



## Victoria University Students' Administrative Council

Regular Council Meeting | 16 Nov 2018 | VUSAC Board Room

**Called to Order:** 17:10    **Adjourned:** 19:33

### In Attendance

#### Executive

Jayde Jones, *President*  
Nickolas Shyshkin, *Vice-President Internal*  
Devon Wilton, *Vice-President External*  
Zoe Ritchie, *Vice-President Student Organizations*

#### Commissioners

Cameron Davies, *Academic Commissioner*  
Carleigh Campbell, *Arts and Culture Commissioner*  
Georgia Lin, *Equity Commissioner*  
Alexa Ballis, *Scarlet and Gold Commissioner*  
Jared Connoy, *Sustainability Commissioner*

#### Councillors

Lucy Faria  
Genevieve Crispin-Frei  
Gabrielle da Silva  
Katie Marsland  
Jai Kakkar

#### Staff

Alexa Breiningger, *Chair*  
Karen Mao, *Office Manager*  
Tabina Ahmed, *Commuter Co-Chair*  
Vibhuti Kacholia, *Equity Co-Chair*

#### Guests

Leora Nash, *Student Project Chair*  
Aloysius Wong, *VicXposure/VCC*  
Kevin Yue, *VicXposure/Hotake*

#### Regrets

Tiger Fu, *Finance Chair*  
Molly Simpson, *Chief Returning Officer*  
Rehan Vishwanath, *Communications Coordinator*  
Emilia De Fabritiis, *Commuter Commissioner*  
Jenny Zhang, *councillor*



## **Opening Business**

### **Land Recognition**

Georgia explains her relationship to the land while reflecting on the fact that it is land which belongs to indigenous people. Georgia invites everyone in the room to reflect similarly.

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Nick move to approve minutes that have been circulating around.

SECONDED: Gabby

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

### **Additions to the agenda**

MOTION: Devon motion to add 3 minutes update

Favor: All

Opposition:

Abstention:

### **Approval of the agenda**

MOTION :Jayde motion to approve the agenda as it stands

SECONDED: Lucy

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

## **Action Items**

### **Motion by Kevin Yue to ratify the VicXposure Constitution as presented in Appendix B (10 minutes)**

MOTION: Kevin Yue motion to ratify the VicXposure Constitution as presented in Appendix B.

SECONDED: Zoe

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

### **Motion by Leora Nash to ratify Student Projects Fund grants as presented in Appendix C (10 minutes)**

Leora says that there are 5 grants that have been approved and are explained in Appendix A. There is 8 thousand grants to VicXposure and have been examined carefully to guarantee the fund is enough to expand inventory and to buy second-handed equipment. Originally VicXposure asks to buy equipment from kijiji but the committee decided not to grant that part as



it is not safe to grant such great amount of cash. Leora invites everyone to state their opinions regarding this issue.

Leora explains to Jai how student project works. Student project essentially have funds for levies and currently holds 96k dollars, which are the surplus from past 6 years. The committee vote on whether they want to grant the fund. All decisions have to be ratified by VUSAC.

Lucy asks about the endorsement and Leora explains the significance of 5 endorsements.

Kevin asks how the tickets for equity commission are distributed. Georgia explains that this is for an event of history of women and 15-20 tickets are sold. It is sold in a first come first serve basis. Tickets are pre-ordered and then picked up at the theatre. After the event it was followed by a well-attended discussion.

Aloysius wanted to thank Leora for all the work she has done.

MOTION: Leora motion to extend by 3 minutes

SECONDED: Jayde

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Nick explains how stipulations are monitored. Leora comments that it is her portfolio to monitor stipulation. Zoe asks for the consequence of not following stipulations. Leora explains that the committee will not reimbursed the spending if it doesn't follow the directions and invite people to ask her for minutes if they want to know more details.

MOTION: Leora motion to ratify Student Projects Fund grants as presented in Appendix C.

