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VUSAC Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 26, 2014 at 3:10 PM in the Goldring Student Centre

MINUTES

In Attendance

VUSAC

Judiciary

PRESIDENT

Rowan DeBues

VP OPERATIONS

Enxhi Kondi

Assessor Members

BOARD OF REGENTS

David Kitai

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR

Bergita Petro

COMMUNICATIONS

Sumeeta Farrukh

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

Kathleen Walsh

FINANCE

Ben Atkins

[ACTING CHAIR]

SECRETARY

Ally Scandolo

Commissioners & Councilors

ARTS & CULTURE

Conor Tangney

COMMUTER

SaraLi Forouzanfar

EDUCATION & EQUITY

Claire Wilkins

SCARLET & GOLD

Olivia Klasios

LEVIES

STUDENT PROJECTS

Angela Sun

GUESTS

STUDENT

Auni Ahsan

Arlette Bax

Rahul Christofferson

Golda Greenspoon

Alex Martinborough

Alan McCallum

Simona Messina

Stuart Norton

L-P Vielleux

Not In Attendance

OFFICIAL REGRETS

CHAIR

Gabriel Zoltan-Johan

Motion 43: Conor moves to approve minutes from last meeting. Rowan seconds. Unanimously approved.

Motion 44: Rowan moves to approve agenda. Conor seconds. Unanimously approved.

ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS

- *Board of Regents* – David
 - Update
 - David: Firstly, there are discussions to sell new clothing at VUSAC once the current clearance apparel is sold. The alumni advancement committee thinks we should bring them up to Triple A Standard, which regulates how Victoria is represented visually, and they also have an approved list of vendors that are sweat-shop free. To keep our relationship with Alumni Affairs good, we should make sure we follow the guidelines.
 - Rowan: It might be good to mention that this was ordered by Brandon Bailey years ago, the designs are not our own.
 - David: It was not directed at the current council and they are aware of that fact. Who is in charge of the new merchandise?
 - Enxhi: It was a student project in the past, so it depends on how the money is allocated this year.
 - Bergita: [missed what was said]
 - Enxhi: What is the date Vic was established?
 - David: Alumni Affairs has all the necessary information for merchandising when it comes time to producing more for VUSAC. Also pertaining to the Board of Regents meeting, students said they would like to see more alumni at events. We should send out a calendar of each month to alumni affairs as soon as we know events we would like alumni affairs to be in attendance at.
 - Rowan: Vic was established in 1836, for reference.
 - Leah: Can other student groups contact alumni affairs for alumni attendance, like VCDS if we wanted to have alumni attendance?
 - Arlette: You should contact Jennifer Wells in the Alumni Affairs office for those situations.
 - David: The board calendar is also going to be changed. We just went through a round of board meetings where Rowan and I were the only students able to attend the meetings. All the student representatives elected in April of this year will be able to sit on the board next September unlike the predicament we are in with student representatives. Once residence presidents are elected as well as VOCA chairs for next year, the Board will need to know who is who the moment they are elected in order to start meetings off with representation.
 - Leah: The names of these people have been sent to Scott and he forwarded them to Ray.
 - David: We are aware, but the people elected will have their seats at the beginning of the summer, so this forwarding needs to be done earlier.
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- *CRO* – Kathleen
 - Fall Elections

