



VUSAC Meeting

Friday, November 8, 2013 at 5:20PM in the Goldring Student Center
MINUTES

In Attendance

VUSAC

CHAIR

Gabriel Zoltan-Johan

VP EXTERNAL

Zack Medow

VP INTERNAL

Kathleen Walsh

SECRETARY

Enxhi Kondi

FINANCE CHAIR

Eli Bourassa

COMMUTER

Christine De La Cruz

COMMUNICATIONS

Jade Huguenin

ARTS & CULTURE

Leah Moncada

SUSTAINABILITY

Kristina Dokoska

CLUBS

Edan (Dan) Binyamin

SCARLET & GOLD

Sebastien Hart

MAL

Robert Fan

Ashley Harripersad

Alan McCallum

Conor Tangney

Kate Dotsikas

LEVIES

STUDENT PROJECTS

Angela Sun

CATS EYE

Katrina (Katie) Vogan

ACTA VICTORIANA

Miguel

ENVIRO FASHION SHOW

Sarah Berger

VCDS

Blair Townshend

BoR

Lauren Dineley

GUESTS

STUDENT

Thomas Lynch

Official Regrets

PRESIDENT

Jelena Savic

EDUCATION & EQUITY

Sienna DiGiuseppe

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR

Samantha Hartlen

MAL

Ally Scandolo

Anastasia Langiano

Anastasia proxies vote to Kathleen. Sienna proxies vote to Leah.

- Zack moves to approve minutes from last meeting. Robert seconds. Unanimously approved.*
- Agenda is electronic; unable to be printed. Last minute additions to agenda: Zack adds 2 minute update, Jade adds 1 minute for a student concern, and Robert adds 10 seconds for a special day.*
- Jade moves to approve agenda. Robert seconds. Unanimously approved.*



ASSESSOR REPORTS

The Cat's Eye – Katie Vogan

- The big news from the Cat's Eye is that Lucas's term ends at the beginning of December, so hiring his replacement will be happening soon. If you have any questions about the hiring process, email the Cat's Eye managers. Technically the position is open to all Victorians, so we'll begin to poster for it soon. And we'll be having an advisory meeting and discussing things.
- A few points of information: we've decided that we'll be speaking more frequently in meetings. Also, I'd like to reiterate where we are: the Cat's Eye is *behind* the sign. A lot of people think we are Ned's Café, but we are *not*; the Cat's Eye door is behind the sign that says "Cat's Eye". But we're working on figuring something out to make that more apparent.
- *General Updates:*
 - Vic Xposure poster contest to redecorate the Cat's Eye
 - This will be a monthly thing where people will enter in a photography contest and the winners will be displayed in the Cat's Eye for one month.
 - Quiet pub nights
 - We'll be approaching VUSAC commissioners to help sponsor these pub nights, and get more people involved in these, because we want more interest in them and to promote them further.

Student Projects – Angela Sun

- *Project for approval:* \$765 requested by the Environmental Fashion Show
 - Money will be for thread, materials, mannequins, hole puncher, atelier, jewels, jewelry kit, and some other stuff. All of this stuff will remain accessible for other clubs as well after the show.

Motion 38: Jade moves to approve this student project. Robert seconds.

- Conor: What is an atelier?
- Angela: It's a clothing making workshop.
- Jade: Are you getting male, female, or unisex mannequins?
- Sarah: Unisex, adjustable size. They don't actually make gendered mannequins; if you want female, just add pads for breasts.

Unanimously approved.

- *General Update*
 - Town Hall happened on Tuesday and people have been approaching Angela with various projects, so prepare for there to be quite a few projects in the next meetings. Also, I [Angela] found out there are some out-standing projects from previous years that people hadn't taken money for, and those would've significantly changed the amount student projects has. But I contacted them and asked them all, and it turns out they didn't use the money, so we pretty much still have the same amount, which is around \$60,000.



Boards of Reagents – Lauren Dineley

– *General Update:*

- All the non-student board members have terms of 4 years, whereas student member terms are 1 year, not really including the summer, so it's really less than a year. So we're looking at establishing more of a 2-year term because we think it's more beneficial and allows the students on the board to assert themselves much more.
- Zack: What is the current mandate?
- Lauren: I think it's a long document, but this is something I was just asked to say, I'm not actually on the committee deciding this.
- Angela: I'm the rep for the VCC if you guys have any questions regarding that.
- Jade: So you guys use the VUSAC email, and if not, do you want to?
- Lauren: I think that would be a good thing, I will bring that up to them.

