



VUSAC Meeting

Friday, October 25th, 2013 at 5:15PM in the Goldring Student Center
MINUTES

In Attendance

VUSAC

CHAIR	Gabriel Zoltan-Johan
PRESIDENT	Jelena Savic
VP EXTERNAL	Zack Meadow
VP INTERNAL	Kathleen Walsh
SECRETARY	Enxhi Kondi
CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR	Samantha Hartlen
FINANCE CHAIR	Eli Bourassa
CRO	Samantha (Sam) Parks

COMMUTER	Christine De La Cruz
COMMUNICATIONS	Jade Huguenin
EDUCATION & EQUITY	Sienna DiGiuseppe
ARTS & CULTURE	Leah Moncada
SUSTAINABILITY	Kristina Dokoska
CLUBS	Edan Binyamin
MAL	Robert Fan
	Ashley Harripersad
	Alan McCallum
	Ally Scandolo
	Kate Dotsikas
	Anastasia Langiano

LEVIES

STUDENT PROJECTS	Angela Sun
CATS EYE	Katrina (Katie) Vogan
ACTA VICTORIANA	Adam Zachary
VICTORIAD	Sepehr Jamali
ENVIRO FASHION SHOW	Sarah Berger
VCDS	Blair Townshend
BoR	Lauren Dineley
STRAND	Paula
VCAA	Michael Nguyen

Official Regrets

UTSU REP	Lynn Scherloski
MAL	Conor Tangney
SCARLET & GOLD	Sebastien Hart

Conor proxies his vote to Kate.

- Kathleen moves to approve minutes from last meeting. Robert seconds. Unanimously approved.*
- Last minute additions to agenda: Zack adds a Summit Update and 2 minutes to address the levies.*
- Jade moves to approve agenda. Zack seconds. Unanimously approved.*



EX-EFFICIO REPORTS – Samantha Hartlen

- A few small updates; thank you all that have been coming to meet with me, it's great. And I just want to clarify even if you're having an event that doesn't have a risk and you just want to run things by me, come do that.
- Also I want to make a note of finances; I know of a lot of funds that can help you with funding for various events. So if you're a group organization or it's your personal endeavors, these funds can be a great source of assistance.

Lucinda arrives at 5:25pm.

- Life After Vic Event
 - Tuesday Nov. 5 at 6pm, in the Cat's Eye
 - Encourage everyone to come; post-grad educational experiences; someone from law, someone who did college certificate and 2 people who did MAs, and trying to get med students.
 - Free refreshments, cash bar, relaxed fun environment.

ASSESSOR REPORTS – Angela Sun

- Student projects had a meeting on Tuesday and passed 5 different projects. As part of the operating policy, everything that's passed by the committee has to then be passed by the VUSAC council as a whole. Note there are VUSAC execs who serve on this committee as well, and these projects were approved unanimously by committee.
- What I usually do is list all the projects and feel free to draw anything out that you object on.
 1. Art Show for Caffeinds prizes – \$400
 2. Shelving for storage space – \$3000
 3. Display/bulletin boards for Goldring – \$8000
 4. Quickbooks for finance – \$5,000
 5. White t-shirts – \$700Total of funds is \$17,100.

- Leah: Can I pull the display boards?

Motion 15: Jade moves to approve other 4 projects. Zack seconds.

- Leah: With the prizes for the gala, are we assured those are not cash prizes?
- Angela: We can give out honorariums as long as each are under \$500 and the individual prizes are all very much under \$500.
- Alan: Can you elaborate on t-shirts?
- Jelena: Ok, let me explain a couple of the projects. The white t-shirts project started with orientation; the idea was to get huge pile of white t-shirts to use for tie-dying and graffiti party, and we bought a bunch of these t-shirts wholesale, for a variety of initiatives. The storage space project storage is not VUSAC storage; there are two storage rooms downstairs: one for clubs, the other has diff equipment but no shelves, so we need shelves to increase storage space and prevent breakage of equipment. And we're technically changing the physical structure of the wall by putting in shelves, so they're expensive because we have to use a particular company. The reason for the info boards project is that



people are not allowed to poster on glass or brick, which is 90% of building, so we have to put up bulletin boards to put up info. We also applied to have a standing info hub/kiosk thing where you can put your posters on four sides. For the finance software; using Quickbooks to do money managing is better because we have checks from years ago, and Excel is not at all efficient. We are also supposed to be audited by finance office and they can't do an effective audit with Excel. We need finance software, which is expensive to install and put in all the records we've got, to track all of our usage.

- Sarah: I'll address the shelving too. Firstly, I thought and remember talking about this that there was a Goldring contingency fund that would cover things like this. The reason we need those is because of not being allowed to poster, so they should pay for it. Today Leah and I were poster and this PhysPlant guy came and took down all our posters. And Samantha also just found out today that we can't post anywhere except with painter's tape (super expensive) to put up on bricks. And also, the bulletin boards are in terrible locations.
- Angela: I recognize everything you said but could we at the very least pass the 4 projects.
- Sarah: Well if I was right and there is supposed to be other money for this, we should pull out the shelves as well.

Jade revises motion to approve 3 projects, excluding shelving and bulletin boards. Zack seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

- Jelena: Yes there is a Goldring contingency fund but they're using that to completely redo the stairs, and there's physical things they have to do to the building (i.e. carpeting during winter and the staircase), so that fund is used for anything that the contract + architects doesn't cover. Also, the contingency fund is finite in size. We can't use that fund for this, so we have no alternative to student projects.
- Jade: In the past, I had a first aid kit material expense approved, then I realized afterwards that first aid is responsibility of PhysPlant, so there is the capacity to not use the money of our fund. So what I recommend is pass these projects so we at least know they'll be funded, and then we can move to actually implement them later. We should talk to the admin because we all have to pay each year and now they're taking money out of a different fund to continue to make us pay. So we should approve the project, and then talk to admin.
- Kathleen: I agree with Jade, we should approve this so we have the project being done, then from there go with funding.
- Angela: Can someone move to add 2 min to this discussion.

Zack moves to add 2 minutes to the discussion, Jade seconds. Unanimously passes.

- Alan: To Jade's point, if we find out after that admin should be paying, can we get the funds returned to student projects?
- Angela: Jelena could either only take part of the amount out of the student projects fund with an invoice or get reimbursed for less.



- Jelena: Funding isn't wholly from student account, so whatever is left from contingency is being put toward the bulletin boards, so it's a combo of Ray's office and student projects.
- Katie: When you say whatever is left in the contingency, do you mean the contingency fund will still have money at the end of the year? (Yes.)
- Angela: We have \$71,785.38 left in the fund, and there's a town hall next Tuesday 5:30-7pm.

Motion 16: Zack moves to approve shelving and bulletin boards projects. Kathleen seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

LEVY REPORTS

Victoriad

- Finished first round of photography and writing about the building
- We are going to do photography of the building
- We are including blurbs about student's awkward moments
- If you want us to take photos at your events, you can email us to arrange that

Board of Reagents

- At the last meeting, we extended Gooch's term by a year, so he'll be leaving June 2015
- Renewed bursar Ray for another 5 years, so his term is until 2019
- Other than that, updates about general things going on:
 - Nov. 23 will be our board strategy day with the entire board
 - The topic of that day is alumni affairs; people on the board are focused on the donation angle, but we (students) are trying to work the student-alumni connection angle a lot more
 - Sarah: Is Vic not required to maintain the Stevenson house?
 - Lauren: I don't sit on property committee so I don't know.
 - Jade: For clarification to the rest of the people at this meeting, Stevenson house is the old house on Charles Street where levies were up until last year. Now, to my understanding, the house has been condemned and no one is allowed to use it. This is an issue because it is a Vic building and if it falls under Ontario legislation as a heritage building, there are legal ramifications for not fixing it. They have to address Stevenson house, but because it is condemned right now, there needs to be student pressure to get it opened up again.