- Kathleen: Elections are now finished and they went pretty well. I gave out two strikes to one candidate, everyone pretty much played by the rules. We got a total of 531 votes, which exceeds our records. I am hunting down the total number of VCU members so I can have an accurate percentage of voters. I notified all the candidates of the results last night and there is 48 hours for appeals, no one has expressed interest so far.
 - Angela: The elected members who are here today cannot vote?
 - Kathleen: They need to be ratified and the appeals period needs to be over.
 - Kareem: The elected members may need to access their emails and begin work as soon as possible, so an email vote may be preferable.
 - Kathleen: We did have a few email votes come in because there was an issue with the online voting system for these few. They were a master's student and a don and they emailed me their vote, as well as a music student informed me that they could not access the site. I need to make sure these are taken into account before ratification and publicizing the numbers.
 - Rowan: It is my understanding that graduate student dons do not pay VCU fees, there they cannot vote.
 - Bergita: Rowan is correct, they cannot vote because they technically are not part of the VCU.
 - *Senate – Angela*
 - Update
 - There was a senate general meeting and we're giving out two honorary degrees to Beverly McLachlin and Rosalie Abella [is this correct spelling of their names, Angela?] who are members of the Supreme Court of Canada. They have done a lot for the Canadian justice system. Please think about coming to Charter Day [was there any other details mentioned about the event?!]
 - Rowan: Charter Day is a very busy event, so get there early if you would like to attend! It is great that Vic is acknowledging the Supreme Court in our current political situation; it is a nice subtle touch.
 - *Student Projects - Angela*
 - Operating Policy Amendments
 - Angela: I am the outgoing to student project's chair. I would like to pass these Student Project's operating policy amendments, I sent it out this morning and I understand if the council did not have time to read them over. At the beginning of last year, the previous CLC told me that this operating policy was new and needed to be improved upon. Our new chair was a member of the board last year and understands how it is run, she also is on board with these amendments and running the levy under them. Sometimes we have hired a chair that never sat on the committee and does not know how it has functioned previously. I improved upon the constitutional details but still left it fairly similar to the current one as it stands.

Amendment #1: The Student Projects Chairperson shall post the results from every meeting on the Victoria University Students Administrative Council website within 24 hours of the conclusion of a Student Projects Levy Committee Meeting.

- Angela: I've changed the 24 hours for 48 hours; I think the applicants need the results first before it is publicized.

Amendment #2: The Chairperson shall submit all applications to the Advisory Board. Upon receipt of an application the Advisory Board shall contact the applicant to let them know that their application has been received and is under review, and present the timeline outlined below to the applicant.

- Angela: I think it's good to have one point on the Advisory Board to discuss the projects with, so I am mandating that all project be emailed directly to the Chairperson to streamline the project.

Amendment #3: Applications for a Student Projects Committee member shall close on the Friday of the second week of class of the Fall Term. The Advisory Board will consider all applications, and make a decision no later than the Thursday of the fourth week of class of the Spring Term. Applicants will be notified of the results of their application on the Friday of the fourth week of the Fall Term.

- Angela: I amended this to give people the weekend in addition to the period to hand in their application since there is school happening throughout the week.

Amendment #4: Each committee member is responsible for updating the rest of the committee regarding the status of the project(s) that have been assigned to that individual.

- Angela: The problem is as I told the previous chair; there wasn't thing to report on at every meeting. What worked better this year is that the Chair dealt with monitoring the progress. I feel like this is a job that is more suited to the Chair. I have removed this policy.

Amendment #5: All projects that are not implemented by the end of the academic year they were passed must be granted an extension by the Student Projects Levy Committee. All applicants will be contacted by the Student Projects Chairperson to determine whether the applicant would like an extension. If no extension is granted then any funds released for the cancelled projects will be returned to the Student Projects Levy Fund. An extension may only be granted for one additional calendar year from the date the extension was granted.

- Angela: Based on the form and the second part of the policy, I'm certain that the original writer meant "one calendar year" instead of "one academic year."

Amendment #6: Every Student Projects Levy Executive Committee member must provide a brief progress report of any approved project assigned to that specific Student Projects Levy Executive Committee member. These reports will be presented at the beginning of every scheduled Student Projects Levy Executive Committee meeting.

- Angela: The chairperson will be responsible for monitoring projects. There is really not much "monitoring" except to see if they have used their grant or not and since the Chairperson is involved in the reimbursement process, they should already have knowledge of this. Also, once again, it is much more convenient for the Chairperson to remain as the contact for project applicants.

Amendment #7: The Student Projects Levy Committee will consist of: Ex-Officio, non-voting: Dean of Students, Campus Life Coordinator, Clubs Commissioner.

- Angela: I changed this in order to align with the constitution since there is not Clubs commissioner. The Student Projects Levy Committee will consist of: Ex-Officio, non-voting: Dean's Office Representative, Vice-President of Operations. Due to our financial ties to the Vic Dean's Office, they decided earlier this year to have the Associate Dean as the primary contact for the Fund. Sometimes they may also send alternative representatives for scheduling purposes.

Amendment #8: The Student Projects Levy Committee must meet at least once prior to the opening of Student Projects, Round I.

- Angela: This will be removed. Based on experience from this year, I do not think that the Committee requires a full meeting at the beginning to adjust to their positions – especially when the Chairperson is a resource. The sooner we get to project applications, the better.

Amendment #9: Any meeting of the Advisory Board must have all five voting members present, any decision made without full attendance is to be considered non-binding.

- Angela: There will be the addition of proxy votes that can be given to other members. Sometimes extraordinary circumstances arise and one is unable to reschedule the meeting.

Amendment #10: The Advisory Board shall be chaired by the standing Student Projects Chairperson. If the Student Projects Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting, they may send someone in their place. The Advisory Board retains the right to request that the Student Projects Chairperson choose a different person to replace them in the event that a conflict of interest is noted on behalf of the stand-in.

- Angela: The line saying that the Chairperson can send an alternate, it is unwise to have a meeting without the chair.

Amendment #11: The Victoria University Students Administrative Council judiciary shall appoint their advisory board members by the first Friday of the Spring Term. These newly appointed members should begin their term on the first Monday following their The Commuter Commissioner shall appoint their advisory board members by the second Friday of classes of the Fall Term. These newly appointed members should begin their term on the first Monday following their appointment.

- Angela: First of all, there is no reason why the successful candidates cannot immediately begin their position once they have been selected. Second of all, while I understand the intent of keeping a few Advisory Board members around, it has proven to be difficult to recruit students in January. Having everything done in April for the next year just seems easier.

Amendment #12: Advertise applications for the Student Projects Committee prior to, and during, when the applications are made available. Advertise applications for the Student Projects Chairperson prior to, and during, when the applications are made available.

- Angela: This will be moved to the Chair's responsibilities.

Amendment #13: Changes and by-law additions will be made to the Victoria University Students Administrative Council constitution to reflect the final approved guidelines where necessary.

- Angela: This will be removed. When Student Projects became a levy, all its policies were removed from the constitution. Keeping this in would just create unnecessary bulk to our Operating Policy document.

Amendment #14: On the first Monday of every month the Student Projects Chairperson shall compile all applications and forward them to the Student Projects Levy Executive Committee electronically. Each member shall respond stating that they have received the applications, and given an informal "yes" or "no" vote for each application. If a project receives eight (8) "yes" votes via e-mail, the Student Projects Chairperson will hold a formal vote at the beginning of the meeting to determine if funding shall be granted.

The Student Projects Levy Executive Committee shall meet on the second week of the month to discuss the project. Applicants are required to send a representative to discuss the application, and answer any questions. There shall be no voting to release funding of any project at this meeting, with the exception of those at the beginning as stated in the clause above.

The Student Projects Levy Executive Committee shall meet on the third week of the month to hold a formal vote on all applications pending.

If a member of Student Projects Levy Executive Committee is not in attendance for the discussion meeting then they are to abstain from voting on any projects in the subsequent meeting. This member is still required to attend the meeting even though they must abstain on all projects they were absent for previously.

If a member of the Student Projects Levy Executive Committee is unable to attend the voting meeting then they are able to e-mail the Chairperson directly with their decisions on each project. This e-mail must be received prior to the commencement of the meeting. The results of this person's vote on a specific project shall be released to the committee only upon the conclusion of a vote on the specific project.

After the conclusion of the first meeting of the month by the Student Projects Levy Executive Committee any subsequent questions must be submitted to the Chair no later than 48 hours before the commencement of the voting meeting in order to allow time for the applicant to respond. Before voting is to commence on any project the Chairperson must allow for discussion of the project(s).

- Angela: In the original policy, the way it was envisioned in the reformatting committee that the Chairperson would send out applications at the beginning of every month and there would be an email vote by the committee. There would have to be a series of meeting that are ridiculously convoluted and complicated and there would need to be two meetings and an email vote. It reduces the number of projects which can be passed and I think we should treat all projects equally and proper discussion for all of them. MY amended text is, “

SaraLi enters at 4:04 PM.

- Arlette: I agree with all of Angela's changes and I think the way Angela ran the fund worked very well. I think these amendments streamline the process and make it much more efficient. I intend to get those together as soon as I am ratified and having an official policy will have something to fall back upon.

