



## **VUSAC Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order:** 5:30 PM, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Land Acknowledgement:** Michelle

Michelle: As always, VUSAC starts off our meetings with a land acknowledgment. For those of you who are unfamiliar, land acknowledgements deliberately name and identify the land that we work, study and live on as Indigenous land and recognize that Indigenous folks have rights to this land. It also provides an important opportunity for us to reflect on our own relationship with the land.

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 and learn on this land. The territory was the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peacefully share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Land acknowledgements are only the first step in reconciliation. As settlers on this land, we need to recognize the existing systemic and institutional systems of power that have oppressed Indigenous peoples and individually learn how your own perception and interactions with Indigenous people have been influenced by those systems. We are all coming to UofT, Vic and this meeting from different places, but no matter where you are, It is important to remember and understand that as settlers and visitors we have a responsibility to understand the land and its history.

It is important to listen to land acknowledgements because to this day, Indigenous people in Canada and around the world are a marginalized community who are facing institutional injustices and barriers. At VUSAC, we are committed to a very tangible process of reconciliation. Land acknowledgements are only the beginning of this process of understanding the land that we occupy and to better respect the people from here.

I would like to share a part of VUSAC's mission statement, which is located in our constitution: The Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC) shall be committed to creating a safe, accessible, and inclusive environment for all members of the Victoria College community. In addition to promoting inclusivity, the representative body shall strive to eliminate inequitable practices both within its own institution and with regards to the broader Victoria College community by combating the systems of oppression in which they are rooted. This includes but is not restricted to overt and implicit instances of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and classism that affect our community.

**Official Regrets:** Aya  
**Approval of minutes:** --  
**Additions to the agenda:**

Alero Ogbeide: 3-minute update from the Campus Life Coordinator

**Approval of the agenda:**

*Motion: Tran motions to approve the meeting minutes. Jay seconds. Motion passes.*

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

## EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

**Campus Life Coordinator (Alero):** 3-minutes

Alero: My name is Alero. I am the new Campus Life Coordinator. Just so you guys know a little bit about me, I did my undergrad at Western, I live in RJ, I worked at Guelph and Laurier before this and now I am here. Can honestly say that this is the best place I've ever worked but if any of you tell anybody else that I will deny it. Student government is my favourite part of student life, it's actually what got me into student life. For a black person to be in a student leadership position at any university means a lot to me. This is going to be my first meeting ever so please excuse my questions! Thank you for giving me some time to chat! I'll have Michelle give you my email at some other point!

**Dean of Students:** --

**President of Victoria University:** --

**Vic UTSU Directors (Ava & Radhika):** --

## ACTION ITEMS:

*Motion: Leila Tjiang motions to ratify Jerico Raguindin as Sustainability Co-Chair, seconded by Tran Thai (3 minutes)*

Leila: So basically, this motion is to ratify Jerico as our co-chair. Jerico is someone who has demonstrated incredible passion for sustainability, student government and advocacy and I am really excited to welcome him to the team. Tran, Michelle and I carried out the typical review process. I would also note that Hannah Ahamedi participated in the applicant review stage, but she did not participate in the interviews due to unrelated circumstances. We decided against adding a new equity representative because it was late in the process, but we had that representation earlier on.

All in favour. None abstaining. None opposed. Motion Passes.

*Motion: Tran Thai motions to ratify Holly Johnstone as the 2020-2021 VUSAC Office Manager, seconded by Michelle Zhao (5 minutes)*

Tran: Hello everyone, basically as you know Holly is our new office manager. This hiring process was conducted following the equitable hiring policy. We had myself, Michelle as well as an equity representative, a commuter representative and a residence representative as well as the past office manager sitting on this panel. Any questions?

All in favour. None abstaining. None opposed. Motion Passes.

*Motion: Tran Thai motions to ratify Veronica Chiang as the 2020-2021 VUSAC Communications Coordinator, seconded by Michelle Zhao (5 minutes)*

Tran: Basically, the same thing as before except the comms coordinator from last year sat on the hiring panel and Veronica was lovely and we are excited to have her on the team as our comms coordinator!

All in favour. None abstaining. None opposed. Motion Passes.

