

VUSAC Meeting Minutes

Friday October 23rd 2015 at 6:10 PM in VC323

MINUTES

In Attendance

VUSAC

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CAT'S EYE

Thomas Lynch

DUMBLEDORE'S ARMY

Ana De Castro

THE GOOSE

George Ren

Divna Stojanovic

THE STRAND

Anthony Burton

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Roxanne Griffith

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Cindy Ma

VICXPOSURE

Julian Moran

VOCA

Elaine Tio

Sharon Wang

THE GOOSE

George Ren

Divna Stojanovic

THE STRAND

Anthony Burton

VIC WEREWOLF CLUB

Keely Maynard

VICXPOSURE

Julian Moran

GUESTS

Stephanie Spagnolo

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COMMUNICATIONS

Alice Sluchenkov

George moves to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Peter seconds.

Alex moves to table the approval of last week's minutes. Gabriel seconds. Motion passes one opposed, one abstaining.

Stuart moves to table the discussion of land recognition. George seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Stuart: Because this is a budget meeting, I don't think this is an appropriate place to discuss land recognition. Because of how long this meeting will likely be, and due to the nature of land recognition, and how important it is. It would be inappropriate to have it with only five minutes of discussion time.

Gabriel moves to approve the agenda. Hannah seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Emily: We want to recognize we are on land that has been and is shared between the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Wendat peoples, in addition to other indigenous nations. run according to Robert's Rules, but that being said you can ask a question when you have one. When we are doing motions, there are a number of things that could happen. Let me know if you have any personal issues, or anything making you uncomfortable.
- *VPSO* - Lucinda
 - Lucinda: This is our final round of club ratifications. Vic Dance, Humanitas, Dumbledore's Army are up for ratification. All these clubs have been ratified before.

Gabriel moves to add *Scarlet Dragons* to the omnibus-ed list of clubs for ratification. Hannah seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Benjamin moves to ratify *Vic Dance, Humanitas, Dumbledore's Army, and Scarlet Dragons*. William seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- *FINANCE* - Shannon
 - Shannon: Hello everyone. I'm really happy to see so many people here. The budget is really fundamental to VUSAC. One thing I want to stress is that this budget is in no way perfect. The drafts sent out aren't me saying that this budget is perfect. It is up to you to scrutinize it. The budgeting process is very difficult. We have done our best to balance the needs of groups and our financial ability. The combined internal budget of internal and clubs is \$71647.62. It is an increase from last year. Both internal and clubs have increased by approximately twenty percent. We enter the year budget with 26 000 dollar deficit, but we have turned that around with a 568 dollar surplus, which is lovely. I want to thank everyone involved, for your understanding and willingness to compromise. It would not be possible without that. We will go from levies, to clubs, to commissions. At the beginning I will ask that someone move to pass it, then we will go through, and pull anything to discuss. Then we will pass the rest and talk about the pulled lines afterwards.
 - Gabriel: When people are speaking, please project your voices.
 - Rahul: When you speak please state your name.
 - Peter: Could we clarify the difference in finance between levies and clubs?
 - Shannon: Levies receive their own funding depending on how many students are involved. Their funding is non negotiable. Cutting a levy's budget does not give VUSAC more money. Clubs and commissions are funded internally.
 - Enxhi: What is the Strand delivery fee?
 - Anthony: We have to pay a delivery person to deliver our papers.
 - George: For VCAA-017, are council meetings open to the public?
 - Shannon: I was told that they were.
 - Claire: What is VCDS-036?
 - Roxanne: It's just miscellaneous, for things that come up. Like if we break something.