JUDICIARY REPORTS

President – Jelena

- Keys
 - Our meeting room is inside the VUSAC office and technically the office is closed. MargAd is holding keys for the VUSAC office if you need access, but apparently it's a security concern for MargAd to sign keys out, but we're allowed to sign them out from the VUSAC office. They're under my name so I am liable, so we have to keep track of who has the key.



- Samantha: Would it be possible to have students leave a tcard or something? Because if it's just sign in-sign out it's easy for people to forget to bring the key back or whatever.
- Jade: Betty and Dash, and Vic Exposure both require you to do a monetary deposit. And I know that's too expensive, but the other option is give a piece of government ID. So we could find a secure spot in office to keep these IDs until the student returns the key.
- Katie: The Cat's Eye committee has to sign out keys and the way we ensure keys don't go missing is we know everyone's name on our committee and we have a list. So I'm wondering if you could set up a registry or something so you have a contact for everyone.
- Sienna: If we get their student number, isn't there a way we can freeze their accounts if they don't return the key?
- Dan: I think because tcards create issues, we can either check their tcards on the spot and matching government ID, and then we can hold their ID.
- Sarah: But what Katie was saying was a list of certain people. Like it's not random people that would be coming for the key anyway, it would be clubs heads aka people we actually know. And there is a way we can freeze their accounts with their student number.
- Lauren: It's not logistically possible to get into U of T central and get their stuff frozen.
- Katie: The reason we take tcard and not government ID at the Cat's Eye is because if you leave your health card, then get into an accident, you'll be in a huge problem. Also, it's unwise because there's a lot of info on government ID that isn't on the tcard. Number one way to ensure good behavior out of keys like this is to make sure people taking the keys are trustworthy.
- Anastasia: I would like clarification because at the VUSAC retreat it was mentioned that technically everything belonging to clubs should be accessible to all students at Vic. So technically if that equipment can be used by everyone, it's unfair to restrict it to the club heads. I feel like that means there needs to be a sign out system in place.
- Sarah: With examples like yoga mats, it tends to be that any student can have them and you don't have to book them through the club. But some stuff is worth a lot of money, so as a club head I wouldn't let them take that stuff.

Lauren and Blair leave at 6:00pm.

- Dan: Yes everything needs to go through every Vic student, but we want to be secure about our items. Once we buy them we want to actually keep them. And regarding health card, I get your point, but maybe using driver's license because if they get our stuff they should have to stay within a distance so we actually have control over the stuff.

Motion 17: Jelena moves to table the discussion on logistics of keys, on the basis that it is not necessary to be discussed in the VUSAC meeting and can be discussed privately with Jelena and Dan. Sienna seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

– *FAQ*

- We're doing a FAQ page on VUSAC website
- Lucinda, Conor and I made up a list of questions we always get from students and we'll assign answering those questions equally to VUSAC members, then we'll edit those questions and post them.



- Anastasia: Can we also get an email of ALL the questions? (Yes.)
 - Katie: Can I also request that levy heads get this email as well? And for questions like 'how to book the Cat's Eye', can you run those responses through us?
 - Dan: I think every levy should have a discussion board style forum for those kinds of questions.
 - Jelena: We can talk about formatting etc, but I want to make sure that the list of actual questions is sufficient with everyone.
 - Katie: A question I think that would be very pertinent is "how do I get involved as a first year?"
 - Jade: Is the question "where is the VUSAC office" on that list. Also, Anastasia and I were talking about having a cute little video answering some of these questions.
 - Dan: I think there should also be a second part to Katie's question specifically about getting involved after second semester because that's when a lot of students wake up.
- *What Jelena is working on*
- BoR Strategy Day
 - Talk about alum relations with students
 - If you guys have anything you want to contribute to that convo, feel free to talk to anyone who is on the board, including myself.

VPE – Zack

- *Levies*
- Thank you for you levies who are here. I want to talk briefly about why you guys received the strongly worded email from me saying that you guys need to show up to VUSAC meetings.
 - Levies are a public trust and as VPE it is my job to make sure that your spending is not wild and to make sure that we know what's going on. I asked you all to come to this meeting and follow the constitution. I realize it's not necessary that you guys are here for the entire meeting, so we're thinking of doing a constitution amendment so you guys can have an alternative. So just want to remind you guys of your duties.
 - Jade: I was checking through old minutes and just by the way, levies came to every single meeting up until like 2009. So I like the idea of the constitutional amendment.
 - Katie: If we want to speak at a VUSAC meeting, what would be the procedure; do you want a written report or verbally?
 - Gabe: When I email out requests for agenda items, what you would do is submit your written report to me and I would include it in the agenda, and you can talk, or Zack can read it out.
 - Katie: Can we speak on our own behalf as well?
 - Zack: Of course!
- *Student Summit meeting today*
- It was quite intense. We talked about elections code and asking generally what is the best method of student government for the U of T and we tried to have a theoretical discussion. It didn't stay theoretical for very long



because some student leaders sometimes have grievances between one another. It was very interesting, but not a lot to say because it's still hard to see where this is going

- Sarah: Are there minutes for this?
- Zack: Not available publicly.

Jelena leaves 6:10pm.

VPI – Kathleen

– *Constitutional Amendments*

- These are amendments that were passed by last year's council, but the problem last year was that they weren't posted outside the office for 2 weeks after being passed, so they weren't officially passed.
- We are doing this in the same way we did student projects. We'll go through every amendment and people can mark down if they have any issues. Then we can pull out the ones with issues and discuss those, but pass the ones we don't have issues on.

[See APPENDIX A]

Sepehr leaves at 6:15pm

Eli enters at 6:18pm.

Jelena returns at 6:26pm.

Paula leaves at 6:26pm.

- Kathleen: What happened is Rowan and Carrie had excluded the 'UltraNow', but certain members who liked tradition wanted to keep it.
- Alan: So it doesn't mandate that we call it UltraNow.
- Katie: The use of the term UltraNow; there are so many coffeehouses happening on campus and it's way too common, so I think using the term UltraNow distinguishes this event from all the other coffeehouses.
- Kathleen: Sorry I just realized, we're not discussing the amendments individually right now.
- Jelena: I just want to make sure we realize that certain things should be in the constitution, and others should be in a "best practices" guide. So we need to really think about that.
- Samantha: Info question; were *any* constitutional amendments passed last year? (No, not officially.) Are these all the amendments?

Jelena & Alan leave at 6:36pm.

- Kathleen: The history is a bit disjointed, so hopefully this is all the amendments.
- Jade: I didn't know we were going to be making two separate documents; constitution and best practices. I think that's a great idea. I would recommend passing all the amendments, and then later when we make the separate documents, discuss more.
- Sarah: Despite the use of the best practices guide, the constitution is still full of terms that are really old. Like Highball.

Jelena & Alan return at 6:38pm.

Eli leaves at 6:38pm.

- Kathleen goes through all amendments [See APPENDIX B], asking people which ones they want to pull out for discussion.



– *Pull-outs:*

- Leah: By-Law #1, S4, ssi
- Jelena: By-Law #1, S10
- Alan: By-Law #23, S6
- Jelena: By-Law #23, S7
- Kathleen: Article 5, S13 (d)
- Jelena: By-Law #4, S5 (a)
- Jelena: By-Law #1, S2 (c)
- Jelena: By-Law #31
- Kathleen: By-Law #1, S2 (g)
- Alan: By-Law #32
- Jelena: By-Law #5, S7

Kathleen moves to extend the discussion by 20 minutes. Alan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Jade: If we are pulling things out, are we going to try to amend them tonight or..?
- Kathleen: If they start taking too long, we'll just table them and pass them off to constitutional review committee.
- Alan: So if we make changes to the amendments do they have to be reposted?
- Gabe: Yes, it's like posting a whole new amendment.

Motion 18.1: Kathleen moves to amalgamate the vote for all but the pulled out amendments. Zack seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 18.2: Kathleen moves to approve the amalgamated constitutional amendments. Jelena seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

– *By-Law #1, S4, ssi*

- Leah: It says I have to hold a minimum of 2 open mike nights per year irrespective of other groups hosting them. I want to change it to, if no other groups do any, then I have to do 2.
- Kathleen: So you're suggesting that you do a minimum of 2 per year on the condition that other Vic groups don't meet that quota per year.
- Alan: I sort of prefer if we change the UltraNow name to make it more explanative. So maybe we clarify it to UltraNow Open Mike or something.
- Katie: One of the things I'll point out is that Jelena wanted that particular point of discussion to be in best practices guide. Also, what exactly is meant by other Victoria groups? So if the Cat's Eye holds 2, but they're not exactly VUSAC sponsored, does that count?
- Leah: Any open mike night on Vic campus where Vic students are encouraged to attend counts. The one during frosh isn't counted, but if more groups like that host open mike nights...
- Sarah: My concern is with the loss of the term UltraNow. I believe all of last year's Vic members attended this student leader day about how the UltraNow term was created. I really think we should table this because it's something that needs to be discussed. This is how we create traditions, so we should discuss this longer. It's not just a traditional open mike night, it's a bit bigger.
- Jelena: The reason that I support tabling this is because I think we need to more discuss the purpose of a constitution and how we preserve tradition. Should we be constitutionalizing things like the number of events? Does



that make sense to be in a constitution because is it really vital to the running of VUSAC?

- Zack: Well that being said, until we do the best practices guide, wouldn't it be easier to just continue with amendments like we do now. So instead of tabling it, let's just proceed as always, then when we make separate document we can just transplant it.
- Katie: I recommend to changing it from Arts & Culture being responsible for this to A&C overseeing that 2 happen on campus somewhere. I agree until best practices guide is complete, it seems easy to slip through cracks if there isn't overlap. But I see this meeting is long, so I think we should table this.
- Kathleen: I agree we should table this. And I disagree with Zack's point, I don't think we should keep things in the constitution we don't want because then in future meetings we'll have to say "we're going to move this" and that'll be longer of a process.
- Leah: I suppose we can table this or I can simply say that as long as other groups host 2 open mike nights, A&C isn't required to.
- Kathleen: We're going to table this.
- Jelena: I was going to suggest constitutionalizing the best practices guide. That would assure that "UltraNow" isn't lost as a term even though it's not in the constitution.

Motion 19: Kathleen motions to table the discussion. Dan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

– *By-Law #1, S10*

- Jelena: I don't think this should be in the constitution; it should be in best practices guide. If for one year the garden doesn't exist, but another year it does, you won't have to make new amendments.

Motion 20: Kathleen moves to table. Alan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

– *By-Law #23, S6 & S7*

- Alan: Only thing was to clarify; is it that the head of committee should be the one to decide who's worked the certain number of hours?
- Jelena: My logic for this and the next is that they should be in best practices guide.

Motion 21: Jelena moves to table. Alan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

– *Article 5, S13 (d)*

- Kathleen: I agree with it, but I think it needs to be worked on because as we've seen in earlier referendums, we don't usually get 15% of people. So this is kind of a big one, and the 15% is so unrealistic in that it's almost guaranteeing that decisions will be put in the hands of VUSAC.
- Jade: Yea the 15% existed in the prior constitution, but I think what's really important is that all the conversations about these amendments are public on the VUSAC website (in minutes) so if you ever want to go back to look at them you can. I think the best practice would be that by early next semester at least we need a best practices guide in place and ensure that things relevant to elections and amendments is then addressed.

Acta leaves at 7:05pm.

- Sarah: I agree with what Kathleen said about handing this over to VUSAC. VUSAC shouldn't be able to make decisions like that. Is the stuff you discuss in constitutional review committee public?



- Kathleen: No but I think it's irrelevant, because we still have to bring the amendments to the VUSAC; we can't actually make any decisions in the committee.
- Alan: Just thinking about this, I think it might be important to separate these amendments.
- Kathleen: Well as long as we fix this before our next referendum we're good.

Motion 22: Kathleen moves to table the above. Sienna seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

– *By-Law #1, S2 (c), By-Law #31*

- Jelena: I think this finance audit committee and the [other committee] still need to exist, so I think we should just take these off the table completely.

Zack & Sam leave at 7:09pm.

Motion 23.1: Kathleen motions to amalgamate constitutional amendments by Angela Sun #1,2,4, and 5 relating to getting rid of these committees. Jelena seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 23.2: Kathleen moves to reject these. Sienna seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

– *By-Law #32*

- Alan: At end of second semester, if it means the end of old council, then progress has come to an end, and if its new council no progress has been made yet.

Motion 24: Kathleen moves to table this. Robert seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

– *By-Law #5, S7*

- Jelena: There's no need for it to be constitutionalized, it's just common practice.
- Alan: Clarification, is approval by the budget committee prior or after the motion being brought in front of council for a vote?

Zack returns at 7:15pm.

Motion 25: Kathleen moves to table this. Anastasia seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

– ***Orientation Co-chair Amendments:*** [see APPENDIX B]

- Samantha: Last year there were amendments made that are not reflected in the most up to date constitution or in these amendments. So which rules do we need to be following?
- Kathleen: It's your choice, but at this point you can't really look at the constitution for this. I think if it's important to the hiring committee that the person be a past exec or whatever, then I think that's fair.

Kathleen moves to extend this discussion by 10min. Sienna seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

– *Pull outs:*

- Zack: By-Law #14, S1
- Jade: By-Law #14, S3
- Kathleen: By-Law #14, S5

Motion 26.1: Kathleen moves to amalgamate all except aforementioned pull-outs. Robert seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 26.2: Kathleen moves to approve the amalgamated amendments. Zack seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.



- *By-Law #14, S1*
 - o Zack: If this amendment is made, how would their honorarium be determined?
 - o Jelena: I don't really know, but it'd be based on the budget.
 - o Samantha: Well the CLC (me) is liable for the Orientation budget.
 - o Zack: So if we take out the stipulated amount, and the decision goes to CLC, then the decision that was once VUSAC's goes entirely to the Dean's office. Are we ok with this?
 - o Alan: Does that money come out of the Dean's office budget?
 - o Samantha: Yes.
 - o Leah: I'm uncomfortable that this went from exact amount to completely open-ended.

