

VUSAC Meeting Minutes

Friday February 12th 2016 at 6:00PM in the Goldring Student Center
MINUTES

In Attendance

VUSAC

Judiciary

CO-PRESIDENTS

Benjamin Atkins and Gabriel Zoltan-Johan

VP EXTERNAL

Alex Martinborough

VP INTERNAL

Rahul Christofferson

Assessor Members

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR

Bergita Petro

CHAIR

Emily Dyer

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

Saambavi Mano

FINANCE

Shannon Brown

SECRETARY

Golda Greenspoon

UTSU DIRECTORS

Auni Ahsan

Stephen Warner

Commissioners & Councillors

ARTS & CULTURE

Sumeeta Farrukh

COMMUTER

Anna Pozdniakova

EQUITY

Claire Wilkins

SCARLET & GOLD

Stuart Norton

SUSTAINABILITY

Leila Atri

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT

Michelle Vacarciuc

COUNCILLORS

William Cuddy

Peter Huycke

George Wilson

Carl Abrahamsen

George Wilson

Seraphina Vasilodimitrakis-Hart

Hannah Brennen

Miranda Alksnis

Cricket Cheng

ABSENT

Vice President Student Organizations

Lucinda Qu

- Call to order – February 12, 2016, 6 pm
- Land Recognition Chair
- I would like to acknowledge this sacred land on which the University of Toronto operates. It has been a site of human activity for fifteen thousand years. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat, and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit River. The territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Confederacy of the Ojibwe to peaceably share and care for the nations around the great lake. Today the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to meet in the community on this territory.

Cricket moves to add three minutes for updates on status of Vic Syrian refugee response. Rahul seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Leila: Just as a comment on the land recognition, I got a request to use that specific one because it was really nice.
- Alex: It came from First Nations House and Cricket tracked it down.

Ben moves to approve minutes. George seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Stuart moves to approve the agenda. Alex seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

UPDATES

Guests

- Katie: I'm a first year here at Vic. I'm here on behalf of the UofT NDP to ask VUSAC to support the Ontario Secretariat for Anti-Racism. Its idea was founded in 1991 and it was in place for a bit but it got lost over time. It would be a panel of 6 or less people who would oversee legislation coming forth in Ontario from a racialized lens. They would look at any policies, laws, etc that comes up in the province. They would also be solely in charge of looking at things from a racialized POV, since no one has this job. The petition is to implement this – all the legislation is in place, and there is a budget, but it's just not in place. I think it reflects a lot of Vic's values so I'd like VUSAC to endorse it.

- Cricket: Would it be more valuable for us to each individually sign or a body?
- Katie: Both. If you could all sign it and then as a group it would be great.
- Gabriel: I would suggest that the discussion be centered on VUSAC alone and then individuals can look at it later.
- George: It was created by the McGuinty government but Liberals sat on it for a while. Do you know why?
- Katie: It got incorporated into the Ministry of Citizenship, it got lost along the line and we're not sure why. It's all in place but it's just not done
- Miranda: Is there a precedent for endorsing something similar?
- Rahul: None that I know of for a political party, but we endorsed a motion from the CFS last semester regarding violence against women, so there's somewhat of a precedent.
- George: Is this an endorsement for the NDP by VUSAC?
- Katie: No.
- Alex: Is this the first time bringing it up? If not, how have Liberals and PCs reacted?
- Katie: It hasn't been brought up since new government came forth

George motions to endorse. Gabe seconds. Motion passes with one abstention.

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

- Bergita: We just had a GSC meeting, and it's important that your thoughts come up especially in regards to spaces like the commuter lounge. One of the things that came up at that meeting was the new doors; posters can go up there. Just email me and I'll put it up. I hope you all enjoy your reading week and use it as a time of reflection – applications are available for positions such as orientation exec, but also consider things you want to do next year. Come talk to me if you need to. You can also nominate people for Crescams, Silver Vs for graduating students, class officers, etc. The orientation steering committee is also meeting, so if you have any thoughts, please let me know.
- Vic Refugee Update
 - Cricket: Two or three weeks ago, we met with the DO and the registrar and other students interested in Vic sponsoring a refugee. Dean has offered to create a 4 week session for Syrian refugees to talk about Canadian culture and dinner sessions.
 - Bergita: It might be lunch, and babysitting might be offered.