- Cricket: I noticed that 100 was allocated for PRIDE-009, what are miscellaneous club supplies?
- Shannon: I asked about this and didn't receive clarification. This is an area where we tend to include with the hopes that it will receive clarification, obviously that didn't happen.
- Alex: I want to look at VCAA-002, any indications of what the contingencies may be?
- Rowan: For teams in an intramural sport, in case the other teams don't show up, if equipment is stolen, etc.
- Rahul: Everyone in this room has speaking rights, please ask any questions that you have.
- Hannah: I am curious about the 500 dollars for council meetings VCAA-017.
- Shannon: I was told they are open to the public.
- Lucinda: What motions can we make?
- Shannon: You can reallocate, you can cut, reduce, add to, or table a line.
- Leila: If we table something does that mean it won't be done?
- Shannon: You would specify until when and only that line would be tabled.
- Lucinda: For the miscellaneous Vic Pride funds, PRIDE 001. I think it's a bit curious that we haven't heard about some things.
- Enxhi: I understand on principle why you are looking to pull it. However, there are other significantly larger budget lines also titled Miscellaneous or Contingency and no one is saying anything about those. The amount in this line is so small, as are other amounts in the Pride budget, so presumably the money on the miscellaneous line will be spread among the rest of the lines where needed. It's not that big of a deal.
- Lucinda: I would just like to clarify that other items that have been clarified. I want people to feel like their student fees have been put to good use.
- George: As much as I believe it would be used correctly, I don't like officially supporting something we don't know about.
- Keely: I'm not a member of that levy but they could have that line as a contingency.
- Cricket: What happens to an unspent surplus?
- Shannon: They keep it.
- Carl: I don't think we should punish clubs for having ambiguous lines. We could also vote to decrease it.
- Peter: I'm just wondering if they haven't responded or just haven't provided enough information.
- Shannon: They haven't responded.
- Michelle: I don't think that they will beed this funding right away, tabling might be the most efficient.
- Lucinda: If we do ask questions, this isn't to punish anyone or anything. We are just trying to be transparent.

Lucinda moves to table PRIDE-009. Stuart seconds. Motion passes, 4 opposed, 2 abstaining.

- Enxhi: For Strand delivery how many people are getting paid? How many times does this happen?

- Anthony: One person gets 70 dollars a week to 25/30 stands across campus. Delivery is for 12 issues.
- Carl: For ACTA-008, this amount is significantly more than for similar events.
- Miranda: There are two launches, there's some flexibility built in. If they choose to go out of the Cat's Eye. They need catering. The launches tend to be a pretty big affair.
- Shannon: It's going to cover to parties. 600 each for catering, 400 each for bar fee and security. That doesn't add up to 1500 but we can easily augment later.
- Cricket: Would it be justified to table this?
- Rahul: It could be. I would caution against that. Because VUSAC has constantly been criticized for getting in their way. Acta is a very active levy and has well attended launch parties.
- Shannon: The only issues hear is that they asked for less money than they need, I have no problem passing this. If this was a mistake it's an easy fix.
- Miranda: I know we wouldn't actually be withholding anything but it would seem like it.

Gabriel moves to approve the levy budgets for the 2015-2016 year. William seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Cricket: Why does it say summer?
- Shannon: I made a mistake.
- Gabriel: When people are looking at this and commissions, recognize what Shannon said in regards to the surplus we have. If people want to increase things beyond 500 we will be in a deficit, then Ben, Shannon, and I are responsible for that.
- Shannon: If anyone who has a laptop and is not looking at the budget, then you can, they're on the VUSAC website.
- Lucinda: In case anyone's curious, Aesthevics costs are a bit higher because some of their things were damaged in the summer.
- George: For VC-010 and VC-016, are they the same thing?
- Emily: We have two separate budgets, for the year and for our show. The first is for publicity in the year, the second is for our show. They are two separate things.
- George: Would it be reasonable to combine them?
- Emily: Could we not?
- Alex: I would say leave them separate.
- Benjamin: We could just re name them.
- Rahul: I would suggest that this is a waste of all of our time.
- Benjamin: I think we could.

Friendly amendment, the budget lines will be renamed.

- Alex: For Vic College badminton club, for the shirt designing contest are they making shirts?
- Shannon: Yes, recommended they go to the Webster fund.

- George: Could we motion to separate the vote of vic explore from the rest because I would have to abstain from that vote.

Gabriel moves to *pull Vic Explore*. Peter seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

Gabriel moves to *approve Vic Explore budget*. Peter seconds. Motion passes one abstaining.