Kathleen moves to extend discussion by 8 minutes. Jade seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

- o Kathleen: I would suggest I think we should pass this as it stands because right now it doesn't say "at the Dean's office discretion". So we could specify it and figure it out at other VUSAC meetings. So I think it would be unfair for us to table this completely thus giving co-chair applicants the impression that they're getting \$5000 when they're not.
- o Alan: I think we should have VUSAC at least vote on a reasonable amount because the open-endedness is a bit concerning.
- o Jade: When I've applied to a job, the applicant is assuming this will be like a summer job. And a student doing a basic summer job should be making at least around \$5000 for the summer, so I think it's important that it's clear during the interview that we don't know how much we're going to get paid yet.
- o Samantha: I just want to put it out there that I'm all about student fairness, but it's weird because orientation is this nebulous thing that is sort of VUSAC + Dean's office. We're just saying there should be some flexibility around this price.

Motion 27: Kathleen moves to approve this amendment. Robert seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- *By-Law #14, S3*
 - o Jade: I'm not familiar with this bylaw. If there is no previous co-chair available, is there a bylaw that accommodates that?
 - o Jelena: I guess it's similar to someone withdrawing by conflict of interest. So we could just get an exec from previous years.

Motion 28: Kathleen moves to approve this amendment. Sienna seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

- *By-Law #14, S5*
 - o Kathleen: Is the application that different between the two?
 - o Jelena: Well it's saying you can still resubmit your application, so you'd be considered in the same pool as the rest of the exec.
 - o Kathleen: But my question is about the application in particular.
 - o Jelena: Yes they are different.
 - o Samantha: And even the interviews are really different, so it makes it hard to compare.
 - o Jade: What people are communicating makes sense, but someone who applies to co-chair shouldn't have to do two separate applications, but if one is unsuccessful for the co-chair position, they should have the option



to opt into the exec interview and do that interview. This is to have the student addressed at both interviews, but not overwhelmed with having to fill out both applications. Can I suggest it says “unless otherwise requested, unsuccessful chair candidates can opt to interview for exec positions”?

- Kathleen: Well they have totally different applications, so my concern is addressed.

Motion 29: Kathleen moves to approve this amendment. Zack seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

– *Office Orientation update*

- I was going to have people after this meeting do orientation but it's too long a meeting, so I sent an email to everyone on VUSAC that you will need to sign up for a time slot to do orientation interview, so please sign up ASAP. Also, I want to have one on one meetings with each of you guys.
- Orientation will happen next week, whereas one on one meetings will happen the weeks after. Just to get some feedback is main idea of the meetings.

– *General office updates*

- Office is looking a bit all over the place, and we're going to be organizing and decorating it this weekend, but after that it's up to everyone.
- Sign-up sheet is on the door, so please sign in and out
- Let me know about supplies missing or if anything happens in the office
- Sarah approached me about the environmental fashion show wanting to do a clothing drive to have students drop off bags of clothing, and they will be dropping this at the VUSAC office. Students get free tick to the fashion show for doing this. There will be a template bag to determine if the student has donated enough clothes to qualify for ticket.
- Sarah: This will happen all of next week, and make sure you get name, student number, and email legibly. Especially student number because only Vic students get the free tickets.

– *Money boxes*

- Tracking sheets will be placed in the money boxes. At every office hour, you will have to sign in and out at each cash box and count the float.

- Kathleen: I hope you're excited to spend a lot of time with me!

Meeting break from 7:54pm to 7:57pm.

Leah & Sarah return at 7:58pm.

Alan returns at 7:59pm.

FINANCE CHAIR – Eli

- I met with all the commissioners. We don't have a lot of money. Technically our summer budget for VUSAC was \$39000, and \$5500 for clubs. Right now, technically if we pass everything, we're at about \$90,000 worth of spending. That being said, at reallocation time we'll have a better idea of how much is actually being spent. I will be meeting with all of you again at reallocation time. Our



general strategy for budget steering was to go through all budgets and we have a budget policy, which says how much we're allowed to spend on different things. Then we went through on some specific clubs that we thought didn't really need certain amounts of money, and some clubs that didn't benefit Vic and we cut funding for that.

- Jade: Can we bring up the budgeting for sweaters and the vote that happened online for people's interest on sweaters?
- Eli: Yes that poll reached 42% for \$630, 42% for \$100, and 16% for no sweaters. But the \$100 and no sweaters should technically be combined.
- Kathleen: So that was a straw poll, but are we going to determine this by having just voting members vote or..?
- Eli: Yea um... any thoughts for what we should do about this?
- Zack: Ok, so given the poll results, we should just do \$100 vs no sweaters.
- Sienna: I did vote for \$100 because that was the only realistic option, but I did agree with what Jelena and Kathleen said, so I'm thinking there should be something in between.
- Katie: Can you put these emails of this in the minutes?
- Zack: No, because those emails were sent under the impression of being private.
- Katie: So can you reiterate your opinions?
- Eli: So what happened is we are giving other clubs \$100 to spend on sweaters, so should VUSAC follow our own policy or spend \$630?
- Kathleen: Well it's a clubs policy, and that's really the distinction my argument and Jelena's hinged on. VUSAC is not a club. Although clubs and levies have huge amounts of responsibility, it's not the same thing as being on VUSAC. For example, if Eli and Jelena went on vacation for a month, we wouldn't have money for a month because they're the signing authorities. And despite the fact that we did accept and were aware of this amount of responsibility, we do spend a lot of time in VUSAC and do a lot of things and we're expected to be available to help out, and we're not getting paid at all, so having a subsidy of sweaters (and considering the funding for all our socials have been cut), we're essentially being paid \$30 for all of our work. And this position ends up overtaking our lives. That's why I voted for \$630 subsidy.
- Alan: I agree we do a lot of work and that's important, but I think we have to be very careful how we approach giving ourselves compensation for that work. Especially when we ask clubs to make cuts on this, it looks bad that we don't follow our own policy. And since sweaters are technically a non-necessary good, we should follow the clubs policy.
- Jade: I valued everyone's opinions and knew where everyone stood, but I was one of the few people who didn't want sweaters at all. So I looked at it as, as someone who's had a sweater in the past, how it's helped me. And in the past I've been mistaken for a Don because of the similar coloring, so it makes the VUSAC presence not as strong. So what I was talking about is instead of having the sweaters as a uniform piece, our money is better spent attracting students to the office where the people running the office are the VUSAC members.

Motion 30: Eli moves to remove this sweaters budget line from the entire budget and table it to next meeting. Zack seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

- Christine: Say we end up not going through with one of our budget lines, what would happen?



- Eli: In past years, you could reallocate that to another thing, but this year I'd rather you just let that non-spent money be reabsorbed (ie. Become 0) because we're in debt.
- Zack: Did fencing not submit budget?
- Eli: No, werewolf, board games, and fencing requested all their money back in summer.
- Jade: Ok, Mind in Math and Aesthetics at Vic are not considered clubs yet, so..
- Eli: If we pass this budget, and they don't become a club, they're just not going to get this money.
- Kathleen: If we do vote on this Mind in Math, do we have any more info on them?
- Gabe: Yes, the clubs report comes later.
- Dan: Here's the thing, Eli has to finish, then we're doing clubs approval, so if we have any issues with club running, we'll discuss it later.
- Kathleen: Well if we're passing them a budget, we need to know what they actually do.
- Sarah: Can we also pull Mind in Math budget line out?
- Gabe: Ok, we're going to table Eli's portion until Dan goes through his part, then we'll come back to Eli.