- Leila: It would be helpful.
- Cricket: DO said we should use resources we have. But Trinity is sponsoring a family, raising 23000 dollars and are 2/3 there, and there are alternative options beyond what we have.
- Leila: In terms of reflecting on initiatives that have already happened at Vic, we had a very successful Recipes for Refugees, and a successful fast last Tuesday during which we raised \$1000. This total will be doubled by government

UTSU Directors – Elections Updates

- Steve: Quick update. Election one is the UTSU elections; lots of different positions up for elections, which come on the 29th (nominations open) and close on the 11th.
- (Steve send me this)
- Miranda: What is the website to vote?
- Steve: For governing council, it's either ROSI, ACORN, or voting.utoronto.ca
- Scarlet and Gold – Stuart
 - Stuart: The Vic and Innis social night was pretty good, especially for Vic's image as being inclusionary. The Arry Potter Pub Night was in collaboration with all the building presidents, Anna, Dumbledore's Army, etc. It was very successful. Highball is Friday March 4th, and we will be selling online tickets for the dinner and dance and having people pick them up at VUSAC. We are also selling more dance tickets to make event accessible. However, I can't say any more about venue and theme.
 - William: Thanks to Stuart for all his good work.
 - Stuart: I want to thank Shannon and Ben for the two hour meeting about finances.
- Commuter – Anna
 - Anna: The Commuter Symposium is no longer happening because we can't get the Hart House facilities. I'm trying to bring commuter voices in, and I want it such that the commuter experience is understood. When events are suddenly advertised or when things are suddenly proposed, it doesn't work well with commuters. We need to be on top of our game when it comes to advertising events and such to commuters. Speaking of events on a larger scale, it's important that we promote a friendly environment and create a home away from home.

- Student Projects - Enxhi

- Enxhi: We had one project this week, the Travel and Conference Fund, presented by Ben and Alex. It will work with the Student Projects guidelines, so you will submit cheque recs with every application and Student Projects will process. We will be looking at Student Projects with the advisory board, and if you want to get involved, please let me know. We will be discussing how we can incorporate TCF into Student Projects if it is successful.
- Alex: How will participants be selected?
- Enxhi: There will be a committee of people processing applications.
- Leila: How long will the fund last?
- Enxhi: This is part of the discussion; if it is implemented as a part of Student Projects, it would be continuous. But that's up for discussion. For now, it will last until the end of September
- Gabe: How much money will remain after this project passes for Student Projects?
- Enxhi: Around 10-15k, but I'll give you an actual number next meeting
- Cricket: Can people apply after conference?
- Enxhi: No, they should apply before.

Cricket moves to approve. Gabe seconds. Motion carries with one opposed three abstaining.

- Enxhi: Email me if you have any questions.
- Claire: When is the next deadline?
- Enxhi: Before next VUSAC meeting

- VCC Update – Gabriel

- Gabe: I was supposed to bring seven agenda items to meeting. I brought it up and here they are: discussion on first year staff advisory program for students outside Vic One, VC research colloquium help to support unique academic programs at Vic, opening and closing of new spaces, a college-like committee meeting to discuss review of alcohol policy, an equity/indigenous studies requirement, an addition of mental health resources syllabi at Vic, and race census data collection at Vic. In the previous update I gave, I stated that the Registrar said we don't collect race data at the college, but UofT said they were going to start. We asked the Registrar if this now meant that Vic would be doing so as well, but we didn't receive an answer. We don't know if Vic will also be carrying this policy or if they'd

just take UofT's data. With respect to mental health resources on syllabi, we're working with Professor Urbancic and contacting Kelley to get mental health resources onto a syllabus template that Vic and hopefully UofT profs can use to get those resources included. We should discuss the Equity Studies/Indigenous Studies requirement. The College Life Committee hasn't been called to meet in at least 4 years, but I got them to call a meeting. It won't exclusively be on this; we will be reviewing alcohol policy, and it can't change anything, but it can make recommendations in a formal way to a committee that is equal parts student and faculty. If you have any suggestions for improving student life, please let me know within reading week. I'll put up reminders. During the Presidents' meeting we found out the NF building hasn't been repaired since 1956. It has passed its life span in terms of repairs. They will be doing repairs on that building and updating. It's unclear as to how Frye will be renovated, so we don't know how the Birge space will be used for faculty and academic and student programming.

- Ben: In addition, the Birge also needs a lot of work.
- Gabe: This isn't in the near future, but there is an immediate need for renovations on both buildings and it will impact student as well as academic programming. The latter two things don't have much to be said about them.
- Miranda: Is there asbestos in the walls of Northrop Frye?
- Gabe: Yes, but they have done things to prevent it from affecting people
- Stuart: Is the College Life Committee VCC representatives or Vic students?
- Gabe: I think it's Naomi S, Brenan S, and one other student. Students were pulled from this year and last year's VCC
- Stuart: Did President Robbins speak of renovating or tearing it down?
- Gabe: Both
- Zoe: It doesn't meet accessibility
- Cricket: Would there be the possibility for a Vic-wide collection of race data collection?
- Gabe: This could be brought up at caucus. When is Caucus?
- Alex: March 2nd – bring it up. Spread the word. Invite your friends. Also. I was going to reference the Equity Studies/Indigenous Studies requirement. At the VCC thing, we said we looked at both, and President Robbins said it was important to realize that it looks at two different things. We supported pursuing and implementing an indigenous studies requirement rather than equity, and if people feel differently, our decisions can be overturned.

- Leila: Would it be a full-length course or a half-semester?
 - Gabe: It is envisioned as full length
 - Leila: Any talk about splitting the two? As in, half-year Equity Studies, half year Indigenous Studies?
 - Gabe: Not yet
 - Leila: Can I invite a speaker for both? Talk about what a first year course would look like?
 - Gabe: There are a lot more hurdles for approving a requirement or even a course with that kind of content.
 - Leila: Is it not worth making the decision between?
 - Gabe: Not necessarily, but I would caution that those speakers wouldn't be able to tell us the whole story logistics-wise
 - Emily: Anyone who has agenda items that are more than 15 min long, I need them before Tuesdays because I should need to estimate time in advance for commuters. Anything over 15 min I won't accept past Tuesday. If you are planning on making a motion, try and send it with your agenda item.
- Hannah for Lucinda: We have levy updates from 5 levies. The Acta is currently promoting its call for submissions for both its Spring issue (AV140:2), and for the poetry contest we run every year at Vic. We also have (or had, by the time the VUSAC meeting occurs) a social called Blue Valentines at Free Times Cafe on Feb. 11: an open mic night and poetry reading. Caffiends catered Italian Sodas at 'Arry Potter Pub Night, Fasting for Thought, Equity Training sessions, and VOCA pancakes. It held its second executive meeting of the year, opened art submissions for the café, and is currently planning on giving Caffiends a dual role as a gallery for Vic students to display their art. We are currently planning the first Caffiends volunteer social for this semester. We are deemed financially healthy in the audit. We attended a meeting of the Standing Committee on Development and Student Space and a meeting of UofT's Food Resource Platform. VCDS has a drama festival show called Useless Superhero Support Group that opens tomorrow night in the U of T Drama Festival. Tickets are 10\$ for students and they can be bought I believe at the door and online, but VCDS has tickets that we can sell directly to students and prefer to do that so if students are interested they can email artistic@vcds.ca. Rent rehearsals are going well, and there will be a few during reading week. Set building will commence soon, and overall everything is going well. The VCDS Gala will be held at the end of the semester to thank all those who were involved in our season. We are finalizing a date, then will go through the process of booking the Catseye and doing the Alcohol Risk Assessment form/procedure. The Victoriad website is finally up! Executive

applications for next year will be released during reading week. We were able to make a deal with Friesens for a shorter turnaround time so that we are able to distribute yearbooks at the Lawn Party! (We're only able to print about 80 copies, so we ask that grads that would like to have a yearbook--they're free!--reserve their copy so they're guaranteed one. Visit our website for details!) As for the Cat's Eye, from Feb 1-5, the week started off quietly, with the first of (hopefully) a new series of events titled Movie Mondays. This was stated by a subcomm member who thought that Monday afternoons were often quiet and that it would be a good time to screen some movies for fun. On February 1st we saw Galaxy Quest starting around 17:00 as a homage to Alan Rickman. We also had a rather productive Levy Meeting with the VPSO on the same day. On Tuesday (the 2nd) the only event to take place was Fasting for Thought, an event meant to raise awareness and money for the Syrian Refugee Crisis. The week really started picking up on Wednesday, beginning with the ever-popular and successful VOCA Pancakes, featuring the Alumni Office. At 16:00 that day Vic Records had their second Weekly Session (where they played dope music, as expected), immediately followed by the Commuter Dons's "Bird and the Bees" at 17:00. Finally, starting at 19:00, Vic for a Cure had a movie night and bake sale, where they screened 50/50. Thursday only had one event, the UofT Acappella Social. The event went well despite there being a slight mixup regarding the bar having been booked. We've spoken to the organisers of the event about financing the bar if possible (thx), but don't expect it to be a significant hit to our finances either way. On Friday the Werewolf Club held their Valentine's Day event from 18:00 to midnight which was well attended and sent very well. Feb 8-12: This week began with International Week events on the first three days, giving us a nice break from midterms. On Monday WUSC had a Movie Night starting at 16:00, where they screened The Good Lie. On Tuesday at 17:00 there was a flag-making event. Some of the flags are still hung up in the space, and will remain so all week. Wednesday saw VOCA Pancakes with an international twist, featuring VISA and a number of delicious international toppings! The event was, as always, extremely well attended. Thursday (the 11th), began on a high note with the arrival of our new ban bag chairs, courtesy of Student Projects. Later that day, the Commuter Dons held an Art Attack event, featuring scoubidou, colouring books, henna, and more. It was very successful, and provided much needed relief from midterm stress. Friday is completely packed, starting with VUSAC's "Coffee. Questions. Answers." event from 10:00-14:00. It will immediately be followed by the Cat's Eye's Couch Talk at 15:00, featuring VUSAC and VicPride! as collaborators. Despite a lengthy and arduous risk assessment process, the event has finally come to fruition thanks in large part to Jordan's commitment and perseverance. Finally, the week will wrap up with Karaoke Friday, a (surprisingly enough) karaoke event. This will go from 18:00 until closing. The Cat's Eye will be closed during reading week, making Karaoke Friday our last event before the 22nd. On a side note we've actually received the Charging Station that had been applied for by Auni earlier this year, but have not installed it yet because of missing screws. We've made some headway there, however, and hope to have it up by the end of reading week.

- Gabe: The charging station is there, and you can use it, but it's just not on the wall.
- Hannah: I also have a club application update.

Hannah moves to ratify.

- Bergita: Is this an associate club status or a Vic club?
- Hannah: They're a Vic club focusing on Vic. Will be working with the music faculty.
- Alex: Do they fit in with having 70% VCU members and 100% VCU exec? And is the club just being founded or has it already existed?
- Hannah: I believe they are just being founded now
- William: They have the exec roster, they have a constitution, I'm not sure if they existed before that but they seem to have a good idea of what they're doing
- Rahul: Will they be going for the year without a budget and starting next year?
- Hannah: Yes
- George: Can we confirm that the execs are all Vic students
- Emily: They should've been checked before our meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

