



Minutes

**University of Victoria Students' Society/Local 44 of the Canadian Federation of Students
Monday May 25, 2009 – SUB Upper Lounge 6:00 pm**

ATTENDANCE

Absent with Regrets:

Gary Dawson-Quatell, Ilaina Dector, Remy Hall

Absent without Regrets:

Directors on leaves of absence:

Nadim Adatia, Kelsey Hannan, Dylan Hardie, Meaghan Kerr, Luam Kidane, Meghan Shannon, Nathan Warner

Directors:

Sinead Charbonneau, James Coccola, Christine Comrie, Veronica Harrison, Heather McKenzie, Brodie Metcalfe, Edward Pullman, Rebecca Robb, Rajpreet Sall, Leah Staples

Staff:

Tracy Ho, Marne Jensen

USW Representative:

Melissa Pritchard

Guests:

Cora Babey (UVic Pride), Jose Barrios, Justin Bed, Niq Lavergne (UVic Pride), David Foster, Randy Gelling(CFUV), David Geselbracht, Matt Ostergard, Geoff Sharpe, Curtis Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORIES

Charbonneau acknowledged the traditional territories.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA & ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Adoption of Minutes

i. Minutes of 2009/05/11

Motion to Adopt the Minutes of 2009/05/11 - Pullman/Staples

Motion to Amend - Coccola/Sall

BIRT we strike the line 'Coccola: You are guaranteed quality and good customer service from a supplier' from page 8 of the 2009/05/11 minutes.

Metcalfe: What didn't Coccola say?

Coccola: repeated line to be struck.

Charbonneau: Why does striking this line this matter?

Coccola: I am forever quoted as saying this in the minutes.

Motion Carried

Robb: I would like my attachment added to the minutes.

Harrison: Make sure to send to Resource Co-ordinator and it will be added to it.

Motion Carried

- b. **Adoption of Agenda**
 - i. **Agenda of 2009/05/25**

Motion to Adopt the Agenda of 2009/05/25 - Coccola/McKenzie
Motion Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Randy Gelling, CFUV**

Explained that CFUV is a separate entity from the UVSS and is the campus radio station. Each year the UVSS Board selects the UVSS representative for the CFUV Board of Directors which meets 6-8 times in the year.

Motion 2009/05/25: 01 -- Comrie/Pullman

BIRT nominations be opened for one UVSS board member to sit on the CFUV Board of Directors for a term running from May 2009 to April 2010.

Motion Carried

Nominations were opened.

Pullman nominated Comrie. Comrie accepted.

Motion to Ratify Comrie - Metcalfe/Staples

Motion Carried

- b. **Cora Babey and Niq Lavergne, UVic Pride**

Lavergne: UVic Pride is hosting the Canadian University Queer Conference in the spring of 2010. Theme of the conference is 'Alphabet Soup' and the purpose is to cover what the whole LGBT spectrum looks like. The conference will be less academic focused but to use more audio, visual and media to build a strong supportive community across the country.

Babey: The conference will be held in the SUB on February 5-7 2010. Primarily in Vertigo and will be organizing everything through UVSS catering and Conferences.

Lavergne: Fundraiser coming up on July 24 7:30pm in Vertigo. 'The Dark Room' is masquerade theme that will include a bondage class, is an all ages event and there will be some vendors to advertise services and businesses in Victoria.

Comrie: What are the dates of the events?

Lavergne: Fundraiser is July 24 2009.

Babey: The conference is February 5-7 2010.

5. REPORTS

a. Committee Reports

- i. **Advocacy Council** – has not met
- ii. **Armed with Understanding** – has not met
- iii. **Clubs Council** – meeting tomorrow at 2:30
- iv. **Communications Committee** – meeting next Monday 12:30
- v. **Course Union Council** – meeting Wednesday 4:30
- vi. **Electoral Committee** – has not met
- vii. **Environmental Responsibility Committee** – Comrie: We heard a presentation from Miranda Cross (Campus Urban Agriculture Collaborative), donation made towards research into how to use UVic land into agricultural uses. Donation of UVSS resources also made to World Student Environmental Summit conference organized by UVic students Jill Doucette and Chantal Orr. Donation made to SPOKES and will plan fall fundraiser. Brainstorming for the year and preliminary budget, plan to have meetings every other Tuesday in summer time. Discussed CFS campaign for October 24 2009 for '100,000 on the Hill' for a federal sustainability policy, a banner to be sent to member locals and send the banner back to Ottawa for the students that want to be on the hill but can't make it there, to plan provincial leg rallies as well. Elected Comrie as Chair of Committee.
- viii. **Finance Committee** – Pullman: reviewed financial statements, potential 3rd party advertising on website, capital request later in tonight's agenda.
- ix. **Organisational Development Committee** – meeting Thursday at 2:30
- x. **Political Action Committee** – meeting tomorrow at 4:30
- xi. **Special Events Committee** – meeting next Monday at 4:30
- xii. **Students Services Committee** – meeting Thursday at 4:30

b. Director and Staff Reports

Marne: Pass

Comrie: Chaired ERC meeting.

Pullman: Late Night Transit campaign success, went to Victoria Regional Transit Commission meeting with Harrison on May 19 and gave a presentation, received very good response, the 6 and 14 bus route will be investigated to have hours extended, support from local unions and downtown businesses, have public support and hope to move forward; went to the President's University Human Rights Committee meeting with Tracy Ho who is the Employment Equity Advisory Group UVSS Representative; organizing Food Bank looking for volunteers; arranging for Course Union lockers in basement, UVSS Executive met with new UVic VP Students Jim Dunsden.

Pritchard: Pass

Robb: Pass

Coccola: Attended ERC, Finance committee and reviewed minutes.

Staples: Just got back from CFS National Meeting in Ottawa, learned a lot from meeting student representatives from other campuses, brought back good ideas, went to Campaigns Committee, Womens and Queer Caucus, met with Aboriginal Caucus to hear a presentation of the Sisters in Spirit Campaign.

McKenzie: Also went to the CFS National Meeting, went to Queer and Women Causus, went to Organisational and Services Development Committee, participation in the services discussion and bringing those back to UVic, brainstormed larger scale services and bulk purchasing ideas, went to session on Health Plan; organizing and brainstorming for event ideas for the fall, possible collaboration to get a show in University Centre auditorium, working with clubs, prepping for Clubs Council.

Metcalfe: Also at CFS National Meeting, will be doing presentation at next board meeting; attended ERC, will research into '100,000 on the Hill' campaign, look into banner getting the banner to UVic.

Charbonneau: Women's Centre Collective has chosen the new paint colour for the office, invite any directors to come take a look; organized the Thirdspace launch party in collaboration with UVSS AWU committee; will organise a mini rally with Vancouver Women's Centre for next month.

Harrison: Planning lots of committee meetings; went to VRTC meeting with Pullman; attended Finance and ERC; went to Experience UVic with McKenzie and talked to high school students that are potentially coming to UVic about the UVSS.

Sall: Pass

c. CFS Provincial Executive Report

Sall: Executive Meeting next weekend.

Harrison: A full report and presentation of CFS National meeting will be done at the next board meeting.

6. QUESTION PERIOD

Coccola passed speaking rights to David Foster

Foster: What happened to the UVSS Election Results 2009 on the website?

Ho: When the website was updated, it was taken off of the home page, will get Ben Johnson to repost onto the website.

Foster: It was mentioned that there is now only 1 Resource Coordinator working, what will happen to the Resource Coordinator budget 2008-09 that was passed?

Harrison: There are 2 Resource Coordinator positions, 1 full-time and 1 part-time. 1 Resource Coordinator is on a work practicum but will be coming back to work the hours. The budget that was passed was for 2008-09 and is not the same and does not affect this fiscal year 2009-10.

7. MAIN MOTIONS

a. OLD BUSINESS

Motion 2009/05/11: 04 - Harrison/

BIRT nominations be opened 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

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

Charbonneau nominated Charbonneau for the Women's Centre.

Motion to Ratify Charbonneau - Metcalfe/Robb

Motion Carried

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

BIRT nominations be opened to elect five (5) members as recommended by each advocacy group to the Educational Equity Committee.

No nominations were made.

Motion 2009/05/11: 11 – Pullman/Sall

BIRT Course Union Policy, Section 6.F, Academic Fund, be amended as follows, as recommended by Course Union Council:

- v. Approved funding will be allocated to the respective course union/PDU's budget account, where it can be accessed via cheque requisition.**

Pullman: The master copy of the policy hasn't been updated, have printed 10 copies for now and will wait until Ben gets back to reprint for everyone once the amendment is passed. Minor technical change.

Robb: What is PDU?

Pullman: Professional Development Union. There is one for the Law, Engineer, Education and Commerce departments.

Motion Carried

Motion 2009/05/11: 13b – Hannan/Robb

BIRT the minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting be amended to read the following:

~~Matt Ostergard: Private organizations can decide who they will or will not fund. I was at the Clubs Council meeting, and it was a 12:4 decision. I didn't find the meeting intimidating. Because YPY wants to take away the rights of women they shouldn't be funded. But, this decision could be used to not fund other clubs for other policy reasons, such as Israeli clubs.~~

Matt Ostergard: I agree that private organizations can decide who they will or will not fund. However, I was at the Clubs Council meeting and it was an overwhelming 12:4 decision to fund YPY. I disagree that it was intimidating atmosphere. Just because YPY advocates taking away rights doesn't mean they shouldn't be funded. If that was the case, many other groups could have their funding taken away for similar reasons. For example, it could be argued that pro-Israel groups should be banned for wanting to take away the rights of Palestinians, or vice versa.

Harrison: This was tabled from the last meeting to give both the minute taker and Ostergard an opportunity to speak to the motion.

Harrison passed speaking rights to Ostergard: I was misquoted to say the opposite of what I wanted to say

Harrison: Read on behalf of Joanna Groves: 'Believe this is an accurate account of what the individual said at the March 23 Board meeting. I remember the individual being not very clear or articulate. This is accurate because I remember this person arguing one point and then switch arguments part way through. Maybe that is not what the individual meant to say, but it is what they said.'

Coccola: Things can be written down wrong and there is a reason why we approve the minutes and to see if things are correct.

Robb: I am in favour. The meaning of the two is different and we should change it to reflect what he means.

Harrison passed speaking rights to Ostergard: I was articulate and I was very clear, this is a blatant misinterpretation of what I said.

Charbonneau: Against. It is not the purpose of minutes to make someone look more articulate. This is further entrenching the bureaucracy of UVSS into the issue that we have already spent a lot of time discussing. This is not the way we should spend our time organizing. The 2 are also not very different.

Metcalfe: I am against. There is a lot of gratuitous language in the amendment. I understand what he was saying the first time.

Sall: In favour. It makes the person seem that they are saying something other than what they wanted to say. It is contradictory.

Harrison passed speaking rights to Ostergard: I am not trying to add new language, I am trying to fix the minutes. It makes it sound like I am arguing

against YPY receiving funding but I have been advocating for the exact opposite. I want to make my argument more clear. I can clarify with any directors who want to sit down and talk this over.

Robb: I think minutes should reflect what was said in a meeting.

Pullman: Against. The only argument and main objection is that the speaker is saying that he is against providing YPY funding, we can address that. But the rest of the amendment is making the speaker sound better. The general idea of the argument has been captured in the minutes, what the amendment is trying to do is change history. This is an argument between the minute taker and the speaker, we should support our staff person at this point. We can correct a factual error, but we are not here to change history.

Sall: Agree that we need to respect staff but we should also respect our members who take time to come out to the meetings.

Metcalf: I have an issue with the gratuitous language, we can fix the fact with easy language changes.

Motion to Amend the Amendment – McKenzie/Metcalf
BIRT the amendment be amended to read the following:

Matt Ostergard: Private organizations can decide who they will or will not fund. I was at the Clubs Council meeting, and it was a 12:4 decision. I didn't find the meeting intimidating. Just because YPY advocates taking away rights doesn't mean they shouldn't be funded. But, this decision could be used to not fund other clubs for other policy reasons, such as Israeli clubs.

McKenzie: This addresses the dialogue around the table. This is the best way to deal with the inaccurate fact without the gratuitous language.

Harrison passed speaking rights to Ostergard: Please clarify amendment. This is a fair compromise.

Robb: What is Matt's opinion of this amendment?

Harrison passed speaking rights to Ostergard: This is fine.

Amendment Carried

Motion Carried as Amended

b. NEW BUSINESS

Motion 2009/05/25: 03 – Kerr/Metcalf

WHEREAS The Ring campus newspaper has an editorial advisory board that meets roughly once a month; and
WHEREAS one UVSS Director is asked to sit on the board to represent the student body; and
WHEREAS the current UVSS representative will be away for several summer months; therefore

BIRT nominations be opened for one director to sit on The Ring Editorial Advisory Board.

Motion Carried

Nominations were opened
Harrison nominated Pullman.

Motion to Ratify Pullman - Metcalfe/McKenzie
Motion Carried

Motion 2009/05/25: 04 – Harrison/Metcalfe

BIRT that nominations be opened for directors to attend the Canadian Federation of Students Skills Development Weekend in Victoria, BC from Friday June 19th to Sunday June 21st, 2009.

Harrison: Reminded the directors about the email notice sent out earlier, great avenue to learn about directors position and the CFS.

Motion Carried

Nominations were opened.

Staples nominated Metcalfe. Metcalfe accepted.
McKenzie nominated Harrison and Comrie. Harrison and Comrie accepted.
Comrie nominated Coccola. Coccola accepted.
Coccola nominated Sall and Shannon. Sall and Shannon accepted.
Metcalfe nominate Staples. Staples accepted.
Harrison nominate McKenzie, Pullman, Dawson-Quatell, Hall and Hannan
McKenzie, Pullman, Dawson-Quatell, Hall and Hannan accepted.
Robb nominated Robb.

Motion to Ratify Metcalfe, Harrison, Comrie, Coccola, Sall, Shannon, Staples, McKenzie, Pullman, Dawson-Quatell, Hall, Hannan and Robb - Metcalfe/Staples
Motion Carried

Motion 2009/05/25: 05 – Hardie/Comrie

BIRT Dylan Hardie be granted a leave of absence from the Board of Directors from May 12 to September 14, 2009.

Motion Carried

Motion 2009/05/25: 06 – Harrison/McKenzie

BIRT nominations be opened for one director to sit on the selection committee for the Harry Hickman Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Motion Carried

Nominations were opened.

Harrison: The time commitment will be 2 meetings. The award is decided by committee. Representative must go to Teaching and Learning Centre to

read nominations, past average is 10. Representative must be available June 8 at 5pm and June 19 at 9-11am.

McKenzie nominated McKenzie.

Motion to Ratify McKenzie - Coccola/Metclafe
Motion Carried

Motion 2009/05/25: 07 – Pullman/Robb

BIRT nominations be opened for two members to sit on the Senate Committee on Academic Standards.

Motion Carried

Nominations were opened.

Pullman: There are 2 UVSS representatives. The committee responsible for academic standard changes and new courses approved here. Academic sanctions and integrity also discussed and decided here.

Harrison nominated Jacob Helliwell. Helliwell accepted.
Pullman nominated Pullman.
Coccola nominated David Geselebrcht.

Election held.

Geselebrcht motivated.

Harrison read out Helliwell's motivation.

Pullman motivated.

Comrie: I want to know more about who David is.

Geselebrcht: I am a 4th year geography and part of Model UN Club.

Helliwell and Pullman were elected by secret ballot.

Motion to Ratify Helliwell and Pullman - Metcalfe/Coccola
Motion Carried

Motion 2009/05/25: 08 – Decter/James

BIRT Ilaina Decter be granted a leave of absence from the Board of Directors from May 30, 2009 to June 20, 2009.

Motion Carried

Motion 2009/05/25: 09 – Harrison/Heather

WHEREAS the University runs a number of programs that benefit disadvantaged members of society as well as families on campus, such as University 101, the UVic student suicide prevention program, the Social Work downtown field unit office, and the Family Centre; and
WHEREAS the University would like to apply to the BC Gaming Direct Access grant program to help fund these programs; and

WHEREAS the University is unable to apply for this funding as it does not have non-profit status; therefore

BIRT the UVSS partner with the University to apply to the BC Gaming Direct Access grant program to fund University 101, the UVic student suicide prevention program, the Social Work downtown field unit office, the Family Centre, and any other similar programs.

Harrison: Have been in contact and speaking with the organizer for University 101. University 101 is a program that offers courses to those in the community that are not able to pay for UVic classes. They want to partner with UVSS to be able to apply for non-profit grant funding.

Comrie : Never heard about this before. Why it is under BC Gaming?

Metcalfe: Not so sure about this. Wondering why this is not a presentation because the University is asking the UVSS for help. Do we know how pressing this is that we help them out?

Harrison: The correspondence doesn't say about time issue but they are looking for help.

Sall: What is University 101 and the Social Work downtown field office? What do they do?

Harrison: Already explained what University 101 is and the Social Work is social work.

Coccola: Can the UVSS apply for grants?

Harrison: Not planning to and don't know what the grant would be used for but something we can look at in the future.

Motion to Table - Robb/James

Robb: University 101 can get money from somewhere else, they are part of the University.

Harrison: University 101 is not non-profit.

Comrie: In favour, but not for the same reasons of the mover. I need more details and have some questions.

Charbonneau: The whereas clauses are unclear, I need more precise wording because it states 'any other similar programs'. All the organizations that are stated are very valuable.

Harrison: The organizer indicated that there are new programs that would come up and this will cover those programs.

Jensen: In favour to table. Because the UVSS would be implicated in the application, we would be accountable for how the money is spent. There are lots of logistical issues and we need to figure out the processes before moving forward with this.

Harrison: They have indicated they want to figure out a process with the Director of Finance. We can wait 2 weeks and see if they can make a presentation at the next meeting.

Motion to Table Carried

Motion 2009/05/25: 10 – Pullman/Heather

WHEREAS the 2009 Grad Class is donating \$4000 towards the purchase of new furniture for Vertigo; and

WHEREAS the total cost for new furniture will be up to \$7500; therefore **BIRT** up to \$3500 be spent from the capital account for the purchase of new furniture for Vertigo.

Pullman: Read out the proposal that was handed out. The UVSS must go through UVic Facilities Management for new furniture.

Comrie: In favour. What is the warranty on furniture? Is it easy to clean?

Pullman: Cleaning will be done by janitorial staff. They are the same furniture as the ones in the library, earning commons and bibliocafe.

Jensen: The warranty is through UVic. We have gone to the library to test them.

Robb: Is this the most economical way to go?

Jensen: UVic has standing agreements and have very competitive prices due to their bulk purchasing and based on economies of scale.

Charbonneau: What was the overall expenditures for the Vertigo Renovations?

Jensen: A couple of hundred thousand dollars.

Coccola to David Foster: Did anyone ask UVic if they have second hand furniture?

Jensen: UVic uses their furniture until it is broken-down and dirty. The purpose is to make Vertigo nice and inviting for students.

Motion Carried

Opposition – Robb and Charbonneau

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**
9. **NOTICE OF MOTION**
10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
11. **MEETING TIMES**

The next meeting scheduled by the Board of Directors is:
Monday June 8, 2009 in the SUB Upper Lounge at 6:00pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn - Coccola/Pullman
Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

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