

## Victoria University Students' Administrative Council

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# Constitutional Amendments

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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1

### Current Chapter VIII, Article 16, Section 6

- S6) The Sustainability Commissioner:
- a) Shall represent Victoria College student concerns regarding, but not limited to, climate change initiatives, behavioural modification, energy consumption, sustainable water and food practices, community gardens, and building codes. This includes listening, responding to, and interacting with the voices of the Victoria College community.
  - b) Shall chair the Sustainability Committee as per Chapter 8, Section 10 of the VUSAC Council Policies.
  - c) Shall be responsible for the annual review of VUSAC's sustainability Practices.
  - d) Shall collaborate with other student clubs and organizations on campus and off- campus to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability.
  - e) Shall promote sustainable behaviours and practices within the Victoria College community.

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  - b) Shall hire a Sustainability Co-Chair, who shall act as Co-Chair of the Sustainability Commission.**
  - c) Shall **serve as Co-Chair of the Sustainability Commission** as per Chapter 8, Section 10 of the VUSAC Council Policies.
  - d) Shall be responsible for the annual review of VUSAC's sustainability Practices.
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  - f) Shall promote sustainable behaviours and practices within the Victoria College community.

## Rationale

A Sustainability Co-Chair would provide the support to the Sustainability Commissioner needed to both maintain frequent, high-quality programming *and* pursue long-term advocacy initiatives. This proposal comes at the request and recommendation of 2017/18 and 2018/19 Sustainability Commissioner, Jared Connoy.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2

### Current Chapter X, Article 18, Section 1

Article 18: Membership

S1) Staff members shall refer to the Chair, the Finance Chair, the Secretary, the Communications Coordinator, and the Chief Returning Officer.

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S1) Staff members shall refer to the Chair, the Finance Chair, the **Office Manager**, the Communications Coordinator, and the Chief Returning Officer.

## Rationale

Approving this change would result in the Secretary's position being renamed to Office Manager wherever else it appears in the Constitution, too. This change has been supported by a diversity of past and current council members and was also recommended by the 2017/18 Equity Commission. 'Secretary' is a gendered, raced, and classed term and changing this title is both a way of recognizing that and of acknowledging that the majority of their portfolio occurs outside of taking minutes. They are constitutionally responsible for managing the office space and their title should reflect that.