SECONDED: Georgia

Favor: All

Opposed:

Absention:

### **Discussion Items**

#### **U of T's smoke free campus plans (20 minutes)**

By January first, University of Toronto will be a smoke free campus, including smudging (an indigenous practice). There are opportunities to hear some opinions within Victoria College regarding campaign policy and also throughout the campus.

Carleigh asks if Charles Street also counts as part of the campus. Jayde answers that Charles Street is a state property

Gabby asks for the motivation of such smoke free campus plan. Jayde replies that this policy is to promote health and to discourage substance abuse. There will be designated smoke area which will be eliminated later.

Tabina confirms if the smoking referring to the tobacco and weed and is personally supportive of this idea.

Vibhuti thinks that if the campus passes this, Victoria College should cautiously integrate the policy into actual practices as penalty should be raised gradually.

Devon asks how many and where the designated smoking spot are. Jayde replies that such matter have not been confirmed yet. Devon follows up with the question where exactly is the policy operated. What rights do campus officers have? Since addiction means illness and thus ground of discrimination, Devon believes that people who are addicted have already constantly facing stigmatization. Devon fears the consequence this policy would increase barriers to people who already feel excluded to obtain high education in this university.

Zoe thinks that this policy possibly neglects people with history of addition. Ali responds that we cannot deem addiction/smoking as unprofessional.

Gabby also points out that vaping is also banned in the policy as vaping is a common way to quit smoking.



Jayde explains that the smoke-free policy is going to happen and invites people to think about tangible programs and tools that can help people transition to a healthy lifestyle and how the policy can be crystallized in Victoria college.

Devon points out that if a smoke addict wants to smoke for a study break and see all the smoking spots are taken, where can they go? This policy will be detrimental for students with such addiction.

Lucy asks if there would be any financial enforcements at Vic. Jayde thinks fines is a good mean but there are definitely strong reasons against using fine, considering why people would choose smoking in the first hand. Jayde also asks people to consider equitable punishments. Lucy is against fine because U of T has already put many students in financial hardship. Lucy also thinks policy should be more lenient to first generation college students and emphasizes policy should be adapted to suit people as well.

Aloysius thinks the policy pushes smoking at the edge of campus and therefore magnifies the danger of second-handed smoke.

MOTION: GEORGIA extends by 15 minutes

SECONDED: Ali

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Jared mention that he had a conversation with \_\_\_\_\_ to suggest putting cigarette butt on disposable side but is rejected by \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ thinks such decision can encourage smoking. Kevin comments that there are confusions of where the enforcement is going to take place. He also thinks this policy probably would not have much significance as people are forced to go to the other side of Charles Street where fines are already implements but are not practiced.

Carleigh expresses strong opposition to this policy as this is recriminalizing people that the university is trying to exclude. Devon understands that smoking is harmful to youth and more people are smoking than quitting. Devon suggests putting more emphasis on discouraging youth students. Devon also emphasizes that this policy would not effectively discourage smokers to quit smoking.

Alexa echoes and comments that there should be more support program regarding how to get people off addiction of cigarettes.

Genevieve suggests providing resources after fining students. Vibhuti suggests there should be training regarding how to approach students as it may be intimidating for racialized students to be approached by authority. Angela thinks stigmatizing certain substances may make more youth to do so.

Zoe wants to know how this policy is monitored and how much money would be spent on criminalizing this. Kevin asks if this policy is also targeting people who walk by the campus.

Genevieve comments that Western University has already started doing free-smoking campus and suggests reaching out to them to make this policy effectively carried out.

MOTION: Jayde asks for 10 minutes recess.

SECONDED: Zoe

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

### **Staff Reports:**

**Chair (Alexa) – “Will Talk” update, 5 minutes**

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Vibhuti, Devon and Katie says that they will be there.