Motion 45: Rowan moves to make amendments Enxhi seconds.

- Kareem: Would I, once ratified, sit on the committee?
- Angela: I only changed the ex-officio on the committee and the naming in the amendment because of the change in the VUSAC membership.
- Angela: Me, Arlette and Krista will be working out the numbers for how much money Student Projects has. We won't have a concrete number until October because registration closes then.

We have our chairperson for Student projects and we are happy that VUSAC allowed us the time to hire Arlette. She is very well suited for the position and look forward to seeing what she will do! This is my last meeting as Student Project chair but I'm very happy that Arlette will be taking over.

Motion 46: Enxhi moves to ratify Arlette at the Student Project chairperson. Conor seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Golda enters at 4:10 PM.

- Rowan: At last year's AGM, some smart cookie said that any change to the board structure must have a plebescite, an unbinding referendum, asking for people's thoughts on changing the board structure. It is known as a bad structure across campus and it is been

criticized in the national media. They have not included a yes or no for if people like the board structure, there are 60 yes or no heavy loaded questions like “Do you believe the LGBTQ community needs representation?” Of course people will vote yes, but it is

- SaraLi: Who made the question?
- Rowan: Motioned by Yolen and it was seconded by Cameron. The questions were drafted by Policy and Procedures.
- SaraLi: Can anyone change it?
- Rowan: Deadline was last week and we got this today.
- Rahul: Is there any opportunity to change it before the package is made official?
- Rowan: We can try to block it at the Board meeting on Monday, we can make it a justification for the Board proposal if it goes through the Board currently.
- Rahul: How will it be publicized?
- Rowan: It hasn't yet, but it would be publicized like their elections packages but not as binding.
- Enxhi: Can we make a plebiscite at Vic and in other colleges about the board structure?
- Rowan: That's handy, I will talk to the other colleges and faculties.

FINANCE REPORTS

- *Finance* – Ben
 - VCDS-007 Approval
 - Rowan: At our summer budget meeting, we passed the VCDS budget with the exception for the sweater budget line. Leah explained the cost and need of the sweaters, I personally am happy with the justification.
 - Leah: We have a 15 person exec team, they serve a purpose similar to Exec shirts during orientation week. For the production of a show, we need people to be able to recognize who is on the exec during set up and take down and not all crew knows the names of the exec team. We need to make sure people know who is who when the process needs to run smoothly. We need to meet with a lot of suppliers, so being represented in our positions is important. I think \$600.00 is reasonable, they were \$450.00 because of a great deal we received last year.
 - Conor: Is it a subsidy or is it covering all of it?
 - Leah: We pay for half of our sweaters.
 - Kareem: How much would it be per person?
 - Ben: We are expecting 500.00 but we have 600.00 budgeted for wiggle room.
 - Leah: We will pay for it then they will pay us back.
 - Ben: It turns out that VCDS that the summer budget is the year long budget.
 - Leah: That document is actually not our budget, it seems to have been edited and formatted in a way that we did not contrcut it.
 - Kareem: I was talking to the Cat's Eye managers, they did get sweaters for \$20 each.
 - Leah: There's ate not personalized.
 - Conor: Also, they are ordering far more than VCDS.

Motion 47: Rowan moves to ratify budget line VCDS-007. Conor seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- VCAA Summer Budget

- Ben: As many of you are aware on August 25th, we did not pass the submitted year budget for VCAA and it was the lack of clarification or justification. I have been in contact with Michael Nguyen and went through on all the budget line items, he sent me a comprehensive set of justification and we lowered rates like office supplies and equipment. As it stands with the justification we received, I have no problem with it passing. These are their budget line items:
 - Banquet Decorations: We didn't pass these because we were worried they wouldn't be sustainable, but Michael told me they would be for decorations that were cost effective.
 - Office supplies: This was amended from \$200.00 to \$100.00 and this is their yearly budget
 - Intramural equipment: Amended from \$3500.00 to \$3000.00 for the full year.
 - Jerseys: The Vic Jerseys are broken and the replacement of them is integral, there was a charge of 3000 for all jerseys for all teams. The jerseys represent us as a college and it's important they are doing their job.
 - Medals: He gave me a quote on the company they use and I was hesitant about team rep gifts, but the rationale is that the team reps are rewarded with hoodies because they do a lot of logistic heavy lifting and they need to be in charge of the team athletically and in terms of managing them.
 - Food and drinks: There are 20 people in the council and they have bi-weekly food and drinks at their meetings for a total \$500.00 for the year.
 - Contingency Fund: It is for a deposit for forfeiting and default because of U of T intramurals and their fees, it is mostly unforeseen costs with bonds.
 - Invites and programs: We have removed this already for invitations because it is promotional and they can print in VUSAC. Programs can be printed elsewhere.
- Conor: They should not get food and drink at their meetings, this not a cost to be incurred by students for an elite group of 20.
- Rowan: Like an end of year dinner.
- Conor: No comment on that, but our meetings are open and we still do not use student money to pay for food for ourselves.
- Ben: We can make their meetings open.
- Enxhi: They can't have open meetings because [missed reasoning].
- Ben: Should the line be voted down?

Motion 48: Enxhi moves to approve VCAA Year Budget. Conor seconds.

Motion 48.1: Conor moves to pull VCAA-010 line. SaraLi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 48: Motion passes unanimously.

○ Budget Steering Discussion

- Ben: Currently the budget steering committee is President, Finance Chair, VPO and a councilor and a Victoria student. Up until relatively recently, we had Eli Bourassa, former finance chair, as the Vic student on the committee for the summer. His past knowledge of the budget has been useful. He is now a Don and that is a conflict of interest, we have a vacancy of Vic student.

- Rowan: I am going to talk to Scott. My interpretation comes from my situation I was in, where I could not be President and a Don; it would be unfair if the dean's office were my boss and I was trying to discuss policy with them. In terms of the student representative, I think the conflict of interest has been created by VUSAC constitution. Eli being former finance chair is very valuable on the committee so we would like to resolve that.
- Ben: In the worst-case scenario, we can replace Vic student with Vice President External or we can find another Victoria College student. We could put out an application.
- SaraLi: How was the Vic student chosen in the past?
- Ben: Judiciary perview, but I do not like that policy. It's easy to carefully select who you would like it to be.
- Enxhi: It would be a better idea so then to have someone not on council.
- Conor: We had this discussion last year and I would direct you to the minutes for insight into how to hire this student.
- Rowan: I would like us to entertain is that would we like someone who is outside the "Vic bubble" or knowledgeable in the situation.
- Ben: From how I see it, we have judiciary who is on budget steering who have their own budget lines. Though they have to recuse their discussion on their own lines, the Vic student will not have these vested interests. I personally think we should add the VPE on instead since they oversee levies and there is impartiality there. Their only budget line is Crescams and people generally know the budget for those.
- Rahul: They would have perspective on what Vic students get the most use of in terms of commissions and clubs.
- L-P: If you opened it up to an application process, who would make the decision.
- Kareem: I think that budget steering could easily hire whom they prefer in the way it has been done in the past.
- Bergita: It is important to have someone who can commit to meetings, the intent to get representation at a meeting but also have to look at the practicality of who will be interested in these meetings.
- Kareem: I think the VPE would be okay with this seeing as they are overseeing the levies in their entirety.
- Rowan: Could it be noted as I was VPE for the summer, they did *technically* already sit on budget steering.
- Alex: The VPE is an elected representative so it does technically fulfill the interests of the majority of the public.
- Rowan: VPO is on there because they overtook the club budgets, but having both Vice Presidents will give both perspectives on clubs and levies.
- Ben: We will need to write an actual constitutional amendment.
- Enxhi: This change is conditional of Eli being allowed to sit on budget steering since he has technically been hired already, correct?
- Rowan: Yes.
- Rahul: Would this be included this year?
- Rowan: No, since the budgets will be passed for the most part before this can take effect.

- Bergita: I would like to add that the Vic Student can bring some perspective from outside of VUSAC and what services are used if hired.

Straw Poll: Would you rather maintain (1) the current structure of Budget Steering with a Victoria student, (2) change the structure to have the VPE or (3) having both the Victoria student and VPE on the budget steering? Three in favour of (1), three in favour of (2), thirteen in favour of (3).