*Motion: Tran Thai motions to ratify Ralph Sayegh as the 2020-2021 VUSAC Finance Chair, seconded by Michelle Zhao (5 minutes)*

Tran: Equitable hiring policies, we redacted the applications; Ralph is our new finance chair!

All in favour. None abstaining. None opposed. Motion Passes.

*Motion: Tran Thai motions to ratify Zoe Lazaris as the 2020-2021 VUSAC Chair, seconded by Michelle Zhao (5 minutes)*

Tran: It's the same thing as before: Zoe is our new chair and she's doing a great job. That's all!

All in favour. None abstaining. None opposed. Motion passes.

*Motion: Tran Thai motions to ratify Vibhuti Kacholia as the 2020-2021 VUSAC Chief Returning Officer, seconded by Michelle Zhao (5 minutes)*

Tran: Equitable hiring process; we redacted applications and we hired Vibhuti as our CRO and Vibhuti is going to do an excellent job running these elections in the fall and in the spring.

All in favour. None abstaining. None opposed. Motion passes.

*Motion: Jenny Zhang motions to ratify Eamon Kelly as the Director for the Bob Revue for 2020, seconded by Tran Thai (3 minutes)*

Tran: I believe Jenny isn't here right now because she is in the middle of a lab meeting so I will speak on the hiring process of The Bob director. Basically, the hiring panel consisted of myself,

Jenny and the past Bob directors and Eamon was hired. His interview was very well done. We are excited to have Eamon on, if you have any questions?

Vibhuti: I have a question about stats of how many people apply vs. how many people were interviewed? And also, historically The Bob director has been two people, so I was wondering what the rationale was behind just hiring one?

Tran: I can speak to that. So originally The Bob director applications had been out for two weeks and then Eamon was the only one who applied. So we reopened the application but no one else applied so we were only able to conduct one interview which is why there is only one director this year for The Bob.

All in favour. None abstaining. None opposed. Motion passes.

*Motion: Jay Muoio motions to reallocate \$550 from the VPSO Contingency Fund to a new budget line in the Victoria College Environmental Fashion Show's budget entitled "Magazine Expenses" (5 minutes) [Appendix A], seconded by Fatima Rana.*

Jay: Basically, VEFS couldn't have their show in the winter semester because COVID hit but now they want to take the work they've done and put it into a magazine so that designers can have something that reflects their work. They want to reallocate their budget to that especially since they didn't use most of their own budget so essentially they are reallocating their budget. Their budget's a little weird because they had to account for fall carry-over so it's just simpler to pull from their contingency fund especially since it still has a lot of money in it and it's all going to the same surplus pool. We are just moving some money from the contingency fund to their budget essentially. Hannah's here to talk a little bit more about the magazine if you want.

Hannah Boonstra: Basically, since we couldn't do our show, we still wanted to showcase our work especially since most of the designers had been working for 8-9 months on this project. I reached out to our designers and some of them even had written pieces about sustainability that they wanted to include and then of course their actual designs. We had two promo shoots that feature a lot of Vic students so it would almost be like a yearbook? We just don't want to feel like the whole year has been lost and a way to commemorate their work and have something physical. I think it would be a super fun collaborative project that people can work on over the summer. If anyone has any questions you can let me know!

All in favour. None abstaining. None opposed. Motion passes.

*Motion: Rheannon Demeter motions to ratify Aya Ragheai as Commuter Co-Chair, seconded by Tran Thai (3 minutes)*

Rheannon: Hello everyone, very happy to announce that Aya has been chosen as a co-chair this year. We had some very strong applicants and it was great to see that was she wanted to see this year was also what I wanted to see this year, so it felt like a perfect fit. One of the other applicants was actually a returning member so we gave her the option of choosing an exec role, so she is already occupying one of the roles on our exec team as we move into our exec hiring process. If you have any friends who are interested in applying, please encourage them to do so! We used the

redacted application process as well both myself, Michelle and Tran sat in on the interviews as well. Overall really excited and moving into some concrete planning!

All in favour. None abstaining. None opposed. Motion passes.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

##### **COVID-19, put forth by Michelle Zhao (10 minutes)**

Michelle: As I am sure you all know, COVID-19 is something that we have all been dealing with over the last 4 months. We wanted to give this space for members of VUSAC or the general community to voice their concerns about COVID or if you have any questions for anyone on VUSAC. If any of the exec want to add on to that they can too.