- Alex: Caucus is March 2nd; it will be different from all other caucuses before. Invite your friends. You have until the 26th to send in anything you want to discuss. Crescam nominations have been out for a few days; they are due on March 7th. You're welcome to submit more than one nomination. The student experience survey is meeting the week after reading week and we'd love to have input on questions they'd like answered about Vic. The Accountability Café was this morning, and it fairly well attended. Thanks to Stu and Seraphina for helping!
- Steve: Who sits on Crescams nominations committee?
- Alex: Me.
- Steve: Just you?
- Alex: Me, a few people from DO, 2 from Registrar, One from Alumni, Seraphina, past winner (Saad), this is what I can think of off top of my head. Tell your friends to come to Caucus. If you're interested in facilitating one of the discussions, let me know.
- Ben: Last week, Claire and I met with Kelley to go through recommendations for mental health focus groups. We got positive responses on main recommendations and working with future VUSAC for implementing three main recommendations. In my meeting with dean

castle, I talked to her about King's event (Roosh V) and we sent out safety alerts on FB. I met with Stuart and Shannon to go over Highball stuff, and with Gabe, Leila, and I also helped set up international pancakes. We are looking for new registrar. There was also a presentation on student enrolment at Vic

- Claire: Was there an option to choose other than male or female
- Ben: Not to my knowledge. And another thing, I talked to President Robbins about last year's commitment to give five free meals to commuters students. Yesterday, before the meeting, we got a commitment for that to be implemented.
- Rahul: I'm on a search committee for new Director of Alumni Affairs. I met with the person from the external group running process and will be sitting in on interviews. If there is any input from VUSAC on what VUSAC would want, let me know.
- Gabe: The GSC space committee meeting was very fruitful and there were some interesting prospects. We are moving Vic Apparel down to Ned's as chief distributor, and making exercise room a work space for clubs, levies, and people working on group projects. We're thinking about calling it a Think Tank. The Commuter Lounge is called so because it was donated with that name and can't be changed. The chief takeaway was that there was an actual review being conducted of the registrars office at the moment and he is soliciting student feedback for way registrar is running and now it can be improved. So bring those forward if you have them.
- Rahul: The standing committee met with Alex, Lucinda, co-managers of Caffiends, Cat's Eye, etc. Internal review will be finished by next week and I'm hoping to have a solid report by next meeting. If you have anything extra to add, let me know. The orders have been put in for sweaters so that is happening. As for staff meetings, when Emily sends out request emails, I'll be sending out something similar to discuss issues VUSAC students are facing and to have solidarity. VPI office hours are the same as Gabe's – I'll be holding them and you can come if you want.
- Claire: A problem with staff meetings is that we don't start talking until 10 min before the hour, so if we could implement something that makes it more similar to VUSAC meetings for people to take it seriously.
- Rahul: Yes.
- William: When are VPI office hours?
- Rahul: You will know when I know – probably by the end of reading week.

- Stuart: Do you know about the GSC fee that everyone pays – is there a breakdown of that anywhere?
- Bergita: Commitment that VUSAC made when the building was made – helping pay off cost of it.
- Gabe: We didn't discuss this in judiciary, but as the VPs have their own office, I would like to recommend to Alex and Lucinda that they also host office hours, especially Lucinda for clubs and levies.
- Steve: The fee we pay is designed to go away. How long does the goldring fee have?
- Bergita: I can find out. It might be in the VUSAC documents
- Auni: It was either 6 or 7 years
- William: Lucinda regularly meets with clubs and levies and she is in the office a lot so holding extra office hours might be helpful for some but not for others.
- Alex: Can we take the suggestions Claire made and make them one of VUSAC's policies, enforceable by the chair and Rahul? As for availability, I don't know if I can take up the office hours request but if you message me I will make time to meet
- Claire: You could just make it times when you're in the office anyway

- Shannon: We have preliminary discussions on finance; there are three main things we've been discussing. We're raising the levy, because even though we have a surplus, we need it. We're also looking into tying it to inflation, which is nice because it prevents you from having referenda every other year because levies need it.
- Rahul: When we tie it to inflation do we adjust every year?
- Shannon: I don't know if the UTSU does that but UCLIT does by vote of council?
- Auni: I know UTMSU does it this way; they can increase levy by an amount capped by levy each year
- Shannon: The third thing is the way we distribute levy fees. Should we make it into a percentage? We're hoping to have a referendum question by next meeting for nomination packages.
- Bergita: VUSAC budget depends on student numbers, so making it into a percentage doesn't change number fluctuation.
- Shannon: The amount I've received from Bursar's Office has changed but levies have gotten the same amount.
- George: I know a lot of the discussion over tying levies to inflation – which would be prefer?
- Shannon: That's up for discussion