- Kareem: Could you have one person have two votes to create the deciding vote until things are settled in terms of structure?
- Ben: Yes, but it is contentious and though I would not do this as finance chair, can be an easy way for the finance chair to steer things how they would like it personally.

JUDICIARY REPORTS

- *President – Rowan*
 - President's Report
 - Rowan: Thank you to everyone for meeting even though there was short notice on the time, I have to visit someone before surgery in the hospital and there were some important agenda items I would've rather not missed the discussion periods on. I would first like to talk about the Vic Property Committee. I would like everyone to think about that the committee met to discuss what to do about 63-65 Charles, the law house and they're taking all suggestions. What do students and the university needs? I am looking for feedback; there won't be a property meeting for a while but it's good to get an idea.
 - Kareem: How large is the area?
 - Rowan: It's a bit smaller than the McKinsey building, about 2/3 of that. There have been a lot of discussions on finance committee.
 - L-P: Have there been official suggestions yet?
 - Rowan: There was one in suggestion in terms of Northrop Frye hall. It was poorly built and it would cost less to rebuild. We could move the administrative offices to law building while it is being rebuilt, then we could give it to a company to pay for the land where the law building is then pass it to them once Northrop Frye is built taller and more efficiently. That was one of the more business-like suggestions. Please let me know if you have any suggestions yourselves.
 - Board Structure Stance Discussion
 - Rowan: I received an email about the UTSU Board of Directors package for the Monday meeting. There are two motions proposed that affect Vic students as UTSU members. One gives CRO the power to suspend by-laws and acts according to resolve depending on what the situation is; I will be speaking strongly against this at the Board meeting on Monday. There other issue I pulled out at the Board meeting I can't remember right at this moment, I will discuss it once I remember. The policy and procedure committee meant to discuss the proposals; one passed through which is about the U of T Student Commons. Myself, Kaleem Hawa and Ben Coleman drafted a proposal that would ask the UTSU to enforce conflict of interest laws for the management committee of that student centre and considering

the current political situation, this will make sure there is no contention. We outlined a strict list of what you cannot have; you can't have been affiliated with a club in the past three years and you do not want clubs offering support in the UTSU elections. I am confident in that passing. The other proposal was a broader working group; myself and the majority of college/faculty presidents, two Board of Directors members, and two UTSU executives: Najiba and Pierre. We made a proposal that consisted of constituent representation and college representation but **the procedures committee looked it over to make sure it fell in accordance with the [clarification]**, it was blocked from going to the AGM. The board will have to have a vote of 75% in favour for it to make it to the AGM, that is extremely worrying to me because it leaves us with not many options for the Board structure at the AGM. If it defeated on meeting, there will be no motion to vote on at the AGM for college representation and there will be only one option to pass; the constituent director structure. There must be change to the structure, as it will become illegal within a year due to the Canada corporations act. There is a motion I will like to make as an official motion from VUSAC, I want to make sure an discussion I have on Monday has as much Vic support as possible. This is the motion as it stands:

Motion 49: Declare the VUSAC's stance on the UTSU Board of Directors Reform.

Whereas in April, the UTSU BoD passed a reform proposal for the Board of Directors that removed college and faculty directors from the board structure.

Whereas it is the VUSAC's duty to ensure the best possible representation of Victoria University students, and to depend their best interests.

Whereas the further enfranchisement of identities at the University has the potential to benefit the students of Victoria.

Be it resolved that the VUSAC utilizes all necessary means to understand the legal ramifications of all presented option to aid the Victoria student body in understand these ramifications.

Be it further resolved that the VUSAC work with all willing parties to ensure the best possible success of college representation at the October 30th Annual General Meeting of the UTSU, keeping in mind the representative needs of all Victoria students.

- Rowan: We have one legal council saying one and the other saying another, Kelley and I have talked about having a lawyer in the case anything happens in terms of legal ramifications.
- Angela: Are you saying you would like college representation in addition to what they are preparing?
- Rowan: Yes, it would be both. This is the proposal I worked on with the larger group of people. If this passes, VUSAC will be able to officially endorse proposals at the AGM, then work and organize the Vic body to work as a cohesive unit instead of as individuals. Any questions or thoughts?
- Conor: The proposal that has been submitted to board before AGM, when will that be announced?
- Rowan: Monday. The person who submitted it, Ryan Gomes, his lawyer says that it seems like it has been blocked since they've considered it not a by-law changes but it is an article of continuance.
- Angela: If Vic hires it's own legal council, where will the money come from?

- Rowan: Money has been budgeted and it is discounted due to Kelley's negotiations and connections.
- Ben: The budget for it was passed at our August budget meeting.
- Rowan: We did over-budget, \$500.00 is the line but we budgeted \$1000.00. It's for if my hands are tied.

Motion 49: Rowan moves to approve declare the VUSAC's stance on the UTSU Board of Directors Reform. Conor seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Rowan: Ally did remind me of the other motion that is concerning in the Board package. If any student societies endorse candidates during the UTSU elections, the endorsements need to get CRO approval. That candidate can face demerit points or disqualification if it is not approved. There needs no need for the bureaucracy and it is undermining the democratic system.
- Angela: When was this package made available?
- Rowan: I just received it today for Monday.

○ *Vice President Operations* – Enxhi

○ General Update

- Enxhi: I've been meeting one-on-one with the commissioners and to discuss initiatives to be given out to councillors at the retreat. The retreat is October 5th and will begin at 10 AM. From 10:45 – 1:30 will be workshops with Bergita, but we will meet at 10 AM and go from there. Councilors, you will find out what initiatives you will be a part of. Send me an email if you want to talk about what is available. I have put in the sweater order for the whole council. Sweaters are a total of \$504, we budgeted \$1500.00 that is going back to VUSAC; food costs for the retreat will exceed the \$200.00.

Motion 50: Enxhi moves to extend discussion period by five minutes. SaraLi seconds. Motion passes with two abstaining.

Motion 51: Enxhi: moves to reallocate [reallocation amount] from budget line to budget line.

- Conor: We're only reallocating the difference amount for the food needed, not the entire sweater surplus?
- Ben: I proposed taking money for individual money from members for the retreat? \$20.00 voluntary contributions will cover that.
- Enxhi: This is not a "retreat", it's a training session. Judging by that, I do not think people need to pay for it.
- Kareem: What is the breakdown of what is being bought?
- Enxhi: There is lunch, dinner and then lunch the next day.

Straw Poll: Who is okay to pitch in \$20.00 for the retreat? Two in favour, rest opposed.

- Conor: Before we approve this, what is the money going to?
- Enxhi: There will be burritos for everyone for the first lunch, dinner is pizza and the next day's lunch is shawarma or falafel.
- Ben: Speaking as finance chair, I would like to warn everyone that there is prudence in not using student money that could be saved. \$20.00 is not a significant amount and this is government money.
- L-P: Why \$20.00?
- Ben: It is just a suggestion; it could even be \$10.00 or less.
- Enxhi: If it was mandatory, then people who do not pay would need to exempt themselves from food those days.

Motion 52: Conor moves to extend discussion period by five minutes. Sarali seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Kareem: This is training and we are

- Conor: Charging a mandatory \$10 and may become a precedent for charging capital in the future. These are 8 hour or more training session days, like Enxhi said, I have done this last year and it can be hard.
- Enxhi: Don't make it sound that brutal, it is a good time but it is like work training essentially.
- Bergita: You are doing this for a whole year and the training session is important. I do not see why members should pay.

Motion 52: Motion passes unanimously.

- Enxhi: A project I'm working on with Krista is the clubs storage space, we are looking into redesigning and renovating it. If you know any club heads who have opinions on it or interested in helping, redirect them to me. I would like to get a councillor on board with this.

COMMISSION REPORTS

- *Education & Equity* – Claire
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - By-Law 1-S6H: The Education & Equity will work with PRes and CLC in facilitating mandatory Equity training.
 - Enxhi: This needs to be posted on the door.
 - Claire: I sent them to the judiciary, they are in charge of posting them for those who makes the amendments.
 - Auni: What is equity training?
 - Claire: It helps student leaders be more aware of dealing with the equitable treatment of people in leadership situations. This would be training done U of T central training.
 - L-P: What is the time committment?
 - Claire: Three hours, there are multiple sessions to accommodate schedules.