CLUBS – Dan

[See APPENDIX C]

Motion 31.1: Dan motions to amalgamate the clubs list, minus Minds in Math, Vic iTeach, the Knit Project, Semiotones, Aesthetics at Vic, and Settlers of Victan. Robert seconds. Unanimous.

Motion 31.2: Dan moves to recognize the amalgamated clubs. Sienna seconds. Unanimous.

– *Settlers of Victan*

- This club is separate from the Board Games Club
- Katie: As an observer, we have a Board Games Club already at vic. I would be concerned about duplication and effect of having two separate clubs with the similar function. And if we compare this to Werewolf, Werewolf is a board game, but it's SUCH a different game, that it can be separate.
- Kathleen: Can we suggest to the Settlers club to join up with the board games club because it would be kind of unsettling to the board games club as well.
- Dan: I agree with all your points, however yes it's true they got board games, but it's not like they have to buy a whole new board because the game is already there. And certain people at res want to play it at res.
- Kathleen: Well I would be concerned allowing students to use student money to play at res. [resounding murmurs of agreement from the rest of council] and it's not accessible.
- Dan: This group has their own game, but they want to bring it out to the public.



- Eli: it sounds to me like they just want VUSAC to pay for different expansion packs and food and stuff.
- Sienna: Just aside, this club actually signed up for equity training, so it seems like they have some vested interest in becoming a club.
- Jelena: You have to prove you're sufficiently different from other Vic clubs in order to be recognized.
- Ally: This is actually going on in my residence and the guy starting this club told me he wants to teach people to play this game. And I think he just wants to expand it to outside of our residence.
- Alan: Can we motion to table it for a moment? I would like to have them come and explain why they want their own separate club.
- Sarah: Constitutionally, Vic clubs are required to be accessible to EVERY Vic student so they have to have their meeting in public, and they need to provide a members list and that list shouldn't be all res students. So I think Dan should go to them and tell them of the constitution, and Vic has way too many clubs and it's kind of the same people in multiple clubs, so I think when recognizing new clubs things that should be considered are bringing in something new to the Vic society.
- Katie: I want to reiterate that this duplication is also problematic in terms of booking space, competing events, and losing pieces of games.
- Alan: Again, talk is cheap. Let them come out themselves to defend themselves.

Motion 32: Jelena motions to reject the Settlers of Victan club. Anastasia seconds.

- Zack: There's precedent for rejecting this club. There's a street fighter (videogame) club that wanted to start and they were rejected for being based out of a residence, and now that club is a U of T general club, and not based out of a res.

Motion passes with 9 votes, 3 opposed and 1 abstaining.

– *Longboards at Vic*

- They try to include longboards in Vic, potentially even signing them out to students to commute. I think if this club plays its cards right, in 3 or 4 years we're looking at a levy

Motion 33: Dan moves to approve this club. Zack seconds.

- Samantha: Is there any safety concern with this?
- Dan: I'm going to meet with them and we're going to initiate a plan. They're not just going to be boarding around.
- Samantha: Ok, and a CLC chat would be good too.
- Eli: They're going to student projects for long boards, we're not funding them.
- Jade: Betty and Dash requires insurance, and this club would require insurance of the same financial scope if they're providing a service.
- Robert: If a student got hurt, what's the procedure?
- Alan: Does that liability kick in as soon as this club is approved?
- Jelena: Well, they can just do a waiver form. Fencing club doesn't have insurance, they just have waiver form.
- Eli: Also, that club originally wanted to charge members a non-refundable fee and we talked it out and told them they're not allowed to do that. So we're giving them subsidy money just for repairs of the boards, so this motion will be on condition that they get back to us about this and remove this fee.



Amendments are in place in this motion. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Return to Finance – Eli

Motion 34.1: Eli moves to pull out budget lines of Minds in Math, Vic Hey Teach, the Knit Project, Semiotones, the Goose, Vic iTeach and Aesthetics at Vic, to be tabled. Kathleen seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 34.2: In favor of tabling all these clubs, Kathleen seconds, unanimous.

- Leah: For GOOSE, we have \$150 for printing out everything. And last year the editing was all free and done on Word, which is free. So that money is not needed.
- Eli: I've been emailing printers on their behalf, and those prices were the cheapest I could get from the four printers I emailed.
- Sarah: But you can force them to print things cheaper still! Because VUSAC is so over budget that we shouldn't give them this amount of money. I think these clubs should be encouraged to print black and white or nonglossy, not because I don't appreciate these clubs, but because we don't have the money.
- Alan: Would they be able to reduce their publication number?
- Kathleen: Ok, we don't have any more time, so can we vote on pulling certain budget lines, then go forward and vote on all the rest.

Motion 35: Eli moves to pass budget, with the aforementioned exclusions. Alan seconds.

- Eli: VUSAC spending right now is at \$63,000. That's the amount we can control over the course of the year. The clubs is more difficult because if we pass it, they can essentially start spending that money. So if we pass this budget, assume that we're spending all the clubs part, but we can still control the VUSAC part.
- Alan: Is there any way we can hold some emergency meeting to decide some of these things?
- Katie: If you had this emergency meeting, what's the procedure?
- Gabe: It would function the same as a regular meeting.
- Leah: I am in favor of having the extended meeting on Monday, because I am uncomfortable passing this budget in a rusher manner, when it will essentially result in us being \$20,000 over budget.
- Zack: Ok, guys, we've put this budget through the budget steering committee and taken out everything most troublesome. This budget has already been discussed at length in the committee. We're getting worse than the US government, come on guys, let's just vote.

Motion passes unanimously.

- Gabe: We avoided the shutdown that the US government couldn't.

Eli leaves at 9:02pm.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Sustainability – Kristina

- We picked our committee members and had our official meeting, but we have to ratify our new members: Symon James-Wilson, Conrad Pratt, Sadia Awan, Ryan Fan, Jacob Ke, and Reema Kureishy.

Motion 36: Kristina moves to ratify the members. Anastasia seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.



Commuter – Christine

- VOCA and Commuter Dons pumpkin carving at the Cat's Eye on Oct. 29 at 12-4pm.

Education & Equity – Sienna

- Equity Training hasn't been well signed up for and it's a constitutional function under the E&E section and the only people mandated to come at the E&E committee, which is like 10 people. So, I'm thinking, should it be in the constitution at all? And if it should, should we make it mandatory for other groups to also attend it?
 - Sarah: I agree it should be mandatory for VUSAC, clubs heads, levy heads, everyone.
 - Katie: I should point out that the Cat's Eye does the equity training as well but not through E&E.

Arts & Culture – Leah

Everyone is awesome! Yea!

MAL REPORTS

Robert

- I worked this week with Zack, Kate, Ally, and Alan in the Summit Research Committee and I think it's so meaningful, and I find my office hours very meaningful too and I just want to say I want to thank you for everyone's involvement and all the hard work everyone's doing.

Motion 37: Zack moves to adjourn the meeting. Kathleen seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:46pm.



MOTION SUMMARY

Motion 15: Jade moves to approve “Art Show for Caffeinds”, “Shelving for storage space”, “Quickbooks”, and “White t-shirts” projects. Zack seconds. Jade revises motion to approve 3 projects, excluding “Shelving” and “bulletin boards”. Zack seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Motion 16: Zack moves to approve “shelving” and “bulletin boards” projects. Kathleen seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Motion 17: Jelena moves to table the discussion on logistics of keys, on the basis that it is not necessary to be discussed in the VUSAC meeting and can be discussed privately with Jelena and Dan. Sienna seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 18.1: Kathleen moves to amalgamate the vote for all but the pulled out amendments. Zack seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

18.2: Kathleen moves to approve the amalgamated constitutional amendments. Jelena seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 19: Kathleen moves to table the discussion on By-Law #1, S4, ssi. Dan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 20: Kathleen moves to table the discussion on By-Law #1, S10. Alan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 21: Jelena moves to table discussion on By-Law #23, S6 & S7. Alan seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 22: Kathleen moves to table the discussion on Article 5, S13 (d). Sienna seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 23.1: Kathleen motions to amalgamate constitutional amendments by Angela Sun #1,2,4, and 5 relating to getting rid of these committees. Jelena seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

23.2: Kathleen moves to reject these. Sienna seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Motion 24: Kathleen moves to table the discussion on By-Law #32. Robert seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 25: Kathleen moves to table the discussion on By-Law #5, S7. Anastasia seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Motion 26.1: Kathleen moves to amalgamate all except “By-Law #14, S1, S3, and S5” pull-outs. Robert seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

26.2: Kathleen moves to approve the amalgamated amendments. Zack seconds. Motion passes with 1 abstaining.



Motion 27: Kathleen moves to approve “By-Law #14, S1” amendment. Robert seconds.
Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 28: Kathleen moves to approve “By-Law #14, S3” amendment. Sienna seconds.
Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

Motion 29: Kathleen moves to approve “By-Law #14, S5” amendment. Zack seconds.
Motion passes with 1 abstaining.

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APPENDIX A: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS 2012-2013

NAME: Rowan DeBues and Carrie Proctor

ORGANIZATION: Arts and Culture Commission 2012-2013

BYLAW #1, SECTION 4, SUBSECTION i

ORIGINAL TEXT: “Shall be responsible for the production of The Ultra Now open mic and talent show, with a minimum of four (4) The Ultra Now’s per year, with two (2) per semester recommended.

AMENDED TEXT: **Shall be responsible for the production of open mic nights, which Vic terms the “Ultra Now,” throughout the year, with a minimum of two (2) per year.**

REASONING: The way this year has gone; four open mic nights would be total overkill. The problem is that the evenings attract the same performers more or less (with a few exceptions) who play similar songs at each event. Having four would take away from the strength and uniqueness of the event. Also maintaining relevance and attendance at the open mic nights is difficult if they are so common. Additionally, there is no mention in the amended text of “Ultra Now” because really, what does Ultra Now even mean?! Open Mic night = free access to a microphone for musical use, coffee house = place to consume coffee and hot beverages in an entertaining environment, Ultra Now = grammatically incorrect compound of an adjective prefix and a temporal adverb which is being used as a noun.

NAME: Tegan Hansen-Hoedeman

ORGANIZATION: Sustainability Commission 2012-2013

BYLAW #1, S10

Original: S10 (pg.15): i) Shall assist the don of the Environment Floor with the planning of Environmental Week.

Amendment: **Remove.**

Reason: There is no longer an Environment Floor in residence. Members of the Sustainability Committee are responsible for planning Environment Week every year, and residence Green Reps represent the Committee in all residence buildings.

Add: Shall budget for a \$500 honorarium for the Community Garden Summer Coordinator, to organize volunteers and maintain the garden during the summer months. Reason: This has become a regular feature of the committee, and is vital to the upkeep of the garden. Therefore, constitutionalizing this feature will ensure that future VUSAC members and Community Garden executives have an assured source of funding.



NAME: Gabrielle Blais-Jones

ORGANIZATION: Sustainability MAL 2012-2013

ARTICLE 7

Article VII:

Original:

S10) The Special Projects Commissioner, who:

- i) Shall be the Chair of the Students' Special Projects Levy Committee (SSPLC).
- ii) Shall meet with the previous SSPLC prior to the last Friday of the academic year to determine a time-line for the next academic year including advertising and submission deadlines.
- iii) Shall be responsible for promotion of the Commission including its purpose, the existence of funds, and ongoing student projects.
- iv) Shall be responsible for ensuring that the SSPLC follows the guidelines according to By-Law #29.
- v) Shall monitor the performance of committee members and report any non-performance of duties to the President of the VUSAC, and appoint or remove members of the committee as needed.
- vi) Shall host one town hall meeting per semester for the purpose of reporting project proposals to the VCU and to receive input for project amendment and implementation.
- vii) Shall be a voting member of the Wymilwood House Committee.
- viii) Shall be responsible for the preparation and presentation of a detailed year-end report, containing information vital to the interests of incoming council members, at the joint meeting of the old and new councils

Change:

Remove. No longer a commissioner.

Original:

ssl) All Members-at-large shall attend Vic Caucus Meetings.

ssm) One Member-at-large shall sit on the Associate Status Committee.

Change:

ssl) One Member-at-large shall sit on the **Associate Status Committee**.

ssm) All Members-at-large shall attend **Vic Caucus Meetings**.

Reasoning: Consistency, make things less awkward.

Name: Ruta Rudminaitė

Organization: Communications Commissioner 2012-2013

1. Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #1 S3) p)

Original text: Shall maintain a student life newsletter to be distributed weekly to members of the caucus list. The newsletter will act a means for the VUSAC to communicate with the Vic student body as well as a way of promoting the activities of other Victoria student organizations.

Amended text*: **The same text but under By-Law #1 S6) as sub-section k).**



Reasoning: I think that the list-serve should belong to the Communications Commissioner because:

- It would be appropriate for Communications to be in charge of one of the biggest means of communication with students, considering that is the whole point of the commission: to communicate with students.
- It would give the commission a much more substantial role.
- The VPE already has a huge list of things to do, and this particular role doesn't really make sense for them since it is a matter of communication.
- Communications receives many questions about the list-serv already.

Name: Kathleen Walsh

Organization/Commission: Scarlet and Gold Commission 2012-2013

1. Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #23, S6

Original text: None.

Amended text*: **Each member of the Highball Committee shall be entitled to a ticket reserved at the early bird price upon completion of 4 hours of work 8 days prior to Highball. Members shall also be entitled to a ticket discounted by \$10 from the early bird ticket price upon completion of 8 hours of work by 10 days prior to the date of Highball.**

Reasoning: Members of the Highball Committee should be in attendance at the event and rewarded for their work. This would also act as an incentive for Committee members to be more involved in the planning of Highball.

2. Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #23, S7

Original text: None.

Amended text*: **The Scarlet and Gold Commissioner shall be entitled to a free ticket to Highball.**

Reasoning: The Scarlet and Gold Commissioner should be in attendance at Highball, as his or her lack of attendance may incite chaos at the event. This would also act as a small reward for the Scarlet and Gold Commissioner's work on Highball.

Name: Jade Huguenin

Organization/Commission: Education and Equity 2012-2013

1. Article/By-Law and Section Number: Article 5, S13 (d)

Original text: Referendum results shall be considered binding by the VUSAC for results in favour of the said referendum question by a majority of at least 15% of the VCU. Results in favour of the said referendum question by a majority (but less than 15% of the VCU) may not necessarily be considered binding by the VUSAC, upon the discretion of the council.



Amended text*: **Referendum results shall be considered binding by the VUSAC for results in favour of the said referendum question by at least 15% of the VCU in addition to a simple majority. Results without 15% of the VCU regardless of majority may not necessarily be considered binding by the VUSAC, upon the discretion of the council.**

Reasoning: The referendum question concerning the UTSU being voted upon in this year's election is one that has broad implications for the entirety of the Victoria College student body: it is inequitable that a large minority of students, many of which belong to the "Vic Bubble," are likely to be the ones making such an important decision when other Vic students are less informed or even unaware of the issue and its repercussions.

Increasing the percentage of students required to vote on the referendum question, as well as the required percentage in favour of said question, is a safeguard against a process that could otherwise be inequitable and undemocratic. In terms of other referenda questions, such as levy fee increases, the wording of the amendment will retain VUSAC's ability to approve any referenda regardless of the number of students who vote.

Name: Angela Sun

Organization/Commission: Vice-President Internal 2012-2013

1. Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #4, S5 a)

Original text: Twice a year, in January and April, the books of the VUSAC Finance Chair shall be subject to a review by an audit committee to ensure that the books are up to date and that all moneys are accounted for. The accounting of constituent organizations of the VUSAC will be included in this process. The Financial Audit Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President Internal and the Finance Chair.

Amended text: **Remove.**

Reasoning: This committee is now defunct. I was informed by the President that this task is now taken on by the Director of Finance for Victoria College and his team. Also, I feel that the Budget Steering Committee (which includes all of the aforementioned members) also takes on some of this task by vetting the budget before presenting it to the council.

2. Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #1, S2, C)

Original text: Shall be a voting member of the Financial Audit Committee.

Amended text: **Remove.**

Reasoning: See above

3. Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #32

Original text: BY-LAW # 32: VUSAC INTERNAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

S1) Purpose: To objectively review VUSAC goals throughout the academic year and report on how best to carry on.

S2) Membership:

- a) Vice-President Internal who shall be the Chair
- b) President



- c) Education and Equity Commissioner
- d) Commuter Commissioner
- e) Campus Life Coordinator
- f) 2 MALs
- S3) Meetings:
 - a) The committee will meet three times per year.
- S4) Process:
 - a) The VPI shall chair a planning and goal setting session during the summer and again during the fall retreat to coordinate the efforts of VUSAC.
 - b) Each Commission is to submit a brief report on its activities and progress towards its respective goals. The president will submit a report on behalf of VUSAC as a whole (i.e. the VUSAC goals). Once the reports are submitted the committee will conduct its review and produce a report with recommendations.
- S5) Student Participation:
 - a) Any student who wishes to provide feedback may do so via email or written statement to be submitted to the Vice-President Internal with his or her knowledge before an IRC meeting.
 - b) It is also recommended that these meeting dates be published and publicized beforehand.

Amended text:

S1) Purpose:

To assess and review the progress of VUSAC in meeting its yearly goals.

S2) Membership:

- a) Vice-President Internal who shall be the Chair
- b) President
- c) Education and Equity Commissioner
- d) Commuter Commissioner
- e) Campus Life Coordinator
- f) 2 MALs

S3) Meetings:

- a) The committee will meet **two times** per year, **at the end of every academic semester.**

S4) Process:

- a) The VPI shall chair **a planning session during the fall retreat to coordinate the efforts of VUSAC.**
- b) **The committee will conduct its review and report its recommendations after the Semi-annual report and the End-of-the-Year report have been submitted.**

S5) Student Participation:

- a) Any student who wishes to provide feedback may do so via email or written statement to be submitted to the Vice-President Internal with his or her knowledge before an IRC meeting.
- b) It is also recommended that these meeting dates be published and publicized beforehand.

Reasoning: S1) – The original wording just sounded awkward and slightly informal. I am very open to suggestions here.

S3) – I think two meetings are more than sufficient as the Committee needs to give VUSAC members enough time to achieve their goals before beginning to review it.

S4) – a) Commissioners should set their goals with their MALs and MALs are not elected until the Fall.



b) The various reports that need to be prepared for the committee have already been set out in other constitutional sections. I'm just using the terminology that is consistent with those other constitutional sections.

4. Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #31

Original text: STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & STUDENT SPACE

S1) The committee is to gather information relating to all aspects of development at Victoria University, attend all meetings relating to the issue of development at the university, city and community levels, report back to the VUSAC on a regular basis and formulate a position on the issue of development to be ratified by the VUSAC. The committee shall cooperate with and work in conjunction with administrative officers of the Property Committee on the Board of Regents and the Property Advisory Committee of the Victoria College Council.

S2) Membership:

- a) The VUSAC Vice-President Internal who shall be the Chair
- b) The VUSAC President
- c) One Cat's Eye Manager
- d) The Board of Regents Student Representative on the Property Committee
- e) One Caffeinds Manager.

Amended text*: **Remove.**

Reasoning: I was told by the President that this Committee is now defunct because the task is largely taken care of by "the Board in conjunction with the President of VUSAC and the Bursar." Also, I think that some of these functions like "information gathering" and "reporting" about space issues are just naturally done during VUSAC meetings by our various assessor members.

5. Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #1, S2, g)

Original text: Shall be the Chair of the Standing Committee on Development and Student Space, as per By-Law #31.

Amended text*: **Remove.**

Reasoning: See above.

6. Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law 1, S2, m)

Original text: Shall be responsible for the preparation and presentation of a detailed year-end report containing information vital to the interests of incoming council members at the joint meeting of the old and new councils.

Amended text*: **Remove.**

Reasoning: This has largely been replaced by the practice of VUSAC Transitional Reports. It also doesn't make sense for the VPI to write about commissions and projects that they were not a part of. Some of this is also covered by s2, 1) which speaks to the various ways that the VPI is responsible for the upkeep of the VUSAC internal memory system.



Name: Rowan DeBues and Christian Julien

Organization/Commission: Arts and Culture/Commuter Commission 2012-2013

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #5 Section 1, subsection (b)

Original text:

To present the current budgetary policy to the VUSAC for ratification no later than the second week of the new school term.

Amended text:

To present the current proposed budgets to the VUSAC for ratification no later than the second full VUSAC meeting of the fall term.

Reasoning: It is impossible to get the budget passed before the MALs are elected, so to have it passed before elections have taken place is not possible. 'Current budgetary policy' is changed to 'current proposed budgets' because the budget itself is different from the VUSAC budget policy.

Name: Rowan DeBues and Christian Julien

Organization/Commission: Arts and Culture/Commuter Commission 2012-2013

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #5 Section 7

Original Text:

None.

Amended Text:

Any VUSAC commission wishing to make budget alterations may propose them during VUSAC meetings to be voted on by the council, pending approval from the Budget Steering Committee.

Reasoning:

Under the current constitution, there is no explicit method of making changes to commission budgets outside of the budget steering meetings. This is assuming that the plans and events of the VUSAC commissions will not change from early October/February to December/April, which is not realistic. Under the current constitution, there is no framework in place for budget re-allocations after budget meeting which leaves the hands of the commissions tied in terms of how they are meant to make necessary changes. In the past this has been dealt with by simply voting in meetings to move around funds within the existing budget. This is what the above amendment is suggesting, as it is an already existing (unofficial) practice that we should formalize so that we are not breaking our own constitution numerous of times a term.



