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VUSAC Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 10 at 7:15 PM in the Goldring Student Center

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Kareem Jarrah

VP OPERATIONS

Enxhi Kondi

Assessor Members

BOARD OF REGENTS

David Kitai

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR

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Claire Wilkins

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SUSTAINABILITY

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Golda Greenspoon

Alex Martinborough

Simona Messina

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L-P Vielleux

LEVIES

CAT'S EYE

Sabina Freiman

Thomas Lynch

STUDENT PROJECTS

Arlette Bax

THE STRAND

Emily Pollock

Rhianna Jackson-Kelso

Amanda Aziz

Anthony Burton

VCAA

Paula Razuri
Simran Kataria

GUESTS
STUDENT

Niamh Gomm
Lavi Balachandran

Stuart moves to approve minutes from last meeting. Kareem seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Kareem moves to give VCAA 2 minutes from the VPE report. L-P seconds.

Stuart moves to approve the agenda. Kareem seconds. Motion passes unanimously

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

○ CLC- Bergita

○ Updates

- Bergita: I have a couple of announcements overall and first is about Remembrance Day. I hope you all have an opportunity to attend the ceremony happening tomorrow. It's a ceremony of remembrance happening in the Wendy Cecil Atrium at 2 pm. President Gooch and the Chancellor will also be there. There will also be refreshments, coffee and cookies. TBA and Vic Chorus performing. It will be a solemn but also meaningful ceremony. Rowan will also be speaking at the ceremony.

In terms of those who are commuters, you have heard about the VOCA Festive dinner but there is the opportunity to attend the Burwash Festive dinner that's being hosted in the Dining Hall on Thursday, November 27th. Look out for that, it is free of charge and tickets will be available at the Commuter Don office.

Basically, to let you know that Claire and I are working on a ceremony for the National campaign to end violence against women. It coincides with the massacre in Montreal. Let me know if you are interested in helping organize, we will have the event in the first week of December.

- Enxhi: For the festive dinner, where do we pick up tickets?
- Bergita: Commuter Don office. After today, they will be available. Study space will start running overnight starting on the December 4th. We are looking for VUSAC members and any caucus members –like levy heads or club heads- to work study space. You will be paid something close to \$12 per hour for the 9:30 PM to 1:30 AM shift and close to \$16 for the 1:30 AM to 7:30 AM. It is for giving up your time and running study space at a very stressful time of year. Study Space will be open to all students and many efforts will be made to make sure people know when and where it is. The sign up sheet for shifts will be available in the office for caucus members starting tomorrow. Please just sign up for one shift first, then we will see how many spaces are left once everyone has an opportunity.
- Kareem: How many tickets are given to Commuter Dons to give out for Festive dinner:
- Bergita: They will have 30 tickets, but that doesn't necessarily mean there only 30 are available. There are more tickets will be given by Catriona to

international students who are commuters, as well. The other thing I wanted to mention -Exam Jam will be happening soon towards the end of the semester, on Friday, December 3rd. If anyone wants to help out let me know. We decided to hold it that day because we are hoping most people will be around to participate. A Commuter Leader Summit with all colleges will be happening on Friday, November 21st to discuss different topics and ideas.

ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS

- Student Projects
 - Update

- Arlette: Student Projects had our first meeting last week and we had one project. It was for the commuter festive dinner and I'll briefly break down the budget and why we passed it. Commuter Festive Dinner is happening and \$10 tickets were sold, a \$1000.00 was granted by the Dean's Office and VUSAC has also offered funding. Student Projects is providing the \$2000.00 that was requested, the remaining cost will be covered by VUSAC. It follows Student Projects' initiative rules because it is a new venture. This allows it to be tested out this year, then the event can find funding in the following years from other sources. Just need it to be ratified by VUSAC now.

Enxhi moves to ratify the Festive Dinner project. Seconds. Motion passes with 2 abstaining.

- Arlette: Our last meeting is at the end of November; the last call for projects for the semester is November 23rd at midnight. Because we've only had one project, this means we have lots of money left over so if you have a project – if you have any ideas or know anyone with an idea, please apply! This is student money that is just sitting there right now that can be put to good use.

- The Strand

- Paula: Thanks for having us. We have a few of other editors here today, as well. My name is Paula, I am the editor-in-chief and we have a split division of editors-in-chief, with Amanda and Emily. This is my second year on the job and my fourth year on the Strand. I have come to give a basic rundown of what the Strand is to get you all in engaged because it is your student paper and voice and you should be invested. We are place where students get to professionally explore the world of journalism in a pretty stable university setting.

All of us here are editors but The Strand also does illustration, photography and design – plus a lot of other things. We have also made a point this year of training incoming staff and editors to use Adobe software we got through Student Project last year. We have all the tools available to those who want to get involved in media publications. If you look at other papers across the country, you get the idea that the Strand is really a great paper. Everyone who works at the Strand does their work out the generosity of their own time and everyone does work very hard. Strand editors have been very successful; the past three editors-in-chief have moved on to write for the Edmonton Journal, Vice and grad programs at UBC and Carleton.

Basic rundown of operations: We do 12 issues a year, 10 are regular newsprint issues – 16 pages long, and then we do 2 magazines per year – one per semester, around 30-40 pages long. That's a new

initiative. Last year, we were doing 2500 and we are now printing 1000 with two magazines now. We now do more work for less print. Our meetings usually occur if the editors see that it needs to happen, and we usually do all meet every 2-3 weeks, but they are not particularly mandated or regulated – up to the senior editors to see if we need to get together. Hiring a distributor has been difficult; it's labour intensive job and hard to be out in the elements. We do have somebody. Emily will talk about our audience.

- Emily: We're a school paper and that has benefits and limitations. We usually print 1000-1500 copies per issue, 12 issues a year – in addition to that, we have a growing online audience. Our issues have had 1000 views per issue on Issuu – it's very impressive because it's not the easiest reading format. Once we have funds for it, our amazing web editor is hoping to set up some cool web content and increase online viewership. We're a part of the Canadian Universities Press and we have viewership through there. We get guidance - journalistic and legal guidance from them. We've been using it now and in the past to attend the annual union meeting.

In addition to audience, we are going to be talking about the operating costs of being a paper. If you would like to take a look at the diagram, you may see that there is a large blue block of the pie is for printing. I know how printing costs may seem so high to someone outside of the environment – the number of issues that we print can't change it. Our special Open Vic issue still cost \$600 for 650 copies though we printed less than normal. There are no union fees and holdover costs from last year. Printing will continue to be a big cost for us as a paper.

David enters at 7:32 PM.

- Amanda: The Strand has 20 editors, 7 associate editors, a team of 4 copy editors, and 10-15 staff members, drop-in copy editors and contributors per issue. As a student newspaper, we want to be a part of the student voice and we're trying to get that across campus. Having a newspaper that is biweekly let's people who are commuters know, people not on residence, and give a sense of what is happening on campus.

We have started holding office hours to make The Strand more accessible. It's not a family for just the masthead, but for anyone who wants to be involved. We hold office hours twice a week to make everyone feel involved and for people who want to know what The Strand is. I believe we do have a strong presence and a strong student voice.

- Paula: In the spirit of general introduction and information, do you have any questions? We are happy to field them – costs, how we operate?
- Ben: I don't have any questions but I'd really like to thank you guys for coming in. It's really nice to have our levy come in and talk to us and give a report – especially a detailed summary of why they are a levy and what they do.
- Paula: He's not biased.
- Alice: Say you wanted to promote an event?
- Paula: We have been emailing, you and I, Alice. Recently, VUSAC eliminated advertising with The Strand, which was a financial lose for

us but I know it was necessary due to budget restrictions. If you have an article or propose that someone interview you, you can email the editors of that section. It's tricky right now in terms of advertising; it's a valuable space to do for free. If it's something exciting or engaging that can be done in article format, contact us.

- David: Are there steps being made – as good as the Strand is, but are there things being done to expand readership?
- Paula: Office hours are a way to get people in through the door to meet us. As far as outreach goes, we do have communities with our newspapers across the country. As far readership at Vic goes, it does rely on personal networking. We had a really great recruitment night and we've started doing Facebook groups for each section with about 50 people or more in each. It's good to have these pools of writers.
- David: I know I just walked in - Have you thought about changing the online format?
- Emily: We need money to do that.
- Amanda: An online newspaper format is costly and as well as having Google rights for advertising. We are widely read and we have each issue posted online – 1000 or more views for papers and up to 10,000 for the magazine. You know, when we move from Wordpress to an actual website, it will change. People do read the actual physical formats as well.
- Thomas: You're moving from Wordpress or to Wordpress?
- Amanda: It's not formatted in terms of student media. If you look at the Varsity or even the Link from McGill – they have all have online websites that are not Wordpress. It's better to not have it hosted on Wordpress.
- Victor: Have you considered getting CompSci volunteers from Vic?
- Emily: We'd love that! If CompSci students would want to do that.
- Amanda: We are looking to expand for our masthead with an online media editor.
- Paula: We did have a computer science student once, to have someone build us a website for free is hard to come by. The reality of The Strand is it's a small community of people doing a lot of work for free. Doing design for free is hard to come by – especially for a student. Exams roll around, people fade out. It is something we have tried exploring, but it is tricky. If there is someone willing to volunteer.
- Conor: Do you want to give a shout out for your office hours?
- Paula: Wednesdays 11-1 and Fridays 2-3. Our office is just down the hall from the VUSAC office.

