VUSAC Meeting Agenda

**Call to order:** 5:37 pm EST, February 18th, 2022

**Land Acknowledgement:**

*Jerico*

*I just want to make a little reminder about what land acknowledgements are and what they can be. I think Land Acknowledgements are a great opportunity for reflection and to raise awareness. I would really like it if we try to make our land acknowledgements different as a learning opportunity and more reflective. We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.*

**Official Regrets:**

*Kate Haberl(Proxied by Jerico Raguindin), Psalm Tesalona*

**Absent:**

**Approval of minutes:**

*Motion by Cam Miranda-Radbord to approve the minutes for January 21st, January 26th, and February 4th, Seconded by Mary Cortiñas*

*All in favour. None opposed. None abstaining. Motion passes.*

**Additions to the agenda:**

**Approval of the agenda:**

EX-OFFICIO REPORTS:

*Motion: Jerico Raguindin motions to grant Ali Kehl speaking rights, seconded by Mary Cortiñas*

*All in favour. None opposed. None abstaining. Motion passes.*

*Campus Life Coordinator, put forth by Ali Kehl (3 minutes)*

Ali: I know that a lot has been going on around campus, so I wanted to congratulate everyone for making it to reading week. I hope you all take a well-deserved break. For orientation, we finished all of our interviews this week and will hopefully hire an executive team by the end of the reading break. Thank you to Jerico, Tabina, Jaiwen, and Mary for their hard work. We still have Leader and TM applications out; crescams are also open for a couple more hours. Our leadership series is next week, where you will get to learn more about identifying your strengths, preparing for interviews, getting involved at Vic, and being an equitable leader. Every person who wins a special prize gets invited to crescams and is entered into our iPad draw! Every event you attend offered by the Dean of Students Office this semester, you will be entered to win an iPad. Reminder to mark your calendars on March 11 for Caucus. Finally, it has been an emotionally draining year, so please take care of yourselves this week!

ACTION ITEMS:

*Motion: Sukhmani Khaira motions to ratify the Students Projects Proposal, seconded by Shane Joy (10 minutes)*

Sukhmani: The Students Project Committee approved a motion today for a theatre project put together by Victoria College students for $12,150. The most significant chunk, $9,000, is booking Isabel Bader Theatre as a venue for their performance. If they were to book an external venue, they would have to budget for technical instructors and specialists to help set up, which is included in the cost when booking Isabel Bader Theater. The remaining funds are allocated for creating their sets, costumes and props. We think this would benefit the VCC since a project like this has not been done before, and it would be a great opportunity for the drama community. The committee did stipulate that at least 50% of the people involved need to be Vic students. The performance is scheduled for August 26th and 27th. Since they requested a more considerable amount, the committee met twice to address all the right questions.

Katherine: They are putting together an economical production; they just need to allocate a large amount of money for renting space on campus.

Sukhmani: Even though it is an expensive venue, it is the largest venue on the Vic campus. It is an accessible space and would make it easier for Vic students to get free admission if the event is held on campus.

*All in favour. None opposed. None abstaining. Motion passes.*

*Motion: Katherine Hovdestad motions to ratify unexpected Fall 2021 expenses incurred by Levies, seconded by Tabina Ahmed (3 minutes)*

Katherine: We were doing the Fall audits and found that some Levies had unexpected expenses. That would be $960 by Acta Victoriana for licensing fees and $38 for Caffiends for merchandise testing/samples. We’re also hoping to ratify additional budget lines for Vic Records for one of their March events to account for honoraria and Instagram promotion.

*All in favour. None opposed. None abstaining. Motion passes.*

*Motion: Katherine Hovdestad motions to ratify CARE UofT’s Winter 2022 budget, seconded by Jerico Raguindin (1 minute)*

Mollie: CARE has some really awesome initiatives planned for this semester. February is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, so we want to have one of our series with quests(academics, key members, survivor leader). We would like to have an end-of-year social where we invite community members to talk about our successes and plans for the upcoming year.

Sara: We have two big initiatives that are currently underway. One of them collaborates with CARE Canada, which is the walk in her shoes event. We will organize a walk in Toronto that students can register to walk in solidarity with women who have to walk long distances to access basic necessities. The funds will go directly to CARE Canada to help women gain more financial independence and help them with their businesses. The other event we wanted to do was a conference at Hart House with a representative from CARE Canada and Cumberland Strategies. We also hope to do another in-person conference at Hart House toward the end of the year to talk about women in politics and policies that affect them, along with a CARE representative to discuss the efforts they have been making. We would also like to do catering for that as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

*All in favour. None opposed. None abstaining. Motion passes.*

*Motion: Jaiden Muoio motions to rename budget line “TBD Event/Project Expenses” in the VicPride! Budget to “In-Person Drop-In: Care Packages,” seconded by Alyssa Nurse (1 minute)*

Jaiden: We had a budget line initially designed to promise for more to come. With the possibility of outdoor events, we would like to hold a drop-in session to complement our baking event. It will be a care package for students to get our name out to the public, and we are really excited about it.

*All in favour. None opposed. None abstaining. Motion passes.*

*Motion: Jaiden Muoio motions to amend budget line “Baking with VicPride!: Supplies” from $20 to $100 in expenses, seconded by Tabina Ahmed (1 minute)*

Jaiden: VicPride! is looking to use its budget for students effectively. We initially only budgeted for the supplies for one of our members who will be running the tutorial. We’re now thinking of offering financial aid to students for help on getting supplies/ingredients needed for the event.

*All in favour. None opposed. None abstaining. Motion passes.*

*Motion: Jerico Raguindin motions to amend Line 184 of the Winter Budget from $4,500 to $6,462.47, seconded by Alyssa Nurse (5 minutes)*

Ali: Soo, Elena and I found a really great surprise gift for crescams and the leadership awards. We thought the price was in Canadian dollars. It was in USD, so we are now just rectifying the price.

*All in favour. None opposed. None abstaining. Motion passes.*

STAFF REPORTS:

*Communications Coordinator Update, put forth by Anne Huynh (2 minutes)*

Anne: I'm reminding the council that Winter Semi-Annual reports are due next Friday, February 25th. I sent out an email with all the extra details. The newsletter is getting shorter and shorter. Any Commissions or Clubs that are here could please submit something, that would be great, with the deadline also being next Friday.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

*VPI: Sooyeon Lee (3 minutes)*

Soo: I just wanted to bring up that Spring Caucus is coming up, and I would want you all to start thinking about discussions/questions you would like to bring up during that. We often get fascinating discussions and questions, but we tend to run out of time, which we would like to avoid. I will be sending out an email closer to the date. I also want you to nominate student leaders who have impacted your lives for crescams and leadership awards.

*President: Jerico Raguindin (10 minutes)*

Jerico: Spring elections are coming up, and I want you to encourage anyone you know to run. Applications open up tomorrow, and we will be holding information sessions throughout reading week and the week afterwards. If anyone has any questions, they can email Malhaar or me or attend one of the sessions. I just wanted to remind everyone on VUSAC and other members about neutrality, but a more detailed email will follow. On another note, The PEARS Project is coming out with a video of testimonials from UofT survivors on their experience with UofT’s Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre. I think it's a really great project, and I encourage you all to check out their Instagram for more information. I would also like to highlight Vic’s divestment petition is still out. If you haven’t signed the petition yet, it’s on our website, so please tell all your friends. It is vital and something we board members want to advocate for. Lastly, there is a working group put forth by the President and Provost of UofT to investigate student mental health. The Provost is following up on a series of recommendations, including a well-being survey that I would recommend you fill out.

Julie: Would it be possible to get the exact email since they send out numerous emails, and it would be difficult to keep track of exactly which one it is.

Jerico: It is the Wellbeing Survey sent out by Sandy Welsh, the Vice-Provost of Student Life, but I will follow up with an email.

*Motion: Sooyeon Lee motions to adjourn the meeting, seconded Tabina Ahmed*

*All in favour. None opposed. None abstaining. Motion passes.*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.*