Leila: I was just wondering what the status of the VUSAC office is going to look like in the fall. And not just in terms of like is printing going to be available, but is access to the board room, access to the VUSAC café and the levies' office space what is that going to be looking like in the fall? I'm not sure if you know anything about that right now but if you can say anything about it that would be great.

Michelle: All we know is that Physical Plant is going into all the spaces at Vic college and measuring them to calculate how many people they can fit in each space. In terms of VUSAC's response to that, we are still waiting to see what our regulations and restrictions are going to be, but we are looking at opening in some kind of limited capacity. This might mean limited people in the board room, limited office hours, maybe limiting the overall number of people in the office space.

Alero: Dean Kelly and a few other people are working on setting up guidelines for the Goldring Student's Centre. The Dean's Office is on it! Once we know, we'll let you guys know!

Mehr: Also, I know that we are probably going to be going ahead with a lot of online VUSAC meetings going into the fall semester since we don't know what things are going to look like, so if you any ideas about how these meetings can be improved to suit your needs better, feel free to reach out to Michelle or the Chair afterwards so we can do our best to make it into a format that is accessible for all of us here.

Vibhuti: How are VUSAC and Orientation Execs, as I know these many of you working on both teams, making sure orientation engages, both online and in person, with first years so they can understand all the opportunities that VUSAC has for them?

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Jay: Clubs fair is a really important part of orientation and we are looking at shifting it online so that clubs can have a digital space to advertise what they are offering and how students can get involved. There is also going to be a meet and greet orientation online, we are working hard to get

some good first-year engagement which we saw already at Open Vic so we're really hopeful that people will want to still get involved in student life.

Fatima: We know it's really important for students to have access to the resources that we offer so while we're working really hard to get everything into an online format, we're also trying to be more careful in terms of outreach to get all these resources to them in the best way possible. We're also going to be trying to offer our services in both synchronous and asynchronous methods so that if a student misses something, they can go back to access it later on.

William Dobias: Hello, so my question is kind of what can we expect from VUSAC events like semi-formal and how will VUSAC ensure that these events will be available to students who have not left campus?

Fatima: Each and every commission has their own agenda for events that are happening in the fall. I'm pretty sure we have people who are going to talk about that later on. Just to answer your question, commissioners are planning to make it as accommodating as possible, but things are still in the works right now. Everyone is trying their best to accommodate everyone from across the globe to the best of our abilities. There is still a big question mark, but we are looking into how to make it more accessible.

#### **Nomination Package, put forth by Vibhuti Kacholia (5 minutes)**

Vibhuti: Hey friends, this coming school year in the fall we are going to have elections for 8 counsellors, one international counsellor and one equity commissioner. Part of moving elections online is that it is a very different way of getting involved and running elections. Something that I want to propose to council is removing the signature aspect of the nomination forms for the fall elections. I have a few reasons for this, number one is that in the fall, many first years run and a big part of having the courage to ask people for signatures is orientation and since that will be online this year, it would be a barrier to collecting signatures. Also, the logistical aspects of having the signatures verified could be difficult on our end and on the Dean's Office's end. I'm not sure how it's going to be done in an official or constitutional manner, but I will figure that out with the exec before the next meeting.

William: From the logistical point, I think it would be fairly easy to collect signatures online using the U of T voter login system. I feel like there is no reason why we shouldn't be collecting signatures digitally. In regard to meeting people, there will be an online component so people will be meeting each other. I just don't think that this is the best option for running elections.

Nerija: I think that it's a totally fine idea to remove the signatures, but I am not sure about the constitutional implications. Since first years aren't going to be meeting people in person, it doesn't make sense to force them to find people to sign their nomination packages because finding people online is going to be a lot more difficult. From a logistics standpoint, it doesn't make sense to collect signatures, so I think that this is something we need to consider.

Dorian: I wanted to say that for precedent or justification, you already have it in the current copy of the elections package where it references students running out-of-province or on academic

leave, so this applies to students who are not on campus in the fall. You can use the section on page 9 to extrapolate to the current situation.

*Motion: Jay motions to extend for 10 minutes. Fatima seconds. Motion passes.*

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

Fatima: I wanted to point out that if we do have the signatures online, I don't know how comfortable people would be to provide their signatures. When you're signing it in person you know exactly where that signature is going but if you're asking for it on a digital sense, there should be more caution put into signing things digitally. While we do have orientation online, first years are going to be more nervous about meeting people even if it's on an online setting. It is harder to meet people online and I feel that that would be a barrier until they meet each other in person.

William: When I say collecting signatures online, I mean using authenticated ways of doing it so people feel comfortable sharing it digitally. \*Unintelligible\*

Jay: Sorry William, I couldn't hear you.

William: \*Unintelligible\*

Vibhuti: I kind of hear what William was saying before about collecting signatures from the voting.utoronto system but we have never used that system before other than with our elections and it would be difficult to find a way to authorize the signatures. I do agree with Nerjia and Fatima about online orientation being difficult to meet people and gather elections. VUSAC already has barriers that prevent students from running in the first place so enforcing the signatures might be an accessibility issue as well. Dorian also has a good point about using the clause from the ERC to cover this issue but I think just adding something especially for this year might protect this clause in the future. To William's point: I will look into the mail.utoronto route which might be difficult for us and for the Dean's Office and I'm not sure they're going to be comfortable to putting in a lot of work to verify signatures.

Zoe (on behalf of William): In response to security concerns, I was clarifying that I didn't mean a picture of the signature but rather a secure signature-like login or a VUSAC form.

Ralph: Hello so I'm the new Finance Chair for anyone who doesn't know, the only issue I see with the signature is that there might be a larger applicant pool because the screening that occurs with the signatures won't be in place. This might limit the exposure for candidates who are legitimately interested in running.

Vibhuti: I understand where you're coming from Ralph. Why I think it is easier to do it in the fall elections is that the most that counsellors need is 5 for first year counsellors, 10 for upper years and then 15 for the Equity Commissioner so the number of signatures isn't enough to sway the number of people who are interested in running. If anything, we are looking for more people to run in our elections, so this is a good way to reduce that barrier.

*Motion: Jay motions to extend for 2 minutes. Mehr seconds. Motion passes.*

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

William: The issue isn't so much that signatures are a deciding factor in someone running but rather that it shows that if someone isn't committed enough to get even 5 signatures, they might not be committed to the electoral process on the whole. It's good to have a bit of a barrier so that it separates people who really want to run from those who aren't interested in the process.

Jay: Generally, signatures can come from anyone at Vic and even if they kinda know what's going on, they'll likely sign it. I feel like it shows a kind of dedication to the process but there are also other barriers to the process. It's not a huge hassle to have people submit nominations packages. Vibhuti, were you looking to possibly amend the ERC to add a stipulation in addition to the out-of-province clause?

Vibhuti: I'm not sure what would be the best way to go about it, but whatever we vote on in the next meeting will hopefully be the best option. There are so many steps in the process that I think if you get through them, it shows a dedication to VUSAC and to the electoral process. Thank you all for your comments and suggestions, I am looking forward to bringing a more concrete suggestion to the next meeting.

#### ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS:

##### Constituent Organizations:

**Acta Victoriana:** no report

**Caffiends:** no report

**Cat's Eye:** 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

##### Governing Bodies:

**Board of Regents:** --

**Victoria College Council:** --

**Victoria University Senate:** --

##### STAFF REPORTS:

**Chief Returning Officer (Vibhuti):** --

**Communications (Veronica):** --

**Finance (Ralph):** --



**Office Manager (Holly): --**  
**Chair (Zoe): --**

COMMISSION REPORTS:

**Academic (Nerija): 2 minutes**

Nerija: We are in the midst of hiring a co-chair hiring with Michelle and Tran. Once that's done, we are going to be working on our plan for the fall which will hopefully include releasing surveys to the student body to cater programming better to them and also rebooting our social media networks. Seeing how COVID is forcing us to move almost completely online for the fall semester, we are going to need to increase our online presence.