APPENDIX B: Orientation Co-Chair Selection: VUSAC Constitutional Amendments

Name: Jelena Savic
Organization/Commission: VUSAC President

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S1

Original text: Orientation Week shall be organized by two student co-chairs, who are to be chosen by the Orientation Co-Chair Selection Committee. Each Co-Chair shall be given an honorarium of **\$5,000**.

Amended text: Orientation Week shall be organized by two student co-chairs, who are to be chosen by the Orientation Co-Chair Selection Committee. Each Co-Chair shall be given an honorarium.

Reasoning: The honorarium amount was set at \$5,000 when there was one Co-Chair. The current amount (\$10,000) takes a large portion of the Orientation budget. The honoraria for the Co-Chairs should be flexible, to account for changes in the Orientation budget, which varies based on the number of students registered for Orientation, among other factors.

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S2

Original text: Applications for Orientation Co-Chair **shall open in the first week of November and close in the last week of November**.

Amended text: Applications for Orientation Co-Chair shall be open for two weeks. Co-Chairs must be hired by the last day of classes in the first semester.

Reasoning: The original text is very limiting in terms of application dates, and it forces the interview process into the exam period, which is unfair for students. The amended text specifies a duration for application submission, and it stipulates that the *full* hiring process must be complete before classes end.

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S3

Original text: Applications to be submitted for Orientation Co-Chair shall include a proposal for the Orientation program including:

- a) The number of Orientation Executive Committee positions to be created
- b) A description of positions
- c) The number of Orientation Leader positions to be created
- d) General expectations for the program, the Executive and the Orientation Leaders

Amended text: Remove.



Reasoning: The requirements listed cannot be determined by a single candidate, and they are contingent upon the input of the second Co-Chair, the Campus Life Coordinator, the Orientation Executive, the budget, input from staff and administration, etc. Therefore, the proposal submitted by an applicant does not inform the hiring committee, and is superfluous.

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S4

Original text: **The Orientation Co-Chairs shall be members of the VCU appointed upon the recommendation of the Orientation Co-Chair Selection Committee**, which shall consist of:

Amended text: The Orientation Co-Chair Selection Committee shall consist of:

Reasoning: By-Law #14, S2, ssa already stipulates that Co-Chairs shall be members of the VCU, and By-Law #14 S1 already states that they are chosen by the Orientation Co-Chair Selection Committee, so this is unnecessary, considering that the purpose of this section is to outline the membership of the Selection Committee.

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S4, sse

Original text: One residence **or former residence** student of Victoria College, who shall never have been an Orientation Executive Member but who must have previously been involved as an Orientation Leader, **to be submitted by the Vice-President External with input from Residence Councils;**

Amended text: One residence student of Victoria College, who shall never have been an Orientation Executive member but who must have previously been involved as an Orientation Leader;

Reasoning: The purpose of this section is to add a residence student to the Selection Committee; they must be a *current* residence student (it does not make sense to have someone who lived in residence 3 years ago), and whether they are chosen by the VPE, or the Commuter Commissioner, or the CLC is irrelevant to their membership on the Selection Committee. This does not prohibit the VPE and Residence Councils from choosing a residence student, but it does add the option for other members of the Selection Committee and other members of the VCU to submit residence candidates.

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S4, ssf

Original text: One **non (never) residence** student of Victoria College who shall never have been an Orientation Executive Member but who must have previously been involved as an Orientation Leader **to be chosen by the Commuter Commissioner of the VUSAC;**

Amended text: One commuter student of Victoria College who shall never have been an Orientation Executive member but who must have previously been involved as an Orientation Leader;



Reasoning: The purpose of this section is to add a commuter student to the Selection Committee; whether they have lived on residence previously is irrelevant to their current status as a commuter student. Furthermore, the selection of the commuter student should be open to all members of the VCU, including, but not limited to, the VUSAC Commuter Commissioner.

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S3

Original text: Does not exist.

Amended text: At least one of the previously appointed Orientation Co-Chairs.

Reasoning: The Orientation Co-Chair Selection Committee should include at least one person who has been in the role in the past; this can include alumni. They are knowledgeable about the role, and provide a necessary perspective to the Selection Committee.

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S5

Original text: The Orientation Co-Chairs shall be selected by the Orientation Co-Chair Selection Committee **by secret ballot** on the basis of an application, an interview, and discussion.

Amended text: The Orientation Co-Chairs shall be selected by the Orientation Co-Chair Selection Committee on the basis of an application, an interview, and discussion.

Reasoning: It is unnecessary to mandate that the selection process be done by secret ballot; this has not been done in the past. The important part of this section is that they are chosen by *both* an application and an interview process, to ensure that their status is not determined simply through an application and an e-mail vote.

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S5, ssa, ssb

Original text:

ssa) The interview shall consist of:

i) A presentation by the candidate outlining his/her views of Orientation and proposals, if any, for improvement.

ii) A round of questions for the Orientation Chair Selection Committee based on the candidate's presentation and application

ssb) The criteria for selection shall be:

i) Demonstrated organizational ability

ii) Demonstrated leadership ability

iii) Demonstrated motivational ability

iv) Demonstrated sense of responsibility and dependability

v) Clear defined objectives, expectations and ideas for the overall program

vi) An expressed concern for, and insight into the needs and wants of first year students

vii) The ability to attend frequent meetings in Toronto

Amended text: Remove.



Reasoning: The selection criteria are obvious, and should not be mandated in the VUSAC constitution. The hiring process should also be up to the discretion of the Selection Committee, and should not be mandated in the VUSAC constitution.

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S5 (The constitution has S5 written twice – this refers to the second S5).

Original text: Unless otherwise requested, unsuccessful Orientation Chair candidates will be considered as Orientation Executive Committee candidates.

Amended text: Remove.

Reasoning: Having applied for the Orientation Co-Chair does not guarantee eligibility for the position of Orientation Executive; the latter requires a completely different set of skills, and should require an independent application.

Article/By-Law and Section Number: By-Law #14, S7

Original text: Committee members who withdraw shall be replaced by **the same body and procedure that chose the original member. Replacements for the VUSAC members shall be made by the VUSAC.**

Amended text: Committee members who withdraw shall be replaced by the Orientation Co-Chair Selection Committee.

Reasoning: Not all members on the Selection Committee are selected by a specific body; the VUSAC President and Dean's Office Representative, for example, are members based on the VUSAC Constitution. Therefore, if a conflict of interest arises with a Dean's Office Representative, their replacement should be dictated by the Orientation Co-Chair Selection Committee.



APPENDIX C: List of RECOGNIZED Clubs as of this meeting

Amnesty International
Arts and Crafts Club
Equal Voice Victoria
Environmental Fashion Show
HUMANITAS: Vic U Undergrad Journal for Humanities
Life-drawing club
Longboards at Vic
plenTea to Talk About
Red Ink
Shadow Dance
Vic Ambassadors
Vic Art of Living Yoga Club
Vic Badminton
Vic Board Games
Vic Chorus
Vic Dance
Vic Dumbledore's Army
Vic Fencing Club
Vic for a Cure
Vic Hey Teach
Vic Historical Society
Vic International Students Association (VISA)
Vic Political Science Club
Vic Sci-Fi Club
Vic Trivia Club
Vic Xposure
Werewolf Club