

VUSAC MEETING

January 9, 2012

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In Attendance

VUSAC

CHAIR	SiMing Zhang
FINANCE	Brian Im
VP EXTERNAL	Shoaib Alli
VP INTERNAL	Karol Dejnicka
COMMUNICATIONS	Ruta Rudminaite
COMMUTER	Elliot Meyer
EDUCATION & EQUITY	Alex Goel
SUSTAINABILITY	Tegan Hansen-Hoedeman
VP EXTERNAL MAL	Zenia Turkewytch-Miner
VP INTERNAL MAL	Adam Martin
ARTS & CULTURE	Evita Tremblay
ARTS & CULTURE MAL	Mariam Aramyan
CLUBS	Sohaib Ahmed and Angela Sun
COMMUTER MAL	Christianne Johnson
EDUCATION & EQUITY MAL	Christian Julien
SCARLET & GOLD	Anastasia Tsagrinos
SCARLET & GOLD MAL	Kathleen Walsh
SECRETARY	Sophie Qu

ASSESSOR & EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

CAT'S EYE	Kenny Zhan and Naomi Lam
GRAD BANQUET	Ashley Quan
ORIENTATION CO-CHAIR	Carrie Proctor
GUEST	Christina

Official Regrets:

CAFFIENDS	Susan Wang
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Rob Rubbini

Meeting officially called to order at 9:18 pm

-Last week's meeting approved by Elliot, seconded by Christian, all in favour unanimous, one abstention

➤ **Additions to Agenda:**

-2 minutes to Karol's VPI update, and 1 min for ratification of co-chairs

-2 minutes to Angela's Other business for scheduling stuff

- 2 minutes to Ashley for Other assessors

-Angela moves to approve Agenda, Alex seconds it, all in favour, unanimous

Upcoming Events (Karol):

Tues Jan 10: Winterfest Pub Crawl

Wed Jan 11: Pancakes and Summer Jobs

"The Laramie Project", CE, 9 pm

Skating at Nathan Phillips Square, 5-7 pm

Pool Party at the AC, 1 pm

Kelley's Corner coffee house

Thurs Jan 12: Caffiends cookie decorating

Club night @ Guvernment

Fri Jan 13: Battle of the Bands, 7 pm

Winter movie marathon, CE, 1 pm

Sat Jan 14: Pancake kegger

Gardiner Gala, 7 pm

Sun Jan 16: VUSAC semi-annual reports due

Wed Jan 18: Life After Vic (social sciences)

Thurs Jan 19: Taming of the Shrew, Isabel Bader Theatre @ 8 pm

Canoe North info session, 7-9 pm

Fri Jan 20: Taming of the Shrew, Isabel Bader Theatre @ 8 pm

Sat Jan 21: Taming of the Shrew, Isabel Bader Theatre @ 8 pm

Sun Jan 22: Shoaib's birthday

Mon Jan 23: Next VUSAC meeting

9:24 Anastasia arrives

-Clara not here

Assessor Member Reports

Constituent Organizations

Cat's Eye (Ken): Ratification of new manager Naomi. My term is officially up in new term and Naomi is the new manager. Congratulations Naomi (officially handed the keys).

-Dave motions to ratify Naomi Lam as the new Cat's eye manager, seconded by Christian, all in favour, unanimous

-Operating Policy Changes: Some changes have been made to the operating policy- first page is all housekeeping amendments , events set up and clean up , the other one is just a re-naming issue, ci instead of Bi , include new space in Goldring Center not just Birge Carnegie reading room. The major thing is on the second page which is makeup of the Cat's eye board, removed dean who is now assessor member, board now chaired by VP external, appointed member of something services, included building president, realized there was no person designated to rep residences, the other one is just a slight change to the manager duties, instead of section E3..changed to the proposed from current. Again another thing, selection of cats eye manager now chair is VPE its changed to just VPE, no quorum rules which are now present and that's about it . This was all approved unanimously by Cat's Eye board

-Angela moves to approve amendments to Cat's Eye constitution, seconded by Alex, all in favour, unanimous

9:27 pm who arrives...

Grad Banquet (Ashley): We put together the committee it is complete we will have our new meeting soon. Brandon, Anastasia, Christina, Stephanie, ...Christianne, a commuter Katherine, and residence student Mark Duncan, and myself. It will probably be happening last week of March or first two weeks of April yeah that's it. Any opinions on dates if you are graduating? Does anyone have any oppositions? Prospective date are: Fri March 30th, Sat March 31st, April 5th last day of classes, Holy Thursday for Christians, April 9th, April 10th...first day of exams is April 11th

Angela: Not before exams

Ashley: yeah last day of classes seems safe ill speak to the committee

Karol: Easter

Judiciary Reports for Assessors

VP External (Shoab):

Levy Audits: Every year we go through audits-Brian and myself. Just to remind you guys to submit your hard copy of your receipts sand budgets and what not up to this point to Brian's mailbox, and electronic copies to his email or myself. Victoria or one of the levies emailed me and if you haven't had any expenditures up to this point then a check book and electronic copy of the budgets is fine.

Brandon: I'll explain to VUSAC how judiciary works, levies will receive email to review me and Shoab so please email it to Kristina Minnella and she'll change it so that we'll get what you

wrote without knowing you wrote it. Usually VP does this but Shoaib is very much involved so we still have to ratify the co-chairs

Karol: I'll do it. We have two co-chairs! (clapping and cheering)

-Break-

Judiciary Reports

President (Brandon):

Winter Break Updates: To start with we have some chocolate and we have a secure amount downstairs, Lastman Studios, by which I mean Gary Lastman's gave us a bunch of chocolate and I'm making sure we spread it ... Grad photos Jan 16-23rd, even if you're not graduating you will still get a photo, perks of the contract if you're on the exec, if you are graduating you get a free sitting if you're on VUSAC at the same time, you can go both times, free sittings if you're on VUSAC.

Point is if you are graduating check the listserv it will have a link about how to register, if you're on VUSAC just walk in and get your photo taken

Winterfest is this week I'm not going to go on it about length except about what UTSU is doing. Our kind benevolent colleagues who came by to say congrats SGRT we're going to do it for you, so now they are doing a counter week called winter week or some events to compete with ours since we decided to do it on our own...if you're on the fence you should probably give some good thought to the VUSAC Battle of the Bands rather than the winter week concert against it

Adam: we lost a band to them

Brandon: that's the only one directly clashing, so now you can tell your friends if they are confused with the two Facebook events going around, you know the answers. I don't think it's hurting anyone except from an administrative point of view; we have nothing to do with frost week and everything to do with Winterfest

Moving on beyond Winterfest, budget reallocations that's happening soon expect emails and updates keep in mind that any money you had earmarked you can just move something in second term its back in the VUSAC pot and its open to anyone, now is your chance to budget for it

Vic college review- final published reviewed hasn't been published expect it to be circulated soon, has been authored, selection of new principal happening, will be spoken about in the future meetings, any concerns please speak to me I will say it at the committee level, think of a principal as a head of department, if you have Vic dollars from previous years, transfer now as Vic dollars expire...they don't keep in standard of Canada revenue agency Wymilwood dollars are okay though, if you feel like you might be impacted by this contact Wanda Hughes . Your primary concern is people come to you how do you help them, as someone who sits on campus life committee I'm kind of confused. I talked to Larry Page and he's kind of confused. Refer

them to the email Wanda Hughes sent and it is their job to figure them out. Anyone who doesn't have meal plan A or B, or residual meal plans...so any first year student

-Goldring Center still on schedule, first time 4 meetings in a row where I haven't announced a delay, looked back in the minutes there was a meeting in the music room where they were debating about new curtains in music room and they say let us not because Goldring center is gonna be there next year ..next VUSAC meeting I'll explain everything with graphs, at the caucus meeting.. ribbon cutting ceremony in December

Sohaib: will we move stuff?

Brandon: personally? No, although you'll be surprised. I'm just saying that students happen to have to move things sometimes I'll tell you later when it's not in the minutes

-Judiciary Review: You're all going to get an e-mail with a form on it that you will fill out, email it to Kristina Minnella as I said to assessor members they will be shed of your identity, if you're on VUSAC it will have a chance to critic me and the horrible job I'm doing and Karol and the assessors will have to do me and Shoaib the idea being that if I email Angela about..she won't know

VP Internal (Karol):

-Motion to approve old amendment regarding co-chairs: do you guys remember that amendment we tabled because we didn't know what was happening as we were waiting on Kelly castle? It is now a two person job, old amendments was just changing co-chair to co-chairs making it clear that there are 2 co-chairs sand they get an honorarium of \$5000 each I move to approve this, seconded Christianne,

Angela: we discussed the possibility of one person applying for the job.