- Peter: How many models are there for life drawing?
- Shannon: There are twenty sessions.
- Stephanie: VCLD-014, why \$40?
- Gabriel: It's not actually for the model.
- Shannon: The Victoria College Life Drawing Club features nude models, so it's like a proper pillow for that.
- Alex: For VCU-003, is that in collaboration with the building?
- Elaine: We haven't talked about it, but there is potential.
- George: We are very open to it as building presidents.
- Hannah: VR-004, the showcase, 900 dollars seems like a lot.
- Rahul: It's a pub night.
- Julian: Is this the appropriate time to ask for a modification. I am the treasurer for VicXposure, I believe for art gala we are underfunded. I think we should have more money because we don't have enough to print as many photos as we expect to receive, and have received in past years. The cost for each is just under three dollars. In light of the fact that we have a 500 plus surplus I would request that.
- Stuart: Have you looked into performing arts endowment?
- Julian: Working on that now.
- Stuart: If you are planning to host the gala on campus, I don't see why you wouldn't receive funding from the endowment.
- Peter: Were there other costs with the \$1100 requested?
- Julian: Yes. We also have prizes associated with it for every category. Other costs are prizes. When we composed our original budget that was on calculations for prize costs. We reduced the costs of the prizes then. We are a more popular club receiving less.
- Enxhi: We've got singular events, like the Vic Records party and this Vic Xposure party, going for nearly \$1000 each. Then we've got Winterfest, an entire week of events, going for \$250. That is a huge discrepancy that needs to be looked at.
- Gabriel: In reference to the gala in relation to the rest of the budget, could things be reallocated?
- Julian: No not really.
- Gabriel: VICX-008?
- Julian: No I think that's an important budget line for commuter student accessibility.
- Lucinda: I think it's important to keep in mind that what we approve in a budget sets a precedent.

- Leila: My main event in my budget line was completely cut. I think that you should totally get the money that you need, I think that this endowment isn't really being used so please apply.
- Julian: We're not asking for 1100. I only want an increase of 200, in light of the surplus. I recognize that if we apply that that's a good opportunity but we also want that funding money for other things.
- Shannon: It is always a good idea to have a couple hundred dollars in reserve. The total amount I have estimated may not be correct. Something might happen with revenue.
- Miranda: Why did you guys determine that it was too much?
- Cricket: Why did sustainability not get enough?
- Shannon: We had some concerns about spending 500 on prizes. We also thought it might be a good idea to print slightly smaller photos.
- Hannah: Can I move to table this line?
- Stuart: Applications are due on the second, and we typically meet the Friday following.
- Emily: It takes some time.
- Hannah: Can I move to table this until you guys have heard about funding?
- Emily: You can, but I would hesitate to table the whole line.
- Rahul: It is a long time to wait and also it's generally not good to table budget lines until they can get money elsewhere. If you're going to make a motion then either augment it but I wouldn't table it. I will move to augment it.
- Gabriel: Was vic records informed about the endowment?
- Stuart: I think they want to do something off campus actually.
- Rowan: I want to clarify, this is not a question of something being worthy or not. It's just that we can only half fund worthy things sometimes. 210 would be 40 or 50 % of the entire surplus. Stuff happens and you don't want a deficit. People apply to the endowment and thousands of dollars get through.
- Hannah: Have you looked into different printing options?
- Julian: We have. It's slightly under 3 dollars after tax, the lowest we could find.
- Peter: With the original request, was the 600 not including prizes. Why do you need more now?
- Shannon: It was 600 for printing, 500 for prizes.
- Emily: They are combining the budget lines.

Rahul moves to *augment VICX-007 by \$210*. Lucinda seconds. Motion fails, with two abstentions.

- Bergita: Maybe someone could mention reallocations.
- Shannon: Throughout the year there is the opportunity to reallocate budget lines.
- Alex: I have a general question, are there any clubs who have submitted requests been ratified.
- Lucinda: Yes.
- Rahul: Did we re ratify red ink?
- Lucinda: No. I thought Semiotones had a line.

- Shannon: They do.
- Lucinda: They are applying for associate club status. They are currently not a club.
- Emily: They are mostly Vic students, but they aren't a club right now.
- Gabriel: They do performances at vic. They do performances for certain events.
- Emily: They can't have a budget if they're not a club.
- Alex: Aren't associate clubs allowed to apply?
- Lucinda: They are. We have had an interesting relationship with Semiotones. We have discussed them shifting into associate club status. I don't think they can have a budget line right now.
- Emily: Associates can have that opportunity but is not guaranteed, this can be found in the constitution.
- Rahul: Did we re-ratify red ink?
- Lucinda: No.
- Enxhi: Associate clubs should be ratified after clubs, so that clubs are given preference in the budgeting process. And for future reference, Chair please be impartial when describing clubs. Calling a club "weird" is not impartial.
- Rahul: I think the chair was speaking to their status as a club.
- Gabriel: If what the constitution says is true in terms of clubs of associate clubs, and we have a discrepancy I would be comfortable moving Semiotones funds to VicXposure. I find the money to art gala more beneficial.