- Rahul: What is the distinction between the two?
- Shannon: Convenience
- Bergita: Fees for upcoming year were approved. Even if you pass it in a referendum, it won't affect upcoming year, but the following
- Alex: An increase in levies is something we've seen over course of this year to be crucial especially because of the budgeting crunch. Costs go up, as is the nature of the capitalist system in which we live. Increasing our levy is just a part of living in the system we live in.
- Rahul: Until the revolution.
- Stuart: This won't speak for all of VUSAC spending, but levy updates should be looked at. Highball, which is mandated, looking to grow events, and we need to open up our budgets for stuff like this. We need to be careful with what we say we need because it could be used elsewhere.
- Leila: Adding a budgeting portion in transitional reports might be good.
- Alex: We currently budget by doing a summer and then a yearlong process. When you're planning events for the year, you can have idealistic notions about what you can do and will be ambitious. Adjusting the process to allow for more flexibility may be beneficial. 4/6 people in budget steering are judiciary, and I don't know how people feel about that.
- Stuart: There are other avenues for funding, and there are events at Vic that meet criteria for endowments and other funds. We end up budgeting for events that we could use that for.
- Auni: Things that should be VUSAC funded are sometimes deferred to Student Projects and are being put in a less efficient process.
- Gabe: I agree 100%. This addition is an addition in consistency in funding, and an expansion potentially of services or quality of existing services
- Bergita: Webster is good for sports related, activity related, etc

- Alex: I'll be talking about the Alcohol Policy. For context, there are two parts to this document. The procedures document was drafted by students, faculty, and food services and created some rules that have barriers to participation by student life. This led to a decline in participation. There is a necessity to provide food at the event, and these funds go to provision of space and food. This made it very hard for houses to host pub nights. Many house presidents were reluctant to even try to host an event, which was alarming because you can learn a great deal from this. The need to provide food makes this much harder. This contributes to rising costs of admission to pub nights, which causes less people to go.

- Bergita: Alex is talking about procedures document, not policy. A big part of the reason behind adding this was that students felt like they weren't getting much out of pub nights, and that food would be a good thing to come of it. Is it profit generating or programming?
- Hannah: People are having to pay cover and not getting anything in return. Paying to get into bars isn't abnormal, especially for renting out a space. Cover at pub nights is cheap. Compared to going out on a regular basis, it isn't really an issue. Also, there's a difference between having a profit event and having a sustainability issue – people won't go if the cover is too high. It would allow houses to make money but it will also encourage people will go out if food is removed, so the cover is lower.
- George: When you bring up pub nights with house presidents, it's like bringing up vaccinating newborn children. We had 4 pub nights in Burwash this year. There is the theory that one pub night can be amazing and make a bunch of money but in the current climate it's unlikely. As far as I'm aware, no other college has this policy
- William: Provision of food is meant to be consistent throughout the night, but that's too expensive to sustain. You have to provide a set amount of food with the budget, and you can't expect to feed people throughout the entire thing. Having pub nights be profit generating is not the motivation. It's that you're trying to avoid a loss.
- Alex: On particularly popular nights, huge profits are made, and this is something that is provided by these events. It's an environment that I'd say is safer than other environments where such parties can occur. I have seen bad nights as well. Potential problems with food were seen with Winterfest last year. We hosted an event with Brownstones and they charged a lot for booking space, set high expectations for bar, and we thought we could make it, but the platters were ridiculously expensive. A bar taking advantage of a situation where they have the monopoly – it's all about the system. It opens students up to profiteering by these private institutions who jack up prices and try to get most out of students. We have to hike up cover for these costs.
- Zoe: BG ran a pub night with Middle on Jan 27th and split costs. Knowing fees were important, people were hesitant. Costs were 200 just for BG, and we made a little over 100 so we lost money. The food was what killed us. It went really quickly and it didn't add to the event. We paid a lot of money to feed about 10 people.
- Stuart: I've dealt extensively with alcohol policy. Touching on food, it's nice at an event, but it becomes problematic when food is a requirement. Pubs won't serve food all night. Food is nice to have but it shouldn't be a requirement based on expected attendance because it's consumed by so few people. With regards to alcohol policies on other college campuses, because we are a federated college/university, we operate under our own policies. Innis, e.g., and any of the others I'm assuming, can use UofT food and beverage service, and they get a bit of money back, but we aren't a part of that so we can't just do that. This is unfortunate, but