**Arts & Culture (Jenny): 3 minutes**

Jenny: Sorry for missing the first half of the meeting. First item on the list is hiring of The Bob director. We had the applications open for one week and we got one application from Eamon Kelly who is our newly ratified Bob director. We're likely going to push The Bob until second semester seeing as there is not going to be any in-person student activities in the fall. I will contact Culpeper\* in the fall about moving the Bader booking into semester two. In light of the Black Lives Matter, my goal for the next month is support the BIPOC creators and growing the Instagram following. I already have a list but if you have any suggestions please send them over to me. I am also working on the application form for the Arts and Culture exec team because right now it's only me.

**Commuter (Rheannon & Aya): 5 minutes**

Rheannon: Wanted this little block to introduce Aya. We hired our co-chair, Aya, and we are in the middle of hiring our exec team for this year. We are hiring the same amount of people for our team as we did last year in case things fully start again in the second semester, it would be better to have more people on our team than less. We are just trying to put everything in motion in terms of our plans for next year.

**Equity: --**

**Mental Wellness (Dorian): 5 minutes**

Dorian: Just wanted to give an update regarding structuring the Mental Wellness Commission for the next year. I created an executive team made up of 6 upper year positions and 2 first year positions. If you have any questions regarding the application process or about the positions themselves, you can reach out to me. I have already completed the application form itself and I will be releasing that on July 6<sup>th</sup> with the instruction of Tran who I have been liaising with over the last few weeks. This took a lot of input from a lot of people to structure this application and hopefully it will grow the mental wellness commission and give us greater reach.

**Scarlet & Gold (Fatima): 3 minutes**

Fatima: There's a big chance that all the events that usually take place in the fall semester will either be moved to the second semester or changed in some way. I've talked to Tran and a lot of the aspects that will be incorporated with this year's events will take some creative planning, but they will still take place on a lower scale. There is still lots to be determined because my vision is that everything in the fall semester will be shifted. Essentially the only events that happen in the fall is the Pub Night that happens in September, so as a substitute we are looking at hosting something similar in the winter semester. Other than that, I just wanted to give an update on Highball refunds. Michelle, Tran and I have been working on getting the refunds in place and we have been mailing out cheques which has been going smoothly for now!

**Sustainability (Leila & Jerico): 3 minutes**

Leila: Some projects that I have been working on over the past 3 months is Vic Zero which is a project that was created by our past Sustainability Commissioner, Aminah. It's not a commission project but we have 3 meetings a week and we are starting to draft a report on what we have accomplished so far. I've also been working with Mehr to organize the sustainability office and event plan. Right now, we are just in the consultation stages. The other thing I've been working on is developing some kind of sustainability training that we can hopefully pilot — maybe not in the fall semester — but maybe in the winter semester so that's something that I've working with U-TERN on. They are a subcommittee working on developing sustainability training. There's a kind of consensus that we want to create some kind of comprehensive sustainability training outline. I'm looking at on working with other campus groups to organize this and then tailor it to Vic's needs and VUSAC's needs. The other smaller project that I am working on is with the UCLIT organization to set up a seven-college roundtable — not every college has a dedicated sustainability commissioner, but we are looking at getting an environmental rep on every student body. As for the commission, we are planning on hiring execs starting mid-July and going into the beginning of August. We are looking to expand the exec team since we only had 4 people last year and I think we would benefit from someone who is dedicated to managing our social media. We're also still thinking about how we want to run our events in the fall. If you have any questions about any of the projects, let me know — especially about the sustainability training aspect.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

**VP External (Mehr): 5 minutes**

Mehr: Just want to start by giving a huge shout out to Leila for working with me on the sustainability policy, she's been so great, and we've been getting so much work done. Over the last two months, I have been sitting in on the Dean's Advisory committee meetings with Michelle, we get a lot of student input about initiatives that they want to roll out which is good because it's become a good space for student voices and discussion. I have asking the Dean's Office to improve mental health resources because I don't think that they are as intersectional and accessible as they should be. I'm waiting to connect with Dean Kelly on this in the next couple of weeks and I'll update you on that once it happens. I have also been continuing the discussion around VP Equity; this was a discussion that was happening with last year's council and I want to get a head start on

