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VUSAC Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 12 at 12:47PM in the Goldring Student Center
MINUTES

In Attendance

VUSAC

CHAIR	Gabriel Zoltan-Johan
PRESIDENT	Jelena Savic
VP EXTERNAL	Zack Medow
SECRETARY	Enxhi Kondi

COMMUTER	Christine De La Cruz
COMMUNICATIONS	Jade Huguenin
ARTS & CULTURE	Leah Moncada
SUSTAINABILITY	Kristina Dokoska
EDUCATION & EQUITY	Sienna DiGiuseppe
MAL	Ashley Harripersad
	Alan McCallum
	Lucinda Qu
	Kate Dotsikas
	Conor Tangney

LEVIES

STUDENT PROJECTS	Angela Sun
ENVIRO FASHION SHOW	Sarah Berger
CAT'S EYE	Katie Vogan
	Sadia Ali

GUESTS

DEAN'S OFFICE REPS	Bergita Petro
	Scott Johnston
WINTERFEST COCHAIR	Enxhi Kondi

Official Regrets

VP INTERNAL	Kathleen Walsh
FINANCE CHAIR	Eli Bourassa
CRO	Samantha Parks
MAL	Anastasia Langiano
	Ally Scandolo

Eli proxies report to Jade.

- Leah moves to approve minutes from last meeting. Robert seconds. Unanimously approved.*
- Jade moves to approve agenda. Lucinda seconds. Unanimously approved.*



NOTE: VUSAC members that have provided official regrets to the Chair prior to the meeting are excused. However, all members that have not attended the meeting *and* have not provided official regrets are explicitly being warned: if you miss 3 meetings, you are subject to the process of impeachment (this does not necessarily mean you must be impeached, but that there will be consequences). Fair warning.

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- *Dean's Office Update* – Scott
 - The Goldring Student Center will officially be closed at 5pm on Dec. 20 and will reopen after the break on Jan.5.
 - As Samantha, the past CLC, has gotten a new job at U of T, she will no longer be representing the Dean's Office at VUSAC meetings. For the next 4 months, Bergita will be filling in as the CLC at these meetings, and in the office.

GUEST REPORTS

- *Winterfest Update* – Enxhi
 - Winterfest is happening throughout the week back from the break (Jan. 6 – 10) and we have officialised all of our events. A list is available on the VUSAC website. We have Vic events running alongside U of T events; both are being planned by us, but more so the Vic events our being planned by our specific Vic Winterfest Committee.
 - Events list: <http://www.vusac.ca/winterfest-2014/>
 - Facebook events will also be up very soon. We expect VUSAC to be present at all events and to be supporting all of these events, because Winterfest is technically a VUSAC project, so we want the VUSAC presence to be a strong one at our events.

ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS

- *Cat's Eye Update* – Katie
 - We have exciting news. The Cat's Eye advisory board met to pick the new co-manager. We're extremely happy with all 4 of our applicants. Sadia Ali is our new co-manager! I'm going to request that a member of VUSAC make a motion to ratify the new manager.

Motion 53: Leah moves to ratify Sadia Ali as the new Cat's Eye co-manager. Alan seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.