### **Commission Reports**

**Academic (Cameron) - Update, 5 minutes**



- Networking dinner is on 5PM – 8PM Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> and Cameron is thinking to have \$2 deposit to boost event turnout.
- Resume workshop is on Thursday Nov 22 3-5 PM. Rehan is working on online marketing online. Rebecca Hazell would be facilitating the event to help boosting resumes.

Georgia thinks \$2 also count as a financial barriers in addition to the fact that many people don't carry cash around also. Cameron comments that if it counts a financial barrier just email him and he can give the ticket without deposit. Georgia responds that there are other ways of incentivize people to come to the event such as emailing people 48 hours. Making people to pay for \$2 and/or emails may stop some people to come to the event.

MOTION: Jayde extends by 10 minutes.

SECONDED: Ali

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Jayde comments that it is better to remove money to attend any of the events. And based on past experiences, using ticket does make more people to show up for the event. There should be a commitment other than just checking a box on facebook.

Georgia adds that there are other options to make people more committed to an event. Zoe comments that it was a very disappointing dinner last year and discourages many alumni from coming back. Zoe thinks that getting tickets gets people more excited about this event and can create an outlet for VUSAC members to talk to students about the wonderful alumni that will be coming as this event really requires high attendance.

Tabina thinks reserving tickets online and picking tickets up is an effective way to avoid confusions and a better way of hyping the event. Genevieve suggests posting pictures of commission members making the name cards.

Genevieve also asks how the event is going guide students who aren't quite sure of what the career option is going to be. Cameron explains that the event is going to start with a talk and followed by a mix and mingle session. It is then followed by "speed dating" where people jump around the table and talk to different professionals.

Angela asks how the communication after the event is maintained. Cameron responds that this will be of discussion in the commission meeting next time.

MOTION: Jayde motion to extend by 5 minutes

SECONDED: Jai

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Jai thinks Linkedin and follow-up session will take place as well. Jayde thinks there should be deadline for picking up tickets as well. Cameron thinks it can be tricky as the event is in the start of semester. Ali is wondering why there are so much discussion regarding this event while there are more expansive events tickets are being on sale. Georgia responds saying that network dinner is traditionally free. Cameron comments that the money of the tickets will be refunded to students after a short amount of time after the event.

Devon thinks deposit may be a time-consuming for people and deterring people to come but he understands the needs of encouraging people to commit to this event. In regards to how the food is being paid for ,Cameron explains that the alumni office will pay for the fees, and then the commission will reimburse the alumni office's food fees as Alumni office is an internal department and therefore pays a lower price for food than VUSAC does, as VUSAC is considered external by Vic Events.

**Commuter (Emilia and Tabina) - Update, 5 minutes (read by proxy)**



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**Equity (Georgia and Vibhuti) - Update, 10 minutes**

Equity poetry festival went well, all 3 events were either well-attended or garnered strong responses from the participants; including the Poetry Reading Night, the Slam Poetry Workshop with Britta B, and the Collaborative Art & Writing Hub. Several collaborations are happening next week: Doc n' Talk with Students for Change screening Daughters of Destiny in the Cat's Eye on Tuesday, November 20th from 5:30-7:30; VOCA pancakes on Wednesday November 21st from 10-2 with a trifold and commission member volunteers, and a Cozy Queer & Trans Movie Night with LGBTQOUT+ on Friday, November 23rd from 5:30-8PM. Mic the Change is happening with the Arts and Culture Commission on Tuesday, November 27th from 5:30-8:30 in the Cat's Eye, all fundraising proceeds will go to Casey House, the only standalone HIV/AIDS hospital in Canada, sign up for the open mic if you want! Environmental Equity Week with the Sustainability Commission is happening in late January, and Art at the Intersections is confirmed from February 4th - 8th.

**Mental Wellness (Ali) - Update, 3 minutes**

- Make and Take will take place on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at cat's eye and there are 20 spots for the event. This event allows people to DIY sugar scrub and shampoo. To apply, the google link is on the personal Facebook page as well as the event page.
- "Learn how to fail" on Nov 26<sup>th</sup> at cat's eye 5-7PM. This is a student panel that reflects on failure and how they grow from that. It is followed by Q&A session. Ali and Alexa hope everyone to come out to that event.

