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VUSAC Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 3, 2014 at 6:10 PM in the Goldring Student Center

MINUTES

In Attendance

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Rowan DeBues

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Kareem Jarrah

VP OPERATIONS

Enxhi Kondi

Assessor Members

BOARD OF REGENTS

David Kitai

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR

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Gabriel Zoltan-Johan

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Auni Ahsan

Rahul Christofferson

William Cuddy

Golda Greenspoon

Alex Martinborough

Stuart Norton

L-P Veilleux

LEVIES

BURWASH PRESIDENT

Brennan Jackson

CAFFIENDS

Anna McElcheran

CAT'S EYE

Darren Cheng

STUDENT PROJECTS

Sabina Freiman

Arlette Bax

GUESTS

STUDENT

Conor Tangney

Not In Attendance

OFFICIAL REGRETS

COUNCILOR

Simona Messina

ABSENT

EDUCATION & EQUITY

Claire Wilkins

Motion: William moves to approve minutes from last meeting. L-P seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

Motion: Rowan moves to approve agenda. Golda seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

COUNCILOR

- L-P
 - Movember
 - L-P: Just wanted to give everyone a final Movember update. Between the 16 members of the team, we raised \$1685.00. Thank you to everyone who participated; spread the word about the campaign and donated to it. We look forward to raising more next year.
 - Gabe: Thank you to L-P for organizing that and everyone who participated.

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- CLC – Bergita
 - Updates
 - Bergita: Congratulations on two fronts: finishing your classes and finishing your first term of this year – I wish you all the best on exams. I also want to say congratulations on serving your first term on VUSAC; most of you will be working throughout the break and next term – but thank you from the Dean’s Office. You all put in a lot of effort and it is very appreciated. As an assessor member, I provide context and perspective of the work you do – you are a hardworking, open-minded and devoted group of individuals. I want you to all think about the group development stages we discussed during the retreat, I hope all of you can see what stage you are in your growth and hope to see it keep progressing.

I hope the holidays is a good time of reflection for you, and I hope you make the most of your remaining time on council. I am here if you need it, I will still be available over the holidays even when exams and classes end. Study space is happening, please take advantage of those opportunities! I hope to see you all at the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against women on Friday.

LEVY REPORTS

- *Student Projects* – Arlette
 - First Semester Projects

- Arlette: First thing I wanted to say is that Student Project applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis, not just before the deadline. If you have an idea mid-semester, you do not have to wait until the project round deadlines.

I have six projects that were passed at last week's meeting; we will discuss them and have them hopefully ratified at this meeting.

Sad lamps, a project from Auni, are lamps that help with SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder. The project is for \$700.00 and they are limited to use in the Goldring Centre to ensure they are not broken – the project is for three lamps.

The second is for \$8119.00, it will fund new couches for The Cat's Eye similar to the leather ones that were in the old Cat's Eye.

The Goose's literary event is the next project, they are deciding between having a speaker come in or having a poetry slam for it. They requested \$350.00 for a literary event which is a new initiative.

The next project is for a new VUSAC computer for \$450.00 to replace the current malfunctioning one.

The next is for \$600.00 for new instruments for the Cat's Eye.

The last project is for decorating the commuter lounge, a project by SaraLi. It includes a canvas, paintbrushes, paint and funding for an event associated with decorating for \$300.00.

- Auni: How many proposals were submitted overall?
- Arlette: Eight were discussed at the last meeting.

Motion: Kareem moves to omnibus all six projects. Rahul seconds.

- L-P: If we endorsed any, do we have to abstain from voting?
- Gabe: No you do not.

Motion passes unanimously

BOARD OF REGENTS REPORT

- David: Speaking as a student who is vaguely external to VUSAC, you guys have done commendable work so far this year. The mobilization at the UTSU AGM was astounding as well as a lot of the events that have happened. That being said, there is a lot that needs to change on VUSAC – there will be a conversation on that that follows. I hope that it provides new ideas going forward.

ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS

- *Communications* – Sumeeta
 - Sumeeta: I need to talk about some homework for VUSAC over the break. The semi-annual report is for each member to discuss what he or she has done over the semester. It informs the community of what VUSAC has been up to and plans to do going forward. The judiciary will have a page and a half, commissioners will have a page, councillors will have half page and assessors will have a page or a page and half – finance chair will have two pages. Over the break, start writing it up and get it to me as soon as you can. If you need an example, last year's is on the VUSAC website. Not sure what the deadline is right now, but you will have about a month to work on it.

JUDICIARY REPORTS

○ *Vice President Operations* – Enxhi

○ Club Review

- Enxhi: Basically, I just have a statement about club review. For the clubs that didn't show up to Caucus, there was an underlying trend in the reason for their attendance. I contacted them and they all had a similar reason – though, I have to talk to Music to the Heart still.

Vic Dance has not reached out to me at all; I have no idea what they are doing right now. The club head, Haley, said to me earlier this year that she had no idea how to run her club and I extended an invitation to meet with me and discuss how to do so and did not do that. If anyone objects, I will not remove there.

- Ben: Do we know previous club attendance at caucus meetings?
- Enxhi: Not sure.
- Ben: Last year's caucus was fused with the Vic AGM, all levies and clubs had to attend and did because there was more to discuss.
- Auni: You said there was an underlying trend?
- Kareem: I will address it in my part.
- Auni: We have Vic Dance, Vic Urban Dance and Shadow Dance – you're talking about Vic Dance?
- Enxhi: Yes, those are all different clubs. Vic Dance usually does a performance each year.
- Alex: Do we know how active they are?
- Enxhi: I have no idea, they have not communicated that to me yet. They are supposed to have drop-in dance sessions – but they are many a dance group that audition people to be in Vic Dance.
- Conor: Do you know when they meet and have you ever been to meeting?
- Enxhi: No.
- Conor: Why not?
- Enxhi: I know when they are, [clarify what was said]
- Conor: I think it's rash to take away their status; maybe it would be best to attend a meeting first and speak to the club head again.
- Sabina: Maybe she's confused about administrative things, maybe the club is doing it's own thing but she doesn't know how to deal with things like attending meetings or liaising with VUSAC?
- Kareem: Have you tried to communicate with her in other way?
- Enxhi: She has been communicating with me and responding to my messages. But when I messaged her about caucus she did not respond.
- David: I would advise against immediately rescinding club status. This is a club with a long history and status at Vic. A lot of people leading it in past years left last year, so they are most likely reorganizing themselves. Would you give them a certain number of warnings?
- Enxhi: This is their third warning.
- David: You explicitly warned that they would have their status removed?
- Enxhi: Yes. I will try to have a meeting with her and clarify with her. An option could be to change the president of the club. I will not take their club status away.
- Thomas: I'm assuming she was elected last year, if you had a new president – would it be an election or appointment?

- Enxhi: I would discuss what to do with the club and the current president.
- David: In that case, they would follow their own club constitution.
- General Update
 - Enxhi: I just received all of the club documents for Vic Records. Vic Records was a club two years ago that produced music for the Vic Community. J.J. is reviving the club this year and gave me all their applications this week.

Enxhi moves to approve Vic Records. Auni seconds.

- Kareem: What room would they use?
- Enxhi: Their equipment is in 155 in Goldring currently. They may keep using space. We can't have those discussions until they are ratified, though.
- Auni: What is their premise? What are they recording?
- Enxhi: Any Vic student who sings or plays instruments.
- Auni: They could go to Vic Records to have it recorded and produced?
- Enxhi: Yes.

Motion passes unanimously.

- Enxhi: Longboards did not show up to club head meeting but they have contacted me. They haven't been active the whole first semester because they weren't sure what events to have and club heads were having problems with each other. They will be starting back up second semester and they will be at the Winterfest clubs fair.
- Auni: How many longboards do they have?
- Enxhi: It was a student project, so they have enough from when the club started up.
- Kareem: Are the club heads still Sadia and Mahmoud?
- Enxhi: Yes.

On the topic Clubs Fair will be Thursday morning 10-2, VOCA will be there as well for pancakes.

In terms office space, I spoke with Bergita today and we're going to slowly transition room 137 in the office to be the councilor and commissioner office. Room 136 will be for the orientation exclusively throughout the year.

- Auni: Why do we need another office within the office?
- Enxhi: It'll be for documents. VUSAC has a problem with internal memory in the past and the president's office is too messy right now for that. It will be where files will be kept and other materials for events
- Auni: What is currently in 136?
- Enxhi: Environmental Fashion Show. It's not being used because it only runs for a month.
- Rowan: If councilors and commissioners want to have meetings – then that room can be used for that instead of the open meeting rooms.
- Enxhi: Next thing, for the Arts & commissioner role. Olivia will be doing Gardiner Gala. For Vic Variety Show, we will put out applications and hire a producer. The only other thing for the commissioner position is that there was money budgeted for a theatre trip earlier in the year that has gone unused. If anyone has an idea what to do with that money for a trip, you can discuss it with the judiciary and we can work on that.
- Rahul: How much was budgeted?

- Conor: It was initially \$2000.00, but I reallocated funds from there.
- David: They went to the Shaw Festival in previous years.
- Conor: That was my initial plan, to go to Shaw or Stratford, but there were budget restrictions. Postpone till second semester and do Toronto centeed play or theatre.
- Ben: The budget was \$1800.00, money was reallocated from the \$2000.00. The intention was to buy 100 tickets to TIFF and sell them subsidized; it was hard in previous years to make money back on the Shaw trip. But,
- David: There are great places in the city, it's a good idea.
- Thomas: VVS would be hired, would they be paid?
- Enxhi: No, just an application process.

Enxhi moves to secede rest of VPO agenda time to VPE. Kareem seconds. Motion passes with two abstaining.

- *Vice President External* – Kareem
 - General Update
 - Acta Victoriana
 - Kareem: They just closed submissions for their first issue and will be meeting with publisher over break to discuss number of issues and costs. The editors will be meeting to decide on submissions soon.
 - The Cat's Eye
 - Kareem: Pool table has been re-felted and re-levelled – hoping the ability to use the pool table will increase traffic even more. There was a launch party after residence festive dinner last week– there was a lot of food and it was a good time. The bar was supposed to be open but food services was swamped because of the dinner in Burwash and could not cater.
 The new computer has been ordered and will come in shortly. Today was last day for Cat's Eye operations; Sabina will be in there for MAH 6's charity event, though. Cat's Eye Co-manger interviews went well, and after some deliberation: Darren was selected as the new Cat's Eye Co-Manager and will take the place of Sadia. He will hold this position until this time next year.

Kareem moves to ratify Darren Cheng as Cat's Eye Co-Manager. Rahul seconds.

- Alex: Is the Crown a tradition for Cat's Eye managers?
- Sabina: No! But we bought one for Darren.

Motion passes one abstaining.

- Caffiends
 - Kareem: Catered last VOCA pancakes last week and it went according to plan. They had their fair trade market with WUSC. First day was Monday, they sold fair trade chocolate and coffee. The new biodegradable mugs came in and they are selling well. Looking at sweater designs for early January – the designs are all very snazzy. Finishing a promotional video like Cat's Eye and brings more traffic into the place.
 - Auni: Is Darren doing that video as well?
 - Darren: I have been asked and may do it.
 - Kareem: After co-manager interviews, Anna McElcheran was selected as Caffiend co-manager and will be taking the place of

Julie. I believe Anna is very capable for the position and we're all excited to see her take over.

Kareem moves to ratify Anna McElcheran as Caffeinds Co-Manager. Motion passes with one abstaining.

- The Strand
 - Kareem: The Strand has appointed Anthony Burton as Managing Editor to help with administrative aspects – I expected he would be here but he is not today. They just published their magazine around the theme of Work. There will be four more issues, a magazine and a joke issue. They will be going to the NASH Conference in Ottawa and 7 people from the team will be attending, themselves and the Dean's experience fund will be paying for it.
- VCAA
 - Kareem: They had their paintball event – it was a success and fun, there were no issues. They are in playoffs for intramurals. Tri-Campus dodgeball tournament with York, Ryerson and Kin/Phys Ed. We made it to semis.
- VCDS
 - Kareem: The Abandoned City will be in the Cat's Eye from 22-24th of January. Chase Williams and the Case of the Missing Fixture is a student written one act play for the Hart House Drama Festival, which will be February 11-14th. Company in the Bader from March 5-7th. Producers want to remind everyone that there is a disposal bin at their disposal. Contact them first tech@vcds.ca.
 - Auni: What can be put in there?
 - Kareem: Furniture or large items – they are using it for props and sets.
 - Stuart: I was speaking to some of the producers about space for them and they said in terms of the disposal bin, you would be expected to go in on a cost share for it if you are dumping large amounts. Contact them first.
- WUSC
 - Kareem: They had holiday market with Caffeinds, one more tomorrow 11am to 5 pm in Old Vic. Myself, VISA, WUSC and VOCA working on international week: four days with international events – food and flag making etc...
- VicPride
 - Kareem: Participated in Trans Day of Remembrance and had a final wrap up meeting. One more thing, they attended Queer Roundtable with other LGBTQ groups.
- Victoriad
 - Kareem: They've been having a little trouble and reached out to me. There was a movie night in the Cat's Eye – didn't go well because end of semester, they are working on not scheduling it at a . Issues with sound not working in the Cat's Eye: culminated in cancellation. Problems with computer not reading SD Card. Also would like to thank VUSAC and Building Presidents for the amazing events and opportunities for taking photos.

- Constitutional Amendments
 - Kareem: I posted two amendments on the door of the office a week ago and emailed them out to all members. The first is an amendment to By-law #1 Section 3O, and it reads: “Shall maintain open communication with the residence councils, including attending at least one council meeting in each residence building per semester.” I would like to change that to “Shall maintain open communication with the residence councils, including attending two building presidents meetings per semester.” Building presidents discuss more macroscopic things that Vic in general needs to know about, building council discuss more microscopic things that can be not relevant to Vic at large.
 - David: Traditionally, those meetings are held late at night at a time when VPE is not on campus. My experience on residence council never had the VPE in attendance.
 - Kareem: The groups being building council or building presidents?
 - David: Building council typically meets late.
 - Kareem: Building councils are late at night; it would be more difficult for them to go one meeting. A meeting with the building presidents would be easier.
 - David: Would it be more effective to attend building presidents meeting?
 - Brennan: It would be a good idea to meet with the Residence Life Coordinator in order to discuss what the VPE can sit in on.
 - Rowan: The presidents meet at a convenient time so that members of the staff and presidents can attend.
 - Kareem: Building presidents meeting is typically Friday just before noon. I don't know if they will keep it like that every year, a lot of people don't have class on Friday.
 - Alex: You definitely get very different picture of Residence life in council meeting and a president's meeting. If you talk to RLC about you sitting on both, it may be more effective than going to each individual meeting. It is kind of inconvenient if the VPE live off campus.
 - Kareem: I have talked to Scott about attending both and I can withdraw this amendment. If I do post another amendment, to meet with presidents on their own time instead of attending the presidents meeting.
 - Auni: It doesn't add more strict enforcement, in the future of the VPE. The VPE can say saw them in passing and say they met with the presidents without actually meeting properly.
 - Alex: It would be easiest to attend president meeting instead of scheduling a time because they are all typically busy.
 - David: I realized my criticism has no founding because I was speaking to the wrong meeting, I withdraw my concern.
 - Kareem: Auni, I hope all VPE's take their jobs serious enough and it would be grounds to be concerned about their position of they did not properly meet with building presidents.

- Bergita: I agree with many of the comments made and I think it does give the VPE flexibility – easier to meet individually and in that circumstance, less flexibility with building president meetings

Straw Poll: If another amendment were posted, would it be better to meet with the building presidents individually instead of attending presidents meeting? 8 in favour, 0 opposed and 1 abstaining.

- Kareem: The second amendment is in relation to budget steering. I sat on budget steering as an ex-officio member this year after elected. Previously, it was a general Vic student but I was added because the person attending had no vested interest in it. When looking at levy budgets, it would be good to have someone representing levies in the process.
- David: I would add, as much as it is hard to get a student, it is best to have budgets not decided entirely by VUSAC members. You can have the VPE sit in a non-voting capacity; it's not a way for the VPE to force what they want through a vote.
- Ben: I agree, but the reason I did not push for VPE to be added additionally is because it would break the tie-breaking vote.
- David: Non-voting would not pose that problem.
- Ben: The person's who has the purview over levies and their budget do not have a vote while the clubs representative does have a say and has their own budget.

*L-P proxies his vote to Alex.
L-P exits at 7:09 pm.*

- David: Levy funds do not change year to year, VUSAC does not have much of a say over their money and what they choose to do with it. I do not see a vote being necessary; VUSAC does not approve an specific amount from the VUSAC budget for levies.
- Kareem: Even though they don't approve overall budget, budget steering would approve specific lines. Also, I was under the impression from budget steering that a random Vic student would be present, but when I looked at the constitution, it said that was not required.
- Gabe: It was added in last year, the constitution you were looking at was probably old or unedited.
- Rahul: If number is a concern, maybe there can be two Vic students to break the tie?
- Rowan: The process of selection is done with a panel of people and not done solely internally.
- Gabe: Technically, if you were to be so sinister, you could have another VUSAC member hired.
- Auni: I understand the idea of not having someone within the VUSAC bubble, but VUSAC members are voted in to discuss these issues. But, I won't get into issues of the Vic bubble versus those exterior to it.
- Ben: I was hired by VUSAC and I hope it's not for my connections to the Vic bubble. Two students on the committee would allow me to keep my role as tie breaker, it would give

students an opportunity to see our processes and policies – we can have an application and hiring process.

- David: Can I make a recommendation that the amendment say they are not VUSAC members specifically?
- Kareem: Gabe, can I amend this now?
- Gabe: You would have to wait until the next meeting.
- Rahul: Can we pass this and then add it later?
- Kareem: I don't see a reason in doing that, I can post a new one.
- Alex: It's beneficial to wait, the old one has the clubs commissioner on it still as well.
- Kareem: With that, I drop this amendment.
- Victorian of the Month
 - Kareem: We received a few applications, thank you to Auni who blacked out the names on applications and hid the identities of who I was choosing. Gena Stephen is Victorian of the Month.
 - Auni: What did she do?
 - Kareem: The person who nominated her made a good case for her promoting inclusivity at events and attending many events at Vic. She will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Tim Hortons for her efforts and spirit.
 - Sumeeta: Will the winners be announced on Twitter and Facebook?
 - Kareem: What do you think?
 - Sumeera: We can have a case by case basis and ask them if they want it to be public.
 - William: Would it be best to do it on Facebook only?
 - Kareem: It wouldn't be a photo, it would be a status and update on who it is.
 - William: That seems a bit boring, why not have their photo if they're okay with it?
 - Kareem: We can discuss this after the meeting.
- Residence
 - Kareem: I attended the last don meeting, and I told them about the ceremony on Friday on gender violence and to promote it to their floors. I reminded them of VUSAC stuff, environmental fashion show hiring, the caucus meeting, Winterfest and the clubs fair.
 - Auni: I remember there was an issue previously about there being no representative from VUSAC.
 - Kareem: I will be there from now on.
- VCC
 - Kareem: The VCC discussed terms for auditing a course at the last meeting; they want to have a system in place to consult admin and profs for people auditing a course. It is a case-by-case basis right now. Most colleges and faculties have a procedure for cost and that was the main issue discussed. That was voted on and they are looking into it.
- Caucus

- Kareem: The meeting went fine; there are a few things I'd like to improve for the next one. I did not realize that the wording of email was soft, so many clubs and levies got the impression that it was not mandatory. Only some clubs got the email as well on the first round, and only received the reminder email. Enxhi and I have discussed it being too close to clubs head meeting. All of these will be addressed next time and we will avoid it.
- Auni: I spoke to Kareem. I sort of felt that the meeting was not useful to most people there. People went around giving not very meaningful updates to a lot of people in the room. I felt like the dons were there but did not have a chance to speak, either.
- Kareem: I asked the dons if they wanted speaking time and they said they did not need it. In the future, I will speak with Scott and make them have speaking time. Not make, but suggest. Bergita also mentioned the commuter dons might want speaking time, as well.
- David: I'll start by apologizing for not attending because I had prior commitment. I advocate for merging the AGM and the Caucus next time. Caucus update can be done on a piece of paper and an AGM can have more effective discussion if all the student groups are there.
- Bergita: Caucus meetings were used to promote events and advertise before promoting events through Facebook became popular and easier to do. Think of a club head or levy you do not see all the time, the meeting is a good opportunity to get to know new people in person from different groups. One thing I wanted to say is that Fridays may be possible for you guys, but it might be difficult for most people, a week day may be better. Caucus meetings meant all dons and presidents give updates, plus the commuter commission and commuter dons in order to bridge updates on the two groups. It gave people the opportunity to meet. There never was 100% attendance and there's always room for improvement.
- Alice: I thought it was a good event, there could have been changes but it was not useless.
- Rowan: Caucus and VUSAC meetings used to be Wednesdays at 9 a few years ago but it was deemed an inaccessible time for Commuters. Though, that time worked for a long time and could work again. Caucus used to be a political tool for VUSAC previously; they would promote one political issue and rally troops at caucus. Stephenson House being closed down was an instance of that caucus was used to rile up all Vic student leaders over its shutdown. We could have used a caucus before the UTSU AGM.
- Rahul: On the note of fusing AGM and caucus, would be good to have a discussion about that soon?
- Bergita: It always started with going around and giving updates but the town hall was the time to discuss things like Stephenson House.

- Finance
 - Personal Statement
 - Ben: I have a few things about finances I'd like to bring up. But I have my statement written down: "statement".
 - Rowan: There will be a discussion after the meeting with the council.
 - Ben: I would like it to be in public minutes.
 - Rowan: Not everyone wants to express themselves publicly without preparing.
 - Ben: I think a public discussion about our ability to condone homophobic and misogynistic tones is necessary, I would really like any discussion on the minutes that VUSAC is policing itself after this incident.

Conor exits at 7:30 pm.

COMMISSION REPORTS

- Sustainability – Alice
 - General Update
 - Alice: Today is last day for general applications for the Fashion Show and we are in need of models, designers and anyone we can get. People here at the meeting, we are looking for people if you are interested.
 - Auni: Would you consider extending the deadline?
 - Alice: I do not think we will extend the deadline; you would have to talk to Chris. If you would like to apply, try to get it in today.
 - SaraLi: Even though I'm a part of the fashion show, I applied for exec last year and I didn't even hear about applications. Lack of applicants may have been due to a lack of promotion and you should discuss this with the team to see if you need more people.
 - Alice: There were no posters around campus but we did have Facebook promotions.
 - Rahul: I think regardless of if you have enough models or not, I don't think enough people have heard about it for it to be fair to close applications. There were not enough people there and not enough promotion for it.
 - Alice: We promoted for it a week.
 - Rahul: Extending it should not be contingent on people you have, but by how many people haven't heard of it.
 - Auni: A lot of people are not plugged into those circles on Facebook.
 - Kareem: Are you in a position to turn people away?
 - Alice: I'd have to ask the exec. I'm just spreading the word for them.
 - Kareem: You should extend it if you are not in a position to turn them away.
 - Alice: Networking sessions are coming up in second semester including ones on science, engineering, humanities. Hopefully getting Vic alumni to attend. Any suggestions for dates or people to bring to the sessions?
 - David: The person to talk to from Alumni is Lisa Khou – she is the best connected member of the alumni, though she's super busy. It is worth getting in touch with her or Larry Davies who is on the Board.
 - Alice: We applied for a compositing fund through Student Projects but it was rejected because it would be limited to only the residence buildings. For Annesley, I am still applying to UTurn for funding, hopefully that pulls through and can test the program.

- Alex: Talk to building president in Annesley and see if they are interested in contributing some money from their budget.
- Alice: I talked to Cindy and Rebecca already and they are looking into that.
- Kareem: If you have something international themed for networking in February, it would be great to have it during international week.
- Alice: Lunch with a buddy – not sure if it's going well. People do not seem willing to share a tray with someone even if it's their friend. I'm looking into a way to publicly and visually display how much waste is generated by Burwash Hall so people can see while they're there how much waste is created. Second is to have special trays where there are stickers on some of them, if you get one out with the stickers out of the thousands of trays they have – you will get a dinner with the chef and a tour of Burwash – hopefully this will give people the full scope.
- William: I was at the New College cafeteria recently and they have a new initiative to remove the use of trays completely.
- Alice: That is not possible because Burwash is on two different levels and need trays due to its infrastructure.
- Brennan: The prize to get a tour of Burwash is on a tray. You are encouraging people to pick up more trays and sift through them for the one with the stickers. You're trying to reduce trays and people will keep taking them.
- Alice: It's just an idea we're discussing
- Bergita: These campaigns haven't worked typically because there hasn't been a discussion on logistic like this in the past, I think it's great you've approached Chef Nathan and food services. Talk to the dons about putting up posters to reduce tray usage.
- Alice: Environment week is in March. From Monday to Friday there will be workshops: movies and potentially a farmer's market. If you have any suggestions for events, let me know. For the Climate Change Conference, I've been sending out co-hosting invitations to other environmental groups – most likely other colleges will join us. Currently have 20 on campus and we're hoping to include them.
- *Commuter* – SaraLi
 - CARA Update
 - SaraLi: I sent everyone the CARA update from this term. Basically, there was a synopsis of the holiday social and future ideas. We had 80 or so people at the CARA social, ton of residence students and I'm happy they were there. That was the big success; the smaller failure was the dodgeball social and had 5 people show up – not enough to keep room booking. They're still failures since one had such a low turnout and there is a lot to work on – I think these events should just be amalgamated in VUSAC as a whole. Do we really need CARA? I would like to open up this discussion.
 - Enxhi: As I said when the discussion of CARA first happened, everyone's duty is to encourage residence and commuter involvement in events. I don't see CARA being profitable; I see profitable discussion coming from the experience though. A lot of the one-on-ones from VUSAC members that discussed CARA said that it should form an external committee.
 - Rahul: I think there is a place for it. I don't think it should be a VUSAC thing as much as a something more informal. Join together,

VOCA, Caffiends, The Cat's Eye and Building Presidents to create a collaborative effort. For those at festive dinner, President Gooch made a point saying that the two are not different groups; everyone is categorized as a Vic student. Additionally, VUSAC meetings are very long, so maybe those on that committee don't want to sit through these and just operate externally from VUSAC.

- Auni: I don't think we should scrap this. I don't think CARA in its current form should continue – it's not conducive to the ideas it was trying to meet. Try to bring together different groups. Think about the Harry Potter Pub Night – it had both groups present at the event without marketing it as an event integrating both. We shouldn't keep CARA in its current form, but restructure it.
- David: Observing this year, I've seen a good idea in CARA become over politicized. The best thing that VUSAC can do is to incorporate it at the lowest level and remove VUSAC entirely – and accept the fact that this council does not help.
- Kareem: Can I hear for Alex and Brennan on the residence side of things?
- Brennan: You can't design events to bring people together; design an event and invite everyone you can, regardless of what group they are a part of. People may or may not be interested in attending these events, regardless of grouping.
- Alex: I don't think it's a good idea to plan events with a specific purpose to bring two groups together. That's the approach we didn't take for HP pub night, we aimed to make it the best event we could and make it free. Is CARA completely necessary? No. Brennan and I would be happy to work with VOCA on events and bring out as many people as possible from both groups without marketing it that way.
- William: In the current form of the name, there is an implied contrast or dichotomy between commuters and residence students. It suggests a particular difference between the two. In terms of events, perhaps it would be good to have the sponsorship and endorsement of residence students and VOCA to bring all people to an event – that's a unifying thing.
- Kareem: Do building presidents feel the same way you do?
- Alex: Speaking hesitantly on behalf of fellow building presidents, I don't think they are generally enthusiastic of CARA. Take it as VUSAC saying you have to do this, possibly wish there was more discussion. Rebecca and Cindy are very enthusiastic about collaborating.
- Rahul: I think David when he said that VUSAC does not need to be there, maybe have it be voluntary involvement. I agree with Alex and William, I think there is a space for CARA – I don't think it should just be residence and VOCA collaborating.
- Ben: The only concern is that maintaining CARA is a voluntary process it might not have as big of an impact. Building presidents may not attend meetings and voluntary may mean there is no one locked into making events happen for both. Keep an informal network of residence presidents meeting with VOCA or VOCA at residence councils – coordinating efforts and does not raise issue of commuter/res relations to a political weapon. Low level form of engagement, more efficient and less coercion

- SaraLi: We can talk about it after.
- Commuter Lounge
 - SaraLi: You heard about the student projects application for the event to decorate the commuter lounge, I want to put a unique stamp on the space with a canvas painted by commuters. Make it look more homey, make it colourful. I also want to have a sign put up – which would be another Student Projects application – saying commuter lounge and kitchenette. It is important to indicate where it is because there is no sign currently.
- General Concerns
 - SaraLi: I've seen a lot of things that basically concern me in the past few meetings – though I am not on the inside of what is happening with every single person. I have seen tensions; I think it's hindering our teamwork and we should discuss how we can move forward as a team. To reiterate what Ben was saying – I don't think what we did was the best way to deal with the situation. I've heard from other people that it was not how it was supposed to happen. I did not get enough information in that moment and apparently not all information was disclosed, why wasn't there more information from the people who knew all about this? It came out of the blue for a lot of us. If we want to say that VUSAC has a certain position on this matter, we should be discussing this and seeing the judiciary's opinions of the matter – it was completely shocking and I did not know what was happening and why. More communication was necessary and then we would not have had such an unclear decision.
 - David: That was what I was alluding to in my vague statement earlier. On the issue of impeachment, as an observer, I have noticed a considerable lack of communication and coordination amongst members. The councilor candidates in that town hall were some of the most intelligent group of candidates in recent memory – the ambition of these people is immense and there has been no encouragement of initiatives. Many of you are doing work for yourselves and not VUSAC, there's a lot of way that each of you and I, as a peripheral member, need to be change on a personal level. At last, people are waking up from this.
 - Ben: I completely with what you both have said. We should have an informed open discussion about this – in a meeting to have everyone discuss this. There is a lack of coordination with councilors. I agree when elections were happening, I was impressed – there has been a lot of lost opportunity, but we need to change this and create a cohesive culture with this council.
 - SaraLi: I think there needs to be more teamwork. I barely know some of the councillors and I think forming that friendships are important. Co-workers are often informal and we need to work on personal relationships – I think that needs to be the basis of what we do and that usually helps with relationships. I just wanted to raise this to everyone.
 - Enxhi: Do we want to discuss this now and extend it – or leave it until later?
 - Ben: I would encourage people to wait. No immediate logic, it would be a good time to collect thoughts to come to next meeting to speak openly.

- Rahul: In response to that, I think we should wait until other people have said what they would like to privately before opening it up.

COUNCILOR REPORTS

- William
 - William: Instagram is going well, we have consistent photos going up. I've been working on the CCR for VOCA. Although I did not expect to get into this today, I didn't expect to get involved in the sustainability website – gained access to it with Alice's permission. Nothing had been changed since 2013, important for people to know the commission. Has a new logo, which is great. Server issues, I inputted a line of code and this crashed the administrator control panel. No longer have access and will be in the state it is in until it is fixed. I'm trying to get a hold of our actual servers, I will get in touch with them and WordPress – get direct access and have them be more accessible. Make events more readily read about. VUSAC domain will expire on July 7, 2015 – that kind of stays within this administration, we need to register. I talked to Caffiends about their domain name, I would potentially like to work with other commission on websites to present a concise and aesthetically pleasing website to the Vic community.
- Stuart
 - Stuart: I just wanted to remind everyone about the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Friday, December 5th at 2pm in the Wendy Cecil atrium. As we stand right now, we have 6 volunteers for men and women... Wait, update – according to Bergita, we're covered for people. We want this to be a positive ceremony; speakers are engaging and there will be poetry.

Other than that, I met with VCDS and wanted to talk more about Godring storage – talking more to Enxhi about that. I would like to echo what I remaining positive from the last meeting - I agree with Ben and SaraLi. There ar internal issues currently, but let's fix it and keep going, wanted to leave on a positive note.
- Alex
 - Alex: My comments will relate to what has been talked about. I feel that I need to express openly my role in the impeachment case, though I feel people are tired of this already and looking forward to discussion. I have also written a statement: “statement”. I am looking forward to formal discussion, look towards us building a team and put together something that is worth coming together for.
 - Enxhi: The judiciary has a statement that we would like to read out to council – if they agree. If the judiciary agrees
 - Rowan: Not now, at the end of the meeting.
- Golda
 - I recognize we have a formal meeting on this, but I would like this on the minutes as it stands: “statement”.
- Auni
 - Kudos to William on the site, I can help if need be – I believe needs update. Not a comment on Sumeeta and her work!

SAD is like winter depression, it is exactly like depression just linked to the lack of sunlight. 75% remission rate and can be helped

with special lamps mentioned earlier that I created a Student Project for. I would like the lamps to be signed out from the office, making this a responsibility of office hours starting January. For this month, I'm trying to have them rented for MargAd front desk since we are closed and I placed the order and they should be here by Friday.

The TV in the back meeting room is completely underused – the Cat's Eye has a TV that was about to be thrown out when they took it. Since we have a nice TV and they do not, I condone moving it and giving it to them. I have talked about Phys Plant and Dean's Office – in terms of VUSAC's decision; let me know if you have any concerns. I'm looking into who ordered it and why it is there.

- Gabe: The TV was put in by the Shoaib administration, the fact it is underused is because there is no way to plug a computer into it. The second thing I'd like to address is whether the fact that it is wall mounted is an issue?
- Auni: I've talked to them, it is not an issue – Phys Plant have bases for the TV. They don't use it for computers, but I know there is a Wii plugged into there current TV right now.
- Kareem: What are you proposing to do with the old TV?
- Auni: We can bring it up here, or get rid of it.
- David: If there are couches being added to the back area of VUSAC, we can make it a chill spot for people to hang out and watch TV.
- Enxhi: The point of that space would be for studying. Plus, this is still an office.
- David: I personally have never been productive studying in any part of the VUSAC office.

Auni moves to extend time by 3 minutes. Golda seconds. Motion passes with one opposed.

- Auni: Last point is on Winterfest, our discussion at our last meeting was about what to call Winterfest this year. It was a unanimous decision to change it to Frost Week. It is a clever title and a play on Frosh Week. I think there has been confusion in the past between U of T wide Winterfest and Vic Winterfest.
- Enxhi: As much as you think it is a clever title, it does exist already with other things called Frost Week. Club promoters call their thing a university club night, it's called Frost Week. It will affiliate it with this; I would prefer to not do so. It is the name of other things.
- Auni: First of all, Frost Week is not unique to us and it is used at other universities. UTSU's League of Legends tournament is called Frost Week. I think it is up to the discretion of the Winterfest committee, not VUSAC.
- Rowan: My only concern is confusion. What Enxhi does not want is a poor first year to arrive at the Government thinking it is a Vic event.
- Aimee: I would like to think that the committee and the co-chairs would do our utmost to make sure they are considered separate things in the eyes of the students.
- Rahul: Anyone who is going to Winterfest will read posters and Facebook events and realize which is Victoria College Frost Week or a club promoted Frost Week.
- William: There is a Toronto-wide Frost Week in December, too. If you put a disclaimer on posters, then we can keep ourselves in the clear of confusion.

- Alex: This is just a suggestion, but put 'Vic' in front of whatever is decided as the name.
- Aimee: Does anyone else have a strong opposition to Frost Week?
- Rahul
 - Rahul: I picked up food for CARA, food for the caucus meeting and helped with paperwork for clubs.

Motion []: Olivia moves to adjourn meeting. SaraLi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Auni: Are we all sure this is the right time to adjourn?

Motion: Kareem calls the question. William seconds. Motion passes with two abstaining.

Motion: Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:23 pm.