

VUSAC Meeting

February 16, 2012

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In Attendance

VUSAC

CHAIR	Siming Zhang
PRESIDENT	Brandon Bailey
VP EXTERNAL	Shoaib Alli
VP INTERNAL	Karol Dejnicka
COMMUNICATIONS	Ruta Rudminaite
COMMUTER	Elliot Meyer
SUSTAINABILITY	Tegan Hansen-Hoedeman
VP EXTERNAL MAL	Zenia Turkewytch-Miner
CLUBS	Sohaib Ahmed and Angela Sun
COMMISSIONER MAL	Christianne Johnson
EDUCATION & EQUITY MAL	Christianne Julien
SCARLET & GOLD	Anastasia Tsagrinis
SCARLET & GOLD MAL	Kathleen Walsh
SECRETARY	Sophie Qu

Official Regrets:

CRO	Rob Rubbini
CAFFIENDS	Susan Wang
EDUCATION & EQUITY	Alex Goel
CAT'S EYE	Kenny Zhan
VCAA	Deanne Vincent

EX-EFFICIO REPORTS:

CLC	Kristina Minnella
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Proxies: Christian Julien for Goel

-Meeting officially called to order at 9:17 pm

-Last week's minutes approved by Christianne, seconded by Karol, all in favour

-Approval of this agenda by Christian

-1 minute added by Kathleen

Evita arrives 9:18 pm

Upcoming events (Karol)

- March 23rd- Last day to order TOMS to decorate
- March 27th- Leader applications open
- March 29th- Community Garden and E & E movie night, also exec applications close
- March 2nd-High Ball and student projects chair applications close
- Finance chair- 27th open, close March 9th
- Next VUSAC meeting the 27th

JUDICIARY REPORTS

President (Brandon):

Updates: almost nothing new from last week since it's been like a nothing week, it's the last week before reading week, Victoria college principal next time we meet we will have a new principal, Mariam's working on getting the plaque for David Cook everything's moving nicely. There is a by-election in Toronto, Danforth in case you want to know the liberal candidate is a Vic grad so convince them to vote liberal. That's March 19th and that's pretty much all that's going on here.

VP Internal (Karol):

Amendments: I don't know if any of you look at them but there are technical amendments it's just a typo and renaming student special project levy committee to student project committee and replacing A with the in by law section 2.

I move to approve the technical amendments as they appear, seconded by Angela, all in favour, unanimous

Amendments in principle: so move to approve amendments in principle number one as presented Sohaib seconded it all, in favour, unanimous

Moving on to number 2 where we take the special project commission and take them out of the constitution as they are no longer VUSAC member

Sohaib: So as of now he's out?

Brandon: Ten days from now

Karol moves to approve amendment principle number 2 as presented, seconded by Tegan, one abstention

Karol: Alright number 3 we're going to rename and update section referring to special projects policy pretty basic stuff so move to approve amendment principle num 3, seconded by Angela, unanimous

Kristina arrives 9:26 pm

Karol: This is removing the requirement for the VPI to hold charity events because we have too many events so move to approve amendment principle number 4 as presented, seconded by Brandon..

Angela: can we discuss? I think VPI should hold at least one in general..

Karol: why? I mean discuss

Angela: As a Vic student not as commissioner I've always appreciated the big event that VPI does cause it's not necessarily has to do with a specific kind of you know thing like I mean it was just kind of fun I guess I really liked casino night last year. It's nice to have someone in the judiciary organize something just as VUSAC thing and not as part of a particular commission.

David: I think it's a really good thing that VUSAC does this but if you look at the portfolio of VPI it's kind of contrive it feels like someone just thought VPI should do this Karol has a lot of things Karol has to do it..it could maybe become a tradition and not a mandated thing.

Christian: We've actually got to the point where it's hard to do more events as we have events each week I think we should give him/her the option but not force it so I think the amendment should pass. This year the VPI is superwoman but maybe not next year.

Elliot: I think we should add maybe VUSAC as a whole can run one charity event after the year

Evita: Yeah, I was just going to say I feel like we have so many events that happen maybe if you could put it as amendment for international week the VPI has to have an event with Arts & Culture or something..you know something smaller so that you have one charitable event but in collaboration with another event to make something better.

Karol: My logic in doing this is that while I did enjoy organizing events and I'm sure Adam enjoyed putting on bob then it's very difficult to..the role of VPI is basically to kind of follow everything and make sure everything is running and on track and when you have big events that come up it really gets in the way of that and I find it difficult to focus on things like last semester I should've had a WHC meeting but I couldn't because I just didn't have enough time I think it's one of the roles that because of the regularity of the duties you can't add too many things of screwing up and I don't like the idea of emphasizing big charity events because this a student group a university and there are many people who are struggling to pay for tuition what I do like

is smaller scale awareness events that I feel is something that goes under the mandate of e& e and I feel its already covered enough under social justice and raising awareness of social justice issues we have so many events already I feel like people end up doing thinking of events in terms of their own commission events VUSAC as a whole like a family like your siblings birthday but your still there because your family students as whole and VUSAC would appreciate input from different commissioners like more collaborative events things like that that are more spread out not too much conflicting or going on at the same time so I think everyone suffers as a whole when that happens taking away the 2 charity events of the year as a whole I think having the requirement for it makes it contrived as opposed to having it be a thing that you can do out of your own volition taking this out of the constitution doesn't keep any future VPI from organizing events in the same way that I'm still organizing an event with Professor Farquharson which doesn't fall under any mandate but I want to do it and if eel you guys should do that to go for something that your passionate too

Brandon: I'm generally supportive of peeling/[pulling things back I feel like VUSAC doesn't need to be told to have one it will just cause a bad one to occur.