MOTION: Zoe moves to extend by 7 minutes.

SECONDED: Jayde

Favor: All

Opposed"

Abstention:

- Thanks to Angela, event facebook page will be live soon.
- Pocket pamphlet for VUSAC Mental wellness will be available soon and it is easily accessible.

Zoe asks she understands make and take is capped but since cat's eye is an open space, what other people who stop by to do. Ali explains that painting is also a good idea.

Genevieve suggests approaching students in a sweet way of giving pocket pamphlet. She thinks having more human interaction will be very helpful of promoting recourses.

**Scarlet and Gold (Alexa) - Update, 5 minutes**

Semi-formal: Will be January Friday. The theme is golden hours. Tickets will be \$10 as Alexa decided to subsidize high ball.

Winterfest committee meeting will be in this weekend to finalize the committee. Alexa asks Katie and Georgia to select committee. Committee \_\_\_\_\_ The upcoming meeting in next weekend Wednesday 4PM.

Jenny and Alexa will be working on the accessible formal wear to minimize the barrier to go to that event.

MOTION: Alexa motion to ratify Aurore Dumesnil as Winterfest co-chair 2019.

SECONDED: Cameron

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention"

Alexa suggests going to common thread for accessible formal wear.

**Sustainability (Jared and Victoria) - Update, 10 minutes**



Doc and Talk regarding coke went well.

DIY Straw and straw holder: people were super excited about this event. In the future, Jared will make sure that people sticks around rather than grab and run.

The "save the water" event turns out great. The speaker gives a truly inspiring speech. Posters about food waste at Ned's will be available soon. An article regarding food waste at Vic will be published on strand. The commission is also working on a new website

### **Executive Reports**

#### **President, Jayde Jones (10 mins)**

- Voting Members need to attend at least two events at Vic every semester.
- Security issue –
- Canvas for work
- We will take a group picture before the next meeting with the certificate
- Welcome back winter week

MOTION: Zoe motion to extend by 15 minutes

SECONDED: Genevieve

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Georgia invites everyone to come to the \_\_\_\_\_ to hear Georgia and Kevin singing. Devon asks if the copies are going to be passed on. Jayde responds that they will be stay in her inbox.

Zoe recommends people to come to levies clubs events and invite people to come to her if they need more information regarding the levy events. Zoe asks about meeting minutes being uploaded. Jayde responds that she invite people guiding questions to Jayde.

Genevieve asks about her office hours during CAUCUS Nick – office will be closed

Jared asks about \_\_\_\_\_. Students will driving the discussion and discussion body is not where decisions are made. Jared asks for the reason of not having a sustainability representative. Jayde responds that this is because they don't want this student body to be a body of VUSAC. While VUSAC will bring people into the discussion body, the emphasis is on having equitable representation, which is set of the year. The meeting will not be closed. Jared understands Jayde's concerns. Kevin asks when the receipts of events response time. Jayde said that response time in within 2 business days.

Zoe invites people to go to post the events they have attended on facebook page.

Jayde are just thinking of all the wonderful events that have been happening, and appreciate all the work everyone have putting into this semester.

#### **Devon update, 3minutes**

CAUCUS facebook page and anonymous question form are available. Food will be catering from Salad's King and tea and coffee are provided. UTSU AGM happened and varsity had great coverage of what's happening in the union..

MOTION: Zoe motion to extend by 10 minutes

SECONDED: Alexa

Favor: All

Opposed:



Abstention:

The Bob is happening the day after CAUCUS and if you want to attend, the bob is the one. There is a huge VUSAC presence in the Bob and tickets are \$7 for students \$10 for adults. 8PM Saturday and Sunday.

MOTION: Georgia adjourn the meeting

SECONDED: Cameron

In Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstentions: