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## VUSAC Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 24, 2014 at 5:30 PM in the Goldring Student Center

### MINUTES

#### In Attendance

#### VUSAC

##### **Judiciary**

PRESIDENT  
VP EXTERNAL  
VP OPERATIONS

Rowan DeBues  
Kareem Jarrah  
Enxhi Kondi

##### **Assessor Members**

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR  
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Bergita Petro  
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Sumeeta Farrukh  
Ben Atkins  
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##### **Commissioners & Councilors**

ARTS & CULTURE  
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Conor Tangney  
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Claire Wilkins  
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Auni Ahsan  
William Cuddy  
Golda Greenspoon  
Alex Martinborough  
Simona Messina  
Stuart Norton  
Rahul Christofferson  
L-P Veilleux

##### **LEVIES**

CAT'S EYE

Sabina Freiman  
Thomas Lynch  
Olivia Jay  
Leah Moncada  
Tiffany Ng

VCDS

WUSC

##### **GUESTS**

BURWASH CO-PRESIDENT

Brennan Jackson

PLENTEA

VIC BOARD GAMES

VIC FENCING

VIC ITEACH

VIC JAM

VICXPOSURE

WEREWOLF CLUB

WUSC

Gabriella Gonzalez

Aidan Wischnewski

Andrew Stich

Benjamin Farmer Lacombe

Andrea Girt

Sarah Leaper

Lynn Hong

Rusaba Alam

Martin Petkov

Tiffany Ng

Enxhi moves to approve minutes from last meeting. Stuart seconds. Unanimously approved.

Rowan moves to approve agenda. Alex seconds. Unanimously approved.

## GUEST REPORTS

- *Vic for a Cure* – Martin
  - Movember
    - Martin: I am with Victoria College's cancer awareness student group, Vic for a Cure. I have been in contact with L-P to discuss Movember and we are working on ordering material. We are looking into having a pub night and the proceeds going towards the Vic's movember campaign. I am in contact with an Upper Burwash house and VCAA to collaborate on that pub night. We are making a Movember group for Victoria College students and we are hoping to involve as many students in the event as possible. If you want to participate or know people who do want to participate, let them know about the group and that the fundraising will start soon.

## LEVY REPORTS

- *Cat's Eye*
  - Updates
    - Sabina: I am the co-manager right now. We do have two chalkboard pillars now in the Cat's Eye and they have gotten a lot of use. Chalk hasn't been spread to other places, which is great. We have assigned different sub-comm assignments like aesthetics, production and tech. We have a really great sub-comm and they now are wearing their sweaters. They are purple with the original logo, which I think upholds tradition. We did go slightly over-budget on sweaters and we spent \$735 because of last minute changes by the company. We have inventoried everything in the Cat's Eye and based off emails from last year, Jelena wanted a compiled list of everything, would VUSAC want that this year?
    - Kareem: How far are you in making an inventory?
    - Sabina: I'll probably be done by next week. We've been working often with VCDS and it's been wonderful. Our sub-comm has had tech workshops with VCDS to learn how to use their equipment and they are being trained to work on their shows held in the Cat's Eye. We are making manuals for tech and should be completed by the end of the next couples of months after working with VCDS.

As of this year, we don't accept space bookings outside of Vic. We have received some attitude from groups that have used it in the past, like law students who used to use the Birge's Cat's Eye.

We now have online banking. The price for [] and were charged \$5310.

- Kareem: Can you send me all your electronic banking info?
- Sabina: Our website is still down and we are apparently not the contact for the URL, the person on file is the last admin person who set it up and I do not know. We are working on getting that up and running again since we did pay for the URL. We are making Polaroid photos of the sub-comm and a promo video of people hanging out and dancing in the Cat's Eye.

## **ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS**

- *Communications* – Sumeeta
  - Media Policy
    - Sumeeta: For VUSAC members, we underwent media training at our retreat and used the new media policy I have created. We need to pass the media policy officially.
    - Gabe: Is the document made public?
    - Sumeeta: It's an internal document, so it is just for VUSAC use.

Williams moves to approve the official VUSAC Media Policy. Auni seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

## **JUDICIARY REPORTS**

- *Vice President Operations* – Enxhi
  - Clubs Ratification
    - Enxhi: We tabled a couple of clubs at the last meeting and some have sent me their documents in the past week: Longboards on Vic, Red Ink, The Semiotones, The Goose, Vic Dance, Vic iTeach, Vic Jam, Vic Trivia are all still up for ratification.
    - Auni: Last week you mentioned that Red Ink hadn't sent in their documents, have they?
    - Enxhi: I received them Wednesday.

Enxhi moves to amalgamate, Rowan seconds.

Kareem pulls out The Semiotones for discussion.

Motion passes unanimously.

Enxhi moves to pass amalgamated clubs. SaraLi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Kareem: The Semiotones may serve better as an associate member. Do you know the club's structure?
- Enxhi: They emailed me back when I discussed that problem with them, this is a quote from that email: "It is a great help to receive funding from VUSAC (however much) as it allows us to produce our music to the best quality and it helps us reach a greater audience to ultimately support our cause. Whether as a Club or as an Associate, we would appreciate the opportunity to remain affiliated with VUSAC. As this may be our last year as a group, we were hoping to end on a good note with our final CD and would love the chance to perform at more Vic events throughout the year, in addition to our existing upcoming events."

They asked me to read that on their behalf. It won't affect them that much if they are a club or an associate. We can also take into consideration the fact this may be there last year together. What's their budget?

- Ben: We are giving them \$260.00 and their requested budget was \$375.00.
- Enxhi: As an associate, funding is not guaranteed and it is up to VUSAC to decide whether we give them that money.
- Auni: Since they are not requesting an exorbitant amount of money and since they do have the club membership requirements, we can still maintain them as a club.
- Thomas: If they're an associate club, can they still use the Cat's Eye?
- Enxhi: That's the point of associate member status, they can still be affiliated with Vic and do things like book spaces on Vic.
- Kareem: They need an exec of all Vic students and Danesi is technically not...
- Enxhi: Their make up is very technical in general, though. Danesi is a club member, while Victoria and Ruby are technically the execs as managers.
- Kareem: He plays a large role as an exec and that's why I'm asking if that technicality is an issue.
- Ben: If he's not listed as an executive, then it isn't an issue.
- Leah: Is it more important that he's not a student in general; he is still a Vic professor.
- Rowan: It is because he is not a student.
- Leah: He still contributes to the student environment and works for Victoria specifically.
- Rowan: I think that for a student group, it should be run for students by the students. For Vic iTeach, Andrea may run the club with having Professor Sheila Cook still be involved. Kareem's questioning of the exec is reasonable, Victoria and Ruby do not tell Danesi and the rest of the band how to operate, Danesi typically does.
- Sabina: Danesi makes the Cat's Eye bookings and talks to us about using our space.
- Thomas: Danesi has the more technical knowledge about the band but Ruby and Victoria manage the band itself.

Enxhi moves to ratify The Semiotones as a club. Rowan seconds. Motion passes with 8 votes in favour of, 4 opposed, 4 abstaining.

- Enxhi: The clubs that are here for the purpose of clubs ratification may leave.
- Aidan: Were all the clubs passed?
- Gabe: Yes, all clubs were passed earlier.

## **FINANCE REPORTS**

- 2014-2015 VUSAC Budget Ratification
  - Ben: I will give you an outline for the budget steering process for this year and the summer, then I will go through a structure I would like to have to go through these. VUSAC directly funds all clubs and all VUSAC's internal departments. We are in charge of holding the levy funds, but we do not give them our money while they use money accumulated through the students. They have more autonomy but we have management over their funds. We have the summer period from August to October, then the yearly budget period from October to April. To create a budget, we get requests from clubs, take them into

account and then determine figures based on our actual funds. I received the requested budgets at the end of September and then the Budget Steering committee and I cross-referenced it with the budget to determine how to allocate money based on requests. We have Rowan, a Vic student, Enxhi and Golda on budget steering plus myself. Kareem sits unofficially on it, as well. We further modify the budgets to fit within our spending costs then contact each club and see if we can come to compromises on the new figures. We have majority of the jurisdiction over this in the past and still do now, but we were able to discuss with clubs and levies this year to come to better agreements. We put them together with the cuts to form the yearly budget. For the commission budget, the 2013-2014 budget was extremely austere due to past blatant overspending. During the summer of 2013-2014, they passed a budget with \$15,000.00 deficit. For commissions the budget was \$24,688.00 budget and hopefully we are passing \$[ ]. None of these individual budgets are less than the past year, and they are bigger for each commission. There is a total of \$94,991 with the levy budget. Clubs levy budget last year was \$[ ], we have an \$18,000 budget this year. There is 40% more funding for each club and we have 3 more clubs than last year to fund. The aggregate budget for this year is \$56,000.00. The amount clubs have requested totalled to this year is \$5,000.00, we managed to give commissions more but cut less from the summer budgets[confirm figure, clarify what was said]. The figure for the total budget considers all summer budgets as spent. Our figures come from the dean's office cheques, our bank account balance and [clarify]. We had a \$31,000.00 deficit but now have created \$350.00 surplus through careful revision and allocation, first time in years we have a budget with a surplus. Last year, they passed a \$20,000.00 deficit for the year. There is more funding this year, an additional \$12,500.00 dollars. We made ourselves accessible to clubs and levies, which has lead to creating a budget that works for almost everyone. Even with intense austerity from last year, we would have been \$10,000 in overdraft had they not found an old VUSAC bank account with money in it. We are on the road to good financial standing.

- Auni: About the general process for during the year, if I had an idea for a club in January, would the budget be closed because the budget passes?
- Ben: You submit budget reallocation form to move money around to new projects. VUSAC would then vote for such reallocation based on the application.
- Auni: We have a \$350.00surplus currently?
- Ben: Yes, but this assumes all the budget lines are fully reimbursed. This never happens. But if it does, we still have \$350.00 in our bank account.
- Alice: I've been getting emails from groups I work with about plates, is there space in their budgets for this?
- Ben: That would be covered by the Greenshift budget on VUSAC.
- Rowan: It's frustratingly late to order stuff now. If it's Caffiends, with the nature of their organization, they can order it themselves and we can help out.
- Ben: We only printed copies of the budget for those who asked and levies and clubs who did not foresee selective copies. You can ratify,

the budget in it's total at once, or you can pull budget lines to discuss, table or amend any budget lines. We should go through each budget line, and just as a reminder while reading through: we do not directly fund levies with the VUSAC budget, they have their own individual funds for students. I will answer any questions about submissions. Thank you to club and levy heads attending. The council can now modify the budget as they see fit.

- Aesthetics at Vic
  - Ben: Only organization I forgot to contact before emailing original draft. SaraLi and I discussed it and caught my error to make it work.
  - Conor: Last year, we had a concern about was hygiene issue with the make up. If someone could speak to that first?

Conor moves to approve VUSAC 2014-2015 Clubs Budget budget. Rowan seconds.

- SaraLi: We had the same question come from Student Projects last year. We have disposable applicators and waivers so people follow our cleaning and hygiene procedures. We know make up expires so we do replace products when they expire.
  - Enxhi: I understand why you cannot go to Student Projects for some of these things, but the things like nail clippers and other materials can be purchased through Student Projects because they have longevity.
  - SaraLi: We went to Student Projects to start ourselves up but we are a club now, so we asked for club funding.
  - Enxhi: It doesn't mean they won't help you now you are club, I feel like you can go to Student Projects for some of these things.
  - L-P: I'm looking at the shipping and handling fees for the make up; these are most of your fees. Why can't these be procured locally?
  - SaraLi: There are products for different skin types and there are original products for less expensive than products from Canada. A lot of the products are much cheaper in the US. It's cheaper to buy it in bulk from the US than to purchase here without shipping and handling.
  - L-P: Does that make up for the \$60.00 in customs fees? Would there be more than \$60.00 in savings than buying locally?
  - SaraLi: Yes.
  - Enxhi: I like the idea of Aesthevics and I've heard great things, but I question spending \$700.00 on make up. I'm not trying to trivialize makeup, but I do not know how many vic students attend or use this. It seems a little excessive. I don't know what the solution can be.
  - Golda: If this does seem to be an issue with shipping, are most of the foreign products from Asia?
  - SaraLi: My VP did this research. We obviously do not want to spend all our money and this is just what we asked for in case.
  - Ben: I do have a record of our modifications from the original to the draft in front of you. We do also have the original request forms if anyone would like to see.
  - Auni: I'm not sure [clarify].
  - SaraLi: I spoke with Charlene where we want the cuts to be done but she never forwarded it to you. Can we reallocate funds afterwards to shift different lines?
  - Ben: You can approve to amend the budget how you would like it now.
  - SaraLi: I drop my motion; it'll be easier to do later.
- Amnesty at Vic

- Thomas: The subject lines are very vague and say things like ‘events.’
- Ben: You will count on more of those, and in order not to distort from submitted budget lines and I copied exactly what they wrote in their budget line titles. I can read the event descriptions.
- Thomas: Their ‘rights’ event has no description.
- Ben: They asked initially for \$350.00, and they have high attendance from 50-80 people, the food cost for people would be \$250.00, the rest would be for décor, raffle prizes and gifts for guest speakers. It says it is an Amnesty Vic only event.
- Enxhi: Are they collaborating with anyone for that event? They worked with Amnesty Trin last year.
- Ben: Not to my knowledge.
- Rahul: Does that mean it’s not open to the public?
- Rowan: They are not planning on collaborating.
- Ben: I thought it was only club members but 50-80 make sense saying it’s open to the public.
- Rowan: I think the wording means that they are not looking to collaborate, they just want it to be an Amnesty Vic event open to only Victoria students.
- Vic Art’s and Crafts
  - Rahul: The number 20 beside each event, is that expected attendance?
  - Ben: yes.
  - Auni: I appreciate their precision and how they include specific prizes. These are estimations, are they overestimations based on tax?
  - Ben: All budgets are over-estimations.
  - Claire: Some of these things could be obtained with less money? There’s \$40.00 for pebbles. I think there can be costs.
  - Kareem: They are special, artistic pebbles. Not like regular pebbles.
- Art of Living
  - Enxhi: They have already purchased these items.
  - Ben: When?
  - Enxhi: Weeks ago.
  - Ben: They had to purchase them because they had all their equipment stolen. Budget steering agreed to this as well because of the incident.
- Board Games
  - Auni: How often do they meet?
  - Andrew: Every week.
  - Auni: So \$10 in snacks per week?
  - Andrew: Meetings are from 5:30 to 11.
  - Auni: What’s attendance like?
  - Andrew: About 10 people or more.
- Dumbledore’s Army
  - Auni: I am curious about Valentine’s Bake Sale, are they buying things from the store and selling them at a mark up?
  - Kareem: It’s to buy stuff to make it and it is a fairly large bake sale. They’re held all across campus.
  - Ben: It’s a club that gives proceeds to charity.
  - Enxhi: Which charity is it?
  - Leah: It promotes children’s literacy.
  - Enxhi: So, we’re then giving student money indirectly giving money to charity?

- Ben: They make money, we hold it and then donate it.
  - Kareem: This is different than just sending it to charity.
  - Rahul: By saying it is like directly funding a charity is discounting Vic students enjoying and eating cookies or watching movies at movie night events.
  - Auni: How many people are they expecting to their trivia night and three broomsticks?
  - Leah: When I co-managed Caffiends, the Three Broomsticks is very well attended.
  - Auni: What is it?
  - Leah: Special, Harry Potter themed drinks and chocolate frogs are sold at Caffiends during Halloween or early November.
  - Rahul: What's the sorting ceremony?
  - Ben: House bracelets are sold for money and I assume you can be sorted then purchase that corresponding house bracelet .
  - SaraLi: What are the prizes for the Trivia Night?
  - Ben: They only asked for \$30 to buy prizes, no specifics.
  - Claire: Is it possible to go back? The snack budget line for Board games seems heavy for such a small club.
  - Ben: I gave them \$230 for the full year which is \$10 a week, if we have 10 members attending for 5 hours a week, I think it is fair.
  - Claire: Why should VUSAC fund snacks for this many people when they can buy their own?
  - Rahul: I do not think they are comparable. Prizes are once, board games is once a week. It doesn't matter how few the students are, and it benefits the students who go.
  - Enxhi: The reality is, if you are Vic student who walks by, you can join and eat snacks, too.
  - Auni: The concern is \$230.00 to the number of members. I know they meet regularly, but maybe more postering and advertising will up attendance.
  - Rahul: \$10.00 a week for 10 students on average is too much, that's a donut per person for five hours or more.
- Equal Voice Victoria
  - Ben: This is their full requested budget, there were no cuts. For clarification, in terms of their AGM and social, I got assurance there was substantial attendance.
- *Ben exits at 6:20*
  - SaraLi: For the participant welcome package and notes, EQV-008, can I get clarification?
  - Golda: All participants will get a package with "EQV-008 description".
  - SaraLi: Can they get that from VUSAC?
  - Enxhi: Yes.
  - SaraLi: I don't know what this workshop entails, but I don't know if these are all necessary for participants.
  - Kareem: Can you read the thank you notes description?
  - Golda: "Our intention is to provide all guest speakers with thank you cards."
  - Kareem: I think the participant packages are used by these specific speakers for the workshops, not put together by the club.



- Sarali: The Arts and Crafts club has enough materials to make cards, can they use their materials?
- Rahul: These are professionals coming in to speak and hold workshops, I think their intention is to give them professional cards as a thank you.
- Sabina: Ten dollars is a very reasonable amount for gifts for speakers, from what I took away from a workshop I attended about this sort of etiquette. .

Rahul moves to remove budget line EQV-008. SaraLi seconds.

- Enxhi: Can we amend it now?
- Ben: You're cutting it completely.
- Leah: Do you know everything they want? You should leave some for what you may not be able to provide them for the packages.
- Ben: Chart paper, pencils, workshop materials and [].
- Enxhi: Bergita could speak to Dean's Office supplies and you would be able to provide?
- Bergita: We have that.
- Auni: They don't have a representative here, would we be better to table it?
- Bergita: About chart paper – every time you book space, you can request a flip chart and markers from the Dean's office.
- Kareem: If we're hesitant to cut it entirely, they can then reallocate slightly.
- Conor: Their description of workshop materials is vague and I prefer to not cut it.
- Rahul: What would be procedure for them to reapply if we cut it out?
- Ben: Why would they reapply if we definitely cut it? Once this is passed, they can only reallocate funds. We can table it pending further clarification. I recommend clarification.

Motion dropped.

Enxhi moves to table EQV-008. Alex seconds. Motion passes with five abstaining.

○ The Goose

- Rowan: Would it be better to take a ten minute recess to look over the budget and highlight what they have concerns with?
- SaraLi: This was sent Sunday to VUSAC members and should have been looked over between then and now.
- Thomas: Non-VUSAC members haven't been given this time to look it over.

Enxhi moves for a five-minute recess to look over the budget. Conor seconds.

- L-P: Are editorial meetings open to the public because GO-004 is asking for food for editorial meetings?
- Ben: No, they are not open because they are for editing the journal.
- SaraLi: How many copies does this amount under GO-002 make?
- Ben: We will come up to lines like GO-004 and just clarify that we have passed more money for food for VUSAC in the instance of the retreat. It is hypocritical. "GO-004 reasoning". In the summer, not all the exec were there. For GO-002,
- Kareem: To reply to Ben's comment, it was different. That was a mandatory retreat which we dedicated 12 hours of our time and required food.

- Rowan: Editorial meetings aren't optional either. You need editorial meetings; it's just the same. I agree with Ben and I think we need to proceed with caution when cutting these.

Alex pulls out GO-004.

○ Hey Teach

- SaraLi: Same question, how many copies?
- Ben: I am looking up both.
- William: When is the launch party for Hey Teach?
- Ben: Each semester and they did not indicate when. They do not indicate the number of copies they print.

SaraLi moves to table HT-001. Conor seconds. Motions passes with four opposed, 2 abstaining.

- Ben: Goose only gave me the amount of pages in one issue and how much per issue. I told them to find the cheapest resources and print in black and white. You can table it or pull it.

SaraLi moves to table GO-002. Conor seconds. Motion passes with three opposed and 2 abstaining.

- Olivia: Does GO-001 exist?
- Ben: That was a line from the summer budget, those missing previous numbers are summer budget line numbers which I removed from this aggregate budget.

○ Humanitas

- Rahul: What is the description for the symposium?
- Ben: "Academic symposium open for the Vic community in the spring."
- Auni: Curious about the club social, I know the Cat's Eye cannot have socials for their sub-comm members but Humanitas has budget line HUM-004 for a club social, is it open to everyone?
- Ben: It is for staff and contributors. There was an error in their submission, I copied all their budget lines and I reduced their print run to 300 copies but the budgeted amount is the same [clarify].
- Rahul: Why do they need \$75.00 for their social?
- Ben: I asked them if they could make the club social open the Vic community, they said yes.
- Sabina: I would like to say that I hope club specific socials are looked over since I removed all sub-comm spending to be in accordance with VUSAC's stance on using student money for closed socials.

○ Knit Project

- SaraLi: Why do they need new needles?
- Kareem: They have interchanging members and things disappear. They are relatively new.
- Leah: You need different size needles for different styles and I have, from experience, used up to 25 different types for a single project.
- Auni: The earlier concern from Enxhi is also applicable here: could they approach student projects?
- Kareem: It's not a substantial amount that warrants approaching Student Projects. That being said, it can be brought there.
- Enxhi: I don't like the idea that Student Projects doesn't do small projects when they do; we used it to purchase staplers for the VUSAC office last year. There's no point in using VUSAC funds for smaller things when it is possible to use that fund for clubs.

- Ben: That's a good point, a lot of projects not seen here that were asked for by clubs have one-off costs and I told majority of them to go to Student Projects.
- Rowan: The knitting club needs knitting needles to exist and it's harder to go through the entire process for Student Projects in order to even start for the semester.
- Conor: Student Projects does not do annual budgets, you would need to buy a 1000 needles at once for them to consider giving you supplies for your club if you plan on replacing them each year.
- Enxhi: They shouldn't be going missing.

Kareem moves to add four minutes of spill over. SaraLi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Rowan: Can we take into consideration people who need to leave, like the levies who are in attendance?
- Ben: Cat's Eye and VCDS need to leave and we do not have as much control over theirs.
- SaraLi: Plentea s here, and we should just do theirs first since it is next.

○ Plentea

- SaraLi: Can you explain PT-009, lamination costs?
- Gabriella: Plentea has never put up posters to advertise itself and we would like to have a presence. We want to create reusable posters and laminate them. We do not need a specific poster for specific events and we thought it might be best to create one that'll last a long time.
- Auni: That doesn't make the posters more visible.
- Kareem: These could still be taken down, keep that in mind.
- Aidan: We plan on putting them in places where they won't be removed or ruined by the outdoors.
- Conor: For clarification, with the motion of the table to approve the clubs budget, do we have to table to continue to levies?
- Ben: Let's just discuss if there's any issues with the levies then pass them later.

Levy Budgets – VCDS and Cat's Eye

○ Cat's Eye

- Sabina: I was never given what our actual amount actually is from this year? Other levies did.
- Ben: Did your levy not receive a cheque from the Dean's Office?
- Sabina: No.
- Ben: Last year's finance haven't been finished yet.
- Sabina: What if it is different?
- Ben: [missed what was said in response]
- Leah: I automatically assumed it would go down and that's what I did in the budget for VCDS.
- SaraLi: CE-012 and CE-013 and their justifications?
- Sabina: Pool cues are under summer budget and we need to fix the pool table.
- Ben: I should've had a discussion with you; the summer budget would include these costs.
- Sabina: And would include the pool cues?
- Ben: Equipment repair and upgrade, as well.
- SaraLi: And CE-013?
- Sabina: Chalkboard paint was covered by the Dean's Office, but we want to update the Cat's Eye space now that the warranty is up.

- Ben: That's also covered in your summer budget. This was agreed upon with Sadia. I request someone withdraw these budget lines since they were passed previously.

Enxhi secedes 10 minutes she did not use. Kareem seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

SaraLi tables and secedes 15 minutes of constitutional and CARA updates till next meeting.

Rowan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Sabina: I've reallocated money from sub-comm money to the space updates and we would like to use surplus money. We have had exorbitant sessions about this but what does VUSAC want us to do with our funds?
- Enxhi: We are being frugal in allocating money, but students are adding money every year and it is not being used. The money is left sitting there. Let's not be super picky, we should be choosing to use it.
- Ben: The money doesn't go unused, it just moves back into the bank account for the next year. It's not a bad idea to have a surplus in the case that funds go down with next year's registration.
- Sabina: The warranty did not let us control space and we want to use our surplus for these updates.
- Enxhi: Money needs to be used.
- Gabe: That's a mischaracterization and it goes in their bank account again if not used.
- Sabina: We discussed this.
- Kareem: Not for today's meeting, but I think it would be a good idea to decrease the levy.
- Sabina: We should discuss this later and bring it to the advisory board.
- Auni: They've done a good job to reduce spending on the sub-comm and I see it's fit to use the money how they want.
- Ben: We are trying to remove duplicates from their summer budget, not cutting actual money from their budget.
- Auni: Will it go back to their bank account?
- Ben: No, this is all already allocated money that we will have duplicates of if passed.
- Sabina: Are these two different amounts?
- Leah: The yearlong budget is cheque number 1 and 2, and half of three?
- Rowan: I'd like to remind people that these are duplicates being removed. The ideology of having to spend surplus got VUSAC in the hole a few years ago, if I may add. We need to remove the idea that if we spend all the money on students, we shouldn't spend money on things that aren't fully formed.
- SaraLi: This is complete ignorance, but why they are given an honorarium?
- Ben: They are performing a non-elected job.
- Rowan: This has changed a fair bit. When it was an active pub, it was heavily intensive work and potentially revisiting the size of the honorarium and it's because it used to be dealing with drunken Vic students.
- Bergita: I'd like to clarify a point about training session with [] and she has extended her services to me. It's important to use a significant amount on students this year because they are paying for it, putting it in savings has benefits but it is not serving students.

- Rahul: Had Sabina known that money was allocated in the summer budget? She thought that she would have had to include it in this budget.
  - Kareem: They will still receive this money.
  - SaraLi: Since we're still under the clubs motion, we will have to pull those lines when we are considering levies?
  - Ben: Yes.
  - Rahul: I would like to enquire about VCDS-009.
  - Leah: The 'Education' budget line is \$500.00 for prof's who give lectures to VCDS, teaching the Cat's Eye sub-comm for training with equipment. It is for our workshops for the wider community or thank you gifts.
  - Rahul: What is Flower Committee?
  - Olivia: It includes flowers for directors, assistant director and stage manager. And thank you cards for each person in a show.
  - SaraLi: What is the \$100 for meetings?
  - Leah: When we were recruiting for the exec team and got pizza for an open meeting.
  - Rahul: What is other in general shows?
  - Leah: It's for other things that don't fall under specifics for each pre-defined category for a show. Choreographers, renting transportation for materials.
  - Kareem: VCDS-015, alcohol?
  - Leah: This is a deposit for the Cat's Eye. Not purchasing alcohol.
  - Kareem: This may be covered by Cat's Eye.
  - SaraLi: Clothing?
  - Leah: Clothing subsidy for sweaters.
  - Rahul: This is for the exec?
  - Leah: Yes.
  - Olivia: We already talked about clothing in the summer budget.
  - Rahul: This is a separate request?
  - Leah: That was a cut out for the entire year's budget in the summer budget.
  - SaraLi: What is VCDS-016?
  - Leah: We have awards for members like "in the most amount of shows," and joke gifts. In past years, we made mugs. We bought mugs previously, but last year we did a frame with the programs they were in as a thank you.
  - SaraLi: How many do you give out?
  - Olivia: We have 5 shows, with upwards of 70 people in each production. We like to give fair recognition; I couldn't give an exact number.
  - SaraLi: The honoraria?
  - Leah: Each producer receives \$1000.00.
  - Auni: Promotional materials?
  - Leah: We use VUSAC to print but there are no tablecloths for Burwash banners.
  - Ben: This includes summer budget lines and we should remove those as well. I will take out these lines from discussion.
- WUSC
    - SaraLi: What is the holiday market?

- Tiffany: We buy fair trade products and sell them right before the exam break and sell money for the student refugee effort.
- SaraLi:
- Tiffany: We want to hold a round table discussion on international development. Buy food and info brochures that we would design.
- SaraLi: This is open to all Vic students?
- Tiffany: Yes.
- Kareem: Is this with other U of T chapters?
- Tiffany: We're still in the process of figuring out what we would like to do with partnering.
- Kareem: Just a word of caution, if you partner with other WUSC groups, you are budgeting Vic money to use at other events too.
- Rahul: What is the money for sponsor student allowance?
- Tiffany: This is for the refugee student who comes and they do not have income to bring with them and people are paying out of their own pockets on the committee.
- Rowan: Does Vic already engage the student in any bursary options?
- Tiffany: The dean's office tries to find a work-study position. Catriona Brennan is in charge of that and cannot disclose those fees.
- Rowan: I can find out.
- Kareem: Dean's Office covers tuition and residence fees, they do not cover extra necessity money. Like laptops or dinner.
- Ben: I'd like to pull certain lines from VCDS the summer budget lines: VCDS-030, VCDS-019-029, VCDS 012.

Golda moves to remove budget lines VCDS-030, VCDS-019 to 029, VCDS-012. Alex seconds.

- SaraLi: Are we able to do so under the clubs motion?
- Gabe: No, make note of what you wish to remove and do so later.
- Ben: Thank you to the levies who attended this meeting to discuss your budget.

Motion dropped.

○ VicXposure

- Rusaba: I'd like to suggest a change to the budget, we used far less for our TTC fare for our High Park excursion. We would like to reallocate \$90.00 from \$150.00 to our Art Gala budget line.

Alex moves to reallocate \$90.00 from VICX-001 to VICX-005. LP seconds. Motion passes with one abstaining.

- Alex: Food?
- Rusaba: We have our meetings once a month and it falls during dinnertime.
- Alex: They're fully open to anyone?
- Rusaba: Yes.
- SaraLi: What are prizes?
- Rusaba: We have an Instagram contest and we will be doing two per semester with \$15 prizes.
- SaraLi: Can you explain the Art Gala?
- Rusaba: We originally had 6 different categories and budget steering cut it down to \$20 prizes per category. I am recommending we [Rusaba – could you clarify what else you said?].

○ Semiotones

Kareem moves reallocate 3 minutes from VPE. Enxhi seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Rowan moves to secede from alternative summer report. LP seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Olivia moves to secede the remaining agenda time to the Finance Report. Alex seconds. Motion passes with two opposed, one abstaining.

- Ben: Any issues with two Semiotones budget lines?
- Shadow Dance
  - Claire: What is Shadow Dance?
  - Ben: It's a Latin dance club.
  - Auni: They do many dances.
  - Martin: I attended some of their classes and they do not need the money since many of their events are free.
  - Ben: I have reasoning for their budget this year. Four socials, food at the socials, outings for \$7 per person and taking them to a club that costs money.
- Vic Chorus
  - Simona: What does winter rehearsal mean?
  - Ben: Treats for chorus members after rehearsal in winter
  - William: Gilbert and Sullivan Gifts?
  - Ben: They put on a Gilbert and Sullivan show. This is for people who use a lot of their time to put on the show at the end of the year.
- Vic Scarlet Dragons
  - Rahul: Guest passes to what?
  - Ben: Guest passes for gyms. Interactive paddles are located in the gym that introduces people to paddling.
  - Thomas: The
  - Rowan: Their coach isn't a U of T coach.
  - Rahul Clarification on their social?
  - Ben: Fall and winter social. I cut it in half from 250 to 100.
  - Rowan: Does anyone know why they are club and not a part of VCAA?
  - Ben: Good question, I do not know but they could be.
  - Rowan: Something to investigate, I do not recommend rejecting their budget based on that though.
  - Ben: Associate member or VCAA member.
  - Rahul: They meet membership requirements.
  - Rowan: It's a sport.
  - Enxhi: So is badminton and fencing?
  - Ben: Expensive.
  - Martin: Do you have to compete if you are on VCAA?
  - Ben: Scarlet Dragons does enter competitions and we cannot fund them because it is not open. We fund their open events, closed events for an athletic team is different.
  - SaraLi: Can we ask them to amalgamate?
  - Enxhi: We discussed this in budget steering. It blurs the lines between whether people can only have sports teams under VCAA or have a club dedicated to something specifically.
  - Rahul: Fencing is a social activity at Vic.
  - Martin: It is an organization with people who know how to fence and teach other.
  - Ben: We are not funding athletic competitions and just their socials.
  - Enxhi: When speaking to president of Vic Fencing, it would put them in a similar situation if they choose to compete. Like Ben said, they are not planning compete.
  - Rahul: If practices are open to everyone, why put them in VCAA?

- Rowan: I say we discuss this later.
- Badminton
  - SaraLi: Why do they need to pay for court time?
  - Ben: They need to pay for the upper courts to set up badminton nets.
  - William: I thought they did it at UTS?
  - Ben: They said Athletic Centre in request.
  - SaraLi: Have they not explored other options?
  - Ben: I told them to, I took them on good faith that they did.
  - Kareem: It's free for certain hours, from the information I got when I called.
  - Ben: That's still lower courts.
  - SaraLi: Student fees paying for something they pay already.
  - Martin: How much does it cost?
  - Ben: \$70.00 an hour.

Rahul moves to pull VCBC-002. Alex seconds.

- Fencing
  - Conor: I'm sorry, why is there a budget line for water for 30 people at each meeting? There is water all around campus.

Conor moves to pull. LP Seconds.

- Thomas: We play in Emmanuel College, there are no water fountains. People forget water and we fence for hours and not healthy to do so without hydrating.
- Simona: Are we not a water bottle free campus?
- Stuart: They have cups in Emmanuel College bathroom to get water.
- Thomas: People do not like drinking from the tap and they avoid them.
- Rahul: I get that water while playing sports, but it's their problem if they do not bring water.
- Olivia: People should be bringing their own water bottles and Goldring is not far from Emmanuel if they need to refill them.

SaraLi moves to remove VF-008. LP seconds.

- Martin: Water bottle free zone is a good point.
- Thomas: I sent in that line expecting it to be cut.

Motion passes unanimously.

- Rahul: Coach fees, is that an honorarium?
- Thomas: \$100 per session for an external coach.
- Auni: Equipment fee, is it yearly?
- Thomas: It's for helmets and jackets.
- Martin: The equipment was broken last year.
- Auni: I thought you were talking about swords.
- Martin: No cleaning blades, just jackets.
- Life Drawing
  - SaraLi: Costs for pub nights?
  - Ben: Initially they requested \$800.00 for pub night and under wrong impression? I cut it to \$250.00 because food is required and also they anticipated a booking fee but there are places without. If they over spend on food, there is cushioning.
  - Rahul: What is the charge for the Grant Museum?
  - Ben: U of T museum with preserved animal corpses, taxidermy, basically they have permission to go in and sketch?
  - Bergita: There wasn't a fee in the past.
  - Ben: There is a fee to take out specimens.
  - Conor: I thought it was life drawing, not death drawing.



- Simona: Why do they get more money for prizes?
- Ben: A little misleading, they don't want to only do prizes but for campaign purposes. Their justification is to increase awareness for Movember campaign.
- Rahul: LP said Movember provides the packages.
- Ben: Just kits.
- LP: Life Strong wristbands, etc.
- Auni: What are the prizes for?
- Ben: I don't know specific categories.
- Auni: They could run an event at the end of November to have it styled as it's removed.
- Ben: This is slightly different than Cuts for Cancer.
- William: Some of it goes towards advertising about the kits are free?
- Ben: It would be a Vic for a Cure/Movember campaign.
- SaraLi: why are there Cuts for Cancer stylist costs?
- Ben: Stylists coming in for free and these are prizes to thank them.
- SaraLi: Each student paid a subsidized fee to get his or her hair cut.
- Ben: It's different this year, I budgeted \$15 for each of the 8 stylists.
- SaraLi: Is it necessary to have eight stylists??
- Ben: I went last year and there was a need for that many.
- Vic iTeach
  - SaraLi: What are the descriptions for their socials?
  - Ben: We did fund their fall social. "[Description]" Initially requested \$250 and gave them \$200.
  - Enxhi: For the iTeach buttons, whom are they sold to?
  - Ben: The Vic Community.
  - Enxhi: Do they say Vic iTeach?
  - Ben: Yes.
  - Enxhi: Is there a market for that?
  - Ben: We would hold the funds then allocate it when necessary if you decide to pull it.
- VISA
  - SaraLi: Why is it so expensive to watch something on TV like the oscarS?
  - Ben: it's a large celebration, we did reduce their request from \$330.00 to \$270.00.
  - Auni: Open to all Vic students?
  - Ben: Yes
  - Conor: SaraLi, what's the VOCA burwash collab with VISA?
  - SaraLi: We have a Burwash dinner hosted by the both of us. What is the closing ceremonies cost for?
  - Ben: It would be a mark of the end of mentorship program and will cost \$40 total.
- Vic Jam
  - Auni: Is their budget food and money for socials?
  - Ben: Yes.
  - Auni: Like we discussed last week, the lack of turn out will mean less food eaten, maybe we should see if there are enough people at these events.
  - Rahul: The recruitment night and parties are to bring people out. If we complain about them not having enough people than not giving money for food for new people, it is hypocritical.

- Enxhi: That's a good point, Auni. I was going to bring up this in my updates later.
- SaraLi: I have a question about Vic Student Ambassadors, are they a club?
- Enxhi: They are not. Why are they on the list?
- Ben: They were on the website so I added them to the budget, they have no lines.

Enxhi moves to remove VSA from budget. Rowan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Trivia Club
  - SaraLi: How often?
  - Ben: Every week.
  - Auni: I don't think they advertise enough to bring out people, but their budget will be put to good use.
- Werewolf
  - Rahul: What are the buttons?
  - Martin: They're for achievements in the game.
  - Rahul: Like games you win?
  - Martin: Commuter dons said we could use their button machine, so just need materials.
  - SaraLi: Werewolf meets once a week, but they are asking for 300 per meeting.
  - Martin: 20 per meeting plus Halloween social.
  - Claire: Attendance?
  - Martin: 20-30, more at bigger events
  - Kareem: I do attend; they have more people at their meetings than board games.
  - Auni: Werewolf is kind of an important part of Vic culture.
  - Martin: I don't know if this is included, but we want decorations at the Halloween party, can that be taken out of the food budget?

Enxhi calls the question on the VUSAC 2014-2015 Clubs Budget. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion Period on Removed Items: VCC-002, GO-004

- SaraLi: For the courts, more exploration of options with all the sports facilities available on campus – should be free. I don't know what the Goldring Centre will be open but should research more.

SaraLi moves to remove Go-004, LP seconds.

- Rahul: There were clubs with private meetings that we did pass with refreshments.
- Ben: Objection – our retreat was mandatory, like these meetings, but we had food regardless.
- SaraLi: Our meetings are biweekly without food.
- Kareem: We passed money for the VCDS for a cast party.
- Conor: That's only once a year.
- Simona: We dismissed budgets for badminton and fencing food meeting budgets.
- Claire: I agree with Ben but I also think if we passed other food budgets.

Motion fails with 1 in favour, 5 opposed, three abstaining.

- Alex: I don't think we should restrict funding for sports clubs looking for equipment and basically it's expensive to find places to play sports in Toronto and still need space.

- Kareem: We had the same convo in budget steering and they have to pay on weekends. I will call now and double check.
- Auni: Not an expert, but badminton nets can be bought and moved around and I don't know if it would be possible to buy than rent.
- Stuart: If playing indoors, you need to use one made for the gymnasium.
- Rahul: If we move to table, we can explore the options.
- Rowan: Why don't we give Kareem two seconds to see now?
- William: I am on the newsletter; their meetings have been stated to be at UTS on Sundays.
- Ben: To clarify, for the sports courts line, it is used for four hours only, \$75.55 per hour.
- Thomas: If it's not for practice, what is it for?
- Ben: Tournament.
- Thomas: Why not use own equipment?
- Ben: For four hours, need to book space.
- Kareem: It is free for students and needs to be booked online.
- Rowan: For four hours at a time?
- Kareem: I am not sure
- Ben: I recommend tabling to look into it.

Alex moves to table VCC-002. Kareem seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Levies

Enxhi moves to approve levy budgets. LP seconds.

- Acta
  - Alex: What are the incidental costs?
  - Kareem: The incidental costs going from last year's budget.
  - Rowan: Question to Ben, I recall that their levy numbers are less than what they have budgeted for – how does that work out?
  - Ben: You're not accounting for what is in their bank account, they have \$10,000.00.
  - SaraLi: How many issues will they produce?
  - Ben: 500 copies.
  - SaraLi: Why is it \$1000.00 for launch parties?
  - Ben: They budgeted same as last year.
  - SaraLi: Is it necessary to produce 500 copies?
  - Ben: They are different than most of our literary journals, they have wide distribution in US or even have some in Paris, France. 500 is not unreasonable.
  - Rowan: They are the oldest literary journal in Canada.
  - Rahul: Same as last year, but how many people attend?
  - Ben: [missed point]
  - SaraLi: \$7000.00 for 500 journals?
  - Ben: If they decide to print 750 copies, it will be \$4000.00 additional.
  - Auni: Is it 500 per semester?
  - SaraLi: These are not per semester.
  - Ben: It would be 500 copies for the whole year.
  - Claire: What happens to launch party money?
  - Ben: They booked an area of a diner last year. I would like to revise what I said, usually they publish one but they are publishing two this year. They are using the 7000 to publish two separate journals.
  - Claire: They printed two journals last year.

- Ben: I'll talk to them.
- Rowan: Do the numbers add up?
- Ben: If they can print two for the price of one, why not approve this?
- Bergita: I just wanted to remind everyone that the reason the launch party and printing so many copies exists is so it opens up the journal to the wider Vic community. If they don't use it for launch or publishing, then what do they use their levy for?
- Alex: It's a good series of events.
- Rahul: If they do two issues, is it 500 copies for each or 250 copies of each?
- Ben: 500 copies for two issues at \$7000.00.
- Auni: Is it published online?
- Rowan: Can someone check?
- Sumeeta: It is. I don't know if they have for last year, but there is an archive for past years.
- Rahul: Back to Acta, where are the proceeds going?
- Ben: They don't sell the journals – they're free.
- Caffiends
  - Claire: What are Mbars?
  - Rahul: Protein bars
  - SaraLi: What does the clothing budget line entail and what is their missing equipment?
  - Rowan: It's not that they have expensive items but they have a ton of volunteers and need to have them designated as staff, but they purchase shirts. They make revenue from these.
  - Auni: As a volunteer, I can confirm there are 156 members and it's slowly getting bigger. Not sure if they are shirts or sweaters.
  - Conor: Past years had crew neck sweaters.
  - Kareem: They were going to buy sweaters then sell them to staff at discounted rate. Can we also take into consideration the fact they have an income of \$4000.00?
  - Ben: They make more than that.
  - SaraLi: I would like an answer for CA-025?
  - Ben: Test out new products.
  - Rowan: They got an upgrade on their steam wand and learning to use it now.
  - Kareem: They make net \$4000.00.
  - Ben: No, they make more.
  - Rowan: \$4000.00 when you take away the Professor subsidies for coffe.
  - Kareem: What do they use it for?
  - Rowan: Equipment and greater initiatives around U of T – they use it for the business as well.
  - Ben; There is a chance they could lose more than make, it's always good to have cushioning in the revenue they hold.
  - Rowan: That being said – they are doing very well.
- The Strand
  - SaraLi: I would like a breakdown on all lines for The Strand.
  - Ben: Printing: \$50 per issue to print, that would mean they print 15 copies...? That's not correct.
  - Claire: That's definitely not right, we have about 10 issues.
  - Ben: Delivery is the fee they pay someone to distribute the paper across campus.

- Claire: We have someone we pay 50 dollars per issue to distribute around campus.
- Ben: So that's Neil MacIsaac.
- Kareem: Is that official?
- SaraLi: Are these meetings closed?
- Ben: They're not open to everyone, they are editorial meetings for each issue.
- SaraLi: Are the supplies for their own office
- Ben: Yes, they buy supplies for their own space.
- SaraLi: Honorarium?
- Ben: It's split three ways for the editors.
- SaraLi: Party Fund?
- Ben: They initially proposed it as a fund to buy food, alcohol- I told them they can't use student funds to buy alcohol in any capacity. They will use it to tap into for food for late night editing sessions. This is their aggregate for the year.

Three hour limit is reached at 8:30 PM: LP moves to extend meeting time by an hour and a half. Alex seconds. Motion passes unanimously, meeting extended till 10:00 PM.

- Alex: It really seems like we're arbitrarily cutting money for food.
- Rahul: We decided to pull VCAA's funding from meetings.
- Ben: Again, VUSAC used money for our retreat's food. I recuse myself from this debate because I am on The Strand.
- Rahul: There is difference between funding for every meeting or a couple of events. We paid for the retreat and we do not want to be hypocritical, but it's different to be funding every week.
- Thomas; How long are editorial meetings?
- Claire: 1-2 hours long.
- Auni: VUSAC retreat was 12 hours, so it is a little different. Would they have to reallocate funding if they wanted to purchase food? What if they paid for things from different budget lines.
- Ben: It has happened before.
- Gabe: Constitutionally, we can withhold fees if they put things under different budget lines.
- Alex: I think we should have a consistent policy about food.
- Rahul: We should fund consistently but again - we do not have food for our meetings that are bi-weekly.
- Ben: I caution against a food policy. They did that in 2012-2013, clubs met all the policies and gave them their food budgets. It put us in a bad financial situation. Right now, we're doing a case by case basis.

Rahul moves to cut STR-008, motion fails with 6 in favour, 5 opposed, 4 abstaining – Rowan notes abstention.

- SaraLi: Ten issues for \$450.00 delivery? Is that necessary?
- Claire: Its very hard, you're carrying tons of issues all around U of T campus.
- Rowan: I agree – it's hard even with the delivery bike.
- Claire: We don't even have that anymore.
- Kareem: It's not a steady job and flat fees are acceptable to pay someone. There was no one for the first two issues.
- Claire: He has done it for the last two issues, though.
- Kareem: The last email with Paula had no official confirmation of who was hired.

- Claire: I do not know because I'm not an EIC, but I would talk to Amanda since she's the one the most in correspondence with

Alex calls the question. Motion fails.

- Victoriad
  - SaraLi: What is the contest and what are the prizes?
  - Ben: Two twenty-dollar gift cards for prizes.
  - Claire: There is 1500 papers produced every issue for The Strand, for clarification.
  - SaraLi: I think each prize should be \$15.00 instead of \$20.00.

SaraLi moves to amend VTD-005 from \$40 to \$30. Alex seconds. Motion fails.

- Rahul: What does Victoriad do with profits from yearbook? Are they making profit?
- Ben: It goes into their back account, but it depends on what they have to pay off and what is in their account.
- Kareem: The charge \$15 per yearbook, only making \$1,500.00
- Bergita: This is the cost of producing the yearbook; it is still subsidized by the levy for students. The yearbook is \$50 for students without it but people only pay \$15 because of the levy subsidy. They usually don't sell 100 copies and very rarely make profit.
- SaraLi: Can we go back to printing costs of The Strand? Is it read?
- Rowan: Can you prove that it isn't read?
- Claire: People who are not even students – alumni, professors and students all pick up copies.

LP moves to remove VCDS-030, VCDS-019 to 029, VCDS-012. Auni seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Rowan calls the question on the VUSAC 2014-2015 Levy Budget. Motion passes unanimously.

## Commissioner Budgets

Rowan moves to approve the VUSAC 2014-2015 Commissions Budget. Conor seconds.

- President Budget
  - Rowan: We did not put the CRO's honorarium in the summer budget and we have to pay Kathleen.
- VPO Budget
  - Rahul: \$1,900 for supplies for VUSAC?
  - Enxhi: These are supplies that all clubs, levies and students use as well.
  - Alex: How long will the clubs heads meeting be?
  - Enxhi: I didn't hold it in the summer. It's \$120 for the clubs head meeting. Keep in mind, this is a meeting for 50 people and it's approximately 2 hours long.
  - Ben:
  - Auni: Does supplies include printing costs?
  - Enxhi: Yes.
  - Ben: It's for two meetings.
  - Thomas: Clubs display board is for outside Sid Smith?
  - Enxhi: It's currently outside the VUSAC office.
  - Kareem: Has any money been budgeted for the Sid Smith board, there are errors in it currently.
  - Enxhi; It's under Communications to look over that.
- VPE Budget
  - SaraLi: Why do people who attend the Crescams award ceremony need gifts?

- Kareem: The guest list is Vic student leaders and we recognize their achievements though they do not win Crescams.
- Bergita: It's a thank you for everyone who works hard at Vic, it's not required but VUSAC has continued this tradition.
- Auni: All student leaders?
- Bergita: People RSVP from the invite list who are student leaders then the gifts are assigned from the list.
- Auni: What are they?
- Kareem: They were scotch glasses- sorry, water glasses.
- Gabe: Lowball glasses, for a more appropriate name.
- Bergita: They were very nice gifts.
- LP: Victorian of the Month?
- Kareem: The prize is a gift card for \$20 each month.
- Bergita: To clarify the catering cost for Crescams – it is \$3500.00 to \$4000.00 dollars and it was covered entirely by Dean's Office. The 300 is a subsidy from VUSAC for catering.
- Rahul: Why is VUSAC contributing this year?
- Kareem: I wanted the option of having money for a cash bar at Crescams.
- Ben: Last year, VUSAC's financial situation was unstable. Now we have more money and wiggle room, we were able to contribute with the Dean's Office.
- Auni: I've never heard of Victorian of the Month. It hasn't been updated since 2011.
- Kareem: It was not done last year but year's previous and it's a nomination form and people can nominate a student who should be recognized, a small token to people who are prominent in the student leader community.
- Bergita: VUSAC decided to pitch to the banquet on their own accord, in addition to the previous discussion.
- Arts and Culture
  - Gabe: Didn't the council decide to change the name to UltraNow?
  - Conor: The UltraNow is constitutionally mandated and I am have to hold four technically, I'm trying to bring it back this year. \$50 would be for coffee and tea, partner with music-oriented club. I do not know anything in particular about the name.
  - Rowan: Let's be clear – they are coffeehouses or Open Mics; that was an issue when I was Arts & Culture MAL and didn't pass.
  - Conor: I'll let everyone know.
  - Aidan: What is VVS?
  - Conor: Vic Variety Show.
  - Rowan: How have we considered an alternative location to the Bader?
  - Conor: Going through the performing arts endowment application, we can be able to fund it. The Bader is kind of the only option in my opinion. I think the Cat's Eye is very limited and there are no formal stage wings and back stage areas – also no grand piano. The Vic Chapel also has no formal wings and no tech, but it has a piano. Bader is the location I've settled on. We will partner with VicXposure to have a reception in the foyer with all the photography from students.
  - Thomas: Why is it more expensive for the Bob than the VVS?
  - Conor: There is one night with dress and tech for VVS, there is four nights for the Bob with dress and tech.
  - Brennan: Why does it cost so much more for the VVS per night?

- Conor: My Bader fees right now are \$4400.00 dollars, which is much more than listed, but it's reliant on ticket revenue to make some money back.
- Commuter
  - William: Tokens – how are those distributed?
  - SaraLi: It's for a token rental thing I will be starting next week.
  - Conor:
  - SaraLi: We are planning for a 10 dollar subsidized fee which

LP moves to cut SCMT-029 and SCMT-030. Alex seconds.

