



Minutes

**University of Victoria Students' Society/Local 44 of the Canadian Federation of Students
Monday September 14, 2009 – SUB Upper Lounge 6:00 pm**

ATTENDANCE

Directors on leaves of absence:

Gary Dawson-Quatell (July 20 – September 15)

Directors:

Veronica Harrison, Nadim Adatia, Justin Levine, Leah Staples, Nathan Warner, Kelsey Hannan, Remy Hall, Meghan Shannon, Tracy Ho, Edward Pullman, Meaghan Kerr, Heather McKenzie, Christine Comrie, James Coccola, Rajpreet Sall, Dylan Hardie, Brodie Metcalfe

Staff:

Ben Johnson, Marne Jensen

USW Rep:

Melissa Pritchard

Guests:

Ryan Hill, David Foster

1. CALL TO ORDER

Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA, ADOPTION OF MINUTES & RATIFICATION OF NEW BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

a. Adoption of Minutes

i. Minutes of 2009-08-24

Motion to Adopt the Minutes of 2009-08-24 - McKenzie/Staples

Motion to Table Until After Item 3.c – Coccola/Kerr

Motion to Table Carried

b. Adoption of Agenda

i. Agenda of 2009-09-14

Motion to Adopt the Agenda of 2009-09-14 - Sall/Hannan

Motion to Amend - Hannan/Warner

BIRT 'Announcements' is placed after 'New Business'.

Motion to Amend Carried

Motion carried

- c. **Motion 2009/09/14: 18 – Robb/Hall**
BIRT Justin Levine be ratified as the Access UVic constituency representative to the 2009-2010 UVSS Board of Directors, as decided by Access UVic.

Motion Carried

Motion to Adopt the Minutes of 2009-08-24 - McKenzie/Staples

Motion to Amend - Levine/Comrie

BIRT the report of the Access UVic rep is changed to read 'getting ready to go into hyperdrive for September' and that 'Hyperdrive' is not capitalized.

Motion to Amend Carried

Motion Carried

4. REPORTS

a. **Committee Reports**

- i. **Advocacy Council** – Has not met.
- ii. **Armed with Understanding** – Has not met.
- iii. **Clubs Council** – Has not met.
- iv. **Communications Committee** – Met. Discussed the establishment of a marketing working group.
- v. **Course Union Council** – Met. Discussed the course union workshop; ratified new course unions.
- vi. **Electoral Committee** – Has not met.
- vii. **Environmental Responsibility Committee** – Has not met.
- viii. **Finance Committee** – Met. Reviewed budgets; reviewed and approved capital requests.
- ix. **Organisational Development Committee** – Met. There is a motion from this meeting on tonight's agenda.
- x. **Political Action Committee** – Met. Gave an update on CSI and housing.
- xi. **Special Events Committee** – Has not met.
- xii. **Students Services Committee** – Has not met.

b. **Director and Staff Reports**

Adatia: Pass.

Levine: Pass.

Staples: Tabled at all ages event and President's Day BBQ; sub mug stuffing; did work for ERC.

Warner: Pass.

Hannan: Helped with pancake breakfast; stuffed agendas; got oriented to board

offices.

Shannon: Helped with B-Cubed beer garden; worked on organizing Sisters in Spirit.

Hall: Stuffed sub mugs; helped with B-Cubed; did promo for a party at Felicity's; organized the rail jam for the Local Beer Garden.

Metcalfe: Stuffed sub mugs; tabled at President's Day BBQ and Green Start Marketplace; helped with the pancake breakfast; tabled at the screening of the documentary 'Flow'; helped with B-Cubed; painted banners.

Ho: Hired SOCC office coordinator; holding more office hours this semester - haven't determined ally hours yet; organized a kickoff social this Friday and an open house on Monday September 28 from 12pm – 2pm; helped with pancake breakfast and B-Cubed.

Pullman: Did SUB tours; stuffed SUB mugs and handbooks; did orientation tours; helped with pancake breakfast and President's Day BBQ; Bean There renovations were held up because inspections weren't as timely as anticipated; The all ages event was moved to the Upper Lounge because there were some issues with Vertigo and licensing; organized upcoming UPass event; hosted Propaganda Machine; the digital projector at Cinecenta is just about up and running; met with mayors of Oak Bay and Victoria regarding late-night bus service – indications are that a late-night pilot will pass; attended bicycle users committee; attended late-night task force meeting.

Kerr: Helped with back to school events; liaised with the Office of Campus Planning on a campus garden project; worked on changing handbooks for next year.

McKenzie: Organised back to school events; oversaw the production of posters & the calendar of events; stuffed sub mugs; did promo with Atomique Productions for Rifflandia; met with UVic ResLife for promo; met with Climate Day Organisers on behalf of ERC.

Comrie: Attended Finance; attended BOG luncheon and met the federal Minister of Finance; tabled at President's Day BBQ; helped with pancake breakfast and clubs sign-up; tabled at Green Start Marketplace; worked on bottled water campaign.

Coccola: Attended Finance, OD, and ERC; tabled at all ages event; helped with pancake breakfast and B-Cubed; tabled at 'Flow' screening and President's Day BBQ.

Sall: Helped with all ages event, pancake breakfast and President's Day BBQ; stuffed sub mugs; attended PAC and Finance.

Hardie: Pass.

Jensen: Worked on the Society's annual audit; worked on finalizing the budget; compared summer budgets to summer performance.

Harrison: Worked on housing and CSI campaigns; attended provincial throne speech – there is no new funding for post-secondary education; organized the upcoming UPass event; met with mayors of Oak Bay and Victoria; stuffed handbooks and sub mugs; tabled at Green Start Marketplace and President's Day BBQ; helped with pancake breakfast, all ages event and B-Cubed.

c. CFS Provincial Executive Report

Sall: Shamus Reid – CFS-BC chairperson - tabled at pancake breakfast and Greenstart Marketplace and signed up 300 new ISICS. Michael Olson – CFS-BC National Executive Rep - will be tabling at Clubs and Course Union Days and the Local Beer Garden. The next BC Exec meeting is on Thanksgiving weekend.

Report from Delegates to August 2009 CFS-BC SAGM

Comrie: Chaired Women's Caucus. The SAGM was a good meeting and was attended by every single local except one. Worked on updating the 'No Means No' campaign as a part of a national working group. Received an update on the Stolen Sisters campaign. Talked about childcare on campuses – specifically access and funding. Discussed inclusivity during women's caucus meetings and discussed bulk purchasing options for women. I was a delegate to OSD where we discussed CFS services. Focussed on ISIC cards and the Studentsaver program in OSD. Discussed a motion regarding the presence of media at meetings – this motion was split and one part was referred to the executive committee.

Coccola: Attended OSD and Disabilities Caucus. Trying to get a contact list for disabled students to use as a resource. Attended Finance committee – we received the audit and approved the budget, other than that there was nothing substantially interesting to note. I have budget for review if anyone is interested.

Sall: Attended Students of Colour Caucus – this is a roundtable on campus issues in a safe space. Attended Policy where we looked at motions to amend education issues policy and to support a federal and provincial role in student aid. Some highlights of current issues in post-secondary education: 80% of British Columbians do not support an increase in tuition fees; the provincial government now receives approximately \$1 billion dollars in revenue from student loans; there has been \$17 million dollars in cuts recently made to post-secondary funding.

Harrison: Attended Queer Constituency where we discussed gender neutral washrooms and a motion submitted by our local to donate \$1000 to the Queer Services Conference being hosted at UVic in February 2010. At Campaigns this motion was amended to \$500. This was passed in Closing Plenary. Attended Campaigns and discussed the campaign strategy for the year – it is going to be an umbrella campaign for post-secondary issues for the coming year. In the second semester – the BC office will tour BC to raise awareness about post-secondary issues. Discussed a fair UPass for all Vancouver students. Discussed upcoming collective bargaining for post-secondary institutions next year. The CFS will draft letters to institutions asking them to avoid strikes. I am working on a Local 44 letter. Discussed the Canada Student Grants Program and the Repayment Assistance Program (RAP).

5. QUESTION PERIOD

Foster: Which local did not attend the CFS SAGM?

Comrie: Local 66 – Northwest Community College Students' Association

Foster: What are the proposed expenses for the SUB party and will they be coming to the Board for approval?

McKenzie: The Director of Finance is still working on the budget for the UVSS and the budget for Special Events and the SUB Party will come to the Board in the main budget.

Hannan: Can the PAC committee give reasons for recommending defeat of the motion regarding late-night building access on campus?

Harrison: You can read the Board meeting minutes for director opinions. PAC talked to campus security and the people who work in buildings. They said they can't have open access and that's why people pay for a card for access. Open access means more security that UVic is not prepared to pay for. The administration is also concerned about safety in buildings and men and women have been attacked in unsecure buildings. PAC members got as much info as they could before they recommended defeat of this motion to the Board.

Metcalf: Is there an anti-oppression training kit being prepared by the national executive of the CFS?

Ho: CFS Students of Colour Caucus has discussed the kit and it is currently being reviewed by the national executive. I will look into this further and report back on the status of the kit.

Hannan: Has there been a discussion by the CFS about the partisan nature of the 'Vote Education' ads? If there is a federal election will the Board have to approve ads of this nature?

Sall: This has not been discussed. We have also not talked about a federal election. I will bring this up at the BC Exec meeting in October.

Harrison: We choose how to implement the campaign based on our time and resources and the priorities of PAC.

Ho: We encourage students to vote and to point out the record of government on post-secondary issues. There have been major cuts to education and we will speak out on that.

6. MAIN MOTIONS

a. OLD BUSINESS

Motion 2009/05/11: 04 - Harrison/Comrie

BIRT nominations open to fill the following vacancies on the Armed With Understanding Speaker Series Committee:

One (1) Member as recommended by Access UVic

One (1) Member as recommended by the Native Students' Union

One (1) Member as recommended by Pride

One (1) Member as recommended by the Students of Colour Collective

No recommendations were put forward.

Motion 2009/05/11: 06 - Harrison/Comrie

BIRT nominations open to fill the following vacancies on the Educational Equity Committee:

One (1) Member as recommended by Access UVic

One (1) Member as recommended by the Native Students' Union

One (1) Member as recommended by the Students of Colour Collective

One (1) Member as recommended by the Women's Centre

SOCC nominated Sharon Melville.

Motion to Ratify Melville - Ho/Coccola
Motion Carried

Motion 2009/08/10: 07 – Hannan/Robb

WHEREAS the board has a duty to make sure interpretation of electoral policy is clear and unambiguous; and
WHEREAS the Martlet has a new section for commenting online that is separate from letters to the editor; and
WHEREAS online commenting could be considered a disqualifiable offense under the current wording of UVSS electoral policy; therefore
BIRT that Part I: Discipline and Enforcement, Section 3(a): Discipline: Major Offenses of the UVSS Electoral Policy Manual be amended to read as underlined:

- xii. Campaigning via campus publications such as The Martlet or CFUV in ways other than letters to the editor, online comments, personal interviews concerning a candidate's nomination, or The Martlet election supplement.

Harrison: OD discussed this and recommends defeat of this motion. People felt that this was in the wrong place in policy. OD is hoping to work on online issues regarding elections. People had concerns about the placement of this in electoral policy but recognize that it is a valid concern.

Hannan: I'm not saying that we shouldn't develop online policy for elections. This is a technical amendment about the Martlet specifically. It is solely to prevent people from discussing their slate in the online comments section of the Martlet. In favour of going back to OD on this.

Ho: Knowing that there will be more discussion on this issue, I recommend defeat of this motion at this time. Little changes without looking at policy as a whole can get messy in the end. We should avoid the ad hoc changing of clauses here or there. This is a headache for the CEO. We can't be prepared for every possible situation in an election.

Staples: Recommend for defeat. This discussion should happen in OD.

Coccola: This is an OD discussion – this policy is designed to avoid candidates abusing connections at the Martlet. But, it doesn't fit with the rest. I look forward to discussing this issue at OD.

Motion to Refer to OD - Hannan/Warner

Hannan: If we vote this down now, because it is specific, we can only bring it back with a motion to reconsider which requires a two-thirds majority. We don't want to vote something down that may be included in some form in the policy later.

Comrie: Against. The idea itself is supported, but the motion as it stands is not worded in a way that we would move forward on. We need to start with a clean slate.

Hannan: If an election was held now, would this be considered a disqualifiable offense?

Harrison: That would be at the discretion of the CEO.

Motion to Amend - Cocola/Comrie

BIRT OD be instructed to draft an online code of conduct policy.

Hannan: James has a good idea here. This way is easier. This individual clause is not flawed, but it needs to be within the whole as people have said.

Motion to Amend Carried

Motion to Refer to OD Carried as Amended

Motion 2009/08/24: 01 – Harrison/Kerr

BIRT nominations be opened for one undergraduate student registered in Human and Social Development to sit on the Committee for the Appointment of the Dean of Human and Social Development.

No nominations were put forward.

Motion 2009/08/24: 03 – Kerr/Sall

BIRT nominations be opened to elect one undergraduate student to sit on the Search Committee for Chair of Biology.

Motion to Strike from the Agenda - Kerr/Comrie

Kerr: The department of Biology chose their own candidate from their co-op students.

Motion to Strike from the Agenda Carried

b. NEW BUSINESS

Motion 2009/09/14: 01 – Harrison/Ho

BIRT nominations be opened to elect a director to attend the athletics fundraising breakfast on September 29, 2009 at 7:15 am - 8:30 am in the McKinnon gym, as a guest of the Student Affairs department.

Motion Carried

Nominations opened.

Cocola nominated Hall. Not accepted.
Comrie nominated Harrison. Not accepted.
Adatia nominated self.

Motion to Ratify Adatia – Shannon/Metcalf
Motion Carried

Motion 2009/09/14: 02 – Harrison/Shannon

BIRT nominations be opened to elect a director to sit on the hiring committee for the position of University Registrar.

Motion Carried

Nominations opened.

Ho nominated Pullman. Accepted.
Coccola nominated Hannan. Accepted.
Staples nominated Metcalfe. Not accepted.

Pullman and Hannan motivated.

Pullman was elected by secret ballot.

Motion to Ratify Pullman -- Comrie/Shannon
Motion Carried

Motion to Recess for 5 Minutes - Harrison/Warner
Motion Carried

The meeting recessed at 7:34pm.

Harrison called the meeting back to order at 7:42pm.

Motion 2009/09/14: 03 -- Kerr/Hardie
BIRT nominations be opened to elect one UVSS member to sit on the
Ombudsperson Advisory Committee.

Motion Carried

Coccola nominated Erika Syrotuck.

Motion to Ratify Syrotuck -- Warner/Metcalfe
Motion Carried

Motion 2009/09/14: 04 - Harrison/Staples
BIRT nominations be opened to elect one UVSS member to sit on the Campus
Planning Committee.

Motion Carried

Nominations opened.

Staples nominated Comrie. Accepted.
Coccola nominated Hall. Accepted.

Comrie and Hall motivated.

Hall was elected by secret ballot.

Motion to Ratify Hall - Shannon/Adatia
Motion Carried

Motion 2009/09/14: 05 - Harrison/McKenzie

BIRT nominations be opened to elect one UVSS member to sit on the Teaching and Research Awards in Social Sciences Committee.

Motion Carried

Nominations opened.

Hardie nominated Barrios. Accepted.
Sall nominated Ryan Hill. Accepted.
Staples nominated self.

Barrios, Hill and Staples motivated.

Barrios was elected by secret ballot.

**Motion to Ratify Barrios - Hardie/Staples
Motion Carried**

Motion 2009/09/14: 06 - Harrison/Staples

BIRT nominations be opened to elect one UVSS member to sit on the committee for the appointment of the Dean of Science.

Motion Carried

Nominations opened.

Shannon nominated McKenzie. Accepted.
Coccola nominated Warner. Not accepted.

**Motion to Ratify McKenzie – Shannon/Kerr
Motion Carried**

Motion 2009/09/14: 07 - Harrison/Levine

BIRT nominations be opened to elect one UVSS member to sit on the committee for the appointment of the Dean of Humanities.

Motion Carried

Nominations opened.

Kerr nominated Hardie. Accepted.
Staples nominated Metcalfe. Not accepted.

**Motion to Ratify Hardie – Shannon/Hannan
Motion Carried**

Motion 2009/09/14: 08 - Kerr/Comrie

BIRT the Commerce Students' Society be ratified for the summer 2009 school term.

Motion Carried

Motion 2009/09/14: 09 - Kerr/Hannan

BIRT the Society place its annual budget and audited statements online dating back to 2000, as recommended by Communications Committee.

Hannan: I'd like to thank Kerr for putting up archived minutes online and this motion is a good step as well.

Motion Carried

Motion 2009/09/14: 10 - Pullman/Ho

WHEREAS Cinecenta's program coordinator's computer has crashed and is beyond repair; and

WHEREAS a replacement computer was ordered immediately to ensure the Cinecenta calendar was completed on time; therefore

BIRT \$677.05 be allocated from the capital account for the purchase of a new computer for Cinecenta, as recommended by Finance Committee.

Pullman: The computer died 2-3 weeks ago for Michael Hoppe who creates the Cinecenta guide. If this is not approved out of capital, it will come out of operating budgets.

Warner: Where did you search for quotes?

Pullman: Typically we use Dial-a-Geek for servicing and hardware. This is done for expediency and cost.

Jensen: Set up and installation is free with Dial-a-Geek.

Hannan: Why are we using XP?

Jensen: Because Vista sucks. XP is the basic functionality that we require for the office.

Adata: Why 320 gigabytes?

Jensen: The mailing lists, website, etc is quite extensive for Cinecenta.

Motion Carried

Motion 2009/09/14: 11 - Pullman/Shannon

WHEREAS a new microwave is needed for Bean There; therefore

BIRT \$924.00 be allocated from the capital account for the purchase of a new microwave for Bean There, as recommended by Finance Committee.

Pullman: There were three microwave failures in May/June. If approved, this will come out of capital. If not, from operations.

Warner: I have already found lower prices at other websites that I just punched in. Why didn't we look at this?

Jensen: Russells' has the local monopoly for such equipment. You could set up a meeting with Dale Robertson to suggest an alternative.

Hannan: Has the purchase order already been made?

Pullman: Board expenditures are not usually made in advance. But this has already been ordered due to circumstances.

Hannan: Even if we vote this down, it will still come out of our operating fund?

Pullman: Yes.

Motion Carried

Motion 2009/09/14: 12 - Pullman/Sall

WHEREAS entrance rugs to the SUB are 12 years old; and
WHEREAS these rugs have become tattered and worn down, have gum imbedded in the fibres and are unable to properly collect dirt and water from incoming patrons of the SUB; therefore

BIRT up to \$3300 be allocated from the capital account for the replacement of rugs around all main entrances, as recommended by Finance Committee.

Pullman: The rugs at all SUB entrances are super old. Janitorial has pointed out that they are not doing their job. A variety of samples of rugs were discussed at Finance. We chose one that is easy to roll up, as recommended by the janitors.

Pritchard: Would our linen contractor provide this service?

Jensen: UVic janitorial does clean carpets. The rubber edging is tattered on the carpets.

Hannan: Is this the standard price for the rugs?

Jensen: We are taking advice of janitorial because they are the ones who clean them.

Motion Carried

Motion 2009/09/14: 13 - Pullman/Sall

WHEREAS stage lighting in Vertigo has been inoperable for many years; therefore
BIRT \$1575.26 be allocated from the capital account for the repair of Vertigo's stage lighting, as recommended by Finance Committee.

Pullman: In order to even get a quote to Dale, there had to be cleaning and proper rewiring. Facilities management did the cleaning and rewiring in May. This was charged through our UVic FAST account and we don't get the charge until much later. Again, this is not standard practice to make such changes and then bring to the Board for approval.

Motion Carried

Motion 2009/09/14: 14 - Hannan/Warner

WHEREAS Robert's Rules of Order require a roll call vote to be held only after a majority vote in favour of doing so; and
WHEREAS Robert's Rules of Order help provide a backbone of rules to run a meeting but are meant to be overruled with more specific policy when organizational circumstances favour doing so; and

WHEREAS there have been important and contentious votes in the past that were not roll called in the minutes; and

WHEREAS students have a right and general expectation to know the way their elected directors vote more than generally expected for corporate boards or non-student run based societies; therefore

BIRT that the University of Victoria increase its democratic accountability to students by amending Part II of the UVSS Board of Directors Policy Manual by adding a clause, numbered "13", that shall read as follows:

13. Board of Director Meetings must roll call and record votes in the minutes when two or more Directors vote opposite to the outcome. Directors who abstain must have their abstentions recorded in the minutes.

Hannan: I intend to see this go to OD. Under the current system, roll call only happens if someone wants to see it happen. A good example of why such a motion is needed is the Board vote on the military ban. We need accountability. Any vote which has enough disagreement would be recorded for members to know how directors voted. Roberts Rules allows members let their names be noted for opposition. Simple motions would not be bogged down by roll call.

Motion to Refer to OD - Kerr/McKenzie

Cocolla: In favour. Not a fan of bringing motions to the Board and then OD. It should be OD first.

Ho: SOCC would recommend defeat of this motion. The Collective would not like to see anything like this. Against referring to OD.

Kerr: In favour of referring. It needs some tweaking.

Motion to Refer to OD Carried

Motion 2009/09/14: 15 - Hannan/Warner

WHEREAS the McCallum report recommends under recommendation 9 that an independent electoral committee administrate UVSS elections; and

WHEREAS this recommendation has not been followed; and

WHEREAS a Special Resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting is required to follow this recommendation; and

WHEREAS under the BC Society Act Special Resolution's must have at least 14 days notice before the Annual General Meeting; therefore

BIRT an ad-hoc committee is struck to create a Special Resolution for the October 15 UVSS Annual General Meeting that would create an independent, fair and impartial electoral committee and appeals procedure with the following terms of reference:

Terms of Reference

UVSS Ad-hoc Electoral Administration and Appeals Reform Committee
Fall 2009

1. Type

- a. Ad-hoc open committee of the UVSS BoD with open membership.

2. Purpose

- a. Draft a Special Resolution for the October 15 Annual General Meeting that would amend the UVSS Constitution and Bylaws to

create an impartial and independent electoral committee and appeals process.

3. Duties

- a.** Examine the practices of other student organizations to find an arrangement for the electoral committee and appeals process that will most effectively promote fairness, independence and impartiality.
- b.** Examine how to best amend the UVSS Constitution and Bylaws on the Electoral Committee to ensure its independence from external or internal political interference.
- c.** Prepare relevant amendments to the UVSS Electoral Policy and Electoral Committee Terms of Reference to ensure timely amending of those documents if the proposed changes to the UVSS Constitution and Bylaws pass at the AGM.
- d.** Ensure that any proposed bylaw amendment creates an electoral committee free of membership from any former or sitting Board Director.
- e.** Report back to the Board of Directors on the September 28 meeting with a Special Resolution amending the UVSS Constitution and Bylaws for the October 15 Annual General Meeting.
- f.** Actively seek and respond to all input received from students in order to create a Special Resolution that will reflect concerns among students at the Annual General Meeting.

4. Membership

- a.** Three Directors elected by the Board of Directors of which one is selected as chair of the committee by the Directors elected.

5. Quorum

- a.** Shall be at least two (2) voting members of the committee.

6. Meetings

- a.** Shall meet at least twice a week or as directed by the Board of Directors.

7. Term of Office

- a.** Shall be from the date of appointment until the October 15 Annual General Meeting.

BIFRT nominations are opened for three (3) Directors to sit on the committee.

Hannan: The reasons for this committee is that we currently have an appeals process that is less than ideal. It is made up of board members who have a political stake in the outcome of elections. This is a recognized problem in the McCallum report. It is recommended that composition of the electoral committee be changed. The idea of this ad hoc committee is that it is open, transparent, consultative and based on consensus. The terms of reference give students the opportunity to get involved. A special resolution will come to the Board from this ad hoc committee so that the Board can review before it goes to the October 2009 general meeting. OD does not have the time to deal with this issue. We would be reforming the appeals process so that the Board is completely removed from the process. Because of the limited time frame, we need this done for the September 28 board meeting.

Harrison: This is a great and interesting motion. However, I'd like to point out that this recommendation has already been followed. Last year OD did draft a motion which went to the February SAGM and it tried to establish the position of an Elections Adjudicator. The meeting was non-quorate and the motion did not pass. The Board needs to focus on getting people to general meetings. OD would have time to discuss this motion and therefore the ad hoc committee is unnecessary. OD is a more accountable place to have this discussion. It already has directors elected to OD and there are also student members who already have their voting rights established.

Motion to Refer to OD - Kerr/Comrie

Kerr: This discussion would be better had in OD than at the Board level.

Coccola: Against referral. This would defeat the purpose of creating an ad hoc committee.

Hardie: Against. Coccola is right.

Hannan: It would be impossible for the ad hoc committee to fulfill its mandate if referred to OD.

Motion to Refer Defeated

Hardie: The old motion was rushed. An ad hoc committee could do a better job. In favour.

Ho: SOCC discussed and recommends defeat. This has been worked on extensively over past two years. To investigate every possibility in next two weeks is not possible. The old motion had much more time when it was drafted. McCallum recommendations are just that – recommendations – and the Board is not obligated to do follow them. An external person isn't necessarily versed in the workings of the UVSS. We need to focus on getting quorum for the general meeting. A time constraint is counter-productive and not the best use of the Board's time.

Foster: I was on the Board at the January 12, 2009 meeting. The bylaw did not address the composition of the electoral committee. It also did not say that the adjudicator would not be member of the UVSS. If this ad hoc committee was struck and didn't come up with anything, this motion could be brought to the February SAGM. Ho said that the recommendations were researched but McCallum said that the University of Western Ontario was ideal. While these were just recommendations, we did pay thousands of dollars for them.

Staples: There are some assumptions being made about what OD can or can't handle. I don't appreciate long drawn out conversations at the Board level. This should go to OD first.

Warner: In favour. The ad hoc committee could look at old motions and other things that McCallum addressed. This is a good idea and we should move forward.

Coccola: In favour. This motion is about striking a new committee which can only be done by the Board. OD is dealing with codes of conduct etc – it has a lot on its plate. The results of this ad hoc has to come back to the Board anyways. When I ran for election, I didn't know anybody on the electoral committee. This concerned me because other candidates did know electoral committee members.

Hannan: The old motion does not follow McCallum's advice. It is a nice touch and better than what we have, but it is not sufficient. The old motion was done by a previous board and we are a new board that should make its own decisions.

Harrison: What Foster said about the adjudicator is not true. Underneath this motion you can see policy which clarifies who the adjudicator would be. People think the Electoral Committee is biased but UVic students are also biased. In terms of grad students, community members, staff and faculty – can they commit to sitting from October to March. What would we have to pay them?

Pullman: A committee that meets four times in less than 2 weeks is not necessarily transparent and accountable. Two weeks is not a lot of time. A truly consultative process would be over several months. Yes, there is perception of bias with the Electoral Committee. However, I would invite somebody to find an instance where the committee acted in a biased manner. The Electoral Committee has always acted as a neutral arbiter. To say that the committee is biased because they know members, you would have to find somebody who doesn't know anybody in the student society.

Ho: If you look at the terms of reference for the Electoral Committee (EC), the CEO and DEO choose a lot of the parameters of elections - not the EC. All of the admin is done by the hired CEO. It is important to remember the role of the EC – they do not deal with the day to day business of the Elections Office. We need to be clear about roles and accusations about elections rigging.

Metcalf: The time frame is my main concern. A two week window to complete is problematic for inclusion. We have to spend time advertising. We would only really have ten days to do this. OD is good at getting schedules and finding the best meeting time. It is hard to pick a schedule for the ad hoc with the time given.

Coccola: The point of the ad hoc is to look at issues and come back to the Board. If you have people running, you shouldn't have people on the EC who may have lived with them or known them for years.

Sall: The ad hoc could be struck and if the result is unsatisfactory, we can just push it up to the next general meeting and spend more time on it.

Pullman Called the Question Defeated

Comrie: This ad hoc puts a lot of pressure on people. This pressure does not lead to a good decision. OD is established and students know this committee. The ad hoc requires resources to communicate efficiently and timely to students about the ad hoc. A twice a week meeting is difficult for students to make. This is a step further away from students being able to participate. We have hired people who are not truly independent and have their own bias. I appreciate the thought going into this. I did not have good impression of the CEO when I first ran. The elected EC members have to act in good faith because they are accountable to members. An adjudicator has stipulations in terms of being independent. We shouldn't sell short who is on the EC.

Hardie: In favour. This is a committee for recommendations and to look at options. We are not beholden to accept the results. We shouldn't hamstring directors who want to put a good effort into changing electoral policy.

Shannon: An adjudicator could be discussed at the ad hoc.

Comrie: Ad hoc is taking away involvement due to its limited time frame.

**Motion to Extend the Speaking Twice Rule to Three Times - Hannan/Warner
Motion to Extend Carried**

Warner: The appearance of conflict of interest is conflict of interest. It looks bad on behalf of the society. We need to move on this, otherwise the EC will start and the change will have to be next year.

**Motion to Conduct a Roll Call Vote - Hannan/Warner
Motion Carried**

Hardie – in favour
Sall – in favour
Coccola – in favour
Comrie – opposed
McKenzie – opposed
Kerr – in favour
Pullman – opposed
Ho - opposed
Hall – in favour
Shannon – in favour
Hannan – in favour
Warner – in favour
Staples - opposed
Levine – in favour
Adatia – in favour

Motion Carried

Nominations opened.

Warner nominated Hannan. Accepted.
Staples nominated Ho. Accepted.
Hannan nominated Coccola. Accepted.
McKenzie nominated Harrison. Accepted.
Adatia nominated self.
Coccola nominated Warner. Not accepted.
Shannon nominated Pullman. Accepted.

All candidates motivated.

Coccola, Hannan, and Pullman were elected by secret ballot.

**Motion to Ratify Coccola, Hannan, and Pullman – Warner/Sall
Motion Carried**

Motion 2009/09/14: 16 - Hannan/Warner

WHEREAS the UVSS is posting an unintended \$300,000 deficit, the second largest annual deficit in the history of the UVSS; and
WHEREAS the Board of Directors recognizes that the UVSS Finance Committee is already at work in trying to reduce the deficit by implementing revenue generating practices and cost cutting measures; and

WHEREAS the size of our deficit is a pressing matter that requires close scrutiny by the Board of Directors and accountable reporting to the student body; therefore **BIRT** the UVSS Finance Committee be directed to present a business plan to the Board of Directors by at least the second meeting in October that explains all measures being taken to reduce the impact and size of the current deficit; and **BIFRT** the UVSS General Manager report at least once a month to the Board of Directors about profits and practices of all UVSS businesses to ensure they are meeting their projected earnings according to the business plan.

Hannan: This motion is self-explanatory and is not meant to be hostile towards the Finance Committee – rather, it seeks to work with the committee. We are in a serious deficit situation and we have a fiduciary duty to address it. We would like an update very month. We are not mandating anything specific and there is not an expectation being placed on performance. We just want to see the business plan.

Jensen: The level of detail required by a board varies from year to year. This level of detail has been requested by previous boards. This is good that the Board is taking this level of interest and I would be happy to report to the Board what is usually reported to Finance.

Comrie: I would just like to point out that all of this information is covered in Finance and that you are able to get answers from management on specific details.

Warner: It is handy to do in Finance but not all members can attend this committee. It would be good for all directors to get up to date at board meetings.

Motion Carried

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ho: SOCC is holding a social event this Friday. Meet at the SOCC office at 6:30pm. On Sept 28 from 12pm – 2pm there is an open house which includes allies.

Hall: The rail jam is set to go for the beer garden. Call out to snowboarders and skiers that you know and tell them to come.

Comrie: I encourage directors to come to the beer garden this Friday. This is the time to communicate to students what the UVSS is all about.

Hannan: On Wednesday at Centennial Square at 6:45pm there is the Aids Walk for Life – I encourage directors to attend.

Hardie: There is a lot of new promotions being done for Felicita's.

Levine: An ethical governance series is coming up.

Shannon: The Sisters in Spirit vigil is in two weeks.

8. IN CAMERA

a. Personnel

Motion 2009/09/14: 17 - Hannan/Coccola

BIRT the UVSS Board of Directors move in camera excluding staff.

Motion Carried

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

10. MEETING TIMES

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday September 28th, 2009 in the SUB Upper Lounge at 6:00pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn - McKenzie/Coccola
Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:30pm.

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