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## **VUSAC BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**

September 22nd, at 4PM in the Goldring Student Center  
MINUTES

### **In Attendance**

#### **Judiciary**

PRESIDENT: Zahavah Kay  
VP STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS: N/A  
VP INTERNAL: Artimes Ghahremani (arrived late)  
VP EXTERNAL: Katie Cohen

#### **Assessor Members**

CHAIR: Sayeh Yousefi  
CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER: Stephanie Xu  
SECRETARY: Emma Lailey  
COMMUNICATIONS: Jade Koh  
FINANCE: Graham Allison

#### **Commissioners and Councillors**

SCARLET AND GOLD: Stephanie Spagnuolo  
SUSTAINABILITY: N/A  
COMMUTER: Gabriel Calderon  
ARTS AND CULTURE: Blanaid McNally  
EQUITY: Shailee Koranne  
ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Zoe Ritchie

#### **Guests**

VCDS CO-PRODUCER: Alyssa Dibattista  
VCDS CO-PRODUCER: Leora Nash  
CAFFIENDS CO-MANAGER: Olivier Smith (Left early)  
VOCA CO-CHAIR: Emilia De Fabritiis  
Berenice Alvarez

#### **Regrets**

[None]

Land Recognition: Graham (1 minute)

I would like to acknowledge this sacred land on which the University of Toronto operates. It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 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 and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. 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 work in the community, on this territory.

Motion: Zahavah moves to approve the previous minutes as it stands. Zoe seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Zoe moves to approve the agenda as it stands. Blanaid seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Additions to the Agenda (maximum 3 minutes per addition)

- [None]

Pressing Items:

- [None]

Discussion Items:

- Introduction to VUSAC meeting rules, budgeting process, and budget meeting-specific motions (5 minutes): Sayeh

[Summary] To *pull* is to remove from the original motion being discussed, so it can be discussed separately. To *cut* is to remove the budget line. To *reduce*, is to decrease the budget line by a specific amount. To *reallocate*, is to take from one line and put into another. Any questions on procedures? New rule: you may answer a question directly, but if there is too much cross-talk I will remove the privilege.

**2017-2018 PERIOD 1 CLUB EXPENSES**

Finance - Graham

- Review and ratification of the Term One Club's Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year (30 minutes)

[Summary] BIRT Council reviews the proposed Term One Club's Budget.

- Estimated (\$5,219.71)

Graham: The first budget is Baegals.

Sayeh: This is open for discussion.

Zahavah: It might be easier to motion and ratify all clubs at the same time; for the sake of time.

Sayeh: Okay. Let's read all of them.

Stephanie: Sorry, can you repeat what the yellow means?

Graham: The bright yellow fill is something not considered for this term, as it is outside of the budgeting term, and the pale yellow is a correction made. [Reads the clubs listed below.]

Includes:

- (BAE) Baegals
  - Requested: \$80.00
  - Revised Budget: \$70.00
- Bachata at Vic
  - Requested: \$900.00
  - Revised Budget: \$500.00
- bFriend Community Initiative
  - Requested: \$470.39
  - Revised Budget: \$215.45
- Her Voice
  - Requested: \$624.74
  - Revised Budget: \$396.69
- (HT) HeyTeach
  - Requested: \$30.91
  - Revised Budget: \$35.00
- Organization of Latin American Students
  - Requested: \$660.00
  - Revised Budget: \$540.00
- Secret Dragons
  - Requested: \$571.72
  - Revised Budget: \$571.72
- Smart Investors
  - Requested: \$92.00
  - Revised Budget: \$92.00
- Vic Chorus
  - Requested: \$710.00
  - Revised Budget: \$710.00
- (VD) Vic Dance
  - Requested: \$188.00
  - Revised Budget: \$0.00
- Vic for a Cure
  - Requested: \$80.00
  - Revised Budget: \$80.00
- (VI) Vic iTeach
  - Requested: \$305.50
  - Revised Budget: \$305.50
- Vic Records
  - Requested: \$805.00
  - Revised Budget: \$805.00
- Victoria College Environmental Fashion Show
  - Requested: \$419.00
  - Revised Budget: \$419.00
- (VCEC) Victoria College Equity Collective
  - Requested: \$213.00
  - Revised Budget: \$213.10

- Victoria Student Ambassadors
  - Requested: \$300.00
  - Revised Budget: \$0.00
- Victoria Urban Dance Club
  - Requested: \$323.25
  - Revised Budget: \$150.00
- VicVentures
  - Requested: \$684.90
  - Revised Budget: \$166.25

[BIFRT Council pull budget lines wherein a conflict of interest is presented by voting members of Council and ratify them separately from the main clubs' budget.]

Motion: Zahavah moves to omnibus and approve the club budgets for the 2017-2018 year as one motion. Stephanie Seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Stephaine moves to approve the club budgets for the 2017-2018 year. Zoe Seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

[BIFRT Council adopts the remainder of the Term One Clubs Budget as the 2017- 2018 VUSAC Clubs Operating Budget, effective as of May 1st, and until November 12th, 2017.]

## **2017-2018 PERIOD 1 INTERNAL VUSAC EXPENSES**

### Finance - Graham

- Review and ratification of the Term One Internal Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year (30 minutes)
- Estimated (\$33,505.71)

[Summary] So, there is no projector, but a link is in the (Facebook) group provided on the budget file. If the line has a bright yellow fill it is something not considered, as it is outside of the budgeting period. If the line has a blue fill the item has been changed by budget steering committee (but not consistent). If the line has a light yellow fill there are concerns with the numbers or sourcing of information.

Zahavah: What about red?

Graham: I removed all the red. Although, each levy has an individual portion filled in light purple.

Includes:

- (SA&P) Academic and Professional
  - Requested: \$559.00
  - Revised Budget: \$559.00
- (SA&C) Arts and Culture

- Requested: \$5,133.00
  - Revised Budget: \$1,375.00
- (SCOMM) Communications
  - Requested: \$1,124.99
  - Revised Budget: \$1,024.99
- (SCMT) Commuter
  - Requested: \$4,993.24
  - Revised Budget: \$5,071.49
- (SEQ) Equity
  - Requested: \$1,130.00
  - Revised Budget: \$445.00
- (SFIN) Finance
  - Requested: \$5,969.99
  - Revised Budget: \$5,969.99
- (SPRE) President
  - Requested: \$1,650.00
  - Revised Budget: \$1,640.00
- (SS&G) Scarlet and Gold
  - Requested: \$3,845.00
  - Revised Budget: \$3,295.00
- (SSEC) Secretary
  - Requested: \$1,335.34
  - Revised Budget: \$855.24
- (SVPE) Vice President External
  - Requested: \$840.00
  - Revised Budget: \$750.00
- (SVPI) Vice President Internal
  - Requested: \$9,525.00
  - Revised Budget: \$9,500.00
- (SVPSO) Vice President Student Organizations
  - Requested: \$3,020.00
  - Revised Budget: \$3,020.00

- BIRT Council reviews the proposed Term One Internal Budget

Motion: Gabriel moves to reallocate funds from the Town Hall Catering budget (line forty-six) to the Waffle Maker (line thirty-six); around 20\$. Zahavah seconded. Motion Passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Zahavah moves to strike \$70 from the Student Leadership Conference (line two) because she didn't need it. Katie seconded. Motion Passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Blanaid: Finalization on the date for The Bob Sketch Comedy Revue: Cast Retreat (line ten); now the 24th and 25th of September.

Motion: Shailee moves to strike line eight from budget, entitled Rosh Hashanah Candle Lighting and Snacks, ("we underestimated how soon the event was and decided to hold off all events till the Equity Commission was fully formed, because we didn't have enough people to carry this out; which was unfortunate.") Stephanie seconded. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Zahavah moves to open discussion for line sixteen, entitled Miscellaneous, in Scarlet and Gold Budget. Katie seconded. Motion Passes. (3 minutes)

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Zahavah: An idea might be to reallocate it [line sixteen] into one of the semi-formal lines, or strike it, as we tend to not have contingency funds in clubs or commissions. You could move the \$20 into a specific category, then if you don't need it you can move to reallocate it into a different line.

Stephanie: I might motion to re-name the line, because I had it as a back-up so if someone became too intoxicated I could put them into a taxi/uber.

Zoe: You could rename it "Student Safety Fund" or "Student Safety Precautions," instead.

Motion: Zahavah moves to exhaust the discussion on line sixteen, entitled Miscellaneous, in Scarlet and Gold Budget. Gabriel seconded. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Stephanie moves to change budget line sixteen, entitled "Miscellaneous," in Scarlet and Gold Budget to be now called, "Student Safety Fund." Zahavah seconded. Motion Passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Katie moves to omnibus the internal budgets for the 2017-2018 year as one motion. Stephanie seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Blanaid moves to approve the internal budgets for the 2017-2018 year. Zoe seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

[BIFRT Council adopts the Term One Internal Budget as the 2017-2018 VUSAC Internal Operating Budget, effective as of May 1st , and until November 12th 2017.]

## **2017-2018 PERIOD 1 LEVY EXPENSES**

### Finance - Graham

- Review and ratification of the Term One Levies Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year (30 minutes)
- Estimated (\$63,364.08)

[Summary] BIRT Council reviews the proposed Term One Levies Budget.

Graham: I would encourage you [council] to table the honorarium line items and all line items outside of the budgeting term.

Zahavah: Does that mean that I can't pull them unless they are in omnibus? Can I omnibus everything excluding certain lines?

Sayeh: You should clarify which lines.

Zahavah: Should I read them? [Proceeds] The Acta line 14, Catseye lines 18-29, VCAA line 12 and 14-21, VCDS line 18, VicXposure lines 28 and 22.

Graham: For the Acta budget, there is a bonus budget. They never cashed 60% of the funds issued to Acta last year, which means there is a nice surplus. The current editors and chiefs wanted to use a small portion of this over the summer, wrapping up last year's work. This is the one line item with an honorarium as it was from last year. For the Strand, there is a line item for Nash 80 (which is a conference). They reached out to me asking to add this to their budget, for early bird fees and to save \$50 ahead. Also, [on another issue] there is a correction on issue printing and union fees; the printer line item has been removed. Also, [on another issue] more generally with levies, most were within the estimates I gave for the first period. Of course, some levies have surpluses which they have added on, but I would strongly recommend ratifying the *line items* but not the *amounts*.

Motion: Zahavah moves to open discussion for further explanation on [above] topic. Seconded Katie. (3 minute) Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Graham: The way VUSAC receives funding is that we receive 60% of student fees in October; so the levy funding is mired by VUSAC funding. When we receive the 60% cheque (in October) I disperse the cheque to the levies. So when I sent out budget requests I advised half of the funding based on accounts—so some levies are not within the amount suggested—although they will be receiving a fixed amount by VUSAC. It would be peculiar to ratify amounts when the amount is technically not finalized. In order for the honorarium to be released, each levy needs to have a constitution with VUSAC. So it's for a measure of accountability until every levy has a constitution.

Zoe: Who goes over the raps for constitutions?

Zahavah: When a levy wants to amend their constitution there is a vote from full council; which needs to be ratified by the whole council. But right now there is only one levy with a full constitution.

Sayeh: Discussion period has ended. Does anyone wish to motion to extend the discussion period?

Motion: Zahavah moves to ratify omnibuses; with the collective understanding that amounts may change in proportion to how much money the levies actually receive. Artimes seconded. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Zahavah moves to table items related to honorarium until a later date, but before the end of first semester. Shailee seconded. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

[BIFRT that line items relating to honoraria be tabled, pending ratification of all levy constitutions.]

Includes:

- Acta Victoriana
  - Requested: \$5,799.80
  - Revised Budget: \$5,799.80
- Caffiends
  - Requested: \$503.10
  - Revised Budget: \$503.10
- The Cat's Eye
  - Requested: \$7,035.60
  - Revised Budget: \$7,035.60
- The Strand
  - Requested: \$9,894.30
  - Revised Budget: \$9,894.30
- Victoria College Drama Society
  - Requested: \$11,432.85
  - Revised Budget: \$11,432.85
- Victoria College Athletic Association
  - Requested: \$10,720.71
  - Revised Budget: \$10,720.71
- VicPride!
  - Requested: \$1,232.01
  - Revised Budget: \$1,232.01
- Victoriad
  - Requested: \$3,141.45
  - Revised Budget: \$3,141.45
- VicXposure
  - Requested: \$3,264.30
  - Revised Budget: \$3,264.30
- Victoria International Students Society
  - Requested: \$804.96
  - Revised Budget: \$804.96
- Refugee Sponsorship Program
  - Requested: \$9,555.00
  - Revised Budget: \$9,555.00



Motion: Zahavah moves to approve the levy budgets for the 2017-2018 year. Zoe Seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

[BIRT Council adopts the Term One Levies Budget as the 2017-2018 VUSAC Levies Operating Budget, effective as of May 1st, and until November 12th, 2017.]

Motion: Stephaine moves to adjourn meeting. Gabriel seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None