



**VUSAC Meeting**

Thursday, October 10th, 2013 at 8:16PM in the Goldring Student Center  
MINUTES

**In Attendance**

**VUSAC**

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| CHAIR                   | Gabriel Zoltan-Johan |
| PRESIDENT               | Jelena Savic         |
| VP EXTERNAL             | Zack Meadow          |
| VP INTERNAL             | Kathleen Walsh       |
| SECRETARY               | Enxhi Kondi          |
| CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR | Samantha Hartlen     |

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| COMMUNICATIONS     | Jade Huguenin      |
| EDUCATION & EQUITY | Sienna DiGiuseppe  |
| ARTS & CULTURE     | Leah Moncada       |
| SUSTAINABILITY     | Kristina Dokoska   |
| CLUBS              | Edan Binyamin      |
| SCARLET & GOLD     | Sebastien Hart     |
| MAL                | Robert Fan         |
|                    | Ashley Harripersad |
|                    | Alan McCallum      |
|                    | Conor Tangney      |
|                    | Ally Scandolo      |
|                    | Kate Dotsikas      |

**LEVIES**

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| CHAIR OF STUDENT PROJECTS |            |
| FUND                      | Angela Sun |

**GUESTS**

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| VICTORIAD EDITOR | Jaimini Mangrue |
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***Official Regrets***

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| FINANCE CHAIR | Eli Bourassa         |
| COMMUTER      | Christine De La Cruz |

*Christine gives her vote to Kristina by proxy.*

- *Jade motions to approve minutes from last meeting, Kathleen seconds. Unanimously approved.*
- *Last minute additions to agenda: Jade adds general update. Sebastien adds 2 minutes to S&G report.*
- *Zack motions to approve agenda. Connor seconds. Unanimously approved.*



## EX-EFFICIO REPORTS – Samantha Hartlen

- Always has 5 minute update to remind people that she's here for us to talk anytime about anything that's going on. If you do have events coming up, reminder to go and meet with her about them to get everything in order. Even if it's on or off campus, or it's a higher risk event. Talk to her about those things or just to say hi.
- Minding Our Minds Event – Oct. 18
  - All day conference geared toward both students and faculty
  - Mental health in university and what that looks like
  - Free for Vic students; in fact, there are certain aspects of this event that are especially for Vic students
  - You can drop in whenever, but strongly encouraged to register first. If really interested talk to Samantha to be student volunteers.
  - Food and drinks also included.

## GUESTS

- *Louis Tsilivus Event* – Gabe
  - Wed. Oct.23 at 7pm in Hart House music room
  - This is an impartial update about an event that Jelena and Zack are already familiar with.
  - Essentially a show debate about abolishing college system at U of T
  - Asking kids from Vic College to be part of audience, as well as to judge debate. (Currently Gabe and a former student are going to be judges.)
  - Also, there's this technology, like CNN presidential debates where it gauges opinions, they will actually be using this technology!
  - Jelena and Zack are both interested in judging this.
  - UTSU and all other colleges have also been invited; a bunch of colleges already coming in. It's going to be fun!
    - UTSU abruptly declined the invitation, but please spread the message
  - If you are judging, be there by roughly 6:30pm. It is free, and I believe there might also be food.
  - So if interested in coming to judge or just coming to watch, let Gabe know ([chair@vusac.ca](mailto:chair@vusac.ca)).
- *Victoriad* – Jaimini
  - We've finalized out executive positions after a month of interviews. We'll also be attending a lot of events this year to send out word of the Victoriad. If you guys want us to take pictures at your events, please let us know.
  - Zack: I've emailed you guys a couple times, could you get back to some of those emails because we need to meet?
    - Yes I will.



## ASSESSOR REPORTS – Angela Sun

- *Student Projects*
  - Levy fund; \$88,000, awesome. Already had 3 different people approach about projects.
  - Advisory board members were chosen: Jenny Pazio, Abbas Bukhari, Michelle Dacanay, Urvi Rana, Enxhi Kondi.
  - Committee members: Buddy Bao, Jimmy Dieng, Blair Townshend, Arlette Bax, Katherine Cheng.
  - We're still looking for res students for the committee, so if you know any who want to apply, please refer them to me.
  - If people ask to use forms from last year, the answer is no because I changed the forms this year so they're shorter and more compact.
    - Application submission date extended until Nov. 22, so anytime between Tuesday and Nov. 22, submissions will be received.
  - Town Hall Oct.29 in Cat's Eye from 5:30-7pm
    - If anyone wants to know what's going on, they can attend this town hall to directly ask questions and find things out.
- Finally, I will be doing office hours in the VUSAC office from 3:15 to 4 pm every Thursday in case people want to come and ask questions; if a lot of people come, I will be looking to extend office hours.
  - Q: Where do we submit to?
  - A: It says on the form. You need to hand in a hard copy to the Student Projects mailbox AND submit electronic copy to my email.
  - Q: Applications due Nov. 22; so does that mean no meeting before then to approve projects?
  - A: No, we're going to have meetings every two weeks. I'll be sending out doodle poll for committee members so we have set time and day every two weeks for us to meet.

## GOVERNING BODIES REPORTS – Angela Sun

- *VCC update*
  - Senate exec council met and full senate had annual general meeting
  - Mostly talked about confusion between rank and title and professor status, which doesn't really apply to us as students, but what I thought was most relevant to us was 3 new awards approved at this meeting:
    - Dr. Robert C. Brandeis Scholarship for humanities students (preference to students of English).
    - The Orpha (Farr) Garriock Scholarship for students enrolled in a music program.
    - The Richard Jeffrey Maybee Memorial Scholarship for students with an overall A standing (preference of students whose studies in humanities and social sciences arise out of the western classical tradition).
  - There were also 3 professors who passed away this year, so had a bit of memorial speech for each of them: Goldwin French, Andy Silber, and Jens Wollesen.
  - Also brought up during exec meeting was whether they'd consider awards that aren't so academic based, but I don't know how well that went down.



- *VUC Update*
  - Two new programs; Science & Society, and Creativity & Society, they're both minors.
  - Two new courses approved are fourth year courses in creative writing. Creative writing courses aren't really offered at U of T, so everyone thought that was cool.
  - The CTEP program will be phased out at the end of this year. The clubs tied to this will continue to maintain club status because they were clubs way before being associated with this program.
    - Zack: Why is CTEP being phased out and is it being replaced?
    - Angela: They're looking into options and they don't have anything concrete yet. They're having discussions, but I believe it's something to do with the Ontario Ministry of Education changing the requirements for teachers.
    - Jelena: It's a government policy that changed and OISE's response is to phase out CTEP. Vic is trying to figure out another program that combines things.

## JUDICIARY REPORTS

### President – Jelena

- *General Update*
  - Working on keys for everyone; they should be done by end of week, but I know office hours start next week, so we'll have to figure it out.
  - Space allocation forms I'm still looking into. We asked people to fill out forms saying what spaces they want and such; still working on that.
  - Board AGM orientation today; talked about prolonging Gooch's stay as president until 2015. We also approved Ray's term extending for another 5 years. We looked into everything and everything looks super great.
  - I'm meeting with Kelly at Dean's Office soon to give updates. Also in a bunch of meetings with summit stuff (which Zack will elaborate on).
  - Meetings with MALs who signed up to do stuff with Jelena will probably happen within next week or so and, just like Samantha said, Jelena is ALSO around if you ever need help with anything!
- *Bursar's Office Update*
  - Met with Ray at end of last year and we talked about major presidential goals being: 1. PRESTO at Museum Station and 2. Speed bumps on Charles St.
  - Really exciting for commuter students that we got PRESTO at Museum!!!
- *Presidential Office Update*
  - Met with President Gooch this morning and we had interesting conversation about grading policies at university.
  - We'll continue talking about how Vic One courses are graded and what grades actually mean in the university system, etc.
  - Media Training
    - Gooch graciously volunteered to set up media training for most offices, and there's space for 4-5 students in this training group.



- The training is basically about how to generally talk about stuff in the media and what it means to be approached by media.
  - Talk to me about it if you're interested. Tentative date is Oct.25.
  - Angela: Is it only for commissioners or can other groups join as well? And also, can you look into doing this again, with the same trainer Gooch is using, for clubs and levies?
    - Yes I'm looking at that but it will probably actually happen next semester. I'd love to do this later for a larger group of people.
  - Kathleen: Would it be after classes or...?
    - No, I think it'd be earlier during the day.
- *UTSU Summit Update*
- Zack and I went to the Summit on Monday; there were reps from all colleges and programs, except Dentistry and Nursing.
  - UTSU president wasn't there, it was VP equity and VP something else instead. But it wasn't the president, which was very frustrating, but it was overall a very useful conversation.
  - Professors, who were mediating, asked fundamental questions about how we justify collecting fees from students even if some of those students don't come to the events? We went on to discussing what a good government means, what transparency means, what we should be doing.
  - This conversation will continue for a while and I guess a report will be put out by these professors.
  - We're thinking about having an AGM.
  - Jade: Maybe this year because Alan brought forth the initiative of YouTube and stuff, it might be worthwhile to think about if we're having an AGM, we could have some semi-scripted dialogue to share online.
  - Gabe: Or Google hangout? (Jade: Exactly!)
  - Alan: This would be a Vic AGM right?
  - Jelena: Yes, but it wouldn't have to talk about just UTSU, we can talk about VUSAC, clubs, anything in general.
  - Zack: To clarify, in the VUSAC Constitution we don't actually have AGMs, so we're working on changing that.
- *Cat's Eye Update*
- Me, Samantha, Zack, and Connor had a meeting with Cat's Eye advisory board and we talked about policy for booking stuff. Advisory board basically serves to advise Cat's Eye managers about things like external bookings and such.
  - External bookings could become an issue, so we talked about paying for bookings and that all events should be open to Vic students; there can't be any events held in Cat's Eye that don't allow Vic students in.
  - Zack: We're going to have a fee for non-Vic people booking the space.
  - Leah: Does that fee go to Cat's Eye account or VUSAC account?
  - Zack: Cat's Eye. Also, quiet pub nights will be discussed in further meetings.



- Office hours will come out this weekend. I just want to send out one big email with everything you'll need to know, because I know we haven't have office orientation yet. You will have office duties to take care of during your hours so I'll try to detail in the email what you guys need to know.
- Also, anything someone says they need or whenever someone sees there's something missing, just let me know by email or on the Facebook group that it's missing. Robert and one other person I think isn't on the Facebook. [Mutually agreed that Kathleen will work on getting these two on the Facebook group.]
- So, please read the email very carefully because it's really important and I have a new idea for something (this will be cleared up in the email).

## VPE – Zack

- *Sweaters*
  - o In process of ordering crew neck sweaters. Budget steering, though, has introduced policy with how much they'll pay for student group sweaters. Eli and I were talking about it today but I don't know how it's going to work.
  - o I'll show you the mark-up, and if we don't get money from VUSAC, then we're not getting these sweaters because they're too expensive. But if VUSAC pays for half, then you guys would only need to pay \$30.
- *UTSU Student Summit*
  - o Furthering on what Jelena talked about in her updates.
  - o Summit was really interesting because, while it was very cordial, it evolved into this thing where people were like "you did this, you did that", but we're trying to go back to more structured arguments instead of just pointing blame.
  - o I'm going to extend this invitation again to anyone who wants to be part of this summit information, stay back after this VUSAC meeting for a short meeting with me. You get a fancy binder.

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

### Arts & Culture – Leah

- Firstly, Eli said he wants to talk to all commissioners individually about budgets, I am just relaying that message.
- Secondly, thank you all for being so lovely at the retreat and it was a joy having you all there. And my mom thought you guys were fantastic!
- *General Update*
  - o Shaw trip – only weekend I could do it has turned out to be a little difficult, but today alone we sold another 7 tickets (on top of 10), and I have decided parents are welcome because so many people wanted to bring their parents.
  - o Pottery competition – many emails from dons that want to bring their whole floor. But because of budget restraints, prizes need to be preferably donated, so if any of you have any connections (Gabe: I can soak-screen clothing), please use those connections to get us some prizes!



- BOB – deep into sketch writing, funny, amazing, fantastic, and all going great.
- Jade: In the past what some Vic groups have done is get a small group of businesses together to donate them stuff.
- Leah: That's usually done for charity, but in this case Vic clubs have stepped up and donated as a form of advertising themselves. But we need more still.

### **Communications – Jade**

- *Listserv*
  - Students are really receptive of it
  - One student emailed and asked “Where’s the funny joke at the end?”
  - So this year the theme is movies and each listserv is going to be based on a movie and then at the end it’s going to have a fun fact about the movie!
  - Also, listserv items due by 5pm Saturday, then it’ll go out Sunday evening. Also, for the Strand ad, we have a slot and people haven’t really given me anything for that. This is meant to be for our VUSAC events but no one is sending me for it.
  - So if anyone has stuff for the website, Strand, or listserv, give me info.
- *Master Calendar*
  - I’m getting things to hang it up at the window so people have access to it.

### **Education & Equity – Sienna**

- *Equity Training Update*
  - Equity training is on Oct. 23 from 5-7pm, or the following Saturday at 12-2pm.
  - This is not mandatory for VUSAC, but I encourage all of you to come one of the two days. It’s open to anybody but primarily for student leaders.

### **Scarlet & Gold – Sebastien**

- *Halloween Club Night – Oct.31 at OhSo nightclub*
  - Tell people about it! It’s at a really cool location, Drake goes there.
  - We’re going to be starting to sell tickets soon, but I will be meeting with Samantha beforehand for it as well.
  - Alan: Where will we be able to get tickets?
    - They’ll be sold in the VUSAC office.
  - Jade: When is posterage going to happen?
    - Soon, after I meet with Samantha
  - Jelena: How much are tickets?
    - I have to work that out still because there’s other colleges doing it with us, so a lot of people said they’re doing \$10 tickets.
    - Kathleen: Basically if we do \$10 all the money goes back to the promoter, but if we want to make a profit from it we’d need a higher price. Also, other colleges are subsidizing part of the fee.



- Jelena: Are we going to be taking shifts or anything for this event? Like for commuter storage or anything?
  - I haven't figured it out, but it sounds like at the door they have everything covered. So it's only commuter storage that still has to be set up. I'll basically send an email about all of this, including tickets and moneybox info.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Zack: I put up on VUSAC website applications for Crescam Chair, but I'd love some help promoting it and telling people about it.
- Dan: Just to let the council know, I was going to create a committee for clubs, but I shut that plan down because there would be nothing for club committee members to do after the initial clubs recognition process.
- Dan: Also, if any of you guys come in contact with any club heads, please encourage them to come contact me, because there are still numerous clubs that I haven't spoken with yet and they're not going to get recognition if they don't contact me.
- Sebastien: So we established that our next meeting is going to be a budget meeting, so when will Eli want to talk to us individually?
- Leah: Email him as soon as you can to meet.
- Kathleen: I think it'd be better to meet with him before mid-next week because we're going to have a budget steering meeting early-to-mid next week

Motion 14: Zack moves to adjourn meeting. Robert seconds. Motion passes unanimously.  
Meeting is adjourned.





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