGM was
  + The agenda things we wanted were now on it
  + You guys can talk about your own personal opinions and make it clear that you are not talking on behalf on VUSAC
* Met up with woodsworth
  + Discussed a possible collaboration
  + Doing something along with the Vic variety show
  + Trying to take away the stigma that revolves around colleges
  + Want to reach out to other colleges
  + Grad Banquet Chair will receive a free High ball ticket – This is what it says on the constitution.
  + But like Ruta said that obviously the scarlet and Gold commissioner should receive a free ticket as she puts in the most amount of work

Shoaib moves to have Scarlet and Gold commissioner to receive a complimentary ticket. Christian seconds. 1 abstains. Motion passes

**o VUSAC SCHOLARSHIP (10 MINUTES)**

* Every year we have a surplus, don’t know the exact amount, its several thousand dollars even beyond the contingency with which we operate for VUSAC
* So thinking of making some sort of fund or bursary and use VUSAC money to do it
* So we can say that VUSAC is offering something for a student
* Met with Angela Prediger and chatted about this
* Minimum of $25000 to make a new unnamed scholarship could be called VUSAC award and we wouldn’t have the say in who gets it and the registrar would give it. We would just be telling them the criteria
* If it is less than $25000, it would be added to existing scholarships
* Also an opportunity for alumni to mash up their money into the scholarship if it was less than $25000 and make it about $50000
* There also exists now a VUSAC award – it’s about $6000 and we could refresh that award
* We could create a needs based directory
* There is no rule or stipulation that say that we cannot run our own scholarship; we could theoretically maintain this award without having the registrar involved
* ASSU does something like this and I can chat up with them and at the next meeting I can tell you about how to do a non registrar award
* We can talk about this idea
* Christian: Best idea I have heard

Christian leaves at 6:30pm

* Rowan: If we were to have this award through registrar, could alumni still add to it?
* Shoaib: Because registrar is so involved with awards and etc, it would be easier for them to match up with the alumni
* Jade: Like the idea! If we did this ourselves, there could be conflict of interest. But if it was through the registrar’s office, it would be a better idea.
* Shoaib: personally less in favor of giving it out through the registrar’s office, I think the committee would involve president and dean’s office and the president wouldn’t be eligible to receive it. I think it is feasible to do it ourselves. I would hesistant to give them so much money to the registrar I don’t think they would misuse the money but still.
* Sebastian: I understand the conflict of interest. But what control will registrar’s office have?
* Shoaib: if it’s over $25000, we have control of choosing the criteria and if its less $25000 they decide the criteria.
* Rowan: As long as we have set up the committee that has enough admin on it, I don’t think the registrar’s office will allow the president
* Shoaib: The only student that has to be on the Crescam’s committee is the VPE
* Kathleen: I think that Jade and mine concern was potential nepotism. I think that it would solve the problem if it was just the president
* Shoaib: with ASSU, if you apply you get either primary award or secondary or tertiary to people that apply.
* Jade: Is it worth the senate scholarship allocation. I think that it is nice for a student on the senate some responsibility
* Sam: Dean’s office would be interested to provide you with some help
* Shoaib: If anything gets approved today, it will be the framework. Won’t open until 2013-2014 school year. Next year’s VUSAC would administer it.

**• VP External [Zenia Turkewych-Miner]**

**o CAUCUS MEETING (2 MINUTES)**

* Wanted to name Christian and Brianna for bringing the food – thank you!
* And everyone else that was there and helped to clean up
* Next caucus meeting is for march 27th

**o CRESCAMS (3 MINUTES)**

* Nominations opened today!
* Available on the website by Monday and available outside the VUSAC office
* Due on Feb 15
* Last thing: date for award ceremony has changed to Thursday March 21st

**• Finance Chair (Jelena Savic)**

**o FINANCE UPDATE (30 SECONDS)**

* Supposed to have a budget steering meeting, couldn’t do it do to scheduling conflicts
* Has been moved to feb 15

**o ONLINE TRANSACTIONS (10 MINUTES)**

* Talked about High ball money being in the office, so sho and I were talking about doing an online transactions system where you set up an online card (Google Cart) and select the item that you want
* Determine what kind of info needs to be put in before transactions take place – like student number and dietary restrictions
* Can buy multiple things at a time
* Shoaib put a $250 for that in the budget; we need to put some money in it to make it work. We could raise prices or fundraise
* Shoaib: have been thinking about having an interac machine without being charged extra that’s why I put down $250 as service cost
* Ruta: Good idea, but is complicated because there is so much, half will be sold online and sold office and table reservations etc, but for something like high ball it will be complicated
* Shoaib: for example, if they were checking out, and when they receive their invoice they would still have to come into the office with the invoice. Works very well with the other college that’s why I wanted to bring it to VUSAC. It might be something for next year’s High ball
* Rowan: Would advise not for this year’s High Ball and would have to come with a whole new system RIGHT after we went over this system that Kathleen just told us about.
* Shoaib: we could do it for another pub night or something that VCAA wants to do
* Sebastian: I find that a lot of times, people don’t realize that credit cards are not more accessible than cash for a lot of people that don’t get credit
* Kathleen: maybe we could have something up on the website so that people would know which events they can buy tickets.
* Jade: If its through the bank account, how would the commissioner know the details of a person.
* Shoaib: It would work much like the VUSAC website, you can set who gets what information

**CLOSING (2 minutes)**

**• OTHER BUSINESS**

**Goldring Center**

* Got a new date for occupancy – Feb 28.
* David then told Ray that we were hoping to move in by that date and Ray said that don’t get your hopes up
* Most likely date will still be around March middle
* If that is an option then I will take it. I think it’s better if we do it then as opposed to April/May
* Won’t move in until everything is 100% finished

**• ADJOURNMENT**

Rowan motions to adjourn this meeting. Komal seconds. Motions passes.

**Meeting End Time: 7:00pm**