– *Student Projects Update* – Angela

- 11 projects in 3.5 hour meeting two Tuesdays ago. We passed half the projects, asked three of them to resubmit, and just flat out said no to the rest.
 - Fencing club equipment - \$1800
 - Badminton club (2 badminton nets) - \$290
 - Vic xposure (cameras) - \$1447.78
- Jade: I'm just interested in Sarah's expertise. To my understanding they've been buying Nikon lenses because they're interchangeable.
- Sarah: One of the lenses they're buying is very necessary. Also they have lenses for a Canon camera, but don't actually have the Canon. Lenses are not interchangeable between these brands, so in the future they can buy third-party lenses that actually fit to these two different bodies. The thing I question is the polaroid thing because they're kind of expensive.
- Lucinda: Also, if they could've looked for something cheaper, even just a little bit used, they could look into like boxing day sales and stuff.
- Angela: Well giving them this money doesn't mean they are not going to still look for something cheaper. And the thing is that we rejected their other proposal for a similar reason but we also realize that they really want to get started as soon as possible so we thought that this proposal was the more reasonable one. Also, you can't take out specific things from the project. We have to either approve or not approve the entire project because if we start picking out individual things, then we're tampering with the idea of the project and the purpose of student projects is to help students realize a their vision as a whole.
- Zack: I'm not an expert on cameras, but a lot of student groups use this equipment so it's not unreasonable that they'd want these new cameras. Also the polaroids are really popular. And also this has already passed through the committee.
- Ashley: For the polaroids, they don't necessarily hand all of them out for free. They do have costs attached to them when people request them.
- Alan: If they get a new polaroid camera, can they use the same equipment as before?
- Sarah: Yea they're literally buying a second of the same camera.

Motion 54.1: Alan motions to amalgamate the 3 projects. Ashley seconds. Unanimous.

Motion 54.2: Alan motions to approve the amalgamated projects. Robert seconds. Projects approved unanimously.

- E&E Granola bars - \$100

Motion 55: Zack moves to approve the project. Ashley seconds. Project approved with 1 abstaining.

- VUSAC Mac computer - \$744
- Jade: Just so everyone knows, we're still investigating to see if it's cheaper to actually get the current computer repaired rather than buying a new one, but we wanted the student projects money just in case.
- Scott: I feel like for computers getting it fixed just because its cheaper isn't always better.
- Jade: Well it depends how badly it was broken though.



Motion 56: Zack moves to approve the project. Robert seconds. Project approved with 1 abstaining.

- Enviro fashion show decorations - \$1750

Motion 57: Zack moves to approve the project. Conor seconds. Project approved with 1 abstaining.

- VUSAC heavy duty stapler and paper cutter - \$17.97+\$283.05

Motion 58: Jade moves to approve the projects. Alan seconds. Projects approved unanimously.

- So we have about \$58,400 left in the fund! So we passed around \$30,000! Which is really great!
- *Vic Pride* – read by Zack on behalf of Tyler
 - VicPride! had its fall social at O'Grady's pub on Church Street in November. It drew a large crowd and was one of the most successful community events to date. VicPride! is currently working hard on planning Lead With Pride 2014, a symposium for LGBT student leaders, scheduled to be held at Emmanuel College January 31st-February 1st.
- *VCAA* – read by Zack on behalf of Nirusha
 - looking into collaborating with Winterfest Committee for a skating event
 - Rock Climbing with the Commuter Dons
 - Winter Intramurals begin the second week back!
- *VCDS* – read by Zack on behalf of Lauren
 - Our production of No Exit was an overwhelming success! The show sold out every night and on our final night we had a 'rush' line of about twenty people we unfortunately had to turn away, meaning that we made money (unheard of due to Bader fees)! Thanks to the Cat's Eye for letting us use their space and to the Commuter Dons for kindly moving their event when there was a double booking!
 - Rehearsals for our January show have ceased for the break, but will start back up again as soon as school does. It's shaping up to be a great production so come out and see it January 15, 16 and 17 at 8 at the Bader!
 - We will be hosting auditions for our Spring musical, 1979 is Going, and our Drama Festival submission, The Girl Who Just Doesn't See, first week back in January!

JUDICIARY REPORTS

- *VP External* – Zack
 - Sweaters
 - Zack: this is going to be a ranked poll.
 - [Zack gives out sheets of paper to voting members of VUSAC and collects them once they've ranked their choices.]
- Result: VUSAC will be getting sweaters with \$100 subsidy.



- BoD Open Meeting
 - At the VUSAC AGM we voted to hold an open meeting on the subject of restructuring VUSAC and the board of directors. I've been looking at dates, and with everything that's going on I think the most ideal date would be Feb. 7 (turns out that's the fashion show, as Sarah points out), but anyway I'd like to get VUSAC to approve that we extend the timeline for the VUSAC open meeting to either January or February.

