



## November 1<sup>st</sup> VUSAC Meeting Minutes

**Call to order:** 5:30pm

### **Land Acknowledgement:** Tran Thai

To be honest, in my first year, I was confused about what a Land Acknowledgement was and why it was said at most of the events I attended. However with every time the words of the Land Acknowledgement was spoken, it has given the opportunity to reflect on what these words truly mean.

The majority of us are settlers to this land, whether our ancestors settled here a long time ago or just recently have we settled this land. The history of colonialism is not a pretty one. The Indigenous people have faced various forms of oppression for years systematically and institutionally. What Canada has done to the Indigenous people is cultural genocide. By acknowledging that this land was stolen from the Indigenous people, it allows us to understand how detrimental of an impact the settlers have had on the culture of the Indigenous. It's important to recognize that when we reflect on our actions on working with this land, we're moving one small step forward in the process of reconciliation.

Therefore, we wish to acknowledge this land on which Victoria College operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are very grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

**Official Regrets:** Aminah Attar (Proxy: Katie Marsland); Jenny Zhang (Proxy: Cedric Badere), Tyler Biswurm, Fatima Rana

**Additions to the agenda:** Massoma Equity Commission update (3 minutes); Academic Commission update (2 minutes), Katie Sustainability Commission update (3)

Motion: Tran motions to approve the agenda. Lucy seconds. Motion passes.

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

### ACTION ITEMS:

- Motion by Aminah Attar for VUSAC to endorse a Strategic Planning Petition [5 minutes]  
[See Appendix B]

Leila: As everyone knows, Vic is engaged in Strategic Planning, it consists of the university putting together list of general goals that will guide the university over the next 3-5 years; the sustainability commission alongside rep from VicZero released a petition on Monday calling for greater



engagement from students and. We're asking VUSAC to endorse the petition to show their support, and we think having VUSAC's name on it will help give the petition more weight.

Alexa: just wanted to thank you for the work you did in making this petition, this is fantastic, and I will be supporting it.

Motion by Aminah Attar for VUSAC to endorse a Strategic Planning Petition. Michelle seconds.

Motion passes.

- Favour: all
  - Opposed: none
  - Abstained: Fatima
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- Motion by Tran Thai to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution and Council Policies regarding Winterfest [3 minutes] [See Appendix A]

Motion: Katie motions to divide question, Alexa seconds. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Tran to ratify the proposed amendment to the Constitution regarding Winterfest.

Vibhuti seconds. Motion passes.

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

Motion by Tran to ratify the proposed amendment to the Council Policies regarding Winterfest.

Massoma seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: all
  - Opposed: none
  - Abstained: Fatima
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- Motion by Cameron Davies to ratify Spikeball Club as a VUSAC-recognized club [5 minutes] [See Appendix C]

Since for many of you this is your first club ratification, I want to explain CR process; clubs apply through app form, they are welcome to apply at any point throughout the year, had majority of clubs ratified during meeting in early August where we ratified 29 clubs, since then we've been ratifying 1-3 clubs a meeting just because not everyone applied in soft deadline in August, and we want to ensure people have opportunity to start clubs at any point during the school year.



Motion: Cameron motions to ratify Spikeball Club as a VUSAC-recognized club. Jay seconds.

Motion passes.

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

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Bursar's Welcome [10 minutes]

Alexa: we are very excited to invite Ray deSouza here to speak to us.

Motion: Alexa motions to give Ray deSouza speaking rights. Mehr seconds. Motion passes.