this to make sure that we are addressing VUSAC's equity practices and any gaps we might have. I reached out to last year's Equity Commissioner and Co-Chair and I am hoping to get more feedback and input because that would improve what we could offer in terms of equity. We also have a tentative date for Caucus which is the 27<sup>th</sup> of November! I know it's pretty far away but I'm excited! Caucus is a space where student leaders are held accountable and leaders from other student bodies can come and be asked questions. Other than that, I have also been working with the Dean's Office to improve international student representation on campus. We have been talking about introducing something similar to the Hart House 5-Buck Lunch that caters different cultures around the world, so we've been talking to Vic Food Services about the possibility of introducing that monthly or bi-weekly. Last year our VPE introduced the international counsellor position so I've been looking at ways that we can work with VISA, the levy that works with international students on Vic campus, to see how we can have more engagement with that position. I have also been working with Scott in the Dean's Office on the roll out of our menstrual product distribution which was an initiative that had been introduced by previous councils. Lastly, I wanted to touch on anti-Black racism on campus, but I think it is important to talk about. VUSAC wants to amplify Black students at Vic, we are planning on having a discussion with Vic Black about how to improve Black student representation on campus. A meeting is being set up with the Dean's Office so that we can understand their concerns and how we can make tangible change that is supporting their needs. I am also working on the Orientation Exec team this year and we are planning on rolling out some educational materials to incoming students that address both consent and anti-Black racism to make sure that we are educating people who aren't aware. I encourage all of us to acknowledge our privilege and what we can do to address anti-Black racism in our communities and make our spaces more accessible to everyone. If you have questions about anything, please send me a message!

**VP Internal (Tran):** 7 minutes

Tran: This probably won't take the full seven minutes. As you know, we have hired 5 new staff members and I wanted to speak on that process in a little more depth. We had a two-stage process of the hiring panel of scoring the applications and then we invited the top applicants to interview with the hiring panel. There will be a staff hiring report coming out sometime mid-July. In addition to hiring, we have applications out for Equity Co-Chair and those are due July 13<sup>th</sup>! Council — I will be reaching out for fall/winter timelines starting sometime in July. They won't be due till the end of the month but start thinking about it now. Also, retreat is a two-day training with the rest of the VUSAC team that allows us to bond and better ourselves as student leaders. We are looking at doing retreat this year on October 17-18<sup>th</sup> or on October 24-25<sup>th</sup>. If you have any suggestions for retreat, please email me! This year on Orientation Exec, I am in charge of the VUSAC and levies portion of Orientation. I will be compiling a 1 minute to 2-minute video regarding what VUSAC does and what the levies do; I will be sending out an email about this sometime soon. We're also going to have a Q n A section on Blackboard Collaborate so stay tuned for that. Council members if you haven't filled out the spreadsheet for dietary information and emergency contacts, I will be posting the information on that soon. One of my projects for the summer is to make a VUSAC guide for dummies that tells people what VUSAC does. Hopefully it will make it very easy for someone to scroll through and get an idea of what we do essentially like the Clubs Handbook. Also, we have exec meetings and a summary of those will be released sometime in the next two months so keep an eye out for those.

### **VP Student Organizations (Jay): 5 minutes**

Jay: Club applications have opened! They are open for the entire year, but the primary applications are open until July 23 and all of those clubs will be considered at the Clubs Application meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please save the date for that it should be happening at the regular meeting time. Also, please tell your friends to apply! Tell them to make a club! We have revised the process a little bit this year because past years didn't require clubs to submit their constitution but we want to know what they're up to so we've changed that around a little bit. Also, I think I mentioned that the Clubs Handbook is updated. It's a great resource. If you are in a club but have not read it, I suggest you do. Next, levy heads! All levies heads have been hired this year except for a few and they have all been ratified for the most part. There are some that have been pushed back due to COVID but they are looking at hiring sometime in the next couple months. So many of the levy heads have great ideas about what's going to be happening next year and if you have any questions about their plans, please contact me or the levy heads and we can discuss it further. I will note that the only vacant position right now is the VicPride president. If you or anyone else you know is interested in running, please do! VicPride is an incredible levy and I want them to have a thriving year! I've also been doing a lot of work for The Cat's Eye to help with their finances. If you don't know, VUSAC audits their levies twice a year to make sure that they are spending their money correctly. Also, important to note, but some of the levies are choosing not to collect their levy fees this year. Due to COVID-19, Office of the Vice Provost is offering the chance for levies to lower their fees or not collect them at all. Three levies have decided not to collect their fees: Caffiends, Student Projects and VCAA since they all either have surpluses or an ability to collect their own money. Lastly, I am on the Orientation Exec; I don't have much to say in relation to that but please stay tuned for more stuff about Orientation.

### **President (Michelle): 10 minutes**

Michelle: Hopefully this won't take 10 minutes. Just wanted to say thank you to everyone for coming. Before we get into too much detail about email votes, I wanted to briefly touch on our fees situation. Jay briefly mentioned that in their update but the Vice Provost of Students did send an email to all of the student unions at U of T asking us to consider a fee reduction for the fall semester since most of our programming will be online and the Vice Provost's office needs to do their own evaluation on what our fees are going to look like come the fall semester. The exec and I evaluated our fees and what we anticipated our services to look like this year and we decided to go with a 35% fee reduction so that is reduction to \$8.11 for full time students and \$4.83 for part time students. Caffiends, Student Projects and VCAA are reducing their fees to \$0, so the total student fees are going from \$32.50 for full-time students to \$22.01. For part-time students, that amount is going from \$17.77 to \$11.88. Next update is the status update on all our email votes, we did 4 of them over the last 2 months. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> we had a motion by Tran Thai to increase VUSAC's annual fee by the recommended CPI of 1.7 per cent changing the VUSAC club and funding fee from \$24.51 to \$24.93 for full-time students and from \$14.62 to \$14.86 for part-time students; this was seconded by myself and all were in favour. Keep in mind that while this fee increased, it later decreased because we cut our fall fee. On May 5<sup>th</sup> we had a motion from Gavin Lee, who was our past Student Projects Chair, to ratify a Student Projects Fund Application for the Screenwriters Perspective Magazine for \$800 seconded by Jay; this closed on May 8<sup>th</sup> and all were in favour. On May 19<sup>th</sup> we had two motions, the first was by Jay to reallocate \$227 from the

Club Contingency Fund to a new budget line in The Boundary newspaper entitled “Ad Expenses” seconded by Mehr, and a second motion by Jay to reallocate \$248.26 in the Club Contingency Fund to a new budget line in the Ember Island Players entitled “Tech Materials” seconded by Mehr; both passed with all in favour. In June 5<sup>th</sup>, we had a number of motions, I’m not going to read all of them out loud cause there were seven, but essentially we ratified all of our club and levy heads so this include VicXposure, Cat’s Eye, Acta Victoriana, VISA, VCAA, WUSC, and Student Projects; all of these motions were voted with all in favour. Over the past two months, I have been working a lot with transitioning into the role by meeting new people at Vic and with the new VUSAC exec team and commissioners. COVID-19 is a really big topic of conversation and this is an ongoing conversation. I have also been working on Highball refunds with our incoming and outgoing Finance Chair as well as working on cheque requisitions so we can get money back to students who need it! Also, on Tuesday, VUSAC members were at Open Vic which was really successful! We had almost 150 people in attendance and we already have some people reaching out asking about how they can get more involved in student life on Vic campus. Another thing that I have done in terms of first-year outreach is joined the first-year Facebook page and posted a little introduction about myself and since then, we have had almost 10 people reaching out with questions about VUSAC. Some of my upcoming projects include getting CCR recognition for VUSAC members, I am also looking forward to working with Ralph to create a finance guide for club heads and commissioners to create a finance guide, and also streamlining our budgeting process so that our meeting isn’t 3 hours of questions-marks. I am also looking forward to working with our staff members, particularly with our new Communications Coordinator regarding our website and online presence, as well as talking with Vibhuti about how we can make our elections more equitable. I am also working on the past president’s strategic plan. We are working to publish a summary of the result of the surveys; we are hoping to get this out by July sometime. Expect a combined May and June report from me sometime in the coming days and I am hoping to have one-on-one meetings with you all sometime in the next month. That’s pretty much what I have planned for the next month! Feel free to reach out if you have anything you would like talk about!

Zoe: That concludes all of our updates but I would like to say that since VUSAC will be moving most of their meetings online for the foreseeable future, if you have any ideas about what we could do to make it more accessible for everyone, please send me an email about how you want meetings to be structured.

*Motion: Nerija motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rheannon. Motion passes.*

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