it's the reality. Because we are a federated college, we have more autonomy over our policy. It's about working with student input and protecting students and making the environment safe. It seems like having an event on campus is more expensive than having one off campus. Security itself is a waste of money, and we could look into discounts and different policies, difference between private weddings and students holding pub nights. September pub night was very successful. Its purpose was not to make money but not a lot, and we had 400 people attend. Not about profit in regards to pub nights, but rather making a safe space.

- Ben: I was a house president in my first two years. We jack prices at event and increase house fees to cover costs. We disadvantage students, commuter students sometimes decide not to come down, and because of that lack of interest, people end up losing money even with more expensive prices. We need a degree of accountability and consistency from these places (bars) to bring out a reasonable amount of food for the costs. People getting hurt by this are commuters because they won't come down, students who can't pay the house fees, and students who decide to go drink somewhere else and may not be as safe
- Hannah: The food is meant to be a catch in case people drink too much, but people aren't getting to eat the food. So it's not really doing what it's meant to do, and we need to change something.
- Auni: The fact that the Cat's Eye has to allocate money to food, which means we're taking away power from houses, etc and only allowing big organizations to. Regarding cover, if people felt like pub nights are not worth it, they wouldn't go, and the numbers don't reflect that. If students don't get what they want out of house pub nights, they go to other places like frat houses.
- George: The food is expensive. It comes out early and is eaten by event organizers, and those who eat it don't really need to sober up. With the food adding to the cost of the event, makes them less likely to happen and creates a cycle for students going to other places. Middle House had to go through a second round of raising fees to get sweaters. For events that are happening at Vic, reimbursement takes a while. It doesn't help students.
- Alex: As we touched on in the beginning, the food isn't explicitly meant to sober people up but rather provide the feeling of a service. If a change were to be made to the procedures document, would this be done
- Bergita: I'll bring this back to Kelley with a similar committee, though I'm not sure what the next steps will be, I'll try.

Motion to extend.

Passes with four opposed

- Bergita: The policy was making assumptions about things included, so we're legally mandated to follow it. People working the space have the right to lead these people out. This is part of providing a safe space – they had to have training for Vic students organizing events with alcohol. I don't think people are actually kicked out.
- Steve: As for the security arrangement requirement, is it suggesting that event organizers meet with Vic security?
- Bergita: The idea behind it was for logistical issues. We must be careful when serving alcohol to preserve liquor license
- Steve: This makes sense, but it worries me that we're allowing people working event to decide how many people are needed.
- Bergita: To clarify, when I say Vic security I don't mean a direct profiting of Events Victoria, but rather a contracted group. When I meet with students to talk about risk assessment I tell them to minimize risk and security guards help with that.
- Stephanie: From a first year perspective, as someone who wouldn't be participating in any consumption of alcohol, it's brave of house presidents to start pub nights. Food puts students at the will of the pub, and it's intimidating to speak to pub owners, etc. Putting yourself under their circumstances creates a power imbalance. Food is gone in 15 minutes.

Hannah motions to extend, motion fails.

- Hannah: Security; you can see majority of space with one person. Excessive and burdensome. Where would you put three security guards?

Ben moves to adjourn. Anna seconds. Motion passes unanimously