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

Ray: I just wanted to let you know who the Bursar is, what I do, most importantly let you know about a team I am so fortunate to lead; the bursar is an antiquated term, from medieval universities, it's a chief of advisory officer, etc. here at Vic the bursar in addition to being the CEO is also secretary to the board, that's where I'm interface with most of you; I make sure the board runs efficiently, I wanted you to know about the different units of resources; human resources, we take care of all employees at the university, share our expertise; finance, huge, this is a \$40 million corporation, we have very good interaction with your finance team, that is not so we can look at your finances but so that we are comfortable that you are comfortable with managing what is a very big budget; physical plan – have to interface with people in physical plan, anything that is a physical infrastructure, we depend on people like you to let us know when something is going on, if things need improvement, don't get enough information; the dean's office is very proactive, dongs are in residences, but sometimes we hear of it either late or when it becomes an issue and one of your board members shows up and says something isn't working; IT reports to my portfolio, we take care of WiFi, also other technologies, if you have ideas what you see at other campuses let me know; of course there is governance, we want to be a well-governed organization, currently that is my responsibility as secretary of BOR, if you are a senator, member of the senate, want to learn more about governance we are willing to help you, if you want to know more about how Vic college or Emmanuel council operates you are welcome to ask us questions or give us some ideas, I am now going to now leave some time for questions!

Cam: I believe you also lead ancillary and food services?

Ray: Yes, that is the business wing of Vic, it looks after food services, after events Victoria (group that runs all the events here), thank you for the reminder – VicInc has to generate its own revenue and money, whatever expense it must generate.

Cedric: Does that mean with respect to janitorial issues we report to you?



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Ray: You report through your normal student channels – don, res, etc.

Motion: Tran motions to give Kevin speaking rights. Mehr seconds. Motion passes.

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

Kevin: Are there resources available to Vic students that you think we should be using more than they may not know about?

Ray: I mean this is a \$23 million building, I would be forced to justify its use to 75% of its operating capacity; 75% of every classroom has to be occupied by a sitting student from the hours of 8am-10pm, in order to build a new building have to justify that 75% of those hours are utilized for classroom activity, this is not my metric but it's what's imposed in universities in Ontario – are you using the building 7% of its operating time? It would be nice if it could be used 24 hours, but it would need to be maintained and used safely – Burwash is a good example of a highly utilized building. I hope becomes a far more used building!

Hannah: Are you also in charge of funding accessibility?

Ray: Yes at the institutional level; accessibility will become major issue for my portfolio because of legislative changes, AODA will make it mandatory that all spaces that can be reasonably upgraded will be upgraded, all new spaces will be automatically updated, how do I manage that, we do a constant audit of spaces, we underservice residences, not enough accessible rooms in residences, if a question comes to us that is a priority for funding. If we can't deliver the accessibility we have a responsibility to accommodate.

Motion: Vibhuti motions to extend 5 minutes. Tran seconds. Motion passes.

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

Hannah: For heritage buildings like Old Vic, I know there are a lot of problems with staircases, for students that might be running to class, might be difficult if you're not able to use stairs, for older buildings is there a different legislation or is it similar to those at like Goldring?

Ray: Because the building has a heritage nature, that does not diminish its priority listing, Old Vic vs Goldring, if there was a need to accommodate we would accommodate within constraints of the heritage structure, other issue is that in doing work in a heritage building, I need special permission from Heritage Toronto. Annesley Hall is not well serviced, we have to work on that, Birge Carnegie will be fully accessible when renovated, if we build a new residence it will be fully accessible.



Vibhuti: Board members got invited to development consultations for Northrop Frye, are those open to Vic students?

Ray: In this case I will distribute the invitations you are talking about, while you get this, here's what's happening: the Northrop Frye building is at the ICU level, it is on life support, is not safe, I cannot upgrade the critical systems for the building, we're making sure we fix it, we cannot continue in that mode; we have to keep it renovated, extend it, upgrade it or build a new building; the city, when you take a new building application they want to know the maximum impact of the new building on the city, you need to show them how tall might it be, wide, what is the volume, what about pedestrian and bicycle traffic, accessibility from transit; city demands community consultations – we need student input, come to pop-up sessions, run by independent consultation, important for community, our community supports us, students like it, faculty like it, so do our alumni.

Motion: Tran motions to extend 5 minutes. Jay seconds. Motion passes.

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

Hannah: Since you're chief of ministry officer, you have lots of background with financial situation, do you have relations with health services offered at Vic? Are you responsible with bringing forward those initiatives forward?

Ray: The responsibility for that whole area of health services is the responsibility of the Dean, Christina you and your team are the first point of contact; where they look for resources is where I come in, almost always Kelley comes to me, and so I'm part of decision making in allocation of resources but not first point of contact.

Michelle: Is your office going to work with Dean's Office to make sure Vic knows about decisions that are happening, students living in area are most impacted by this, but commuters also deserve to have their voices heard, do you have plan to contact those students to let them know what is going on?

Ray: We have new director of communications (Megan) who will spearhead the dissemination of this information, through the Dean's Office, through res and commuter dons, general posting on website...etc.

Disha: I'm assuming there will be budget allocated, does that mean there will be budget cuts to other existing things?

Ray: No, how do we fund capital infrastructure, while buildings are seen to be expensive, expensive parts of buildings are not the shell, it's the infrastructure that you rarely see, like mechanical system, we fund through borrowing, we can't borrow by taking away funding for academic programs, the board would not allow it, we develop borrowing capacities through



various funding instruments, usually through mortgages, we can mortgage our buildings over 50 years, it's affordable, not at the expensive of budget cuts.

Vibhuti: Will there be a student levy for Northrop Frye?

Ray: Northrop Frye will be an academic building, levy only stood in place for this building where 2/3 of building is for use of students, for 8 months of year when you're here we try not to have other non-student events, that is deliberate, so there will be no levy to pay for the Northrop Frye building.

Disha: What happens if the community consulting turns out to be negative?

Ray: We have to respond, it depends on what the negative feeling is, highly unlikely people will say there are not better things, depends on what they say – building not accessible enough, too imposing on the landscape, etc.

Alexa: Thank you for coming and sharing so much, thank you everyone for your questions!

- Combining Semi-Formal & Gardiner Gala [10 minutes]

Hello, so unfortunately Vivian is not here to speak about this, this all came originally from Gardiner gala, we were talking about hosting the gala, but the Dean's office can't help fund it, so Vivian asked if there's a potential to combine gala with semi-formal – what would happen is we would have the venue from 4pm-midnight, the first half would be from 7-10pm, that would be the typical Gardiner gala event, with a focus more on the arts and culture portfolio, after that would be the semi-formal, all the dancing and DJ Bhuti 😊 Gardiner gala is very expensive, just last year it was \$4967.48, that is including the \$1500 labor fee for security and staff, the Dean's Office paid for half of it, tickets were \$5. Compared to semi-formal at Old Vic, the budget was \$1830, \$600 food, \$900 labor and security; Vivian put out a survey on thoughts on combining the two, and there were a few comments that I wanted to address here:

One argument was the events serve different functions; we want to retain best elements of both to make sure the VCU can keep what they love about both but also have the semi-formal aspect later on in the night, I believe gala ran from 7-10pm, so it would still be the same time frame, another comment is that a lot of feedback suggested that it would save time – we wanted to open up floor to see what VUSAC and general VCU thinks about combining the two events!

Alexa: The Dean's Office said they couldn't support it, there is a potential that, if Christina wants to jump in, if the event is targeted toward a specific group in a way that it draws students that typically won't come to the event, eg. Academic based, students outside of community would go in, the Dean's Office can support us in keeping Gardiner gala and semi-formal separate; one of the ideas was having a sustainability lens, if you have other suggestions I'd like to hear, and let Christina explain.

Christina: We also are facing a number of budgetary concerns to support students more intentionally, namely Kelley, Burgita and Scott are open if students want to think on how to make



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event more academically focused, but trying to engage other students that may have not heard about VUSAC before, etc. can do it through focusing it on other things like sustainability, the floor is yours!

Cameron: The Gardiner Gala is a good time for admin to interact with students in a less formal situation, a way for all sorts of people, student leaders, ordinary Vic students, Vic admin, for those people to come together and get to know each other and really make admin more accessible to students and vice versa; on the other hand, student formal is more just for students.

Michelle: The venue that you are talking about with respect to having the events combined, would that be Gardiner museum?

Tran: Yes, the terrace room where it was last year, there is also potential to book the main lobby.

Michelle: Are you considering higher ticket price? \$10 instead of \$5?

Tran: We are increasing ticket prices to \$10 so it's the combination of both events.

Michelle: Could we combine Gardiner gala and alumni networking event?

Vibhuti: We should not try to cater student to specific group or specific student group for the reason I think you should combine those events; a certain student that isn't in a Vic club can just come, we can keep them in for the semi-formal event, they can experience that also, if Vivian wants to do Gardiner gala, trying to collaborate with a group takes it away from the group. I don't think networking dinner is the best approach since that brings in a specific student, it is efficient in the way it creates and delivers that product.

Motion: Disha motions to extend for 10 minutes. Jay seconds. Motion passes.

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

Disha: I don't know what both of these events are separately.

Tran: The Gardiner gala is hosted yearly by arts and culture commission, it's an event for people to enjoy art, chill, explore the museum, semi-formal is what the name is, it's held at Old Vic annually.

Disha: I don't understand how it would be possible to combine two events on very different ends of the spectrum.

Tran: Generally what happens is that there's food stations at semi-formal, people can walk around and socialize; we will have that portion stand out in terms of the Gardiner gala, people can roam the museum, tour, eat and socialize, later on have that decompression zone of looking around in a separate area have a dance floor if that makes sense, but later on in the evening.

Disha: Would you let students enter only for the semi-formal part of the event with a different ticket price, is that something you would consider?

Tran: We would make it a singular event in that sense, same ticket price regardless of when you show up.



Alexa: Would you still consider having \$10 full price and if you only go to half \$5?

Cam: What if someone only wants to go to the first half, do you kick them out?

Tran: Logistically we could also do the wrist banding situation, that's one possibility, I'm sure there's a better solution...

Sepi: I understand budget cuts suck, I think your idea is very innovative, it's smart to combine events, I want to reiterate Michelle's points, good idea to combine networking dinner, maybe not all at the same time, but your plan right now is to divide them temporally, first have Gardiner, second half semi; have you considered having them separated spatially? I'm thinking maybe it could be a good idea to have the Gardiner gala in the upper place, then networking dinner there, then could talk to the alumni there too before we network in the main space do the semi-formal...  
Michelle: I think there was miscommunication; alumni is a completely different event that the academic commission puts on, just a suggestion.

Lucy: They are separately events; networking event is put on my academic commission in January, I don't know how we would combine them I think they're very different events, I think it would throw out the logistics a bit since we already have the venue booked... I don't know how we could combine them, especially since the nature of the event is different, reiterating what Vibhuti said, they cater to different people; the intention we want to put forward in terms of services is different, the Gala is more social, whereas the networking dinner has more professional nature.

Jay: All my previous points came up!

Alexa: Which option are you leaning more towards?

Jay: I think having the events combined is a good idea, I was going to say, we could have them as separate events but having them more segmented spatially or temporally?

Katie: I want to hear more of having Gardiner gala and semi-formal separate and having Gardiner gala with support from the Dean's Office support with a sustainability lens in mind, can Christina speak to that?

Christina: We're open to ideas, we can't make any decisions today, we could come up with what's the best option, I'd be happy to present it with Kelley, Alexa mentioned sustainability which is amazing, to Vibhuti's point it's not necessarily a specific type of student, we could keep the subject matter more open to wider range of students, maybe there's more creative ways to reaching out to students.

Motion: Tran motions to extend for 10 minutes, Michelle seconds. Motion passes.

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

Alexa: Thank you for clarifying that, the sustainability idea was brought through Vivian, I know before we know the situation she already wanted to do that, I think it could be through form of



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having speakers, maybe profs from the departments come and mingle with students, I don't know if sustainability has other ideas, etc.

Dorian: What is the rationale for combining the two?

Tran: Rationale is due to the Dean's Office not supporting gala as event itself, so there's a lack of funding, to save budget we were thinking of combining the two.

Alexa: I think they're both events important to Vic students, overall we want to ensure we can keep at least the nature of both alive, by combining them you're combining the budget because VUSAC cannot support gala and semi-formal separately as it stands.

Dorian: If you do combine them does that mean the Dean's Office does support it?

Christian: Yeah so that's why they combined it, we couldn't support as it stands alone.

Dorian: Do you have a breakdown of finances of how much it saves?

Tran: So by combining the budgets we wouldn't have to spend ~\$1800 for semi-formal, that would save approximately \$2000 from VUSAC's budget.

Dorian: What would you do with that money?

Tran: That money other reallocated to other channels in VUSAC.

Spandan: I think we should try to explore as many different avenues as possible to keep the events separate, my concerns are 1) if we combine temporally, one after the other, second one will lose out on large section of attendance because commuter students who just have to go home and can't stay for semi, it would completely exclude them, 2) if we combined them spatially and have them at the same time, that just takes people away from both events and reduces attendance from both.

Tran: In terms of the spaces, original idea was to combine them by having one first, then the other, that was the intention.

Spandan: I was referring to Sepi said about the spatial aspect.

Kevin: What are other avenues of funding have they been explored? The Dean's Office subsidized \$2500 for Gala last year, if we're just looking at money, is there way to bring in alumni speakers and invite alumni to come to event for free and pull from alumni office funding for example? What are the other avenues of funding that could help?

Alexa: One we thought of was the performing arts endowment, it would be a question of what is in VUSAC's budget and we will know more as term progresses, I'm not sure if that's the best move financially for us and for future VUSACs.

Vibhuti: For student projects we need to ask for money in a very specific way, need to frame it.

Cam: In terms of the alumni office they are on top of their finances, they have their planning process done by May, I don't think they would be able to collaborate this year, in future years we can reach out them earlier.

Alexa: We can't apply for the same project every single year for student projects, not a sustainable solution in the long run.

Cedric: This is regarding having separate ticket prices, for the Gardiner gala if they wanted to emphasize sustainability as a theme it would be counterproductive to use bracelets; if trying to



bring in people who don't usually come to either it's also counterproductive to have the separate ticket prices.

Spandan: What I wanted to say is that let's say there is someone who wanted to go to semi-formal but had to go home at 9pm, if it was earlier they could go at 7pm, stay until 9pm, but now they don't have that option because it starts at 10pm.

Motion: Tran motions to extend 7 minutes. Jay seconds. Motion passes.

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

Dorian: I just wanted to comment on the bracelets, I agree it's not sustainable, but there are paper bracelets and I don't think it works with the idea to separate temporal aspects since you need also bracelets to separate people who want to drink alcohol.

Ellenoor: Obviously the bracelet idea isn't great, I think it's important to have separate ticket prices, maybe the community wanted to go to one or the other, so it's not fair for people to make them pay for both. We shouldn't have to make them feel like they have to go to one to go to the one they want to.

Disha: We could have two separate events, since a different pool of students will be incentivized to go to these events, if it's together, there's less incentive to go to either of the events because they have to pay a whole \$10 price. I was thinking we could have separate \$5 and \$5 just to incentivize students to go to both, we could maybe make it \$7.5 to go to both.

Angela: My thought is with combining them would it limit the population who can access the event? Both events are highly regarded, both sell out really quickly which means people are not able to go, we talked about how it caters to different types of students normally not drawn to Vic, and not having choice in matter may ween them away from coming at all.

Alexa: Semi doesn't sell that quickly, just last year was fairly successful, and it's not like highball.

Sepi: I just want to add on top of things selling out quickly, a student might not be busy that day, if I couldn't go to Gardiner gala, I can still go to semi, if they sell out at the same time, I can't go to either now.

Tran: The way ticketing would be done is through separate times in the day, if people are busy in one time, they can still buy tickets at another time; this will make sure that people could still access tickets no matter what time.

Dorian: Do you have a day that you are thinking of having these two if they are merged?

Tran: The ideal day is sometime in January, third week in January, I've been in contact with the person at Gardiner museum, had date booked in advance for Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> but there is potential to move it around in that week.



Dorian: Have you considered just moving the time earlier, instead of having it 7-12pm, what about 5-10pm, the sun goes down at 5 anyways, in a situation when you can't have the events so late (people can't come), you can have people coming out earlier.

Michelle: I think from what I've gathered needs to be more discussion and feedback from students on how to combine the events if you do, because in your rationale you said you want to take best of both event, so we need to have discussion on what is the best of both.

Tran: My intention to make it more a Gardiner formal, my bad for not clarifying that, my intention is to make it one event and not promote in a straight up Gardiner gala or semi-formal aspect but combine it.

Hannah: 1) From what I've heard, the possibility of putting together networking and gala event is supported by the Dean's Office, if we put it forward we should put strong emphasis on bringing a wide variety of students in, and networking events are a hot spot for microaggression which can be a bad experience for students.

Massoma: In terms of planning the events, having admin associated with gala, in terms of the semi-formal that's not really fair, that changes the atmosphere, just something going forward to consider in the planning process making sure students feel comfortable.

Katie: We will be doing a vote right now, the three options are 1) having two separate events with possibly sustainability lens on gala 2) having part semi and part gala 3) Gardiner formal 4) part gala and part networking dinner?

Disha: If were going for part semi part gala are we following the idea of combining them in some way? Or is it the temporal thing?

Tran: It would be Gardiner formal

Vibhuti: I think there should be four options, one should be Gardiner formal, then Gardiner then formal.

Dorian: In situation where you go and advertise the event as scarlet and gold, I think you need to be careful to advertise it properly, by making it a Gardiner formal, just because the word formal is there, doesn't mean semi-formal is represented, people may misunderstand it.

Disha: With the temporal thing are you implementing ticketing thing?

Tran: That will be figured out later

Motion: Vibhuti motions to recess for 5 minutes, Jay seconds. Motion passes.

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

## EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

**Campus Life Coordinator (Christina):** 2 minutes

I will be away next week Wednesday-Friday, if you need support during this time period please connect with Bergita or another member of our helpful team. Please take care of yourselves during



Reading Week, our office as well as the Reg. Office will be open. The International Mentors are heading to High Park on Wednesday if you or any students you know would be interested. Congratulations for passing your budget, when planning events please keep in mind you may need to connect with me if your event has alcohol on or off campus, or off-campus with additional risk. Thank you!

### COMMISSION REPORTS:

#### **Commuter (Michelle & Rheannon): 10 minutes**

Michelle: we just have a couple of updates, we have 3 big events coming up; first right after reading week on the 12<sup>th</sup> were having another trivia night, it will be sit-com themed at the CatsEye 5-7pm. The next event is 19<sup>th</sup>, photo-opt with VicXposure and commuter dongs, we will be going to the Christmas market, so expect a Facebook event coming soon!

Additionally, November 29<sup>th</sup> we have home for the holidays, it's our big semi-formal event we do every year at Old Vic, if you are free we are looking for 10 more volunteers especially if you are first aid trained, let me know if you are available! The actual event is 7-11pm, if anyone wants to help us out with making the activities, I did send a poll out earlier to gage what people might be interested in in terms of activities, it's super informal, if you have 4 seconds fill it out, if you want to help us make the activities fill it out!

Starting November 18<sup>th</sup>, we are aiming to do ticket pickup in the VUSAC office, we will send out more info, it will be \$5 for Vic students, \$10 non-Vic students.

Sepi: I think you said event is 7-11pm, for volunteers does that mean showing up at 6?

Michelle: Around 6:00-6:30.