Gabriel moves to cut SEM001 & 002 VICX007. Peter seconds.

Gabriel moves to add \$200 to VICX007. Peter seconds.

- Carl: The endowment states that it wont support a club if it's available somewhere else, would they still receive funding.
- Stuart: That's tricky to say. If you demonstrate need, we will seriously consider it.
- Bergita: There might be other elements of the gala to include as well.
- Rahul: When we move to augment, by how much?
- Emily: Would be from Semiotones.
- Lucinda: We have to be aware that the budget was whittled to this amount for a reason. I think we are forgetting that there are many other clubs to which we could reallocate this money. I think it would be wise to cut but to continue holding off on VicXposure until we've seen the budget in it's entirety.
- Hannah: What Lucinda said.

Hannah moves to add \$100 to VICX007. Carl seconds.

- Benjamin: Why 100? We don't want to just through out numbers.
- Gabriel: That was my speaking point. Can we get an explanation for the semitone lines.

Benjamin moves to add fifteen minutes of discussion time. Cricket seconds. Motion passes, one opposed.

- Gabriel: For CD production, how many are produced?
- Shannon: I was under the impression that they would be a full status club. The refreshments were for two concerts. They normally get about 50 people. The CD production has no real explanation, they produced a new album this year, they need equipment and such.
- Lucinda: These costs are probably still going to be needed. Semiotones still intends to collaborate with other vic clubs. We may need to reallocate these funds to other groups at some point.
- Emily: We can't pass a budget unless they are a vic club.
- Carl: Can we table it?
- Emily: Yes.

Alex moves to call to question on cutting Semiotones.

Gabriel moves to withdraw both semiotones motions.

Gabriel moves to table semiotones budget lines SEM001 & SEM002 until the next meeting on November 6th. Lucinda seconds. Passes, one opposed, two abstentions.

- Hannah: I still have an issue with VR004, the showcase. I know the buildings run pub night on smaller budgets, I am also aware that they have equipment.
- Peter: That depends on how you do a pub night, depending on where you go. I think it's reasonable.
- Rahul: Any money that they make go back into the VUSAC budget.
- Shannon: They are expecting to have 150-200 people, we will make it back.
- Stuart: My pub night was the exact same amount, and a huge portion is for food costs, in accordance with the alcohol policy.
- George: That number is true but 300 dollars limits your options. A lot of pub nights like that end up losing money.
- Rahul: They want supermarket.
- Carl: Was revenue for showcase included?
- Shannon: Not this year.
- :How often does the goose print journals, why does it cost 2000
- George: We want to increase the size of the journal, we want to print at least 600 copies. For 56 pages, the cost for publishing is around 1900 dollars. This publishing firm was the least expensive one. The cheating place was around 3000 dollars.
- Thomas: The Strand has 2300, HeyTeach! 2500, it's in the same ballpark.
- George: Will it go over budget with taxes and shipping?
- George: I don't think so.

- Divna: With over budget, when you print with a publishing house, they are a lot of adjustments you can make, 2000 should be enough. It's five percent tax, we also have to account for the fact that there are a lot of copies.
- Hannah: You could also print a few less copies to stay within budget.
- Miranda: Was that number 600 for journals printed?
- Divna: We don't know quite yet.
- Miranda: Acta decreased to around that amount.
- Anthony: To shave 100 journals won't be substantial savings.
- Gabriel: Werewolf 002, how many meetings are there?
- Keely: We meet every week, we also have halloween and valentine's day parties.

Alex moves to approve the clubs budgets for the 2015-2016 year. Benjamin seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Gabriel: For the co-presidents line line, we basically have to pay tax on the board room table and chairs, the cost was not covered in the amount student project's allocated. We noticed in the invoice that it didn't cover tax. So this is us fulfilling our end of that deal.
- Enxhi: For S&G, Winterfest. Five hundred dollars was the original request for SG012. You can't run Winterfest for 250, for a week of events. To have a week, that's not enough. I think it should be 500.
- Hannah: My understanding is that Winterfest is very collaborative with U of T. Although allocating that might be beneficial I think collaboration between colleges should also be encouraged.
- George: Aren't we doing less Vic stuff because of the budget?
- Stuart: There's not set rules. Whenever the chair/chairs are hired, it's up to them. A lot more has been put into the U of T central fee. That's just our opt in fee, I believe this is the minimum. I haven't heard back from the SGRT, I tried to reach out to both. I am basing this fee off what we paid last year. The 500 is a way to get Vic's input and creative control, and shirts and tickets and things like that. The Vic events are totally separate. Vic is one of the only colleges that holds unique Winterfest events. I requested 500 which I would have loved to see but finances are a little tough. 250 is an increase from past years. Co chairs could look into other areas for potential funding.
- Miranda: If anyone was dissing Winterfest on the town hall they aren't here now.
- Hannah: I think that if the budget for winter fest is 700, and the opt in is 500, we would have a lot more success if we collaborate with U of T. The fact that this is more money than before is an improvement.
- Stuart: Per the constitution we have to be a part of U of T Winterfest. It is a requirement.
- Hannah: We want to make Winterfest as good as we can. But compared to other s and g events, we don't want to sacrifice any of those other events.
- Keely: Something that should be considered is that the cost of food in general is going up.
- Enxhi: This is not the highest budget Winterfest has ever had; in my year it was \$500. From the money given to U of T pool, we often get revenue or at least make it all back. That doesn't always happen, like last year it didn't. But last year there were several

complications, including the fact that the budget was roughly \$250 so it was limited in the number and type of events it could have. I think that's why Winterfest gets a bad rap. It has potential, but never gets the funding it needs.

- Benjamin: We should all consider what the 500 is going into. The pub crawl and such is what more students will go to. The Gardiner Gala is the premier event for Vic students. I think the 500 dollar fee is standard. If we increase funding I think we should look at the Gardiner Gala.
- Stuart: Gardiner Gala isn't mandated, it's just happening at the same time. Are you saying the U of T central fee is a waste?
- Benjamin: I'm not saying it's a waste, I'm saying that we should give more money to popular events.
- Alex: I don't think that putting more money into the popular event rather than giving money to a positive series of events would be ideal. I think an interesting question is the cost of a successful Winterfest. It could cost a substantial amount to make successful events. That creates a barrier, if we can't reach that do we want to fund it in its smaller capacity.
- George: We can cut this down really small, but I don't think we can get success with that amount.
- Shannon: I think adding money to any budget line would add success, but we only have x amount of money and can only spend that much. you have to make decisions on what you're going to focus on. But we don't have enough money to fund all of them.
- Gabriel: While the profit incentive is tantalizing, only one year in the last year saw a profitable year. We had an incredibly large loss last year. Chucking money at something doesn't necessitate success. I don't think that you have to spend 50 a day for five events. To my knowledge, we don't have reliable data on Vic specific event turnout, but we do for U of T. The events that I'm aware of weren't particularly well attended.

Gabriel moves to extend discussion time by 15 minutes. Benjamin seconds. Motion passes, four opposed.

- Stuart: For the SGRT fee, it is under the assumption that we would get it back, which proved to be false last year. We got about 210 back last year. It's not just getting money back automatically. This is part of my commission, I think it's great that we have an increase. Can we just move forward?

Rahul moves to hold a five minute recess. Alex seconds. Motion passes, four opposed, one abstention.

- George: In regards to SCMT006, I understand I am the minority here. I am saying this as a building pres. I find it unfair that res students pay for their own dinner but commuters have it paid for by VUSAC.
- Hannah: That is irrelevant. It's a matter of equity versus equality
- Anna: The festive dinner that you paid for is organized by dean's office and building presidents. I don't have a say in that. This commuter dinner is an event that celebrates and

rewards commuter students for being on campus. I want comm students to have that celebration, for physically being on campus.

- Claire: I thought last year we had to pay for fest. dinner tickets.
- Anna: Last year funding was a mess. There was something wrong with funding. Ideally this year people will not have to pay for.
- Claire: I agree with Hannah. A lot of residence students can afford this. A lot of commuters can't afford to live on campus.
- Hannah: Burwash meals for residence festive dinner is a meal out of your meal plan, you are likely going to eat that meal anyway. Additionally a commuter can go to residence festive dinner but would have to pay same amt. Residence students are also allowed to go to commuter festive dinner. It is really prohibitive to have a cost on the commuter festive dinner.
- Anna: We are aiming to make this free for everyone. We will have a number set aside for commuter students. To ask commuter students to pay more for this is not feasible.
- Bergita: This funding is being matched by the dean's office, this is a contribution to it. This is going to accommodate 300 or more students.
- Michelle: The merit of events should not be diminished on an un fleshed out comparison. It is our only big event. A lot of well attended events end late, commuter students often don't have the opportunity to attend them.
- Carl: I think that just because we have one eve. I think that it is better to have one with a cost rather than two.
- Stephanie: I just want to touch on the fact that someone said that all residence students are in a position of privilege financially.
- Rahul: I think the bigger point is that they don't pay for a commute.
- George: I think this probably isn't the best use of our time.
- Gabriel: For 006, you had art battle line for the summer too?
- Claire: Yeah, it's in addition.
- Cricket: Is there an overlap between SEQ005 and SSUS009?
- Leila: The film one is for the purchase of films, to legally screen them. Claire's is for food.
- Gabriel: Where's Highball gonna be?
- Stuart: It has yet to be determined, because the venue should be selected by the highball committee which has not yet formed.
- Gabriel: Thank you Stu.
- Leila: Do you have any idea if the cost of attending Highball will decrease?
- Stuart: Let's open this can of worms. In years past highball was not subsidized by VUSAC at all. Three years ago, VUSAC decided it was important to subsidize the cost. I understand that 30-35 can still be quite high. But given the nature of the event, and accessible locations from vic, it's the best we can do. We make hardly any money from this.
- Gabriel: There have been concerns on venue size, being too small. Venues would cater to five percent of the vic population in total. Can you speak to exploration into research on larger venues?

- Stuart: Yes I have. In order to have a decent venue accommodating 400 guests you would have to spend around 27,000 dollars Budget steering has increased my budget from last year. I am hoping to accommodate 250 - 300 people.
- Lucinda: I know that when last year's VUSAC president. was a MAL, there was much discussion into highball accessibility. With cost, attendance, etc. That led to us trying to have a very paired down formal. The responses were pretty poor. We need to offer things that fit this niche.
- Stuart: This is an upwards trend, thinking about accessibility, etc.
- Gabriel: Can you speak to the intercollegiate pub night?
- Stuart: This week I met with Innis, we are both interested in collaborating on an event. The cost will probably be divided up slightly differently than listed here. It will be held in second semester. Ennis is for sure on board, we might reach out to U.C. It will be like an open mic and pub night in one.
- Gabriel: Secretary line, last month saw very high usage amounts on the printer
- Bergita: Toner especially can be very expensive, I would say that it's a very modest budget line.
- Shannon: As Golda said, she based office supplies budget on last year. We had a buffer of about 1000 dollars. The lease and usage are in two separate lines from last year. I think if we go back to normal usage we should be fine.
- Gabriel: In that case, can I make a recommendation for Saambavi in particular, because this was cited as a modest expense that we do not encourage candidates to use it for free.
- Saambavi: It wasn't free.
- Gabriel: Due to budget constraints.
- Rahul: Whose paying for tampons/pads?
- Golda: That will be student projects.
- Gabriel: We are starting an initiative to have feminine hygiene products in the VUSAC office.
- Claire: Is there a budget line?
- Gabriel: It's student projects.
- Leila: Can I motion to reallocate?
- Anna: I have a question about SSUS008, advertising. I am still unclear as to what it is.
- Leila: It is making Vic Green Visually. Like stickers that you would see on tissue dispensers. It's just about incorporating more visuals to act sustainably. Today it came to my attention that insurance only covers injury and not damage to the bikes themselves.
- Gabriel: Can we table this?
- Leila: I want to put this through because we just got a great deal for bikes.
- Shannon: They can still buy it but it's a question of being reimbursed.

Gabriel moves to table line SSUS008 until nov 6th. Lucinda seconds. Motion fails with 9 opposed.

- Leila: Almost all the bikes are being used. Getting new bikes is a good idea. Initially we thought this insurance would cover new bikes. This would be nice to have sooner rather than later. I am just splitting up my one budget line.
- Cricket: Do you know how much they would cost?
- Leila: It would be \$175, without the deal the bikes would be gone.
- Lucinda: I would like to say that Leila knows her commission best, Betty and Dash is a significant part. If we are motioning to table because we'd like to pursue another option, then maybe we can keep discussing but I don't think this is a bad idea.

Leila moves to *reallocate \$200 from SSUS010 to SSUS015*. Ben seconds. Motion passes, four in favour, Benjamin and Alex noted.

- Rahul: Can I get SVPE007 clarification?

William moves to *increase discussion time by 10 minutes*. George seconds. Motion passes, 5 opposed, one abstaining.

- Alex: The reason is to allow VUSAC to engage with the membership of the VCU, to engage with the interest of the union.
- Leila: Any specifics?
- Alex: A lot of it is just drawing people into the conversation of what the VCU is up to. I asked for more than 300 dollars, I want to work very hard with two dedicated councillors. There are practical concerns with spending this much. 300 is enough to adequately do that.
- Anna: Clarification on SVPE 005?
- Alex: One thing that the VPE is meant to do is engage with res communities. I want to collaborate on lawn party as a big part of this. Budget steering decided that that was not the most appropriate use of our funds and that we would engage them in difference ways. I think that an all residents presidents meeting will be great.
- Cricket: APD 008?
- Michelle: A lot of the initiatives put forth in committee meetings were decided after the budget was due. We decided to have an area for new initiatives.
- Stuart: After considering the internal budget yesterday, we haven't budgeted for grad banquet. We should probably think about that.
- Michelle: If clubs are not ratified by a certain date, they do not get their funding. All leftover funds will be considered to go into the grad banquet.
- Shannon: There are ways that we will be able to reallocate funds to grad banquet if we can't do so right now.
- William: What is the history of budgeting for this? Given the smallish surplus what would we do if we wanted a budget line.
- Stuart: We allocated 700 dollars last year.
- Bergita: The Dean's Office puts at least 9000 dollars towards it, VUSAC used to contribute more.
- Leila: For public speaking workshops?

- Michelle: I asked for 4000 dollars originally. They cut it down to 1000. It would be targeting pretty much everyone as a public speaking thing. We are trying to find more feasible options right now. To make these workshops successful I feel as though that's what it's going towards. I would potentially consider reallocating to grad banquet.
- Leila: Are there any other public speaking things at U of T?
- Michelle: there are, it's just hard to gauge.
- Claire: I know that I've seen ads for weekly pub speaking workshops at OISE, that are free.
- Leila: Or even seeing if they would come to vic.
- Michelle: It's up to you guys but I would like to remind you guys that the commission is very new and it's hard to set limits and standards.
- Gabriel: I just wanted to echo what Michelle is saying.
- Emily: We have set the 3 hour mark, I am going to suggest that we vote on whether or not we continue.
- Gabriel: We should continue because otherwise the commission budget will not pass.
- Alex: Last year the motion had to pass unanimously, is that relevant now?
- Lucinda: I think we have to agree on a threshold, stick with unanimous.
- Alex: I would like to point out that in the case we can't find something in the constitution we can find it.
- Emily: The three hour timeline is not constitutional. My suggestion is that we go with a 2/3 majority, a unanimous vote is hard.
- Rahul: Because it is still possible to fail that, can we leave a contingency?

Gabriel moves to *extend discussion by ten minutes*. Lucinda seconds. Motion passes, one opposed.

- Gabriel: The first year is difficult for a new commission. Michelle's is the least funded, be wary of that. I think the budget we have now is really swell and we should pass it. Grad banquet funding can come from underspending, which almost always happens.
- Rahul: Are You keeping all 800 for Greenshift?
- Leila: To be honest I was going to do more. I was gonna reallocate at least 100 to an event in November, to sustainability life hacks, it would be SSUS016. I think it will be a great event.

Leila moves to *reallocate \$100 to SSUS016 from SSUS010*. Gabriel seconds. Motion passes, one abstention.

- Rahul: And the other 700?
- Leila: I was going to allocate another 100 to other events. Prior to when the budget was created we didn't have our commission, it would be really nice to keep that money to other things we'd be doing.
- Gabriel: To my knowledge 200 dollars has already been spent.

Leila moves to *reallocate \$100 to SSUS017 from SSUS010*. Gabriel seconds. Motion passes, two abstentions.

- Peter: Where is the venue for enviro fashion show?
- Carl: I am wondering whether we can reallocate from VUSAC sweaters to grad banquet?
- Shannon: But grad is at the end, sweaters are happening now.
- Lucinda: I am pretty sure we can reallocate this later.
- Leila: The enviro fashion show will be happening in Goldring.

Sumeeta moves to *ratify the commissions budget for the 2015-2016 year*. William seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Lucinda moves to *adjourn*. Sumeeta seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourns at 9:19 PM.