- VCAA

- Levy Report

- Simran: We had Trampoline Dodgeball, it went well. We have paintball on November 12th and we have 17 people signed up, we were surprised to see that CARA planned an event on the same day. We have skating at city hall on December 3rd. Intramurals are going well, we paid the \$1200.00 in bonds and I talked to the Finance chair about releasing funds on Wednesday.
 - Ben: Funds will be released for all levies on Wednesday.
 - Simran: There will be videos of games on the VCAA page. We have amended our constitution to have more specific exec positions. We have started working on the athletic banquet. The budget is

approximately \$1100.00. We are starting high intensity training classes and will be weekly. Intramurals teams will receive money for socials. Our one concern was money being released, but we are now getting it.

- UTSU Directors
 - Post AGM Discussion
 - Victor: It was nice to see you guys at the AGM, I'm glad to see everyone come out. The result is what it is and I'm not here to argue any further about the proposals and I hope to work constructively on the next proposal over the next 12 months. I just wanted to talk about the atmosphere and the behaviour in the room that night. I am not trying to single out any group; I know both sides of the discussion were contributing to the environment. Everyone seems in a great mood today and I love all of you. I was taken a back and do not know who did what but I found the cheering and heckling inappropriate at some times. The most notable examples was when someone yelled "You don't even go here!" to Cameron, my fellow UTSU Vic rep, Zach, said that someone laughed at him after his spoke and blew a vuvuzela at him. Someone yelled: "Suck it!" after the proposal was failed and cheering following. I was personally offended. Again, I am not pointing fingers. I'm not trying to pick a bias example of incidences that happened, but I just wanted to say that interruptions are more inappropriate than cheering. I know someone got mad when someone asked Ashkon for a point of clarification as to why UTSU reps were counting. I know that people who were counting votes that were a part of UTSU gave up votes in order to count. If anyone has any other concerns, feel free to let me know and I think we should be more constructive in our behaviour. I'm not trying to reprimand anyone and I am just hoping people can reflect on their own behaviour for next time. I believe the first and most important goal of the organization is to promote an open and positive environment. I believed this before being a part of the UTSU, Enxhi and Sara can attest to this and how I sent messages like this to our class together. I just hope we can all reflect.

JUDICIARY REPORTS

- *President* – Rowan
 - President Report
 - Rowan: So, I didn't have any comments for Victor because I have included that in my report. I'd like to thank everyone who came to the AGM, I think we had more people than Trin in attendance by the end. That's very strong representation of VUSAC. Victoria had more votes at the AGM than UC had at their last election. I'd like to thank everyone that dealt with the environment; there was no jeering, interruptions or cat-calling coming from Vic. Though it was 11 at the time the proposal was failed and we met had at 3:30, no Vic student voted to adjourn the meeting with the remaining items still on the agenda. It terms of that, there was a litany of complaints about the AGM. I met with folks around campus today to discuss grievances with the AGM to bring to the right people, if you have yet to let me know about anything that is important from AGM in the next two days. The million-dollar question is what happens next. Gabe and I

gave Yolen and Cameron, the president and VPI of the UTSU, an invitation to meet with us at any time to build the board structure from the ground up. The problem with the other one was that it was made first then we were supposed to ask question later. We can work on one everyone wants, then propose it. Then, we will not have to work on trying to justify ideas. The big thing I'd like to point out: I will harp on about college representation. I think it's very telling that the support of the committees for ArtSci was reversed after the proposal was failed. We have our Remembrance Day ceremony here, and then at 10:20 am there is the Hart House ceremony. Engineering will be holding a ceremony on Front Campus at 11 am.

- Ben: Just wanted to say thank you for the way you handled yourself during the campaign and how you worked super hard to protect college representation.

- Internal Matters

- Rowan: I will be handing out some paperwork; the only thing I ask is that this cannot be taken out of the room. This is out of camera, but to the Strand folks – you may commit it to memory, please do not copy down or photograph these as it is sensitive information to the person it pertains to. I don't want these to be issues that are kept silent or stifled.

The members and guests in attendance are given a recess to read the document. Meeting resumes at 7:57 pm.

- Rowan: It goes without saying that this isn't a fun conversation. If action doesn't need to be taken, the discussion needs to be had. Please be respectful and try to stay as objective as possible, if you are personally involved or offended or if you feel there is inaccuracies – let's keep as objective as possible. We said in our finance meeting to keep motions out of the discussions, and we failed that. I say this is a night where we do not fail on that.
- David: I'm not sure of Robert's Rules exactly, but I'd like to say that we should address everything to chair to keep the conversation civil.

Claire enters at 7:59 pm.

Rowan moves to impeach Conor Tangney, Arts and Culture Commissioner from VUSAC. Enxhi seconds.

- Gabe: There are going to be questions, statements and discussion period now. Please remember to direct everything to me, and any questions that you want to bring up to specific members – remember, I have to answer those questions, just so that is clear. You have the article for impeachment in front of you, as well. You may ask me questions
- Conor: In section 11, sub-section C, procedure of the impeachment says: "Procedure for dismissal of members will be as follows: the member will be notified at least one week in advance as to why they will be dismissed from their position." This is the first time I am seeing the full list of charges or accusations and I am concerned as to whether I have the rule full week to know of these.
- Gabe: Procedure is that the person is notified one week in advance, it's up to the discretion of the judiciary to release information whenever they see fit.
- Rowan: I did meet with you November 2nd, I did have the option in advance to circulate this beforehand but I felt out of respect, I knew you were considering resignation. I didn't want to circulate something

that would make allegations against you public, if you would resign anyways.

- SaraLi: In section 11, sub-section B: “The members who violate the VUSAC standard of care and diligence...”. Is that specifically outlined anywhere?
- Gabe: There is another article that has a sub-section on care and diligence and the fiduciary duties that are outlined in your role.
- Rowan: It mentions that they are described in article #9; I put it in bold underneath that. It is worded quite vaguely.
- Conor: Number two against me in this document. I do not think I did that, I don’t remember what that is. Rowan, if you could shed some light on the details of that? I don’t even know when Open Vic was.
- Rowan: I was not the one that filed the grievance. Open Vic was on the 24th of May. It’s my understanding that it was at the VUSAC booth in Old Vic – the comments in question were slugging off the lunch with VUSAC as it was set to be in the schedule of Orientation Week. Two executives who were trying to sell the idea of orientation filed it and they felt frustrated that this was heard by two first year. The quote I believe was “waste of time” or “waste of your time”.
- Conor: I remember that specific case. Many of you, that have been on VUSAC for a while, there was a heated comment thread on our Facebook group about the place and timing of VUSAC’s involvement in orientation week and I disagreed with the placement, timing and the event itself. I believed it to be a conversation that was between me and the execs, or me and friend – not speaking badly about orientation week.

Continuing, in #6- about “women had no place in politics”. A lot of you know my humour, out of all the women in the room on VUSAC – I voted most of you if not all of you. It was a private joke and I said it with a sarcastic tone and even apologized immediately after when someone gave me a look. I don’t have anything else to say.

I don’t have anything else really to see. It was my understanding that meeting with Rowan, I would have received these things against me in advance and had I known all the charges, I would’ve submitted a resignation. It was nice serving with you all. Go see the Bob on the 27th and the 29th. If I could request one thing, it would be a post-term meeting with the president or judiciary to have someone take over the Bob for me and fill them in and help them. Also, to find someone for Mic the change.

- Olivia: On the sixth, I was the female friend the comment was made to. It was a private joke and I know it was in the VUSAC office, I was sitting right there when he made the joke.
- SaraLi: What happens to the position if this passes?
- Gabe: There are three options available to the judiciary. 1) Have the position become hired and non-voting 2) Have the CRO create a by-election 3) Leave it vacant until council finds an alternate or decides if the other two are better.
- SaraLi: Can we wait until after the Bob?
- Gabe: It cannot because the motion is on the table.
- SaraLi: Can I move to table it?
- Gabe: No, it’s a priority motion.
- Simran: What can the Victoria College community do?

- Gabe: It is wholly up to the judiciary.
- Rowan: Given the timing, the most realistic way to fulfil the position would be easier to have councillors appointed to do the position. I will speak for myself, but I do not like hiring someone for an elected position.
- William: Is this a yes or no vote?
- Gabe: You can abstaining, but it will take away from the total vote count.
- Victor: To what extent is this confidential?
- Gabe: Rowan asks that people hand him back the evidence paper, the minutes will be public except for the exact case for purposes of sensitivity for the people involved in all of this.

Voting for impeachment is done by secret ballot. Motion fails. Conor Tangney, Arts and Culture Commissioner is not impeached.

- *Vice President Operations* – Enxhi
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Enxhi: I put up this amendment a few weeks ago. This changes giving agenda items to the Chair from 7 days to 3 days in advance.

Enxhi moves to pass amendment. Kareem seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

- Council Address
 - Enxhi: The sweaters are going to be black with white writing – the back will have white writing with red outlining. It will look cool, don't worry. I took everyone's suggestions into consideration before placing the order and there was a lot of compromising that had to be made.

People have not signed up for one-on-ones yet, I have sent out a second poll. The purpose of the one-on-ones is to let me know how things are going on council, it's part of the internal review of VUSAC.

Club storage has some updates – Stuart will speak to that. The Food Drive is happening now and Simona will also speak to that. We have lockers for lcubs and VUSAC. Council members, you need to get your personal belongings out of the office. Any personal items will be sent to MargAd by the end of the week, please move positions into the lockets.

The Club Heads meeting is this Friday – if you cannot be there, please let me know. I expect everyone there. I want people to know whom they can speak to. After the club heads meeting, I hope you are all excited for that. Not sure what we're doing yet, but we will decide.

Start thinking about Secret Santa – we will be using a website to automatically pair people up. Think of your wishlists and there will be a \$10 cap.

A new thing we're thinking of for office space. 136 and 137 are not occupied through certain spots of the year. Email me your ideas with what to do with it. Lease sent me throughout ideas. It will most likely be rented out on monthly basis? – but email me with your idea.
 - Simran: What if a club head can't attend? Can they attend proxes?
 - Enxhi: The point is to give a report, so you can send a report.
 - Alice: What time is the meeting?
 - Enxhi: It's in Wymilwood Lounge at 5 pm.

- *Vice President External* – Kareem
 - Levy Reports
 - Kareem: Levies haven't received checks yet, but they will receive them on Wednesday. They were concerned because they need them for

day-to-day operations. We are hiring Cat's Eye co-managers from now till the 21st.

- Sabina: Everyone apply now!
- Kareem: Applicants will be notified before the December 5th VUSAC meeting so they can be ratified.
- Sabina: I am here to make a case for our computer. Thomas and I did some research. The Cat's Eye financial standing is a \$10,000.000 surplus. This is after paying for sweaters and paying for the air hockey table. We were asking for \$1200.00 for a computer – it is a desktop computer for \$800.00. It is not an all-in-one, but we can squeeze it in. We want something that will last for long, it doesn't make sense for us to be too stringent on our budget. We are also purchasing a warranty for \$250.00. I am recommending this goes under our surplus. Overall, we are going to be in the green – we have \$27,000 available to us this year. We are managing our finances and everything will be fine.
- Kareem: Caffiends also sent me their levy report. They are doing very well. If you have any questions with any levies, but they are all doing very well. New Caffiends co-manager is also being hired – they will be contacting Alice and Bergita very soon to help choose the new co-manager.
- The Harry potter pub night – or 'Arry Potta Pub Night
- Ben: You shouldn't call it that.
- Kareem: Our issue with the tickets is being sorted out right now. Shout out to all the building presidents for working very hard on this. For all VUSAC members helping out with the pub night, please come see me after the meeting for your ticket.
- Alex: I just want to say thank on behalf of the building presidents and we're looking forward to the event.
- Kareem: Will it be magical?
- Alex: It will be – I have been saying that too much, though.

FINANCE REPORTS

- *Finance* – Ben

- Cat's Eye Summer Budget

- Ben: As Kareem and Sabina alluded to, the issue I'd like to address is the Cat's Eye summer budget line that was tabled last meeting. I'd like to finish our summer budget because it is November. We do not need to motion to bring it up because it is tabled to today. I worked a lot with the two co-managers, Rowan and later Kareem to avoid monetary issues we have encountered with the Cat's Eye in the past. We have a budget now that you have all approved minus one line, CE-002. Sabina spoke briefly as to the financial situation and status of the Cat's Eye – I am well informed to their situation as well, they are not in any immediate danger of going into the red. They budgeted amount is \$1200.00 budget but again, keep in mind when deliberating over this budget line that cuts do not need to made. They are not in a financially precarious situation.
 - Bergita: Is it for the separate computer?
 - Sabina: Yes. Thomas and I have been researching computers and we found one for \$700.00 and the total comes to \$880.00.
 - Bergita: How much for the other type of computer?

- Sabina: You can get an all-in-one without HDMI cords for \$700.00 and under but when you add an HDMI cord, it is \$1200.00.
- Kareem: You mentioned that the computer can be a hazard and can fall?
- Sabina: We can balance it right against the wall and window of the sound booth. We do not want to have it on the floor because there's so much dust.
- L-P: You quoted \$880 – why?
- Sabina: It would be for a warranty in the case of damage. We want this to be a computer that lasts us a long time.
- Kareem: Just because I'm not sure what it looks like, but would you need some space to vent off the heat?
- Sabina: What are you trying to say?
- Gabe: If I may make an engineering suggestion, bolt it down with a L-bracket to the desk. That way the computer can't move so it won't be stolen or fall down.
- Ben: I'd like to entertain a motion to pass this budget line.

Golda moves to pass CE-002. L-P seconds. Unanimously approved.

COMMISSION REPORTS

○ Sustainability

- Alice: First of all, there is a fossil fuel divestment march. I was wondering if I could hold a VUSAC banner during the march – would I need the council's approval?
- Rowan: You can move to bring a banner in the march then we can discuss the motion.

Alice moves to hold a VUSAC banner can be carried in the march. Stuart seconds.

- Kareem: Who's hosting the march?
- Alice: Toronto 350.
- Enxhi: VUSAC endorses this company.
- Claire: I also received notice of this via email.

Motion passes.

Enxhi moves to secede 2 minutes from VPO agenda to Sustainability. L-P seconds. Motion passes with three abstaining.

- Alice: Just to update everyone on what I am doing. William is helping me to make banners for Burwash on reducing water use. There is a green event that is happening in January that I am working on. I am meeting with Bergita soon to talk about alumni events, as well. Enxhi - Sarah Berger, last year's Environmental Fashion show, asking for keys to her office.
- Enxhi: I have contacted her already.
- Alice: We had to postpone the hiring of execs for the fashion show because of the late election, but it is happening soon.

○ Education & Equity – Claire

○ General Update

- Claire: A quick update on everything that is happening. I'd like to thank everyone for coming to Equity Training. I am working with Conor on Mike the Change. I spoke with someone from Aids Toronto to have a speaker; but they requested an hour over half hour – which may mean we need to push our time forward. Sumeeta is currently making posters for us.
- Sumeeta: Who do the proceeds go to?

- Claire: We haven't decided yet. If you know anyone who wants to perform,
 - Bergita: When and where?
 - Claire: Cat's Eye – November 21st 8-11 pm
 - Gabe: I'd like to say thank you on behalf of VUSAC for hosting equity training and showed a lot of people how to operate as a council member in student space.
 - *Commuter* – SaraLi
 - Festive Dinner
 - SaraLi: It has been quite the success, we have sold all our tickets and we have a wait list. We have a high table with some admin and notable people in the Vic community. I just wanted to ask if it's okay if we use VUSAC vases and decorations for the event because they are reusable?
 - Enxhi: Of course.
 - SaraLi: That is happening November 20th, a week before residence festive dinner. A lot is happening this week, our execs will be in the office a lot – if you don't know them, please ask and be nice.
 - VOCA Updates
 - SaraLi: We're trying to get VOCA on the CCR, it is due today and I'll send it out tonight. It makes a legitimate U of T resume and it's a type of transcript. I don't know if VUSAC is on there, we can look into it.
 - We have been doing pancakes and movie nights on a regular basis. Movie night won't be this month because there will be a dinner. We are doing waffles this week. Though there were questions about it in the budget, but there is a demand. There is a field trip on the 26th for [].
 - Kareem: CARA-oke?
 - SaraLi: I will get to it.
 - Kareem: I have to have the student caucus that day for 6-9 pm that day, just think about that.
 - SaraLi: It would be after.
 - Simran: You're planning a skating trip?
 - SaraLi: It's on the 29th.
 - Simran: We planned one on the 3rd, and we feel like that is clashing with our events
 - Rowan: Co-host!
 - Simran: No, it's our event and we would like to do it our way. We can talk after.
 - Commuter Experience Fee
 - SaraLi: Hard to get a hold of. It's from the campus life commission. I think it's very important information and as the commuter commissioner, I am astounded in how it is being spent. I cannot make early judgements because I do not have the exact breakdown. I have been trying and trying to get a more detailed breakdown, that will happen this week or next week with the Dean's Office.
 - David: I was on the committee that received the breakdown – the committee found it satisfactory. If you are looking at the one I did, it's tougher to get a better breakdown than that. The problem with those programs themselves is that it is hard to break them down further.
 - SaraLi: these numbers are in thousands or tens of thousands for very generic lines. I want to find out the details, this is money going

towards planning and organizing. People have the right to know how it is being spent.

- Rowan: You are running down the trail jelwna and myself have run down. I only have a hardcopy of that report but I wanted a digital file. I think this is a simple case of Kelley forgetting. I did ask when I got the file at CLC or finance?
- David: It went through finance then CLC.
- Rowan: I sat down with the controller of finance, she said she could give me specific but it would mean nothing. It's a series of codes and money. What does help is how that report was made – lumping the code with the key for those codes. What would help: Roughly, how much do we spend on a specific event? You cannot get a list like VUSAC's budget. But, we're lucky in that we take our money and control it all ourselves. They have to go through Vic central finance in the Dean's Office. I don't think they can do that with their finances.
- VOCA Tableware
 - SaraLi: It's been difficult in the acquisition of plates and forks for pancakes.
 - Rowan: Greenshift dropped the ball hard. They weren't able to get us stuff for frosh week. There was a miscommunication between Chef Nathan and Charlene to use their plates. We will be invoiced for their plates and cutlery, but they are biodegradable. This arrangement will end by the end of the semester. I can meet with you and Alice.
- Constitutional Amendments
 - SaraLi: I sent them out four weeks ago because of the budget meetings. A lot of them are minor changes. The first amendment is to have the VOCA co-chair select the exec committee with the Commuter Commissioner and the CLC. Think it's best to have both co-chairs working. Do I have to motion first?
- Rowan moves to pass amendments in an omnibus. Kareem seconds.

Alex pulls Amendment #4: section 3, sub-section A.

Motion passes with two abstaining.

- Alex: I was wondering if you were looking for a bigger exec or have more people involved at a higher level? Does this include a residence student?
- SaraLi: I was trying to give a limit of a minimum and maximum of each year – so there is adequate representation throughout. I also put in a limitation on an earlier amendment that there should be a maximum number of execs so it does not become overwhelming. With the residence student, I didn't see the point of having a residence student on a commuter council. I think CARA would be more productive for that. I changed MAL to councillor.
- Simran: I know it's a commuter organization, don't you feel that if you have a residence student, you have an idea of what to do?
- SaraLi: Saad, my co-chair, we've been talking about that. We didn't feel like it's necessarily appropriate but there is no back knowledge of commuter life. It's not a productive perspective
- Rowan: Would Gate House need a commuter rep to function? CARA
- David: Though I think Rowan is correct, avoiding rhetoric of commuters and residents
- SaraLi: I'm not usurping the perspectives of residence students, I'm just saying it's not necessary on a commuter council. And perhaps

residence students have been commuters before, but that's just in some cases. We are primarily catering to commuters.

- David: I think the commuter experience is very varied; there are commuters who commute far and who are really close. So we tend toward the extremes,
- Claire: I don't think having a committee of just commuters is problematic.

SaraLi calls the question. Alex seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

SaraLi moves to go in camera. Auni seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

○ *Arts & Culture* – Conor

○ General Update

- Conor: Bob crew applications have been received and I am going through it with the directors to pick the crew. Tech director, props and costumes among other positions will be hired.
- Ben: Can you speak to any progress of our arts endowment application? I sent the emails but I have not heard back from Krista or anyone else.
- L-P: Did they confirm the receipt of the application?
- Conor: Before they met, they sent me a confirmation but they've discussed it.
- Claire: The Strand is concerned you are not advertising their hours enough.
- Conor: When we met with them in the beginning of October, I told them I will. will be promoting it on social media.

○ *Scarlet & Gold* – Olivia

Olivia moves to ratify Emily Ernzt and Aimee Huntington as Winterfest Co-Chairs.

- Olivia: Ash, Enxhi and myself, Alex as the Councilor representative, Christine Delacruz for Commuter representative and Lavi for residence representative.

Motion passes with two abstaining.

- Olivia: Reminder to volunteers:
- Auni: I never signed up as a volunteer.
- Ben: Is there any candy left?
- Olivia: If anyone would like to apply for Winterfest committee, the applications are open until this Friday.
- Auni: That should be in the listserv?
- Olivia: It is.

COUNCILOR REPORTS

○ Stuart

- Stuart: I'm working on clubs storage re with Enxhi. Both rooms in the basement are used for clubs storage. If you've ever been in there, you know it's very messy. There's a lot of locker, but it's not the most efficient use of the space. If you know any groups who need space, message Enxhi or me. We are hoping to have cabinets on one side then a caged off area. We're going to have different types of storage that is more efficient. With the budget passing, we have people using it more efficiently and not losing things. Enxhi and I are trying to work out a concrete plan. We are just going look to student projects for money.
- Ben: Applying for second semester application period?

- Stuart: Yes
 - William
 - William: I've been helping out with several initiatives: the CCR application for VOCA, that's going to be done fairly soon. It was filling in forms and getting things done to track progress – it will help people to get more opportunities later in life. Been also working with sustainability, having lunch with a buddy initiative poster and will be up by the end of this week. I am volunteering with the Harry Potter Pub night this week, only thing this term with S&G. Just talked to the Cat's Eye about equipment. Clubs Display Board – by the beginning of next term, it will be completely done. I have hooked up a Dropbox account to the Instagram to have high-resolution photos on there.
 - SaraLi: William's been also helping with having clubs advertised at pancakes?
 - Golda
 - Golda: Everything is finished for reconciliation in the budget; levy checks will be released on Wednesday. Commissions will be giving out budgets. We're changing finances to QuickBooks; it will not be on Excel anymore. The only other thing I've been working on is the Youtube channel. We have one video up right now, the next will be this Friday. If you have YouTube, like, comment and subscribe!
 - Kareem: Will the levy checks be available for pick up Wednesday?
 - Ben: On Tuesday, the Bursar's office check pick-up day, they will write out checks for Wednesday. This is 60% of all money. Rowan and I will go down at some point on Wednesday or Thursday- hopefully Wednesday – and then deposit the money.
 - Kareem: May I make the suggestion this is done soon? The Strand needs to pay their publisher.
 - Alice: What's the name of the VUSAC channel?
 - Golda: It's VUSAC.
 - Claire: If we want a picture posted on Instagram, do we contact Sumeeta?
 - Golda:
 - Enxhi: Just for clarification: L-P runs the Twitter, William runs our Instagram, Golda makes the Youtube videos, and myself or Sumeeta operate the Facebook page.
 - William: What if we have an email list for media promotion? That way there's one place to contact.
 - Enxhi: We can use Facebook groups to get advertisements and events happening.
 - Simona
 - Simona: Last week I received a call from SONY to help to promote their advance screening of "The Wedding Ringer" on November 24 at the Scotiabank Theatre at 7 p.m. They will be giving VUSAC 25 double tickets – meaning that there are 25 tickets and each one comes with a ticket for a guest. A total of 50 tickets. All we have to do is promote SONY, Scotiabank and the movie on the VUSAC website,

twitter, facebook and posters around campus.

20 out of the 25 tickets will be alluded to VUSAC's food drive and 5 tickets will be given to the winners of the Movember best facial hair challenge.

VUSAC is organizing a food drive collecting non-perishable goods for the The Yonge Street Mission shelter. Each student who brings in 5 or more food items will be entered in a draw to win a ticket to Sony's screening of "The Wedding Ringer". The students who bring in 5 food items will enter their name into the mason jar on the VUSAC desk. The VUSAC member who is present while a student drops off their 5 or more non perishable food items has to sign their name on the back of the paper so that we can ensure that they did indeed drop off 5 or more items. The contest draw will occur on Friday November 21st at 1pm.

Also on Friday November 21st the individual who have participated in Movember are encouraged to come to the VUSAC office where we will be taking pictures of their mustaches and posting them online – and the 5 individuals who have the most votes will win a ticket to the advanced screening.

- Kareem: Where do we put the canned goods?
- Enxhi: The jar is in front of the computer, the box is in front of the mailboxes. Make sure people put their name and bring five items.
- Simona: I have also been helping plan socials for VUSAC.
- L-P
 - L-P: I've been promoting VUSAC events and hiring on twitter. Alex Auni and I worked with the Dean's Office to make Trick-or-Treat happen. Been also working on Movember. Noticed some people have not signed up on the actual group though so we want to raise money and awareness. We have raised \$617.00 between 16 people.
- Alex
 - Alex: I can't believe the first semester is almost gone, closed my eyes and it has gone by. We did the Trick-or-Treat, I've sat on the Cat's Eye advisory board, helped with organizing the AGM, I also delivered a binder to Caffiends co-managers. I have been working on the 'Arry Potta Pub Night.
- Auni
 - Auni: I'm currently working on Winterfest because I am assistant chair. Applications are out and due by Friday for the committee. It's like winter frosh leader but a little more work!
 - Gabe: Auni and Rahul are about to receive large parts of the constitution they need to help me edit.
 - Victor: I was wondering if anyone wanted to discuss what the next board structure would be. Do you guys want to do that or go home?
 - Gabe: We have four minutes left and I think that's a discussion best saved for the next meeting.
 - Enxhi: It's really awesome that every councillor gave a report and cool to see everyone has been doing stuff. It'll be another two weeks.

Motion []: Rowan moves to adjourn meeting. SaraLi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.
Meeting is adjourned.