- LP: I think it is unnecessary to pass prizes for members.
- Rahul: We passed prizes for levies and club members. VOCA members contribute time to pancakes every week, movie nights and other events. There is time used for operations, tech, media outreach. There is a lot of dedication by all the exec members.
- Ben: No prizes were reserved for execs that were passed. For Festive Dinner, we will make money back for that but we won't receive it all back.
- SaraLi: If we don't spend all the money, it will go back to the VUSAC budget.
- Auni: Regarding Festive dinner, at the end of the day, will it be open to everyone to attend after a certain period?
- SaraLi: I was thinking a week after ticket sales start, we can open it up if it's not full, but I haven't spoken to my execs.
- Auni: What is your token initiative?
- SaraLi: People sometimes forget their tokens or don't have change, people can borrow them from the office and then write down their info, and then can pay us back within the week for \$3. It'll be a subsidized rate and if they don't repay, we will contact them and we will make money back in the following year for orientation to buy off of us.
- Alex: It's pretty important to note that residence students should be able to attend events thrown by VUSAC and it's hard to shut out a group of people.
- Rahul: In response to Ben, the investments of general members and execs are great. Execs have a lot more commitments. In response to Alex, Burwash dinner has forfeited seats from commuters if this happens – those 50 commuter seats will return to residence students.
- Bergita: Does everyone understand the Festive dinner situation? There are two festive dinners for residence students: first for Burwash and Marg Ad, then second for Annesley hall, RJ, commuters and International students. You have to get a ticket. There was a separate commuter dinner, but someone started an initiative to join residence and commuter students and this is the format now. 50 tickets are put aside for commuters and there is an overhead cost paid for with these tickets, it allows 50 or more commuter students to attend festive dinner. There have been years with leftover commuter tickets, some years have sold out quickly. Sara had the idea of addressing this concern and brought forward a proposal of having a separate dinner for commuters. If there was a separate commuter dinner, those 50 seats will go back to residence.
- Ben: I do agree there is disparity. I don't want anyone to be confused that this is not solely rewarding execs.
- Conor: For tokens, there is a five-day limit, but if people were stealing them, what would the punishment be? I don't agree with the policy.



- SaraLi: Do you have a suggestion on how penalize people?
- Conor: I don't think we should fund this. For SCMT-018, the kettle went missing – how will you make sure this isn't stolen?
- SaraLi: It'll be in VUSAC and you can sign it out? We thought of gluing it into the plug of the kitchen, but that's obviously not safe.
- Conor: What will you do to track them?
- Enxhi: We can get them to sign a contract with all their info.
- Conor: I do not agree with that, but it is more convenient to use if it's in the kitchen.
- Conor: What is the \$300.00 for CARA for?
- SaraLi: Events for next semester; a karaoke night and there would be food at the meetings. This fund will ideally cover the full year.
- Rowan: On tokens, if they sign the contract and break the contract – we have no way to guarantee they'll return. We have no way to officially charge them, like overdue library books.
- Rahul: What do we do for people who do not return storage keys?
- Rowan: They have club responsibility and we can penalize the clubs if they lose our keys. Residence students pay VCU fees and any potential precedent to have people blocked from events funded by VUSAC money concerns me. Did we have anywhere with the Dean's Office and try to ascertain interest from commuters? \$3000.00 for 50 people is money lost.
- SaraLi: I'm meeting next week with the Dean's Office. We're applying to Student Projects so we don't have to spend VUSAC funding; this is contingent on making money back from ticket sales.
- Rowan: Did we have time to look for general interest?
- SaraLi: It's been a positive response so far and the subsidized cost has been fine through the Facebook poll I made on the commuters page. People are willing to pay \$10.00.
- Rahul: We have every previous year's student's interest.
- SaraLi: 50 spots with 75 people on the list last year at Festive Dinner – commuters who haven't had a chance will want to go.
- Rahul: Residence goes to dinner as much as they attendpancakes.
- Enxhi: Can we restructure festive dinner to be three days?
- Auni: It's true that residence students contribute to the VUSAC budget, but not as much as commuters since there are more. I doubt many residence students will want to go; maybe the few who know many commuters like myself. For the kettle, people could use it in the VUSAC office.
- Alex: Each member of the VCU pays the same fees and should have the access to the same events; does the Dean's Office pay for it?
- Bergita: The students are charged through their meal plan. They usually do not get the plated service and the décor. To speak to Rowan's question, I met with Sara and I know Kelley is interested to discuss this. My concern is that I don't want spaces to go to waste and there is a consensus among commuter students, I don't want to see a payment for a 100 meals to go to waste.
- Conor: Bergita, in the past several years, there used to be a commuter only dinner?
- Bergita: There used to be very little programming for commuters, but then they added the commuter festive dinner then decided to integrate residence and commuters at Festive Dinner.

- Rahul: It's one thing to reserve 50 spots for commuters at residence festive dinner, but it is strange to leave space at commuter festive dinner for residence students. Residence students pay into VUSAC, while commuters students pay more into VUSAC technically, but residence students benefit much more from VUSAC's events.
- Kareem: We could keep this smaller and see the interest this year.
- SaraLi: This is already very small compared to what was originally planned. We can either go 100 with rectangular tables or 90 with circular in Burwash.
- Kareem: We don't want to the precedent that commuters have commuter only events that residence start to hold residence only event.
- Rahul: We are setting precedent over the benefit to the students in this discussion.
- Rowan: If we take out all labels of residence and commuter students, saying a minority isn't allowed to do something or get less of something is a dangerous thought process?
- Rahul: Who is the minority?
- Rowan: The argument is that commuters make up the vast majority, the idea that they should get more because they are the majority is dangerous. I don't think we can pay into something then exclude people. Yes, residence students go to VOCA, but residence students do also pays for pancakes. Vast majority of students at VOCA are commuters, I don't think we will have to put a restraint on residence students for an event labelled as just for commuters. Christian Julien set the idea in my mind as a frosh to attend events like pancakes because I also pay into it. We have to think what rhetoric we are throwing around.
- Ben: This is a debate going of residence versus commuters. I would like us to pass our first organic surplus. Can we please just get into the budget?
- Alex: I think we need to talk more about this later.

Alex moves to table SMCT-013, Conor seconds.

- Conor: It pays into having an exclusionary dinner rather than the normal dinner. At least from my personal point of view, we could still have it for only commuters for less money.
- Rahul: In response to Rowan, we are making up for a student body that is not receiving enough of the benefits of VUSAC.
- Auni: My concern with tabling this is that the event is mid-November, this is based on a lot of contingencies. SaraLi may not be able to run the event if we wait.

LP calls the question. Enxhi seconds. Motion passes with one opposing, 2 opposing Motion passes with three opposed and three abstaining. Rowan notes opposing tabling SCMT-013.

- SaraLi: I'd like it noted that Festive Dinner will most likely not be happening with tabling it.
- Ben: Should we just cut it then?
- Rahul: What if we waited 2 weeks to see what happens if it is possible?
- Gabe: She should continue to plan it.

*SaraLi exits at 9:50 PM.*

*Rowan exits at 9:51 PM.*

- E&E
  - Conor: What's Art Gala contribution?
  - Claire: We collaborate on their event.
  - Conor: You pitch in on it too?

- Claire: Yeah! You too?
- Conor: It's part of VVS.
- Kareem: Are you planning international night with VISA?
- Claire: We haven't planned it out exactly because it's one of the last events of the year. But we will discuss that later.
- Ben: For EE-011, can we change the name of aboriginal awareness week?
- Claire: Yes, I was planning on it.
- Conor: What is the Celebrate Canada Event?
- Claire: It's like international week; it is to celebrate diversity in Canada.

- Scarlet & Gold

Olivia moves to change SS&G-014 from *Yuleball* to *Harry Potter Pub Night with Building Presidents*. Conor seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Sustainability

- LP: What are the four budget lines for Environmental Fashion Show?
- Ben: This was copied directly, but the run down for each environmental: clothing alterations, set up, rentals from Long and McQuade, workshops for crew – the money to rent old vic was cut because it is free for Vic.
- Gabe: You personally cut a line?
- Ben: No, it was already.
- Stuart: In regards to clothes and alterations, are you buying them?
- Conor: I can speak to it, they have a clothing drive and use the clothes to remake them. Sometimes they don't have enough donations but they do purchase clothes and fabrics to complete the projects.

Extension time is reached. William moves to extend the meeting by 20 minutes. Conor seconds.

Motion fails with one opposing.

Meeting is adjourned at 10:01 PM.