



## VUSAC Meeting Agenda

### **In Attendance:**

Judiciary

President: Alexa Ballis

VPI: Katie Marsland

VPE: Vibhuti Kacholia

VPSO: Cameron Davies

Assessor Members

CHAIR: Gabrielle da Silva

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER:

OFFICE MANAGER: Rena Seeger

COMMUNICATIONS: Holly Johnstone

FINANCE CHAIR: Tyler Biswurm

Commissioners and Councillors

COMMUTER: Michelle Zhao

ARTS AND CULTURE: Vivian Li

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Lucy Faria

EQUITY: Massoma Kisob

SCARLET AND GOLD: Tran Thai

MENTAL WELLNESS: Spandan Sengupta

Co-Chairs

COMMUTER CO-CHAIR: Rheannon Demeter

EQUITY CO-CHAIR: Hannah Ahamed

SUSTAINABILITY CO-CHAIR: Leila Tjiang

Guests

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR: Christina Alcena

BOR REPRESENTATIVE: Devon Wilton

Jay Muoio

### Land Recognition: Vibhuti (3 minutes)

Before we get started, I would like to start off today with a land acknowledgement. Land acknowledgements are a moment to reflect on the history of Canada and current issues that affect Indigenous people. We are all coming here from different places and I'm glad we're all here together, but it's important to remember that we have a responsibility as people on this land to truly understand it.. We do land acknowledgements because as many of us are settlers on this



## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

150 Charles St. West, Room 127  
Toronto, ON , M5S 1K9  
(416) 585 - 4473  
[www.vusac.ca](http://www.vusac.ca) | [fb.com/vusacuoft](https://fb.com/vusacuoft)

land, it is essential that we recognize and respect the inherent right that Indigenous people have on the land. This is land that we have the opportunity to live, work, and learn.

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto and Victoria College operates. For thousands of years, this land has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit River. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which is an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Today, this meeting place is the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

Leanne Simpson, Nishnaabeg writer and a member of the Alderville First Nation, says that the Dish with One Spoon is about two sovereign nations sharing these grounds and existing in tandem. In the Haudenosaunee version of this concept, the spoon reinforces the idea of sharing, responsibility, and peacemaking. The Dish with One Spoon treaty is about renewal and maintenance, not just acknowledgment. Dish with One Spoon is not just a story, but a treaty, a document of rights and obligations which is still in place today.

It is important to listen to land acknowledgements not as a distant reminder of Indigenous presence on this land, because Indigenous people in Canada today are a marginalized community that have faced injustices by institutions for hundreds of years and are still experiencing these barriers today. Here at Victoria College and VUSAC , we are committed to reconciliation in a tangible way, which means the land acknowledgement is just the beginning to understand the land we occupy and the respect the people from here.

Motion: Tran moves to approve the agenda from September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Lucy seconds. Motion passes.

### ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Cameron Davies to ratify BLVD as a VUSAC-recognized club, seconded by Vivian Li (3 minutes) [See Appendix A]

[Summary] Concern that was raised at last meeting was of the costs that BLVD would need to bring in a professional choreographer and dance professionals on a weekly basis; the way they are getting in choreographers is through personal connections and will not be paying them to be there, so that financial concern is not a concern anymore. The purpose of the club is to provide free accessible dance classes to students who often have trouble finding the time or financial



## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

150 Charles St. West, Room 127  
Toronto, ON , M5S 1K9  
(416) 585 - 4473  
[www.vusac.ca](http://www.vusac.ca) | [fb.com/vusacuoft](https://fb.com/vusacuoft)

needs to take studio classes; inviting experienced teachers to teach the class; hope to strengthen local dance community and build more connections wonderful opportunity for students to expand their horizons and improve their skills– hold free weekly dance classes for students

Motion: Motion by Cameron Davies to ratify BLVD as a VUSAC-recognized club. Vivian Li seconds. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Cameron Davies to ratify K-pop Dance Club as a VUSAC-recognized club (3 minutes) [See Appendix A]

[Summary] KPOP dance club applied after the ratification deadline, but we do consider club applications on a rolling basis, as not everyone is around during the summer or checks their email, but also, this allows for first years to be able to start clubs. The purpose of the club is to have fun dancing to K-pop, get some exercise in. It applied as an athletics and recreation club, and their goals are to mostly meet whenever people are free, learn some dance to K-pop choreography, and have some fun.

Alexa: Going off of what our concern was for the other group, do we know who are they getting into teach the dances?

Cameron: I'm not sure who they are bringing in to teach the dances, but I do know that they've applied as an athletics and recreation club and the other group applied as an artistic club, and I believe we had similar concerns with a dance club last time that applied under athletics and recreation, and we decided that since it applied under a category that was protected under the Student's Choice Initiative that we voted to ratify a similar club in the past.

Motion by Cameron Davies to ratify K-pop Dance Club as a VUSAC-recognized club. Lucy seconds. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Cameron Davies to ratify Vic for a Cure as a VUSAC-recognized club (3 minutes) [See Appendix A]



## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

150 Charles St. West, Room 127  
Toronto, ON, M5S 1K9  
(416) 585 - 4473  
[www.vusac.ca](http://www.vusac.ca) | [fb.com/vusacuoft](https://fb.com/vusacuoft)

[Summary] Basically in terms of Vic for a Cure, the purpose of the club is to promote cancer awareness in the public, and help raise funds in support for cancer research. The goal is to involve Victoria College students in fundraising events such as CIBC run for the cure, Cuts for cancer, and to advocate for the cause. They will be having changes in their exec team and welcoming new members so they currently have all 6 exec members from Victoria College; they can invite two members from outside of Victoria and still meet our 70% requirement. They applied to the health services club, which is a protected category under the Student's Choice Initiative, and their goals are to organize fundraising events, raise cancer awareness via events like the CIBC run, charity dodgeball, etc.

Motion by Cameron Davies to ratify Vic for a Cure as a VUSAC-recognized.

Spandan seconds. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Katie Marsland to ratify Leila Tjiang as Sustainability Co-Chair, seconded by Alexa Ballis (3 minutes)

[Summary] We are very excited to welcome Leila to the team as the Sustainability Co-Chair. We went through the application and interview process for the last couple of weeks, she has lots of fantastic experience, we're excited to have her on our team, that's pretty much it.

Alexa: I also just wanted to add that we used the equity hiring policy that Katie wrote at the beginning of the summer, which is not ratified yet, but we're following those practices at all, which includes reduced hiring, and the number of people that have to be in a room when we interview.

Motion by Katie Marsland to ratify Leila Tjiang as Sustainability Co-Chair. Alexa seconds. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Katie Marsland to release the presidential honoraria of \$8000 (3 minutes) [See Appendix B]



## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

150 Charles St. West, Room 127  
Toronto, ON, M5S 1K9  
(416) 585 - 4473  
[www.vusac.ca](http://www.vusac.ca) | [fb.com/vusacuoft](https://fb.com/vusacuoft)

[Summary] The president among completion of summer hours receives honoraria of \$8000 for keeping office open for 30 hours of week, doing office management, and continuing her duties, Alexa has released copy of her summer hours that far exceed the mandatory 540 hours of the summer; she also wrote up a business report to summarize what she did over the summer, which will be available on Facebook and the website.

Motion by Katie Marsland to release the presidential honoraria of \$8000. Vibhuti seconds. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Vivian Li to ratify Adrian Hiltchuk as The Bob Co-Producer (3 minutes)

[Summary] Essentially helps her with role, help to book meetings as well as with hiring the technical team and stage managers.

Motion by Vivian Li to ratify Adrian Hiltchuk as The Bob Co-Producer. Michelle seconds. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Vivian Li to ratify Maxwell Nisbeth as The Bob Co-Director (3 minutes)

[Summary] The Bob Co-Director helps hire co-producer and choose a cast and hire technical team.

Motion by Vivian Li to ratify Maxwell Nisbeth as The Bob Co-Director. Michelle seconds. Motion passes.

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

- Motion by Vivian Li to ratify Rayhan Jabbar as The Bob Co-Director (3 minutes)

Motion by Vivian Li to ratify Rayhan Jabbar as The Bob Co-Director. Tran seconds. Motion passes.



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

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

**Campus Life Coordinator (Christina):** 1 minute

[Summary] Thank you so much and congratulations for all of you being here, thank you for joining us for orientation, I know I see a lot of familiar faces from club fairs and orientation-based activities, so I really appreciate you being here for our students. I'm your campus life coordinator, and I will be working without you throughout the year, so please feel free to drop by the office at any time, anytime you have any questions or concerns or just want to say hi, I would be more than happy to sit down with you. You can reach by email or you can just stop by the office, if I'm not there there are tons of other people that are in the office that you can come in and chat with. I look forward to working with you throughout the year and working with you closely, congratulations again.

**Dean of Students:**

**President of Victoria University:**

**Vic UTSU Directors (Thomas):**

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 STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

150 Charles St. West, Room 127  
Toronto, ON, M5S 1K9  
(416) 585 - 4473  
[www.vusac.ca](http://www.vusac.ca) | [fb.com/vusacuoft](https://fb.com/vusacuoft)

### Victoria University Senate:

#### STAFF REPORTS:

**Chief Returning Officer (Maria):**

**Communications (Holly):**

**Finance (Tyler):**

**Office Manager (Rena):**

**Chair (Gabby):**

#### COMMISSION REPORTS:

**Academic (Lucy):**

**Arts & Culture (Vivian):**

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

[Summary] Hello everyone, happy beginning of the school year! We just finished hiring all our upper year exec; general members and first years can now apply now, applications are open until September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm, so please tell people to apply! There are a couple of events that we have coming up. September 11th, which is next Wednesday, we need people to help out at commuter pancakes, which is the first pancake brunch of the year! For those of you who may not be familiar, VOCA does pancake brunches throughout the year on Wednesdays. Typically what we do is we have some sort of collaboration with a student group on campus and we hope to have VUSAC there for the first one so that you can talk about elections, your positions and some positions that are opening up on your commission. We sent out a document on Facebook so that if you have an hour to spare on Wednesdays please show up, you get free food. We also have an event coming up on September 24<sup>th</sup>; we are doing a Disney-themed trivia night with the commuter Dons in the Cats-eye 5-7pm; just an update, y'all should come, it'll be fun! And we also have commuter assassins on October 14 to November 1<sup>st</sup>, and yesterday we sent out a newsletter, which was our first ever commuter newsletter!

Lucy: I signed up at your booth; I know in the past VOCA brings trifolds; do you expect us to bring our trifolds?

Michelle: Yeah sure, you can bring your trifold

Vibhuti: To clarify, do you want all the commissioners to be there or just the just the VUSAC councilors?

Michelle: Just the VUSAC councilors.

Cameron: Can individual commissioners have collaboration with VOCA throughout the year?

Michelle: Yes! We have a collaboration google-form that will be released tomorrow, so please keep an eye out for that.

Alexa: Fun tip for that, if you know you have a really important event or applications that you want to advertise, you can request to advertise during VOCA pancakes.



**Equity (Massoma & Hannah):**

**Mental Wellness (Spandan):**

**Scarlet & Gold (Tran): 5 minutes**

Tran: back to school Pub-night is September 13<sup>th</sup>; finalizing the volunteer schedule right now, if you are a commuter you need to get onto the TTC by 1am, please let me know so I can keep that into account when making the schedule. I will have the schedule finalized by Sunday so that everyone knows their roles and what they have to do for pub-night. There will be three shifts – doors, washrooms and floaters, I will have more details in the Facebook post about what you are expected to do in each of these roles. Set up is at 6:30, so if you are available, please come and help with setup of decorations! That's pretty much it.

**Sustainability (Leila):**

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

**VP External (Vibhuti): 10 minutes**

Hello, so we have a lot of things to chat about, I'll get right into it, these are things that are coming up and I'd love to hear your feedback on.

First of all, I've been in talks with Scott from the Dean's office for the entire summer, we hit a few roadblocks on the way because the machine that we were going to buy at the beginning that we put in our students projects application, U of T was putting in a bulk order, and Scott said we could hop in their order but right after that orientation started so not sure what happened; but hopefully will get them in for October so that we can get them out to those students.

Last meeting VUSAC approved the climate strike so our office will be closed on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We have two important events happening on the 27<sup>th</sup>. I met with Allie Rougeot, she's a big organizer in climate change scene, she's helping me craft really nice statement, will hopefully have statement done by tomorrow and have her to check over it and ask exec to email it out so we can have VUSAC approve it and get it published by next week.

I recently was invited to don meeting on Sunday; we will be talking about elections there, what it means to be a Don during elections, we will also be advising them to collaborate with VUSAC in meaningful ways throughout the year. As well as elections, because Maria isn't here I'll through some facts at you – nomination packages open today September 6<sup>th</sup>, will close September 20<sup>th</sup> – September 20<sup>th</sup> in the evening after our meeting we will have the all candidates meeting in Wymilwood lounge; campaigns will start at the end of that meeting until the September 27<sup>th</sup> (one full week); on the 27<sup>th</sup> we will have our town hall (our office will be closed); that will be at 6:00/6:15/6:30; then after that there will be voting period of 4 days will end Tuesday, then Wednesday and Thursday will be silent periods, Maria will discuss this at the next meeting, important that we are not encouraging pre-campaigning, and that we are keeping VUSAC talk out of neutral spaces especially when they are signing on mutual packages, like Caffiends, VUSAC office, etc. important in keeping those spaces neutral (will be posted later today). Then





## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

150 Charles St. West, Room 127  
Toronto, ON, M5S 1K9  
(416) 585 - 4473  
[www.vusac.ca](http://www.vusac.ca) | [fb.com/vusacuoft](https://fb.com/vusacuoft)

will publicize the results on October 4<sup>th</sup>, will do this online in the VUSAC office, and that afternoon/evening new council will come to our meeting then we will have full council. We will talk about your responsibilities next meeting, just make sure you are staying neutral, you can encourage students that's not a problem.

So, the UTSU; I am meeting with Avani who is the VP of University Affairs on Monday; will talk about more priorities, see how VUSAC and UTSU can move together, will throw some ideas in. As well as Thomas who is the UTSU Vic director could not be here today, but sent a blurb to be read out.

On Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> the UTSU held a highly successful campus march and clubs fair that was attended by numerous incoming students as well as returning students. On September 11<sup>th</sup> the UTSU will be holding its annual Street Festival from 10am-3pm, and we welcome all of you to join us. Please spread the event widely.

On September 8<sup>th</sup> I will be at the UTSU Campaign's committee to officially begin setting up the Jobs Guarantee campaign that will hopefully be campus-wide and will result in the vast expansion of the work-study program. A result of cross-working between the Victoria College, St Michael's College and Social Science Directors, we are hoping to also include the service groups into this program.

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, my office hours began for the fall semester and will be every Thursday from 1-3pm. Yesterday I gave out agendas and discussed our health&dental plan for the 2019-2020 year.

The next few board meetings have not been organized as of yet but I will inform this board when they're planned for."

I am also hoping to meet those board meetings, along with whoever gets elected this fall.

Last thing, is that we (VUSAC, VUSAC Equity) is hosting an event with the SGDO (sexual gender and diversity office) for queer orientation on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-5:30 (tbc); excited to be working with them Massoma and Hannah also worked closely with them to make sure that this collaboration came through and I'm proud of them for that.

Devon: I just want to encourage anyone in VUSAC and VCU to not just close office and come to demonstrations, come promote climate strike, important to do something meaningful, encourage students.

Vibhuti: On that note, climate strike on that day will be at 11am in Queens Park, VUSAC will be printing out flyers for Allie and the Canada climate strike team -- will be put all across Vic.



Alexa: Quick question – when is UTSU general meeting?

Vibhuti: I don't know – they always have samosas 😊

Cameron: I don't think they've publicized it yet, checked their website.

**VP Internal (Katie): 5 minutes**

[Summary] So first off, for the summer we finished up hiring, which included hiring Leila, soon we will be putting finishing touches on our equitable hiring policy, so that will come out before ratifications. Please check your email, cannot stress this out enough, sending out a lot of important information, please check it. Office hour cleanup from 11am on Sunday, you should have all received an invitation on Facebook from Rena so we can get ready for the Monday opening! Which brings me to office hours which you should have all received in your emails – please make sure this time works for you, I will try to be in the office as much as possible next week, if you have any question I'd love to answer them as well. Retreat is October 19-20<sup>th</sup> – we will be working all day both days going over important training, it is mandatory so please book that time off, Saturday night is some social activity! Finally, the office during election is a neutral time, if you hear anyone talking about it, please ask someone to take it outside, part of the elections process is that candidates get 35 posters that they can print out at the VUSAC office for free (35 slots on it, initial for each poster they print off), please step outside of the office to sign anything.

Vibhuti: What if I can't make it to office hours?

Katie: Please post in FB group ask if someone can cover you; double check with person who is covering you day of as well to make sure they remember! If it is an emergency, we will figure it out. Try to stick to the Facebook group (Slack is dead), and please check your email.

Alexa: Just so we're all on the same page, does anyone have any questions for office hours, does everyone know what they should be during office hours?

Michelle: Please give me a summary?

Gabby: Let's wait until after the meeting so that anyone who has questions can ask you.

**VP Student Organizations (Cameron): 7 minutes**

[Summary] Hey everyone, I structured my discussion a bit; talk about what I did over the summer, then some upcoming projects. Over the summer I met with 10 out of our 11 levies; with student projects there will be a new Levy head elected soon; I had about 49 meetings over the summer, but not everyone made it into my notebook, majority of the meetings were with were with VUSAC exec, members of Dean's Office and levy heads, as well as with some club heads. In terms of a lot of what my role is, liaising with levies one on one to answer their requests as they come up, and there are some things that levies prefer to not be aired in VUSAC meeting...etc. just in interests of insuring levy autonomy; remain an advisor and not overbearing



## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

150 Charles St. West, Room 127  
Toronto, ON, M5S 1K9  
(416) 585 - 4473  
[www.vusac.ca](http://www.vusac.ca) | [fb.com/vusacuoft](https://fb.com/vusacuoft)

A lot of my work has been working closely with Alexa and other exec members to deal with Doug Ford and the Student Choice Initiative, because as many of you know, the Student Choice Initiative does impact levies quite heavily; so we've been working hard to insure that our levies are kept up to date with information on that policy

Another thing I did was I drafted a VUSAC policy on associate clubs that will make into the meeting at some point after we have full council.

Worked with Massoma, Mairi and Hannah to organize club and levy equity training during the fall semester; we do require that 50% of clubs executive and 75% of levies executive are equity trained; the reason behind this requirement is to ensure that the people interacting with that community have at least some semblance of knowledge of equity, and making sure that they have engaged at some level with that body of knowledge.

One of the largest projects was the clubs ratification process; I updated the application form from last year, apps were out for 7 weeks – club ratification meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. During the clubs ratification meeting, we ratified 29 clubs, added 3 new ones today, so Vic currently has 32 clubs. I also liaised with a bunch of potential clubs, for clubs that didn't meet exec requirements to make sure that they could meet that requirement for the school year.

I additionally compiled information and collected information on club applicants.

Some super brief stats – over the summer I sent 517 emails; I had over 49 meetings; in terms of future goals, one of the big ones is club and levy equity training; Massoma and Mairi and Hannah and I met over orientation, and we agreed that there will be 6 sessions starting soon, we will get them in before the budget deadline will email Mairi to follow up; having onboarding meetings with clubs, good to meet with them individually to meet their needs, and ensuring that VUSAC invests in those needs. Students Projects hiring is also coming in as well as budget searing meeting, and I am also going to be a part of that committee, so if you know any club/levy representatives that may be interested please let me know, will consider them to be appointed for budget steering.

And finally in October I will do fall club-levy check-ins with club heads/levies because last time would have been in May/June.

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

[Summary] I have a few things to update you on the summer, as Katie mentioned, as part of the constitution I'm supposed to work 30 hours a week over the summer, which is why the position gets an honorarium, and these hours were spent cleaning the office, keeping it open, meeting with VUSAC, Vic admin, U of T at large, and working on various projects. I also made sure that office was stocked up with paper, menstrual supplies, and safe sex products.

We are also working on getting new computers in the office along with Scott Johnston; students projects brought a new proposal with Emma Lailey to get new computers in the office which passed by VUSAC last year. As Katie mentioned, during the summer we hired 5 staff members



## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

150 Charles St. West, Room 127  
Toronto, ON, M5S 1K9  
(416) 585 - 4473  
[www.vusac.ca](http://www.vusac.ca) | [fb.com/vusacuoft](https://fb.com/vusacuoft)

as well as 3 co-chairs by using the equity hiring policy. Upon being hired Katie and I had onboarding meetings with all of them; also throughout the summer I have been meeting with commissioners, staff and executive and various levies to help with any programming initiatives along with Cameron, including coming up with a communications plan with Holly and planning back to school pub night with Tran.

I also wanted to talk about the Student health task force; online consultations are posted online, and they are also having only one in person consultation date for students which is at the University of St George campus, I can't remember the date at the top of my head, I think it is October 1<sup>st</sup>, but I encourage you all to fill out the online form. Also, we had a meeting with the St George round table, they are all the presidents of the students societies on campus minus the UTSU and the ASSU but we are hoping to have consultations at the college level as well, but don't know for sure if it is possible yet.

In addition, I've planned an exec retreat that happened on July 28<sup>th</sup> for the three VPs which was a great way for us to talk about our priorities and have onboarding for each other because they didn't have the same meetings with everyone else. I've also worked with President Robins on looking to getting donations from alumni for VUSAC and clubs and levies; hopefully will be alumni involved in VUSAC and the clubs and levies that would like to donate.

Student choice initiative: talked about in last meeting, have been meeting with levies, categories and fees provided by provincial government submitted to OVPS. Opt-out period is until September 19<sup>th</sup>, by 21<sup>st</sup> we will have our numbers of how many people opted out; going off of the student choice initiative, the Choose U of T Campaign was promoted to try to encourage students not to opt out if they are financially able. I spent a lot of time on the website, and once we have more information of what the results are we can come up with a better plan moving forward in terms of our budget and how we can help the student groups moving forward. The Dean tried to get us a rough update of our numbers but unfortunately she was unable to; I know other universities are getting updates, but U of T is not.

As mentioned before, elections are happening, we worked on finalizing election packages with Maria.

Corn-coming is coming back! Will be October 4<sup>th</sup> in the UC quad, we have a corn costume, it will be brought up again; corn-coming is homecoming but corn-themed; it was brought forward two years ago, that was the first one, they ordered a lot of corn, we will have corn again, it will be barbecued, so we're currently in the middle of figuring out what that will look like, will be before one of the varsity games that day, may be men's hockey; will be a lot of fun and a great way to bring everyone together, and it is planned by the St George round table.

Everything else will be on the President's report, which will be available on the website, Facebook, and Instagram.



Cameron: In terms of us not getting information on the SCI, is that a decision made at the level of government or an admin decision?

Alexa: Because other universities are getting updates, it leads me to believe that it is an admin decision, but I don't have enough information right now to fully say that that is the truth; there may be another reason, logistically it is difficult, but I don't know.

Devon: I just want to offer that I got to attend a conference about to talk about the SCI specifically; is correct that it is a university decision, at the level of centralized U of T about both the dates of the opt-out period as well as what the platform looks like, whether it's opt-in or opt-out; that means that other universities there are a lot of discrepancy in how its arrived; some college universities were opt-in instead of opt-out; one organization only had an opt-out period of one day (more favorable to student groups). I know that Toronto has one of the longest opt-out periods of any of the other universities in that conference; also many of them have access to numbers on a rolling basis so they know how many people are opting out as they are opting out, so U of T has either decided not to include that in the report [not sure what was said here] or has decided not to share that with students.

I also wanted to ask about Kelley getting a rough estimate- was she unable to get it because she thought she could get it but was unable to or she thought she could get it but was refused.

Motion to extend by Alexa, seconded by Cameron. Motion passed.

Alexa: I will follow up with Kelley; because she thought she could get it but was refused but am not 100% sure so thank you for flagging that. Also, I wanted to mention that we're still unsure of if we're just getting one cheque and we will have to split it up, or if they will dividing it for us for non- and essential fees.

Devon: Another thing that occurred to me is that some fees are also being treated differently than others; orientation fees for some organizations had an opt-out period closed earlier than all the other student fees. I think student activism goes far further than just saying opt-out, and we need to think a lot about why university chose the way to do that the way they did.

Cam: Do we know new guidelines that the provincial government has released that say you have to have the opt-out period be x-length?

Devon: The guidelines are available as a memo online – as I understand it, it's not something prescriptive because it's not a law, it's not just something that has passed a legislation; the ministry that provides grants and a lot of funding to universities has said that we're not going to give you as much money if you don't follow these guidelines, is a threat; we need to make these things opt-outable. So it's been up to the university to decide, make judgement calls on what each fee is, what it does, and how we set up a system that follows this law because the risk is that



## VICTORIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

150 Charles St. West, Room 127  
Toronto, ON , M5S 1K9  
(416) 585 - 4473  
[www.vusac.ca](http://www.vusac.ca) | [fb.com/vusacuoft](https://fb.com/vusacuoft)

if the government believes in their in the right to withhold money based on that guideline it is within their right. That's where this power comes from, none of it is prescribed in the guidelines which is why there is so much leeway. It just says that they have to opt-out and the university gets to choose how.

Alexa: I just wanted to thank Devon for providing that insight, was very valuable, if you have questions on how the admin has deal with the SCI please let us know, because we have meetings with all the VPS and that is a place we can ask them that.

Motion to adjourn by Vibhuti, seconded by Tran. Motion passed.