JUDICIARY REPORTS

VPI – Kathleen

– *Constitutional Amendments*

- [see Appendix A]
- Alan: Are these the same as ones tabled from last meeting?
- Kathleen: No. Also, the ones passed last meeting have been posted at the door of the office for two weeks, so those are officially passed and will be incorporated into the constitution.
- Amendment 1
 - Angela: Point of clarification; if you are an assessor member and you don't meet that often and you may not have anything to report during 2 consecutive meetings, what's the protocol?
 - Zack: This amendment addresses levy heads only. I understand that the first part makes it sound like all assessor members, but the constitution is selectively enforced. For example, President Gooch is an assessor member, but we don't send him an email after missing consecutive meetings saying "You're banned from VUSAC." So I want to enforce the constitution, but what I want is to excuse levy heads from meetings, but I still want some updates from them, so this is step one to enforcing these rules.
 - Katie: If you have a report given to you, it doesn't define here what that report actually entails. Also, the problem is that if an assessor member fails to bring a report or it's deemed insufficient, it sort of puts the power in two people because the VPE and President can deem it insufficient. It should be the entirety of VUSAC that gets to say you failed. Also, the final line seems odd, I'm not sure what it's trying to imply.
 - Alan: Just two things; if somebody, after giving insufficient reports twice in a row and you send out an email saying you must come to the next meeting, and the person comes to the meeting saying "I don't think there's a problem", what happens?



- Zack: Firstly, after the first insufficient report we'd email you. And it's not a punishment asking them to show up; we want them to come because if their reports are insufficient then we can ask them questions in person. Also, all of the levies are really different so we have to allow sufficient lee-way for how we're expecting updates from them. So for us to make explicit guidelines it would be bad. The reason it is the VPE and President reviewing these reports is that this year we're the ones in charge of knowing what's going on with the levies, so it's important for us to be able to say, "Ok, from this report, we *do* know what's going on with this levy." Also, we don't have to add this to the constitution, but basically I can then email reports out to all the levy heads.
- Jade: With this addition, does this mean that BoR, VCC, VUS, and let's say UTSU reps, cannot give written updates to excuse themselves from meetings?
- Zack: Yes, that is what the constitution would say.
- Jade: Also, do decisions for getting kicked out of meetings come to the council?
- Zack: Yes, the VPE would bring it up in council meeting, and bring up the problem/cause, and then council would decide.
- Angela: What is someone attends meetings but doesn't give a report at every meeting?
- Zack: The amendment is to compel levy heads to constantly update VUSAC on what they're doing.
- Kathleen: So would that be valuable to add into the amendment to say, "and provide a report"?
- Zack: I would say it's already said in the initial part of the amendment, so that would just be repetitive. So for the sake of getting this passed right now, we shouldn't add it.
- Lauren: Wouldn't updates be in the minutes and public?
- Zack: Yes.
- Sarah: Yea, I was going to say I know this is a good practices sort of thing, so it would be a good thing to pass this through, but some of this should be considered as a regulation, not constitutional.
- Katie: I have an issue with the word report. Since the Cat's Eye hosts VCDS plays, for example, and various other events with other levies, would the information need to be in both levy reports? I'm worried about the length of these meetings. I know it gives people an opportunity to question us directly and stuff, but I'm worried about the amount of work a written report entails.
- Sarah: Did you not write out in report format today what you wanted to say at this meeting? (Katie: No.) It's just a report of your activities, it doesn't have to be super in depth, it doesn't even have a word limit.
- Katie: First of all, I just wrote down 16 words and I spoke for 3 minutes in elaboration of these.
- Kathleen: Just so you know Katie, it's not discouraging you guys from coming to the meetings, it's just to work with the actual situation and the fact that we on the judiciary discussed all of this.
- Katie: I disagree as a levy head. I think it's a valuable use of my time to actually come to the meetings.



- Kathleen: And I agree, but as you can see, there are very few levy heads in attendance, so it's just to amend that gap.
- Zack: The problem is, I sent out a strong email telling levies to come, but yet people still didn't come. So this is the best compromise between what is necessary and what we can reasonably expect out of people.
- Lauren: As a levy head, I come here and I can really barely say and vote on anything and it's 3 hours of my time that I could use for personally more productive work. You say it's problematic to write this report, but if you don't write it, you're wasting 3 hours every two weeks.
- Dan: I just wanted to get Zack's opinion; do you still think despite all this that have people have been bringing up, that we should still approve this amendment?
- Zack: Absolutely. We want to bring the constitution in line with what should be happening and what's actually happening, and basically levy heads don't want to sit in these meetings. I prefer levy heads to be politically active, but I also respect those who are not, so I think this amendment will make things function a little more easily.
- Leah: I just wanted to say that while it's great to have all the levies here, I know of at least one who physically cannot be here, and this amendment makes it great for that person to voice her updates despite that.
- Angela: I like the idea of the option of providing a report, but I don't think it should be mandatory. And also, if a levy is here in the meeting, I don't think there's a point in making a mandatory report.
- Robert: Can we put this in the best practices guide?
- Kathleen: Well currently the constitution is selectively followed, but it should actually be things people are mandated to do. So this amendment gives an option for levy heads, so I would say no to putting it in best practices because then it would contradict what levies are mandated to do.
- Angela: Kathleen, you said come to the meeting *or* give a report?
- Kathleen: Well yes, if you come to the meeting and your levy hasn't done anything, then I believe the sentiment is that you would just report "we haven't done much the last two weeks" and that's sufficient if it's true.
- Blair: As someone who's been involved in levies for a couple of years, I think this amendment is very practical and I think a lot of other people will appreciate this a lot. I think levies will be very willing to make this effort when it's done for their benefit.
- Zack: I reject the notion that levies have nothing to report. You guys are always doing things and always passing projects. Levies are largely unsupervised and a public trust; you have an obligation to report to VUSAC. This will increase levy transparency, create an archive of what the levies are doing, and allows for flexibility, and allows for levies to get more involved with VUSAC. This is going to do a lot of beneficial things.



- Conor: Really the point is, even if your update is small or short, since VUSAC is an open meeting, if any Vic student wasn't aware of something going on with a levy, these reports allow them to find out.
- Acta: This meeting, which was at some point changed to Thursday, then to Friday again, is very inconvenient for me because I'm actually supposed to be leading a different event somewhere, so I think this motion is really good because it means I wouldn't have to miss my other obligation.

Motion 39: Robert moves to approve this amendment. Kathleen seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

- Amendment 2

Motion 40: Jade moves to approve this amendment. Leah seconds.

- Angela: Will the chair get an honorarium? (No.)

Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

– *General Updates:*

- One on one meetings are going great! I'm finding this a very useful experience, actually. In terms of office stuff, I'm trying to get printer people to come in to fix the printer; I've had them come in twice already but apparently they need to come again. I'm still figuring this out. The office is not in the greatest shape right now, so we need to work on that and people really need to follow their office hour duties. I've been kind of relaxed about it just because of the broken computer and still trying to organize the mailboxes and stuff, but keep in mind that I am still on top of this so please still do your office duties, all of you.
- Alan: Is there someone to clean the floors?
- Kathleen: Just ask the custodians.
- Angela: Is there a calendar somewhere for room bookings and stuff?
- Kathleen: Not a physical one, but there is the online calendar that's accessible by anyone using a VUSAC email.

Katie leaves 6:33pm.

VPE – Zack

Motion 41: Zack moves to give the Summit Update *in camera*. Kathleen seconds. Motion passes unanimously. *In camera* meeting commences at 6:43pm and is adjourned at 6:52pm.