Straw Poll: All those in favour of mandatory equity training. All in favour.

- *Commuter* – SaraLi
 - CARA
 - SaraLi: We are having our first meeting on Monday at 8Pm. I have emailed resident presidents and people on the Board or hiring committee to set up the time. This is to start off the year, this is to make sure the committee follows through. I expect most people to come since it is relatively mandatory.
 - Auni: To be clear, this is an incomplete meeting due to
 - SaraLi: This is to see responsiveness.
 - Alex: Who else sits on CARA?
 - SarsLi: Building representatives, a commuter don, one residence don, the resident and commuter student. We will discuss how each is chosen from the dons and students.
 - Alex: Who is the hiring committee?
 - SaraLi: [SaraLi, what is the list of who is on the hiring committee?]
 - Auni: For the nature of the meetings, can anyone attend?
 - SaraLi: Yes.
 - Auni: You could also select the senior don from each of the four buildings.

- David: The senior dons deal with the more administrative end of things, having somebody who spend more of their time with students may be more beneficial.
- Kareem: Would the first meeting be *this* Monday?
- SaraLi: Yes, at 8:00 PM.

Motion 53: SaraLi extended discussion period by five minutes. Enxhi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Bergita: Maybe have a process for hiring the dons from the team?
- SaraLi: The only people chosen from the hiring committee is the resident and commuter students. We will discuss it in the meeting this Monday further.

○ Dinner

- SaraLi: The Festive Dinner in Burwash has 30 seats for Commuter students. We were thinking of doing a separate dinner this year for commuters specifically.
- Auni: If we are going along the theme of integrating both, is it good to separate them?
- SaraLi: The Festive Dinner is just very difficult for commuters to attend due to the low number of seats; this would allow commuters to experience it on their own. We are worried the residence students would overtake the event since it will be on campus if it's open to both parties.
- Kareem: You can say it is for commuters but residence students are allowed.
- SaraLi: Residence students pay for it with their meal plans, the commuters pay for it when they go to the festive dinner. Having the residence students being able to attend make. From my perspective as commuter commissioner, there is no issue of fairness

Alan enters at 5:18 pm.

- Alex: If you had festive dinner for commuters, would it be in Burwash?
- SaraLi: Maybe, that is undecided.

○ *Arts & Culture* – Conor

○ General Update

- The Bob cast has been chosen, had two rehearsals. I'll be meeting with Bergita to go over logistics. Secondly, Rowan and I met with the Editors-in-Chief for the strand and discuss the student projects for macs in the strand office. I'll be working with the VPE once appointed and Rowan on this, a student will be able to go in and use the computers for Adobe software in the office hours the Strand will be holding as of two weeks from now.
- SaraLi: Can they print there?
- Conor: no, but things can be brought here and printed at vusac.

○ *Scarlet & Gold* – Olivia

○ Halloween

- Olivia: We will be partnering with St. Mike's at Time Nightclub for Halloween.
- Enxhi: For the sake of the minutes, explain the entire situation with deciding where to host our event for Halloween.
- Olivia: The event we have been a part of in the past, Devil's Night out, has been going on for 10 years and was founded by the guy who was

New College's social rep years ago, the UTSU VP of Campus Life and now works for U of T Central. He was very sketchy when we met with him.

- Ben: Can you describe how he is sketchy?
- Olivia: He's very vague on details and only New College is on board now because of the deal they must have with him being an alumnus. He makes a profit off promoting the event; this depends on whether colleges join or not. The presale revenue would be a \$1000.00 back from the event with St. Mike's.
- Auni: For detail clarification, who was a part of it last year?
- Olivia: Vic, Innis, UC and New.
- Auni: And what are other colleges doing this year?
- Olivia: Kin, UC and Innis are going in on their own event, and as I mentioned, St. Mike's is doing their own that they invited us to be a part of.
- Enxhi: Is that the same night as the AGM?
- Olivia: It's the day before I believe.
- Conor: Time Nightclub is shutting down on November 1st, VUSAC and SMCSU will be the last people will be the last people to ever use it. They will open up the patio and everything for us. It's a great opportunity.

Motion 54: Enxhi moves to adjourn meeting. Olivia seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned.