## Introduction and Victorians of the Month - Brandon Bailey

- Summer Kristina Minnella
- September Owen Gorman
- October Victor Lui
- November Jake Howell and Arathana Bowes
- December Alex

## **VUSAC Judiciary and Chairs**

President - Akash Goel:

- -Change from Productions to Arts and Culture
- If you're interested in running, it will be open starting the Monday following reading week
- in the process of hiring a CRO
- every year the student services fee will go up by CPI plus 2% to account for higher than normal inflation in post secondary sector there is a parity committee to deal with this
- VUSAC will also be having a referendum to attach it's levy to the CPI, since there is a new commissioner, and since costs have been rising over the last few years: is this a good idea?
  - Discussion:
    - Some negative student feedback because they don't know where the money is going
    - However there is a cost to not increasing it cost in programing
    - The UTSU fees are attached to CPI

Vice President Internal - Clara Ho:

- Thank you for coming out to Vic Gives Back week
- Orientation Exec selection committee is going very well, interviews will be soon after the applications close

Vice President External - Brandon Bailey:

- Crescams Serviendo awards are coming up soon, if you know anyone who deserves it, nominations open this week, Friday the 18th

Finance Chair: Cindy Hwang:

Reallocated budget is up on the VUSAC website, Finance chair selection process is still going on

#### Office of the Dean of Students

Campus Life Coordinator - Kristina Minnella:

- Been working with Michael to work for science for society - March 11th will be for 3 weeks - is open to all students

#### **University of Toronto Students' Union**

Vice President University Affairs:

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- recently hosted Angela Davis and Ward Churchill video is posted on the website
- a Speak Out series is coming up soon
- Students Aren't Money Bags about flat fees
- getting people to sign a petition about the flat fees

# Victoria College Representatives to Board of Directors:

- the COO movement was voted down based on the fact that student fees have already been increasing
- second general assembly on March 1st
- elections open, you can pick up the form at the office

## **VUSAC Commissioner Updates**

#### Communications - Sarah Sidky

- semi annual report has been published VUSAC.ca
- been working for a massive calendar in the BC
- the website is constantly updated

#### Commuter Commissioner - Rob Rubbini

- proposed meal plan changes - let me know your opinions

## Education and Equity - Emily Willmon

- conference fund applications open
- aboriginal awareness
- cuts for cancer

#### Productions - Kim Pollak

- thank you for ultra now to Jennifer Bahn
- March 9 ultra now
- ballet on march 13th at VUSAC office
- Vic Variety show march 31st
- come to the Bader April 7 for a redo of the Vic shows

#### Scarlet and Gold - Annie Lee

- Highball only 20 tickets left
- reading week party tomorrow

#### Special Projects - Dave Stewart

- talk about expanding special projects for events student run, student funded
  - straw poll: in favour

#### Sustainability - Ashley Quan

- bike d community garden
- we won water conservation competition
- working for a policy for all of vic
- environment week is coming up

## **Vic Governing Council Updates**

Board of Regents - All Student Representatives

- Presentation about the Goldring Center
- artist renditions
- why we're having it
- history about the Center
- update on scheduled milestones
- proposed costs
- fundraising to date
- student fee structure
- the exterior
- the second quad
- floor plans
- interior renditions
- Questions
  - how much of the MargAd field will be taken away? (The space will be rearranged, they're trying to encroach as little as possible)
  - will commuters be paying the same amount of fees? (yes)
  - you've been talking about student space, but it didn't seem like there was a lot on the plans (everything is all very flexible now, as long as the percentage of student space stays the same we can work it out ourselves)

Victoria College Council - Kenny Zhan

- got half a million from the province for first year programming
- starting the Jewison stream, there is a professor
- may expand vic one to upper years
- other colleges are trying to emulate Vic One
- Literary Studies starting next year

Victoria University Senate - Adrian

- looked over nominations, working on them

## **Orientation Update**

**Evan Wallis** 

- exec applications are open, close on March 4th (applications online and outside of VUSAC office)
- leader applications will be opening midway through march

#### **Constituent Organization (Levy Receiver) Updates**

Acta Victoriana

- going into production
- launch is hopefully at the end of march

#### Caffiends

- we have anew co-manager: Ben

- mug drive is still going on, give some mugs please

#### Cat's Eye

- now officially moved into BC reading room
- 85% functional
- available for bookings send requests to manager@thecatseye.ca

#### **VCAA**

- Athletic Banquet, March 24th
- If you play 2 games for an intramural you can go

#### **VCDS**

- just ran a tech workshop at heat house, we're going to have more next year
- two submissions at UofT drama festival
- Rocky Horror in Isabel Bader in March
- Theatre for Thought

#### Yearbook

- will arrive the last week of classes - you can pre-order for \$20 or \$15 if you get five

#### **WUSC**

- child soldier workshop

# **Commuter Life Updates**

#### **VOCA**

- -pancake brunches every Wed
- town hall/VOCA dinner next month

#### **Commuter Dons**

- regular office hours
- we had a community kitchen
- will have an environmental session during the environment week

## **Residence Life Updates**

#### Annesley

- Documentary showing of Food Inc.
- Harry Potter Pub Night
- another collaborative event soon

## Burwash

- Harry Potter Pub Night
- Lawn party for April 7th
- Burwash Assassins
- Burwash Bathrobes

#### Marg Ad

- Harry Potter Pub Night
- joining Scarlet and Gold for the club night tomorrow

#### Stevenson House

- open house after reading week, everyone is welcome - date to be confirmed

#### Senior Dons

 two weeks ago we had a residence workshop - pilot project, looking to put together a residence council of all the building/floor presidents - we will be developing this eventually with VUSAC

## **Discussion Topic - Meal Plan**

- current students play about 3500 for meal plan, you get x meals and x vic dollars
- looking for a new proposal with a lot more flexibility looking to open Burwash to everyone in Vic
  - 2000 will go to overhead costs (maintenance, staff, up keeping)
  - 1000 Burwash dollars each meal will cost about \$4.60 on average about 270 meals
  - 500 Vic Dollars for both Wymilwood and other places around UofT -8% discount at Wymilwood
- what about commuters?
  - \$100-150 to get a membership for Burwash plus discount at Wymilwood
    - includes costs for commuter dons and commuter lounge upkeep and programming
  - this fee is commuter experience package, not just Burwash fee (includes 10 free meals)
  - people don't want this to be a requisite fee but opt in isn't feasible, nor is opt out
  - there are lots of possibilities
  - we need to have both options for it to operate
  - the space would be open for longer hours
- Questions
  - Is this covering the cost of maintaining the staff? this hybrid plan was created in order to service everyone
  - What becomes the difference between Burwash and Wymilwood if that is the case, the plan is to serve students better
  - Maintaining the feel of Burwash with some changes
  - Where was this implemented, and how did it work? the situation is different everywhere, but it was successful at other schools, the student feedback was great
  - Wymilwood would still be open to the public
  - Is there going to be any real changes? The fees go up every year, but the fees would not be anything extravagantly different. Each meal is going to cost a different amount

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- Can you use Burwash dollars for a guest? not sure, not sure how
- Would all commuter students have to pay? yes Will they be consulted before hand? - yes: The parity committee for student fees raising, the commuters will definitely be told/consulted
- Would you consider putting this to referendum? No, because its not a VUSAC fee. There's still the committee with 50% students
- How will you ensure that only commuters attend the commuter programming. and where will this money go to, what body?
- will it remain an all you care to eat meal plan? What will be done with high popularity meals? - this is one of the problems, but there's going to be more speed through the line ups. all you can eat will still be there
- concerned about with more grab and go Burwash, and the nutrition factor

## Leo Josephy

- In the summer planning on leading a trip to a first nations community 8 hours north of Thunder Bay, bring 5 students there, and 5 youth from the community back

## **Clubs Updates**

Clubs Commissioner - Gabrielle Blais-Jones

- thank you to the club heads who attended the meeting
- the associate status proposal just went through as a constitutional amendment

# Continuing Clubs

Vic Chorus

- is working on HMS Pinafore Friday March 25th
- orchestra auditions this week

#### Vic Dance

- show tomorrow in Bader, \$5, all proceeds go to Sketch

#### VicXposure

- we lost the darkroom, it will hopefully be in the goldring centre
- art gala

#### Newly Recognized Clubs

Vic Biking Club

- aiming to launch during environment week
- if you are interested bikes@vusac.ca

#### **Greek Association**

- not only for Vic students
- have many academic and informing nights

#### Semiotones

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- recently launches second CD, sold out within a week, will be released with 2 new tracks

# Victoria College Community Garden Club

- funding from Special Projects
- we just secured out plot
- hope to have first meeting on March 7th
- will be meeting bi weekly
- recruiting after reading week
- c-garden@vusac.ca

#### Health Club

- gym buddies - a bunch of people willing to help you out around the gym - every day except for Sunday mark.duncan@utoronto.ca