Motion 59: Zack moves to extend the timeline for the open meeting to January or February.
Conor seconds.

- Jade: Is it counting as a caucus?
- Zack: No, this is strictly people who want to show up. I think we're going to run it as a deliberation, so there'll be small table discussions and then people can move between the tables and discuss the different aspects. Also, if anyone would like to help plan that it'd be great. On that note, I'd like to thank Ally, Kate, and Alan for setting up the AGM.
- Sarah: Have you considered of the timeline that you're trying to get this into the elections, don't you think even an earlier timeline would be better?
- Zack: Yea, we're looking at that kind of thing too. But there's not many dates left open. And it's generally better to do it on Friday because of class. But basically this motion just opens it up for us.

Motion passes unanimously.

- Update
 - Our assessor member representatives from UTSU and some VUSAC members have fulfilled the requirements to no longer be part of VUSAC. We are currently dealing with this. Just so everyone is aware.

FINANCE REPORT – Jade on behalf of Eli

– Motions

- Add \$500 to the Winterfest budget.
- Add \$100 to Arts & Culture budget to pay Mark Little.
- Reallocate \$600 from VPI Office Supplies to VPI Phone Bills.

Motion 60.1: Jade moves to amalgamate the three finance changes.

- Leah: The Mark Little thing. We were going to pay him \$100, but that's sooo low considering how great he was and we capitalized on his name and stuff, so just to give him incentive to come back sort of we want to give him some more.

Sienna seconds motion. Finance changes amalgamated.

Motion 60.2: Jade moves to approve the amalgamated finance changes. Robert seconds.

- Sienna: Can you just explain what the \$500 for Winterfest is for?
- Enxhi: Yep. So basically, our Winterfest budget this year was initially \$200. We are expected to put in some money in the pool for U of T events, and then the rest of the money we'd use for Vic events. The thing is, all the other colleges put in well over \$1000 and the minimum we need to put in in order to have a vote with



the Exec Winterfest committee is \$500, so we're requesting that much to put into the pool.

Finance changes pass unanimously.

- General Updates
 - Cheque requisition forms are due Mon. Dec. 16.
 - Reallocation forms are due by email by Dec.20.

COMMISSION REPORTS

- *Education and Equity* – Sienna
 - Granola bars project; putting them out in Goldring and Pratt for students. I think I'll be saving some for next semester as well.
 - Mike the Change was last week. It was pretty good. We made like \$150. We had Adrien Sweetman come to talk about her experiences with Tanzania. It would've been nice to see more VUSAC people out there. We've been talking a lot about supporting each other and stuff, so just for future reference, I think it'd be nice if we actually showed up at each other's events. The event overall was really great, just the people thing. Also thanks to everyone that helped out!
- *Communications* – Jade
 - Quick reminder for semi-annual reports.
 - Patch Project
 - It's been getting delayed because Alumni Affairs has to go through a bunch of things with the crest. And it's important to go through the legal stuff for approving the use of the crest, since it is actually copyrighted. So we'll be working more on that next semester. But here's some of the ideas (on piece of paper).
 - Website
 - Having the website operate during the school year is different than the summer. So now that I have an understanding for what the needs are, I'd like to rejig things around and I want to make it look a little more appealing. Something I was worried about was changing it TOO much over the summer. But now I'm going to look into changing it a little bit.
 - Sarah: I think that the other commission websites should be integrated into the VUSAC website.
 - Jade: Yea. Because currently they are on the page, but not in a way that is easily accessible.
 - Sarah: And I think incorporating that stuff into the website, it makes sure everything is uniform, and it alleviates that responsibility from the commissioners.
 - Gabe: From a design perspective, dropdown menus are obsolete. The front page of the website should have less text and just interactions.



- Jade: The key thing is that since this website is more for resources, there should be simple access to all the relevant things to student life. So if anyone wants to make any suggestions about the design of the website, or templates. I haven't been able to do much with it because the old website is very confusing and the edits are really specific and there's a lot of code that I had to fix.
 - Zack: Since it's primarily a resource website maybe you can divide it up with more tiles on the front page, so essentially the homepage says what you need, and then the other more informational stuff is later on in links.
 - Lucinda: There are some titles in the dropdown menu that are kind of misleading. Also, the links are sort of a mish-mash.
 - Jade: Yea that's what I want to do, is sort of streamline things better. Thanks for everyone's input!
 - Angela: Is there going to be a blog section?
 - Sienna: Commissioner updates could sort of be a blog.
 - Gabe: Also if we go through with Youtube updates, the blog is kind of redundant at that point.
 - Alan: In comment to the blog thing, I don't think the Youtube makes the blog obsolete; it could elaborate on the video information.
 - Jade: Instead of having the commissioners have their own websites, they can just have a log-on onto the website so commissioners can just update their own sections. However, this can be bad because websites are sensitive and can crash. So we'll see.
- *Commuter* – Christine
- It's been a great end to the semester. We had ginger bread decorating. Also, VOCA was given a pizza party from Vic for a Cure because apparently commuters were the largest group to donate blood! Also, we got a pizza party as an award from Festive Dinner as well. My question is do you think we should combine the pizza parties into one big one, or have two separate ones?
 - Alan: Would enough people come out to the one event to justify having one event? Or do you think it would make more sense to have the separate ones?
 - Christine: I don't know to be honest, that's why I'm opening this to discussion.
 - Jade: I would suggest having one pizza party with the addition of an icecream cake.
 - Jelena: Could we have it during winterfest?
 - Christine: Yea we can talk to the Winterfest chairs.
- *Sustainability* – Kristina
- Within the last few weeks, there's been a lot of planning going on for next semester's events because we're collaborating with all sorts of different groups. So what we want to do is create a logo for our campaign. We're having a logo design competition, U of T wide. Also, there's a sustainability calendar up in the office with just the sustainability events.



- Trayless Tuesdays
 - On Tuesday we had Trayless Tuesdays. Students were sort of confused for why there were no trays. And people really didn't like the inconvenience. But we're still doing it.
 - Lucinda: Maybe it could just be better advertised beforehand.
 - Kristina: Yea for the next one we're going to do that.
 - Alan: Is there a way to make it so we can try to reduce food waste while still allowing the trays for convenience.
 - Lucinda: I was also wondering if you had a clean plate policy. Like if you eat everything on your plate, you'd get some free thing.
 - Sarah: I think there's two reasons for Trayless Tuesday; washing the trays take resources, but also when people don't have trays they can't carry as much food so they take less and therefore there's less waste. Like Kristina said, there's going to be better advertising. In the past when people knew about it, they reacted well.
 - Jade: Last year they had someone at the conveyor belt taking people's stuff and people who had a tray they pointed out the waste to the student and told them that next time they should actually participate in Trayless Tuesday. And the people who did engage in it were shown praise.
 - Angela: Maybe instead of taking trays away, show like in a visual presentation of how much food is being wasted.
 - Leah: Last year for a month they had one of the waste bins standing there and it says this is how much food we waste and stuff while they're waiting in line to get that food.
 - Zack: I was wondering if sustainability would be interested in conversing about why all our meal plans are all-you-can-eat and talking with administration about that.
 - Scott: If you are going to have Trayless Tuesdays and new initiatives it's really important to talk to the dining hall in advance. The other point in terms of meal plans, those are decided by the Campus Life Committee and Board of Regents. It's kind of a large discussion. So I think that's something to think about because it may be a long discussion.
 - Sarah: On that note, it's true, but the administration actually, when they underwent renovations to Burwash, one of the ideas they wanted was to turn into a pay for what you get system and also included a commuter package. The student body shut that down because people would have to pay more and res students like that they could eat as much as they'd like.
 - Kristina: I don't think we necessarily have to take away the server style, but I know that there's also where you pay by the weight of the food.
 - Lucinda: Also, for nutrition value's sake, there could also be a visual for what the portion size should be.
 - Alan: I think that's a really interesting idea. We should have actual reminders of trying to change things by raising that sort of awareness. This could move the culture direction as well.



- Lucinda: All you should eat, not all you can eat.
- Scott: There's a food committee that actually meets and discusses these things, so maybe this could be brought to them too.

- *Arts and Culture* – Leah
 - Gardiner Gala
 - We're meeting today after this meeting. Anyone is welcome to join. And yes as has been articulated many times, please come to the Gala. It is an important occasion, we're paying a lot to host it, it's really fun, and it'd be lovely to see everyone.
 - Alan: Can you come in later than the beginning?
 - Leah: Yes, it runs from 6-9pm, so you can come in whenever you want.
 - Winterlicious
 - The menus just came up. But I've emailed the restaurant who I want to make the deal with. I have yet to hear back.
 - Decorations from student projects
 - Lights have already been purchased, vases and draperies soon to be purchased.

MAL REPORTS

- Alan
 - Youtube
 - To try and engage students more. We're planning to have it started in the first or second week of January, following the first VUSAC meeting. We want a 3-5min video just summarizing what was discussed at that meeting and update students, as well with events coming up on campus. A lot of people don't have time to go through minutes in depth and sit in meeting, so there's not really accessible means beyond those.
 - We're thinking of opening with an inaugural video, where everyone introduces themselves and says what they do. As to who's hosting at this point, we're planning on Jelena being the official host of them, but then we're thinking that's a lot for her. So rotating hosts might also work well.
 - In the future, we want to expand these to make them more inclusive of our events, clubs advertising, event advertising, etc.
 - Filming equipment. Right now we're trying to pin down where our equipment is coming from. We're thinking of asking Vicc Xposure first. And then recording equipment from Vic Records. And if that doesn't pan out, we're going to reach out to the Hart House film board. Only problem there is we'd have to be certified to use that equipment.
 - Jade: Since we approved the student projects of Vic Xposure, we actually have a camera now that can do this. During the leader day back in April, it was the initial time when newly elected leaders at Vic met together, there



was a lot of interest in these video formats. I think we need to have a cute introductory trailer of where's the VUSAC office?

- Alan: I think we're planning to actually have a script ready for the first introductory video. Also as a concept idea, in the video we'd like to do how-to videos around campus.
- Canvassing
 - Personal project. Very basically I want to see if VUSAC can organize a roundabout reach to knock on doors at res and handing out a basic info guide about who we are, what we can help people with, etc. And Christine and I have talked about having a complementary program for the commuter community. We're going to explore that more. Kathleen and I are working on designing what that pamphlet would look like. We'll have it emailed out to council. And then we'd eventually go out and send them out door to door.
 - Jade: Can you have people sign up for the listserv on a signup sheet as well?
 - Alan: Yes.
 - Lucinda: So is this a preliminary version of our how-to Vic guide?
 - Alan: Yea sure.
 - Zack: I just want to request that with both of these projects you keep me in the loop with what you're doing because this is sort of outreach stuff that I should be doing.
 - Alan: Yea for sure! We just haven't come to the point in this yet where we thought we'd need your approval, but as things go on we'll let you know.
 - Gabe: Also, this might be a problem given the current state of the media policy.
 - Jade: The media policy hasn't been brought up yet because every meeting we've had since hasn't really had the majority of council so I don't feel comfortable on dealing with it with a minimum corrum. So... people should come.
 - Zack: It's awesome that all of these outreach efforts are being discussed and talked about, but I also want to make sure that it doesn't look like we're just trying to do everything. People are only going to check one thing, so I would be conscious of streamlining these efforts into one thing that's really accessible and really good rather than these various formats.

– Ashley

- Regarding the sid smith board. I do have all the material and everything to start doing it. So basically what I'm doing is divided it into two halves; one is a giant monthly calendar. The other half will be events and posters happening that month. There'll also be a section on how to get involved. And then another quadrant will be featured club/levy of the month.

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