#### **Scarlet & Gold (Tran): 3 minutes**

Just one point to make is that highball applications are ending tonight at midnight, if you have friends, anyone who wants to apply you can still apply. For new councilors, please let me know if you are first aid or bystander trained, as members of VUSAC you are required to be at the events, manage the event for me.

Rheannon: You can indicate on the form if you're first aid trained or not.

#### **Sustainability (Aminah & Leila): 3 minutes**

Katie: The sustainability commission had its first meeting last Monday. We have now started planning our recycling campaign to help address Vics low waste diversion rate of 63%. We are also planning to have a speaker in November on an indigenous issue, currently we are considering grassy narrows. As previously mentioned we have also launched our strategic planning petition we are hoping to get at least 320 signatures, so we need you to sign it if you have not and Share it and make sure all ur Vic friends and profs sign it as well. Lastly, we have also started weekly Vic



goes to climate strikes so if you can come it will be on Fridays and we leave at 11:35-11:40am. You can also meet us at Queen's park. There will be a climate strike during reading week but there won't be a Vic goes event.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

### **VP External (Vibhuti): 5 minutes**

Okay, so I have my list,

- 1) UTSU AGM happened, it was wild, Thomas and Angela will give their update for that, there was a very good VUSAC presence there so thank you for that, I know the UTSU appreciated our presence there as well.
- 2) Menstrual product dispensers are UP, we are very happy with the way they are going, they are stocked, I am working with Holly and Scott on putting up little descriptors on the dispensers that are laminated, say they have been funded through student projects to give credit and help them out.
  - a. Some of the single user washrooms don't have the appropriate disposal, we will make sure that will be placed soon, so keep an eye out for that.
- 3) Caucus – all you have to do is show up, if you're not there please let me know, just send in your annual report in on time, there will be a questions portion, Alexa will give a verbal portion on what VUSAC has been up to, you don't need to talk unless a VCU member asks a specific question, there will also be anonymous questions going on. We didn't involve dons in the process of caucus since we thought they're not the best avenue to see what's going on campus, we are inviting the building presidents instead.
- 4) Alcohol process and catering agreement – For the catering agreement, Scott and I had a meeting just this week, I will be soon setting up meeting with Lyndon who is in charge of ancillary services, we will be ironing out very specific details on what student groups need to be doing and putting that into a document in which they know exactly what they're in charge of, I can disseminate that information in council and within levies. I am doing this after so long because there has been miscommunication with Vic events and food services for the entire year, based on food and things like that, I really want to clarify those problems at the highest level, with the director of those services so that he can work on disseminating that information in his department.
- 5) For alcohol policy, I told y'all at the beginning of the year that I'd be working with Shiny to strike the team, what I'm going to do is a series of just consultations to get feedback from relevant student stakeholders and bring their feedback to the Dean's Office.

Motion: Vibhuti motions to extend 2 minutes. Tran seconds. Motion passes.

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



We will be doing this without the Dean's Office help and doing more autonomous thing and bring it to them later, I am going through my personal emails, and will ask people who have had history with this to see what the problems were at that time, strike a committee with CatEye coordinators, environmental fashion show, Caffiends and a few other stakeholders who hold alcohol events to come together and talk about their problems with these events, and will then bring these problems to the Dean's Office.

Spandan: For caucus, how do show the agenda to the public?

Vibhuti: On Facebook and I will be doing email blasts to everyone's email that we have through the VUSAC emails collected and all the clubs and levies who are supposed to be there can tell their constituents to come, if I have the time for it will put it in the Vic registrar's newsletter.

Spandan: Can there be a few copies on paper outside the VUSAC office?

Vibhuti: Yes for sure.

Christina: I sent an email to everyone, student leaders across Ontario will be there at the Ontario Symposium on Alcohol Harms Reduction conference on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **VP Student Organizations (Cameron): 3 minutes**

We ratified our interim spending procedure, it has only used once so far, it's the kind of thing that if we see we need to have a later budget meeting than usual we can recommend this be implemented earlier than later so that it can be better used.

I'm currently in the process of meeting with clubs, as of today VUSAC has 34 clubs, I want to schedule meetings with all of them, I will be scheduling meetings after reading week with our levy heads and club heads so I can be as receptive as possible.

Rheannon: I just wanted to correct myself, we don't have a first aid CPR form, so please let Tran know and fill out the forms Katie sent out!

### **President (Alexa): 5 minutes**

Hello everyone, happy Friday! For starters we had to do an email vote for the budget for the Vic Environmental Fashion Show, we had to confirm their payment before hart house which was on Tuesday, which is why we put it through an email vote for \$5000 and it passed, and because of our regulations it had to be brought forward at our meeting.

I have been checking on everyone's programming, if we haven't met yet I'll be hitting you up soon so I can hear about your amazing plans.

A big part of my work the past few weeks was on the budget steering committee and helping Tyler ratify the budgets which was done today.

I'm also in the process of hiring a Student Project's chair, so I'm excited to have that happen.



As for the back room, Kevin ripped open all the lockers, it's a great way to clear out the space and will help keep everything super organized, we will put labels on that, so that's a huge thing, thank you Kevin for everything.

Fall open house was this past Saturday, got to speak to a few prospective students, so hopefully they come to Vic. Speaking of choosing Vic, the Choose UofT Campaign is launching again, November 1<sup>st</sup> to January 20<sup>th</sup> is the second optout period, we will continue advertising all of our services, things won't change too much hopefully in terms of predicting our budget, if you are able to share the Choose UofT Campaign on your own social channels please do, I will speak more about it in future meetings.

The ASSU coffeehouse right now looking to be November 22<sup>nd</sup>, if that date is a problem just let me know 😊

Vibhuti: What can people expect during reading week in terms of our documents?

Motion: Alexa extends by 5 minutes. Tran seconds. Motion passes.

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

Alexa: There are 3 documents that govern us, Vibhuti, Gabby and Michelle are chairing that, and I along with Katie are supporting that, if you're interested in being a part of those committees you will receive an email over reading week, we will start those meetings after reading week.

Kevin: Where would the ASSU coffee house be?

Alexa: We're hoping the CatsEye... we will try to look at other dates potentially.

**Equity (Massoma): 3 minutes**

We had some of our first commission members run events, for Diwali we had a little celebration in the Wendy Cecil Atrium, which went really well, it was run by one of the first-year commission members. On Halloween a lot of our commission ran the cultural appropriation pop-up for Vic or Treat, made the posters, made all the graphics, shout-out to Ellenoor who made one of the graphics, that was great to see, I'm proud of my commission members! The week after reading week we are having an inclusion and governance event, speakers are Tiffany Ford, the TDSB Trustee, CEO of company she started, also having rep from Operation Black Vote Canada coming in, third person is kind of confirmed, so I have to get back to you on that, so we are looking forward to that. Literacy week is the week after, which is basically just a week of planning events. Monday is more online based, just spotlighting literature coming out of underrepresented communities, bringing in an author, also want to do a Vic college anthology, choosing different themes, either community or home themed, it will be open for submissions, hopefully we can publish it next semester in print and online! We also talked about the equity forum, we are also planning to do that next year, we



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are thinking of how to structure it, who we want to be in that room in terms of VUSAC members, do we need members from Dean's Office, will that inhibit the ability for students to feel comfortable in that space? If you have any ideas regarding that you can chat to me or Hannah about that, we are trying to figure out the best way to do that, will likely send out an email to see what VCU members are thinking.

### **Academic (Lucy): 3 minutes**

Lucy: I met with finance people, always fun to talk about academic support bursary idea, I'll update you more on that. The language project going really well! We've had it in Spanish, and we are expanding it to Portuguese and French. We're planning on having hosts from the French, Portuguese and Spanish department, so we can have actual profs come in and make it more academic. Finally, academic cochairs apps are going very well, we have 10 applicants so far, so please share the news if you can, talk to your friends – have a wonderful reading week!

Motion: Tran motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Katie. Motion passes.

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