Evita: I just want to say like not everyone is as wonderful as you and I feel like future VPI's won't do events like that because they might not see the idea of doing it so I think taking it out will just eliminate it which is why I said before it should be with something else like another commission to encourage what you said to like encourage what you said. ..Collaboration but yeah it's ok that's all.

Angela: I just want to agree with what Elliot said to have something in there a VUSAC-wide event

Brandon: if you wanted to add something like a VUSAC-wide event you need to submit it would be an amendment all together if it's something you want to pursue I encourage it but we can't do that now.

-Seconded by Brandon, all in favour

Karol: Number 5 the cat's eye advisory board has been changed to reflect the current operating policy so move to approve amendment in principle number 5 as presented

Seconded by Elliot all in favour..

Sohaib: who is in the advisory board?

Karol: it's on the sheet

Angela: it's just to make it consistent with what it is now

Elliot: ten days from when we vote

Sohaib: so this year?

Karol: yes we're just changing the constitution to match what it is

Elliot: it's already like that now

All in favour, unanimous

Onto number 6..change the VPE cats eye duty to chair subsection 21..

So I'm going to move to approve that seconded by Angela, all in favour unanimous

Angela: could I explain the last one? So the next one is..I wrote it..on behalf of Vic associates stats committee we're just changing it originally it was narrow it could only have 4 hours a month in hopes that associate members would have meetings on campus but we noticed a lot of members had meeting spaces so they just wanted to have cool big events on Vic so we wanted to give them more leeway like exceptions at the associates committee's discretion

Brandon: just to avoid any bit of ambiguity..say the associate committee said that x committee should get 10 hours and VUSAC didn't that would mean they didn't exercise unilateral jurisdiction we should add a pending approval so there's no weird power struggle between VUSAC and the associate committee

Dave: I agree but instead of their discretion I think we should put VUSAC otherwise it will go through them and just go through us and we meet every 2 weeks any ways and in the future it should just go straight to us in terms of expediency

Angela: ok so at the discretion of VUSAC

Sohaib: does this benefit VUSAC in any way?

Angela: it makes it easier for associate status members to get more Vic students involved on campus because a lot of them want to do full day fun events and actually its better for clubs almost because they need more regular weekly bookings so if they just need 5 hours one month for like every 3 months then clubs have better leeway

Brandon: I move that we propose to amend the amendment to make it so that it's the exception of VUSAC

Christianne seconded it all in favour unanimous

Brandon: And now we can vote on the actual motion

Angela: I make the motion to approve the amendment as amended what Brandon just said

Mariam seconded it..all in favour unanimous

Scarlet & Gold (Kathleen): so basically tickets selling is going pretty well for highball but we do have reading week next week I'm not exactly sure when we're going to end but it's safe to say the Monday after reading week will be the end of it if we haven't sold all we'll figure something out, and another thing, does anyone know where the cash box sign in sheet has gone for highball because it's not in there and there's excessive amounts of money in the cash box..

Tegan: I had the first shift this week and it wasn't there

Ruta: It was there Friday at my 1:30 shift I don't know who was after

Sohaib: It was me ... I kept it in the cash box

Kathleen: I think we should just print out a new one since ticket selling is almost done

Karol: so if it's been gone all week have people not been recording?

Tegan: I started the sticky note

Christianne: I updated Tegan's sticky thing and put it in the box

Kathleen: I guess the point is Brian is going to have to do another one of those and people should start signing in

Arts & Culture (Evita): I just wanted to say that everything's booked for the club night planned on march 8th its club 292 it's a Latino club..yes it's going to be really fun so yeah come to that. And then Vic variety show is happening end of month I'm working with Emily so she's very nice oh international week went really well and the Greek association came and taught dancing and the Portuguese and Nathan let us use the kitchen to cook for VOCA dinner thanks to Elliot for covering that..*clapping*

Other business (Sohaib): There's this small thing I encountered there were some commuter students who said they don't know about the events going on at Vic. Actually, quite a few cause they saw all the event posters at the VUSAC events and they said they didn't know about 65% of it . They said they know about it through the listserv but not through the campus.

Angela: I just want to say I understand as a commuter myself its hard to get commuter to know things and it's hard for VUSAC to cover wider campus and it takes awhile and people needed pizza.

Dave: so this is something we talked about last year actually with Kristina..a master calendar basically the idea is that Vic master calendar kind of sucks there's never anything on it there was talk of having clubs filling the template to send to communications to the master calendar like a big real one on the website and VUSAC website and maybe work towards and put together.

Brandon: Just to clear up confusion every student that's a first year is automatically added to listserv then they will receive an automated email after 11 months and 2 weeks to re subscribe and if they don't they get booted out it's outside of our control. Most people re-subscribe but you lose some people that way and at any given point.

Evita: I know we have like bimonthly on the VUSAC board don't we have like Sept Oct Jan headers?

Angela: dry erase board like they do for frosh week so clubs themselves can take the marker when we have the meeting

Brandon: all these plans are targeting people we are already missing and not on campus

Brandon: Number one, I'm going have a really long Goldring update next and number two, it was my birthday yesterday

*Everyone sings happy birthday song with clapping and..hooting *

Brandon: I appreciate that spontaneous song. I'm going to Duke of York after if you have nothing to do come grab a drink you're all invited.

Angela: are we going to get the results of our internal review?

Karol: Yes I am I still have some more you know who you are

Taskmeister (Karol): deposit..liberty..reading week..etc

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 pm, seconded by Christian, all in favour, unanimous