Karol: They were both options, you could apply by yourself or with others. It's all done we're just matching the co-chair thing in constitution to reality. There is going to be two student co-chairs from now on after the amendment this year regardless of whether they apply this year.

Angela: It's just there was a lot of discussion of one versus two.

Karol: It was more whether people could apply together -this change from one co-chair to two is just what is happening is ACLC will not be able to do as much as they could we are just matching the constitution to what needs to be done

Brandon: the constitution is just laying the broad framework and the application procedures are up to the hiring committee

-Call for next round of amendments

-All in favour of this motion, 2 abstentions

-Now we can officially ratify our co-chairs, Shoaib and Carrie! (cheering and clapping) I'd like to thank the people who were on the committee at the time who helped make the decision some of whom are here today but yeah that's uh I'm going to move to ratify seconded by Brandon, all in favour , 2 abstentions

Siming: Congratulations to new co-chairs of orientation

Christina: Evan isn't here to pass the torch but last year we did a shout out for a job well done with weird dog stickers and I just want to give Shoaib and Carrie theirs

Karol: constitutional amendments, round 2 of hopefully 3, due at the end of the month, actually no make it Jan 25th yeah yeah amendments are due Jan 25th if you have any questions at all regarding the constitution please let me know and uh yeah they will be available online you guys should all have a copy as far as a general update I have stuff written here. I've only met with some of you in terms of one on ones commission meetings I'll send emails about lets meet to see if everyone's on track and what's going on in your life I'd definitely like to meet this month. Internal review- how's that different? It's everybody can we just make it all one thing?

Brandon: there's a specific process for each which Karol will take care of

Angela: Do we get results?

Brandon: we changed that actually because last year it was an issue

Karol: Hopefully it will be constructive for semester 2 we will be setting up a new service to use photocopier and printing for 5 cents for a third cost of the library that'll be something I'll be looking into now expect updates on that next meeting.

-New Event: Tea with Professor Farquharson- suggested by President Gooch at the festive dinner. Prof Farquharson is veteran- I'm going to try to talk to him and figure something out heads up- it will be a free event but very limited ill give it to Adam

Adam: Battle of the Bands Fri \$5 everyone should go, cash box in office desk straight in front of door I've only cut 100 tickets I'll cut rest tomorrow shouldn't be an issue if the band picks it up they don't have to pay they can just pay at event but some are selling tickets for me just take down name of band and number they took.

Angela: thanks for explaining because a band came in today and we weren't sure what to do

Adam: it's written at the top of the assignment sheet

Adam: what band?

Karol: he had curly hair

Brandon: Make sure to match the ticket number with the sheet it's very important

Adam: Also for Battle of the Bands because its campus wide I don't have a sheet of names

Brandon: That's fine

Kathleen: I noticed today when I bought a ticket that some people have been putting I guess if they bought tickets for friends or people who don't go to U of T they've been putting their own names on it

Xenia: It's fine it's just to keep track of tickets we are selling to pay back U of T committee just as long as you write down which tickets are being sold so we know for club night and pub crawl how many we are selling

VP External (Shoaib):

-UTSU-VUSAC services update: some of you may or may not know Vp of UTSU Corey Scott, part of the thing we are trying to do is more services on east side of campus as you may have noticed most of them aren't available in St. Mike's and Vic area. So to start off some things we've been discussing is you can go to UTSU office right now for raptors games and theatre tickets whether its VUSAC buying a block or us negotiation with them as with ISIC...

-Crescams: Ads about letting people know nominations are opening 16th of Jan-nominations open themselves 23rd- Feb 17th- nominations close. Crescams themselves are March 16th. I'll have more info as month goes. One last update: CAUCAS? Week of 23rd? Week of our next VUSAC meeting if not that, the next week...

Finance Report

Finance Chair (Brian):

-Finance update: I'm going pass around the updated budget for commissions and clubs there's only one hard copy but I'll send everyone a soft copy so you don't have to look thoroughly right now. So far budgets look good, we only had to alter very slightly here and there moving according to plan, as Brandon mentioned reallocation is coming so if you have check requisitions from last year otherwise we will cut them and they'll be Sol ..from now on send check requisitions within 3 weeks to make my life easier. Think about anything in budget you want to reallocation

Karol: do you need these can I put it in the pink binder?

Brian: Go ahead

Ashley:a question..

Brandon: VUSAC has budget to cover a lot of it, last year there was a big thing of whether VUSAC had budget to cover glass wear, this year we probably have, contact VUSAC first, apply in the reallocation round

Ashley: part of the revenue from tickets...?

Brandon: we'll meet and talk

COMMISSION REPORTS

-Scarlet & Gold (Anastasia):

-Highball: we have our venue- one king west hotel so if you don't know what it looks like google it its gorgeous , I got them to knock it down 3000 dollars of original estimate on Fri March 2nd , we don't have an exact name of our theme ..teaser posters will be out soon look out for those

-Salsa event: I'm also working on a salsa dance event for this semester so keep your eyes peeled for that potentially collaborating with new college

Grad banquet: I'd like to ratify our grad banquet chair Ashley, seconded by Brandon, all in favour, unanimous vote

Kathleen Winterfest: we went over the events does anyone have questions?

Christian: for pub crawl is it just \$5?

Kathleen: Vic is at duke of York

Xenia: UC and new college are at the Maddy

Woodsworth- fox and fiddle, trinity at Bedford Academy ..

Which ones all ages and not?

Xenia: Vic and Innis are at duke of York

Brandon: what concerns Innis concerns us, The Green Room breaks our contract with Innis regarding what their serving and all ages. We can't go around breaching contracts and green room did it.

Clubs (Angela): -clubs update: clubs day actually happened, panel was actually really cool and we had Krista Allan and Ashley Quan and Alex and Jen wells they gave a lot of good advice about event planning not all the clubs attended as id like but a fair amount attended the panel which I guess is the main thing a lot of them left but I let them go but not before we had a circle discussion about how they think they are doing in VUSAC and apparently they don't hate me but they did mention something about clubs heads have come into VUSAC office hours but that there were a few times where the person with the hours were a little antagonistic towards them so a few of them..not just one club member expressed that and I know you are all nice and doing a

super job but if you are asking what they are doing maybe the tone could be a little lighter and if they say they are club head you know just let them print and feel free to give them the printer code cause a few have felt a little awkward about coming in and the service is for them so I don't want them to feel that way I've been looking at the budgets for clubs and ill talk to them about why they aren't spending the money but out of \$20,000 was given and \$15,000 is left and half the year is gone so that's big surplus

3 things to work on: storage room: apply to projects for it and the fencing club got a lot of money and the only way we can fit it is with storage

You might all be getting an email, and commission with stuff in the storage stuff I'd like to get you guys all together because me and Krista were down there and we felt like the space wasn't being used effectively as they could be so we thought of throwing or donating I'm working on forms

Second-we are working on website again I'm still working on it but we have 21 club blurbs in and I want to get them all in before we update it

And thirdly, this year I really wanted to give club heads some kind of reward or certificate for all the work they did during the year and we have money for that which is great and we have money for some sort of banquet and thirdly id just like to ask Christina are you on the arts endowment committee?

Christina: Yeah

Angela: I've heard from club heads that they didn't receive an email

-(Angela) clubs recognition- this is a club close to my heart I'd like to move to ratify the club recognition of the Victoria college Dumbledore's army, let me explain this in case anyone wanted to discuss this the purpose of the club is to encourage participation oh wait that not it..sorry. We, the members of this club, henceforth known as the DA endeavor to put our love for harry potter trademark and literacy and charity work requiring specific aid...etc some events we have made budget proposal hoping to host deathly hallows screening and a bake sale going to charity, ingredients for acid pops, butter beer, licorice wands, and the best of harry potter selected reenactments..I think they should have an open casting call. One thing I have to say, my concern is I hope it won't turn into another trash somehow I ended up as the head last year. The fact that they have a detailed budget proposal will indicate the events will actually happen

Seconded by Tegan, all in favour unanimous

Sustainability (Tegan):

-Recycled Runway: Hi ok so the fashion show this month is a really big event Fri Jan 27th 8 pm there's going to be mocktails and hors d'oeuvres tickets are on sale in our office tickets are \$5

people might not think they are on sale this week but Brian got the box up quickly so they are on sale now if they are buying for friend put their friends name because it will be checked at the door you should all come it's going to be really good

-Water Conservation Competition Results...we lost really badly, uhm yeah trinity won Innis came in second

Anatasia: do you have reps in every resident?

Tegan: most of them we are working hard to get more green reps every done is suppose to get us green reps but they don't

Anastasia; A lot of dons have a email you can get them to write it

Brandon: The easiest way to ensure it definitely happens to talk to the dons is to message me and Shoaib when we go to the don meetings

Secondly, when it comes to the practical implications of the whole competition as Adam is saying it's not that useful in an actual conserve water kind of thing but it's useful for a pretext, Ashley doled out timers but now people use them and it does end up making a difference in the long run. Recognizing to exploit getting something out there is the best way, the competition as a pretext for other things other than just itself

Evita: Ya I was just going to kind of say the same thing you could have a kickoff event for the water conserving thing so you could do something I don't know something sustainable and fun I don't know if you have little hand bills the flyers on doors of res and give the dons the little things to give to the students and the whole incentive thing you could make it a house competition- pizza party

Brandon: They don't know there's no way to measure

Christianne: are there posters in the washrooms?

Tegan: I'm not sure

Christianne: you could have prize to the most creative idea to save water and have dons decide

Ryan: the issue with posters in washrooms is that you cannot have access to the washrooms to put posters

Angela: play up more of the inter-college idea, makes them compete against each other not just between residences maybe between other colleges

Christian: One quick point and it sounds really gross but putting a poster on a urinal really works

(Tegan) Canoe North Adventures Info Session: this group organizes expeditions and our chancellor Wendy Cecil whose great is really involved in this have been going on this for years wants to organize Vic students to go on this at the end of the summer Jan 19th 7-9 pm NF006 for the info session. They are currently looking for diff sponsorship students because it's usually expensive, to make it affordable and it looks really cool and it'd be a cool two week trip so like if you are at all at least bit interested in exploring our own country a bit more I would recommend it

Christian: it won't clash with the new frosh leader training?

Tegan: yeah the plan is to come back in time and I can help the set the date to make sure

Sustainability Policy: working on it a lot, uhm we are hoping to get through the campus life committee next week- they are meeting Monday?

Brandon: they bumped it up

Tegan: to when?

Brandon: really soon...it might be this week?

Tegan: I just wanted to update you on that...

Arts & Culture (Evita): The Gardiner gala this sat is coming up a bit of background on event what happens is every year there's a Gardiner gala since they rent property from Vic so they do an annual event to say thank you to Vic and they waive a lot of the fees so we can have a nice room., this year what we're planning on doing is I'm want to have a flamenco band play and flamenco dancing so there's going to be a teacher and guitarist I'm really excited that's the end of the night but in the middle I wanted to have a jazz band the problem is currently I only have \$150 for entertainment while obviously together the two bands cost together more I wanted to see if I could increase the budget line ac23 they both charge 180 so it's good they are around the same price so I'd be asking for a 210 dollar increase in budget which I realize is a lot but it's a big event and this year we got sliced in half the price on food and in order to make food for not really good food going on I was hoping to focus on entertainment.

Sohaib: so we don't have food?

Evita: we do but its light refreshments though people will be expecting a lot because of the past

Angela: Wouldn't it be cheaper to just have the flamenco band just pay all night?

Evita: no not really but they charge \$220 but I wanted to have diversity in the night so I wanted to have a cultural experience and add some flavor to the night but if worse comes to worse yes I can just have that

Brandon: provided we have the money I think your approach to this is fine. Brian do you have the money?

Brian: Yes

Karol: He's like the monopoly bank

Dave: After Brandon's point, but I think it's a great idea its cool for an hour you get your glass of wine and there's nothing to do and I really want to dance flamenco

Brandon moves to increase budget by 220 dollars, seconded by Angela, all in favour, one abstention

Brandon: Gardiner Gala- first one was actually really bad –everyone was put into basement and it was a travesty so the VUSAC pres wrote an open letter put in strand sent it over to them and they've been apologetic and now they've been nice to us and we're all good

Dave: Biggest thing I'm bringing forth is the emancipation of..... by making it an independent levy ..hire chair hire committee independently which is all done by chair right now..who will get paid. Advisory board will deal with appeals..kind of like Cat's Eye advisory boards this will be a constitutional amendment it will go before the judiciary..Application process use to be a series of question, now it will be a typical grant proposal, one page typed single spaced no longer there's still a package, it will be online only, I'm not printing them off, all the details are in the package, there's a checklist at the back that they can fill out. If anybody asks its online and it's like a grant, we will be doing considerations once a month instead of biweekly it makes it easier for the committee and gives them more time other than that there's nothing really to report but there's going to be a lot changing in the coming weeks on a slightly unrelated note, I'm compiling with deans office it's like a brochure of all types of funding at Vic its really cute but one page is just stories, 5 students a little picture of you, 250 char. Blurb of some cute inspiring fun amazing moment you had while involved in Vic hopefully with something you got money for. If you want to be in the brochure it is super informal at the moment I just used a word template but yeah it'll be really cool??? Other than that we have tens of thousands of dollars left, as of Sept. there was 90 grand in the account the accounting system at Vic is very interesting and Krista Steeves and I are currently pulling out all the budget lines to create a special ledger just for this so every transaction was put into another ledger and it's hard to pull out all the items and Krista is having a heart attack, everything set to expire at the end of the year, given opportunity to extend to end of calendar year. After next year, everything previously granted funding that has not been fulfilled will be put back into the pot. If anybody asks, anyone that's been given money will be given opportunity for an extension and it will go to the committee and they have to justify why they haven't spent the money.

Commuter (Elliot): I am organizing with the committee ..Sometime in March, also a dinner later this month I know some of you have complained about doing pasta and salad all the time, but if you have other ideas come to me or email me. The reason we do it is because it's cheap and people will eat it. Pancakes starting again this week, winter theme which just means icing sugar and something else. I'm going to finish distributing any remaining...that we have and I'm thinking movie night I'm thinking entire lord of the rings trilogy and I'm thinking of additional things for commuters.

Communications (Ruta): So I've made some minor adjustments to the VUSAC website, no red bar, and under titles the links, could people send a picture they like of themselves by end of this week, Sunday, also there is a calendar on VUSAC website and every commissioner can access it via their Google account so if you have an event you can update it. Also, your semi-annual reports are due Sunday at 6 pm they are only one page long so don't write more than that or I will make you cut it down. Single spaced when I sent you the email there was an example of previous ones so look at that. Also, the board thing will be updated next week by me and Matteo since he wants to add some stuff.

Angela: how do: we get access to that board because a lot of clubs and levies have..

Ruta: tell me and I'll do it

Christian: we got a lot of lock boxes going around how many do we have right now? 3? *cash boxes..3and 4 sign-up sheets?

Brandon: pub crawl and club night, has one cash box for two and two sign-up sheets, and sign up sheet and cash box for fashion show, sign -up sheet tickets no cash box for the Gardiner

Dave: Add 1 min to other business: Two other things I've been working on. One reward to someone not on VUSAC or an assessor but who has done a lot, like a club head who has done an exceptional job behind the scenes, apps in upcoming weeks hopefully I've to email President Gooch and Kelly first, start thinking it's basically been created I just need to make nomination forms

Secondly, U of T alumni office, Dinner with 12 Strangers, hosted by alumni, you end up meet Vic people I'm trying to bring that to Vic, Stephanie Rosa and Johnathan Cheevers? Hopefully that will be happening, keep an eye out

Angela: Add 2 minutes to other business. We should deal with office hours here, Ryan switched with Brian? I also need to switch my hours, can anybody on Monday or Tues switch with me?

Elliot: I'll have to check that

Evita: for the Gardiner Gala I've set aside 10 tickets for non U of T or Vic students, so if someone comes in asking to bring a guest just write down their number, and highlight the ticket and number on sheet. You can also go online for commuters

Kathleen: put the name and email?

Evita: of the non-Vic person

Kathleen: put Vic person as well?

Evita: no

Closing (Karol): Taskmeister!

Meeting adjourned at 10:57pm by Elliot, seconded by Brandon, all in favour, unanimous vote