– *AGM*

- The next VUSAC meeting will be rescheduled because there is the annual AGM. All of VUSAC and entire Caucus list is compelled to be there. We'll be discussing a lot of things, including what's going on with the summit, Jelena's going to make amendments to the president's constitution. This is happening in EM119. Last time VUSAC had an AGM it was about the huge referendum, and we only got like 56 people showing up, so seeing as there's no major vote or anything going on right now, we're not expecting that many people, but we're definitely hoping for a lot.
- Another thing that will be announced at the AGM is something the judiciary has been discussing for a while. I said at the VUSAC retreat that it's everyone and no one's job to represent the people. This is a problem, because we don't have representatives specified for specific groups, hence



not everyone knows who's supposed to represent them or that they're even being represented. We have to recognize our own democratic deficit. So we're proposing the introduction of a Board of Directors on VUSAC. This means we're going to be looking at how many people live where and we're going to create a proportional number of directors that sit on VUSAC and they will be representatives of the different groups of people living in different places. This will include residence and commuter people so that everyone has a representation.

- Gabe: So let me make it clear, the commuter commissioner will still exist. So how does this work?
- Zack: Well, the reason I'm discussing this now is to introduce this to VUSAC and to feel out some ideas. And I want to work up a committee to research and discuss this.
- Sarah: I think this is a great idea. Commuter commissioner is someone who does programming for commuter student body, but doesn't necessarily represent or vote for just commuters.
- Robert: So if we have a rep of residence and commuter, what about the MALs? What's the purpose of a MAL?
- Zack: See, at first I was thinking of just writing a bunch of constitutional stuff for this, but then I realized that doesn't make sense because I should first research the relationships between stuff and all.
- Alan: Can you comment on whether these are going to be voting members or separate and distinct members?
- Zack: Yes they vote and no they're not distinct. They will be part of VUSAC. So we'll have all these reps, then judiciary that makes sure stuff runs smoothly.
- Jade: Firstly, there's far fewer people in residence than commuters, so I think proportionately the representation would be weird. Also for commuters, would you have different reps from the different neighborhoods of Toronto? Because some people don't associate themselves with "commuter" if they live just off campus, and their value systems are different, so then you'd have to define the different types of commuter students. Also, we already have trouble finding everyone's views in a timely manner because there's so many of us at meeting, so this new committee would at least double our size, so we'd have to balance efficiency and accessibility.
- Sebastien: We don't have to go through all this right now because that's what the committee is for, right? But an idea I had before that I think would work well with this is since there's commuters in certain areas, I think you could do a regional rep because I think that's important. Also, in terms of how many people we're adding, it might be a scary thought, but then it might cut out the need for certain other positions.
- Kristina: First, are these going to be elected positions? (Yes.) Second, I know you don't have guidelines yet, but would they mostly be coming to our meetings and learning more about VUSAC, or would they go to their respective groups that they represent and teach them about VUSAC?
- Zack: I think defining the roles would be addressed by the committee. But ultimately, this is just the first step of unifying the multiple councils and groups on campus. We have a very disparately organized campus so this would bring things together. I think ultimately we'd have to look at how



representation works in different places. A model for this is New College; I want to investigate how they do this.

- Dan: I'm trying to just emphasize the commuter voice; it's more than the residence individuals. So I guess you could do like a percentage of commuters will get this many seats and stuff for voting, just to balance out that there's way more commuters. So you might want to form a side committee, sort of like student projects.
- Sarah: My immediate concern is that there's already trouble getting enough people running for VUSAC positions. In terms of meeting length, I'm not really worried because Trin has meetings with a large number of people and they still manage to get through it.

Sarah leaves 7:10pm.

- Gabe: Commuters notwithstanding, one way this Board of Directors could be solved is through empowering the current presidency of certain houses to be members of Board of Directors via their presidency so you avoid things like elections.
- Alan: First, who's going to sit on this committee of research?
- Zack: Anyone who wants to. I want people that are dedicated to researching this for a long run on an ongoing basis, but then I want other people to input their ideas and concerns via an email so the committee can discuss these.
- Alan: Also, there's also the risk of the commuter voice getting drowned out by people on res. We have to be careful not to swamp out the commuter voice, since commuters live further so their voices are less immediate than the res.
- Dan: I think a first step would be getting a bigger room for meetings with a lot more seats because right now even if a student wanted to come to our meeting, they'd see there's so many people in the room and nowhere to sit and feel too intimidated to come.
- Eli: I know a lot of house councils have money already, so would their fees be controlled by us then or do we not fund certain events, or how would that work financially?
- Zack: No, residence stuff is dealt by the Dean's Office, and they would retain their own constituency. So essentially this is working in conjunction with the summit; what we want is two Canadas: Canada of UTSU and Canada of VUSAC. We're making this multi-tiered system that will hopefully finally address everyone's concerns.
- Robert: I think this is great, but how many people are allowed to be involved in student government? Like would that make things inefficient?
- Christine: I want to reiterate Dan's point because I know at UC, they open up their meetings in really big rooms so student can actually come in and voice their ideas.
- Enxhi: Have you guys considered having a residence commissioner, like there is a commuter commissioner?
- Zack: Well, the issue is that the act of doing politics is a community experience in itself. So we're not just trying to come up with a new set of regulations and guidelines, we're more focused on the process that building this committee would provide. The process of electing this Board of Directors and having res electives will develop community building.
- Sebastien: I would suggest that for this committee, instead of labeling this as adding members to the council, we can just make this a "discussion"



committee, because we already have so many position and I don't think we need all these extra additions; make it a committee to bring everyone together.

- Zack: Yea, I would be open to saying this is a committee for exploring new representative options on VUSAC. I see the concern, so it's better to just open it up and say this is just broadly a committee for exploring options.
- *Arts & Science Review*
 - This was a meeting where everything you hear that's bad about the Arts & Science faculty of U of T was brought up. The reviewers heard all the concerns, like too big class size, bad exam timing, etc., wrote a report, and the report is going into the faculty's external review committee.
- *Levy Report: VCAA*
 - Read by Zack on behalf of the VCAA:
Victoria College Athletic Association, also known as VCAA, organizes intramurals and tournaments on behalf of the Faculty of Physical Education & Kinesiology, for all our Vic students. This allows for students at Vic to be a part of a team and play a sport that they enjoy without a significant amount of commitment. Intramurals this semester are coming to an end with playoff season, however, intramurals will be returning next semester with indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, field hockey, inner-tube water polo, etc... Sign-up for second semester sports will be available next week on our social media outlets so stay tuned for that. In addition to organizing intramurals, VCAA also organizes other sporting events that bring the community together. These sporting events include paintballing, rock climbing, VCAA pub nights, etc... Our next event is Hockey Night at Vic on Thursday, November 21st, where we will be watching the Toronto Maple Leafs take on the Nashville Predators, in the Cat's Eye! Look out for posters soon!

Meeting break 7:20pm to 7:30pm.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Clubs – Dan

- *General Update:*
 - I've been meeting with clubs one on one to discuss what they're doing, what they're constitutionally supposed to be doing, and building these folders with the club constitutions in them and signed documents for each club so that we have an actual record of clubs at Vic to be passed on to future councils.
 - The clubs storage room right now can only be classified as barbaric. So we're going to try to establish some organization in there.
- *Club approvals*
 - Students Against Hunger
 - Fundraising group with the goal of alleviating hunger.
 - Vic Urban Dance Club
 - I was just approached by these guys today. They don't require any funding at all, any potential expenses will be covered voluntarily



by the execs, and basically what they want to do is teach people how to dance. Their style of dance is also completely different from Shadow Dance, so they're a unique club.

- Aesthetics Club
 - They are not requesting any funding. They will provide their own makeup and essentially teach each other and other people how to do makeup. They are right now more like a tester club to see if it really kicks off or not.
- Vic iTeach (program) and Hey Teach (publication)
 - Jade: The reason iTeach and Semiotones are contentious is because they have profs attached to them, and in that way it compromises the student opportunity to leadership. Essentially in both cases, the profs basically find a student to be the "pseudo president" which makes it a Vic club, but then the prof runs the organization anyway. Also, Vic iTeach is exclusive to people in the CTEP program, which by the way is being looked to be phased out.
 - Alan: Anyone trying to apply for club status, you can't deny access into the club for any Vic student. So iTeach kind of sounds more like an academic program than a club, and why would VUSAC be in charge of an academic program?
 - Angela: To answer CTEP being phased out, Dr. Cook said she'd still continue the club somehow. Also, I'm curious about the description provided because it sounds more like CTEP itself. So maybe she thought Dan was asking her about CTEP, not the club?
 - Dan: Well I was concerned with profs running the club as well and I asked them specifically does the prof tell people what to do, and they assured me that prof is more like an advisory member.
 - Alan: Just to clarify, the constitution says you can't deny Vic students access to a club for any reason except talent or disruption, and this club seems to not be following this.
 - Zack: What is iTeach asking for budget-wise?
 - Eli: \$230 for all their meetings, food, drinks, movie night, socials.
 - Zack: What seems problematic is we're funding something that's on the hands of just 15 members. I don't see the problem in their association with VUSAC, but I think their funding should only go to events that are open for all students.
 - Angela: They hold meetings that are not on Vic campus, and they say attendance to all meetings isn't mandatory, but that they usually get about 20-30 members in meetings. I think this is weird.
 - Alan: I think the idea you only take 15 members and it's tough luck to everyone else; you shouldn't be able to do that in a student group.
 - Dan: I just want to highlight the fact that you don't have to be a major in teaching. Anyone can apply to join them. They have students that they got in later years. Anyone can apply.
 - Alan: The issue isn't who can apply, it's that only 15 can get in; it seems very exclusionary.
 - Dan: Well, 15 would be the class size to make the program most useful; they don't have that many profs to run around and teach too many students.



- Gabe: If there are still things being worked out between this club, why is this club even up for approval right now?
- Dan: Because I think it's functionally fine, it just needs expansion. If VUSAC approved it in recent years, I don't see the reason to not approve it again.
- Sebastien: Where does the "15" we're talking about come from? I think what they want to do is get 20-30 people, I mean 15 is what you [Dan] heard, but they seem to be looking for more [according to their constitution]. And just because there's a limited number of people, doesn't mean you can't get in.
- Kathleen: I'm curious to hear what Dan has to say about the fact that it's a prof running the club?
- Dan: I have to make the distinction that the prof *doesn't* run the club. But I'd like to table this.

Motion 42: Dan moves to table discussion. Zack seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Motion 43: Dan moves to approve the other 3 clubs. Zack seconds. Clubs approved with 1 abstaining.

S&G – Sebastien

- *General Update:*
 - Devil's Night Out (the Halloween club night) was crazy packed, so it was good if you like that atmosphere. Next week there will be applications ready for Winterfest Chair and Grad Banquet Chair.

Commuter – Christine

- *General Update:*
 - Pumpkin carving a while ago went great; we carved 14 pumpkins, a good amount of people came out, and we saved \$70! The student scary movie night was an ok turn-out, but it was the same night as Halloween so that was understandable. There are festive dinners coming up (see calendar in the VUSAC office) and tickets for those will be available soon.
 - Jade: Are the pumpkins on the balcony from that carving? (Yes.) They're super rotting, so we really need to get rid of them.

Sustainability – Kristina

- *Toronto350.org:*
 - Toronto350.org is a chapter from an international group dealing with climate change. The chapter at U of T focuses on fossil fuels and reducing CO₂ in the atmosphere. So they've provided this document asking U of T to give up their stakes in oil, coal, and gas industries and they're asking 200 international groups within this to also give their stakes up. The stock market values for U of T will be outdated, so they created this testament that they want students to sign. What I was thinking is for VUSAC to endorse this testament so we can send it out to all Vic students.
 - Jade: I recall last year's sustainability commissioner raised this same issue and VUSAC did choose to endorse the work this company does. So I don't know how it's officiated that we are backing these people, but how do we get word out to the students about this? Because if we put it on the official VUSAC website this means other endorsements could approach us.



- Kathleen: I don't think we'd need to vote on this again; VUSAC already endorses this company from last year.

Motion 44: Zack moves to re-recognize VUSAC's endorsement of Toronto350.org.

Robert seconds.

- Alan: I think this is a fantastic cause, but how would you phrase the attitude of the campaign? Is it very confrontational or does it not much go beyond us endorsing it and that's it?
- Kristina: It's already been approved by U of T.

Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

– *General Update:*

- We're starting up a climate change campaign; climate coalition meeting is next Friday to hash out ideas and create events to capture student attention. It's a place for everyone to come together and brainstorm ideas.

Arts & Culture – Leah

– *General Updates:*

- The BOB is next week. My life is insane right now. I encourage you all to go! If anyone is free to help out, one of the people working backstage went MIA and I'm looking to replace them so I really need some help and you might get a free ticket out of it. It's nothing hard or demanding really.
- The pottery painting competition will be in two weeks.
- Alan: I wasn't sure whether or not we can just come to help out for one of the nights?
- Leah: Yes.
- Kathleen: One thing I got from the one on one meetings is that a lot of people aren't feeling super supported, so this is one of those cases where we should really be stepping up and supporting each other.
- Leah: Yes, I really need help. I am essentially doing, by myself, the job that VCDS has an entire committee for.

Communications – Jade

– *Student concern:*

- I've had 3 students come to me saying the VUSAC office has not been open during regular office hours. And this is bad because these students built a negative connotation toward VUSAC. So we as a council really need to work on that.

MAL REPORT – Robert

- Thanks for everyone who made it to this meeting and have a happy long weekend!



FINANCE REPORT – Eli

- *The Goose & Hey Teach*
 - The Goose is requesting \$2,500 for printing. The idea was to bring it down. They want to print 700 copies, but in previous years they haven't printed nearly that much.
 - Zack: For clarification, is this composed of just short stories?
 - Leah: This club was created because there was no other publication just for short stories, so yea that's what it is.
 - Eli: Humanitas prints 300-350 copies.
 - Zack: How many copies did Goose print last year? (Not sure, but they had a \$15,000 budget.) Do we know how many copies were actually picked up? (Yes, all of them disappeared eventually.)
 - Eli: I'm going to need numbers, yo.
 - Zack: How many Hey Teach copies got picked up?
 - Eli: Well, they had their launch party and only like 15 people came, but those people did take copies home to hand out.
 - Christine: I just remembered last year I saw a lot of Hey Teach in the commuter lounge and just around.
 - Eli: Well what we've done with other clubs is approve the budget on the condition that they explore other options.
 - Leah: I mean, they [Hey Teach] really stretch out their material, plus glossy color on all pages. We could scale a lot of things down. We can't dictate how they're going to format their magazine, but they're being very luxurious in their space usage.
 - Eli: Well sometimes in magazine, and I learned this from them, it's weird because it has to be formatted a certain way. But I could definitely tell them to look into these other options.
 - Alan: If we give them a limit, then we could add on to it later if we think it's reasonable and we have the money.
 - Zack: Just to clarify, Hey Teach, are there images in it? (Yes, but the images are just to keep interest.) But it's a text magazine, right? Like the essence of it is an academic journal? Like the text is what's important. (Yes.) So why is it all glossy?
 - Leah: Yea, and it's not just glossy, it's thick glossy paper.
 - Zack: But the other thing is there's a registry of what everyone does when they graduate, and teaching is actually a traditional thing people do after graduating Vic.

Motion 45: Zack moves to approve Hey Teach budget of \$1,921, with attached stipulations of considering reducing page numbers, reduce gloss/paper weight, and consider advertisement as another source of funding. Alan seconds. Budget is approved with 2 abstaining.

- The Goose originally requested \$2,500, but they actually changed that recently to \$1,750.

Motion 46: Alan moves to approve The Goose budget of \$1,750. Robert seconds.

- Jade: Similar to the condition of Hey Teach, I would recommend them to address paper weight because Coach House Press does quotes based on paper weight. Plus it's more sustainable.

Motion 47: Alan moves to amend Motion 46 to include that The Goose explore paper weight options. Robert seconds. Motion 46 is unanimously amended.

- Zack: Why is it called the Goose?



- Leah: I don't remember... I think it was just supposed to be the most random thing possible.
- Zack: Cool, I'm satisfied with that.

The Goose budget passes unanimously.

- Eli: One more thing; we didn't pass the Knit Project budget last time. They are requesting \$250 for yarn and knitting needles.
- Leah: I thought it was decided that needles counted as equipment and weren't going to be funded.
- Eli: Ok, so my USB key crashed and that info would've been on it, so I'm going to amend this to \$200 just for yarn.

Motion 48: Zack moves to approve budget of \$200 for yarn for the Knit Project. Robert seconds. Budget passes unanimously.

– *VUSAC Sweaters*

- Zack: Leah has brought up to me that her mom does embroidery. We can just buy the sweaters bare so they're cheaper, and pitch in like \$5 each to Leah's mom, and she can embroider for us.
- Leah: Yes, and when I say she can embroider, I mean she has a really expensive machine hooked up to a computer that can embroider literally any design and any form of customization on a sweater.
- Jade: Yes, the computer ones are really good and high quality. I'm ok with that as an idea, but we should think about how we can make this sustainable year after year.
- Sebastien: Leah, why is your mom so awesome?
- Alan: Do we have a new quote for how much they cost?
- Zack: Well no because now I have to look for a new company to buy just bare sweaters from.
- Kathleen: So I think we're all in agreement with this. So we should have the condition on there that Leah's mom will actually agree to do this for us. But then we need to bring this back to finances.
- Gabe: For American Apparel, you have to be an official vendor on the website and be approved by them to buy in bulk; the approval process could take like a month.
- Eli: Could we get a fixed number for how much we'd have to pay Leah's mom?
- Leah: \$10?
- Zack: How much are sweaters with the embroidery? (\$58 each.)
- Jade: Well I have a list of U of T approved vendor clothing, so I can send you that. But it's a weird system for getting on vendor lists.
- Zack: I can also contact this company called Entropy and see that, but the thing is most sweater companies don't do the color of red that we want. But American Apparel does produce that color we want. But whatever, I can report back on this in a couple of days.
- Jade: Well since we're having the option of customizing, can't we just also have the option of getting a cheaper sweater?

Motion 49: Alan moves to table this discussion until we have a price. Kathleen seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 50: Kathleen moves to adjourn the meeting. Conor seconds. Meeting is unanimously adjourned.



MOTION SUMMARY

Motion 38: Jade moves to approve the Student Project of \$765 for the Environmental Fashion Show. Robert seconds. Unanimously approved.

Motion 39: Robert moves to approve Amendment 1. Kathleen seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Motion 40: Jade moves to approve Amendment 2. Leah seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Motion 41: Zack moves to give the Summit Update *in camera*. Kathleen seconds. Motion passes unanimously. *In camera* meeting commences at 6:43pm and is adjourned at 6:52pm.

Motion 42: Dan moves to table the discussion on approval of Hey/iTeach club. Zack seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Motion 43: Dan moves to approve the Students Against Hunger, Vic Urban Dance, and Aesthetics clubs. Zack seconds. Clubs approved with 1 abstaining.

Motion 44: Zack moves to re-recognize VUSAC's endorsement of Toronto350.org. Robert seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Motion 45: Zack moves to approve Hey Teach budget of \$1,921, with attached stipulations of considering reducing page numbers, reduce gloss/paper weight, and consider advertisement as another source of funding. Alan seconds. Budget is approved with 2 abstaining.

Motion 46: Alan moves to approve The Goose budget of \$1,750. Robert seconds. The Goose budget passes unanimously (on condition noted in Motion 47).

Motion 47: Alan moves to amend Motion 46 to include that The Goose explore paper weight options. Robert seconds. Motion 46 is unanimously amended.

Motion 48: Zack moves to approve budget of \$200 for yarn for the Knit Project. Robert seconds. Budget passes unanimously.

Motion 49: Alan moves to table the discussion of VUSAC sweaters until we have a price. Kathleen seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 50: Kathleen moves to adjourn the meeting. Conor seconds. Meeting is unanimously adjourned.



Appendix A: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1:

BY-LAW #9: VUSAC APPOINTED ASSESSOR MEMBERS

Original text:

S1) Any VUSAC appointed assessor member of any governing body of Victoria University shall be considered to have vacated their position if they fail to attend two consecutive meetings of the body, subject to the following conditions:

Change text to:

S1) Any VUSAC appointed assessor member of any governing body of Victoria University shall be considered to have vacated their position if they fail to provide updates to two consecutive meetings of the body, subject to the following conditions:

ADD:

e) Levy head assessor members may submit to each meeting of the body a report on the activities of the levy. It is at the discretion of the VUSAC President and Vice-President External to determine if the written updates suffice to provide the VUSAC with an update on the activities of the levy. If the report does not suffice, the Vice-President External may ask the levy head to attend the following VUSAC meeting.

Amendment 2:

By-Law #1, Section 3, sub-section f,

Add text:

subheading i: The Vice-President External may be empowered to appoint a chair to assist in the organization of the Crescam Serviendo Award Ceremony.