



- **Victoria University Students' Administrative Council**

- VUSAC Annual General Meeting | 22 Nov 2018 17:15 | Cat's eye |

- **91 Students in attendance.**

- *Meeting is called to order at 5:15 PM by Chair Alexa:*
- *Jayde Jones gave land acknowledgement and asks others to reflect their relationship to land similarly.*
- *Devon motions to approve the agenda. Seconded by Alexa Ballis. 90 in favor, 1 abstaining. Agenda passes.*

- Introduction – Alexa
- Alexa: Thank you Jayde. Quickly before we go into the agenda, we do have time limit on items. We can extend items if there are a discussion going a bit over the time limit. Getting toward the end of the time, I am just gonna bang on the gabble a little bit just so that we can know we are getting toward the end. If there are more questions,, we will extend the discussion for 5-10 minutes depending on the item. As a reminder, please sign in on the table on your left hand side and there is also a copy of agenda next to it. We are going to start with the equity discussion item.

- Equity Discussion Item – Georgia
- Hi! My name is Georgia, VUSAC equity commissioner this year. This is an opportunity for everyone to ask any equity-related questions, whether that be on equity training, or equity concerns you have as a club, a levy or a VCU member, anything you want to see addressed in the future or general equity related comments. Please come up to the microphone over there and ask myself or Jayde questions and we will try our best to answer them.
- Mac: I really enjoyed my equity training as VCAA member. Do you have any feedback on equity trainings and any plan for future events.
- Georgia: Equity training is newly constitutionally mandated this year as VUSAC has agreed that equity training should be mandatory to all clubs. Levies and 2/3 of clubs/levies executives members need to attend as equity because as a recipient of VCU fee we need to make sure everything we are doing is operated with an equity mindset. Thank you for your feedback. I have released equity feedback form online. : We did host 5 sessions. Mairi in student life is a fantastic facilitator and would like to see her being brought back in the future session because I am not the expert in equity and I don't think anyone is an expert in equity. I believe we can do better in structures in equity training as I have received feedback that there are too little covered in equity training. At the end of the day we only get two hours for equity training. Regarding the equity training with VCAA, we brought a facilitator from KPE to talk about equity issues related with sports. Feel free to let me know if you have any feedback on that.
- Sai: Is de-gendering bathrooms in goldring center, specifically changing the sign, still a continuing effort?
- Georgia: Dean organizes a Dean's advisory committee to talk about any student-related issues. In the first meeting yesterday, we talked about degendering bathroom. Dean Kelley was hosting a meeting with various architecture and people from Physical Plants to talk about infrastructure change.
- Jayde: throughout the summer, Devon Wilton, VUSAC VP external, me, the new associate Dean of Student Scott Johnson and David Pereira from did a walkthrough of Goldring center and have identified the currently gendered bathroom next to study Room on the second floor as the best spot to start de-gendering bathroom. More details will be followed up in Devon's update. David



has brought to my attention of what I haven't considered before as I used to think that degendering bathroom is the best way to increase accessibility of spaces. But David has mentioned several reasons that there are cultural religious and comfort needs for people to have access to gendered washrooms. So our priority is to find a washroom will be the best step to increase accessibility of people in Goldring. Unfortunately, The process experienced a bit of a hit as architects had to come in and look at the washroom as they have more experiences in AODA or Ontario accessibility regulations. And since this will be removing the only gendered bathroom available for people with mobility devices, we don't know if this change will increase or decrease accessibility. The architect came in October and has experienced a stalemate after that until the conversation yesterday. Since VUSAC have been focusing on Godlring student center, a building in which Deans of office have a great autonomy over what they are able to do. The subcommittee that has been formed is coming up with a cohesive plan for the campus and degendered bathroom beyond Vic. So I am hopeful for the plan as the committee has included Physical Plants, Bursar and general students. I am not 100% happy with the rate of progress but conversation is definitely happening. I have also personally learned a lot from these conversations.

- Georgia: I have talked to dean Kelley and dean Kelley would love to hear feedback from LGBTQ+ group on campus and anyone with a feedback. The problem with U of T is that it is so decentralized and bureaucratic that issues can be stuck in the process for a reasonable amount of time. We look forward to have update by the end of academic year.
- Lim: What is the status of students' complaints against dean's office. and will there formal complaint system issued at some point?
 - Jayde: During summer, we have been thinking of structuring an online feedback survey to get student opinions regarding Dean's Office. We realized that we need to have very careful language as it can cross HR line. VUSAC unfortunately cannot be the channel for individual complaints. So we are working with Dean's office in a way that can still preserve our partnership with Dean's Office. One new avenue would be dean advisory committee in which concerns regarding dean's office can be raised. Devon will address the membership of this committee in his update. We are also thinking to have Dean's office at town hall in which Dean's office can make themselves accessible and publicly respond to the feedback brought forward from personal and online forum.
- VUSAC Executive and Staff Reports
- President report: Jayde Jones (10 mins)
 - Jayde updated on her work to date
 - Hires 3 co-chairs (commuter, sustainability, equity) and 5 staffs
 - Developed Elections and Referenda Code (26-page documents and 40-page proposal)
 - Introduced position of Mental Wellness Commissioner
 - Equity training requirements for student groups
 - Commitment from OVPS, Harthouse, Libraries to fund free menstrual product distribution.
 - Dean's Advisory Committee Steering Committee meetings in which topics related to student life are identified.
 - tripled student representation on Sustainability Committee



- Meetings with registrar and dean's office and had 76 responses to grad photography survey to better know the direction of future student-oriented graduate photography. Pitches is to come before end of January
- Consulted on upper year student transitions with Pergita Petro in dean's office
- Supported renegotiations Caffeinds occupancy agreement
- Pride programming for the first time in at least 4 years: three well-attended events.
- Innumerable and appreciated number of 1-1s, 2-1s, check-ins, internal meetings
- Orientation work (major traditional ceremonies changes, action to reduce financial and other barriers to commuter orientation, spearheaded open forum initiative to up transparency)
- Physical office space improvements. E,g: chalkboard and door stand
- Balcony garden and sustainability workshop
- New printer
- Unlocked ipads
- Produced and filmed a video for ISO
- Work on degendering washrooms on third floor Old Vic
- Time spent support VPE on Ryerson renaming initiative
- Consulted on forthcoming consent campaign by the Centre
- Secured a partnership with the Firkin on bloor for potentially future social events
- Worked in partnership with Reg Office and DO to restructure booking process
- Overhauled website structure & content
- Launched online room booking - 2-3 request per week in summer, 4-5 in fall
- BOR, VUS, VCC, UTSU, SGRT, OVPS, PUSAG committee work
- In total I have attended 198 meetings this summer.
- Other constitutional/policy amendments of note:
 - Change of title from Secretary to Office Manager, Funding clause to mission statement, Equity given a vote on budget steering, Uncontested elections procedure and adjusted signature requirement, Expanded highball committee membership, Updated absenteeism and non-performance of duties policy (with equity team), Updated misspent funding for levies policy (with equity team), Addressed financial accessibility of tickets for our events (with equity team), Gave levy heads the right to move motions, Equity training requirement for clubs & levies
- Ongoing projects
 - Launching VUSAC merchandise: online and POS
 - Free menstrual products at Vic specifically
 - Sale of Diva Cups
 - External feedback form



- Printer status text listserv
- Alcohol events policies and planning
- Constitutional, Council Policies, ERC Review committees
- Planning memorial service for Dec 6th, hosted by Dean's Office
- U of T wide Winterfest
- Future projects
 - Internal equity coordinator position conversations given the mandatory equity training
 - Exploring associate club status
 - VCU members proxying to caucus
 - Formalizing commission structure
 - Continue providing training opportunities
 - Formalizing equitable hiring policy during hiring of 8 staff members
 - Dean's Office Consultations
 - Internal review committee
 - Clubs storage clean out - resource bank
 - Scholarship guide for students
 - Funding guide for clubs
 - Archiving key documents related to VUSAC and student groups
 - Bridging with external parties
 - Orientation co-chair structure review
- My office hour is on Wednesday 1:30 -3:30 . Email me anytime and I will get back in reasonable time line.
- Stephanie: What's the partnership of firkin on Bloor?
- Jayde: Firkin on bloor was interested in working with Cynthia Wong and I during orientation, unfortunately that didn't work out. Basically, they are willing to provide fun free goodies and financial support but I don't want to say on anyone behalf of portfolio but there are many opportunities that they are willing to engage of.
- Alexa: we will be having an event with Firkin on bay in winter.
- Student: I notice registrar no longer accept exchange and transfer credit when considering automatic \$1000 scholarship starting from this year and I personally don't think this is acceptable
- Jayde: I personally haven't heard about this.
- Zoe: As a member of Vic Student Senate last year, I know that the reasoning is that since marking standard different in different institution, that they cannot hold same account as U of T. I will sit again this year and would bring it up again as it can be of concerns of people who have done IB before and exchange abroad before
- Farah: one of my concerns is that there is no buffer time for students to re-evaluate their own decisions of going abroad.
- Student: they are effectively cutting students for a whole year of scholarship. They have completely disregard transfer credits, which they did before, and their reasoning is faulty and a lie.
- Vice-President External: Devon Wilton (5 mins)
 - Thanks everyone to join us for this meeting
 - CAUCUS is my responsibility to organize.
 - Summer



- VUSAC response to Mandatory Leave of Absence policy, a policy by governing council of university of Toronto which gives them different power in a different way to restrict students from attending school for different reason. One is to unable to complete tasks necessary to pursue a communication. VUSAC and other student unions are against this policy. First statement is on May 17th and Second statement is on 27th July with support of all council. We had a meeting of registrar and come to a mutual understanding how registrar has a role to protecting students from this policy.
- Degendering washroom: we had a walk through with David. The initial goal is to increase accessibility. We did identified washroom outside of music room as a bathroom start de-gendering
 - Dean advisory committee: I am the student coordinator in this committee and the committee have student representation from students, VUSAC, Don, dean and other administration. Topics for discussion include cannabis, degendering washroom, smoke-free policy. The committee is not closed. If there are issues that people want to raise, you can email me at vpe@vusac.ca or come to my office hour. Members in the committee can also bring guests to the meeting.
 - Rename Ryerson House and Ryerson stream in Vic One: consult with indigenous focused groups people and have received support. Joshua ____ from _____ have been incredibly supportive and helpful in connecting with First Nation groups. This will be the main goal of the rest of my term.
- Stephanie: in first year, I wanted to rename Ryerson stream and house but some folks said they cannot rename it due to funding issue and how people would want to fund due to Ryerson' teaching stream. What other name would be used instead? Is funding still be used as an excuse?
- Devon: I have read your article in *strand*. In talking dean's office, this has not been coming up in the conversation so strongly. There are a lot of support from dean's office and president Robins. There are concerns of process of changing the name of the building and the direction of such change as the building is named Ryerson from the start. Some ideas for the new names are name in indigenous language. Name for the stream would be name for indigenous educator.
- Jayde: Indigenous educator may be Cindy Blackstock or miracle. Josh also suggests of having a word in indigenous language. Thank you for your article and indicating that this has been an ongoing concerns of students
- Hannah (residence don): what's the plan indigenizing vic?
- Devon: an idea is having smudging area in residence, mural, indigenizing architecture in NF. President Robin pays much attention in indigenizing Vic space and I am optimistic about the direction.
- Lim: While Vic likes to pride itself on the fact that one of the first to accept female students, most vic one stream are named after men and are taught by men. Mostly male students are recognized for Vic One stick. I would like to bring this issue to your attention.
- Devon: Thanks for bringing up.
- PLEASE COME SEE THE BOB
- Vice-President Student Organizations: Zoe Ritchie (5 mins)
 - There are 12 levies and 34 clubs right now. One of my main goal is to empower people to start new work. My work involves support all of these groups.



- Summer: Levy Support, planning clubs handbook. Sept: Levy support, club ratification , clubs Fair/Levy Fair, October: finish budgeting, club & Levy support and more ratification. November: Club & Levy support, more ratification, new hiring for levies, December: Get ready for new budget and help with new plans.
- Priorities for Next semester:
 - Looking to hire Victoriad co-editor: Victoriad is our student yearbook. For last year, it has been inactive. According to our policy, when a levy is inactive for two years, we put it on ballot to dissolve it at the end of the year due to lack of interests. Due our diligence, application for co-editor will be opened shortly.
 - Change exercise Room to a Meeting Room
 - Advocate for Better Space Booking
- Will be around in December
- Vice-President Internal: Nick Shyshkin (5 mins)
 - In summer, Jayde and I held onboarding meetings with each member of the council. Over the second half of the summer, I created an internal incident report form for members of council to use should they not be comfortable approaching myself or another member of the executive, and may use the form anonymously.
 - Retreat happened on Oct 13th-14th. Contents include the structure of VUSAC, council guideline, office hour training, meeting rules training, equity training, sustainability training. It is the job of the VPI to organize a time for everybody to get together and go through various sessions and trainings. As done in previous years, we went through introduction to VUSAC and its structure, had equity training facilitated by Mairi McKenna Edwards from Student Life, we went over council guidelines, as well as went through office hours training done by our Office Manager Karen Mao, and a meetings module held by Alexa Breininger. For the first time this year, we had an additional specialized equity training facilitated by our equity commissioner Georgia Lin and a sustainability training hosted by our sustainability commissioner and co-chair, Jared Connoy and Victoria Silva. This was also a time for us to bond closer as a council and get to know each other better as we go through the year working with each other.
 - Since then, I've been holding check-in meetings and working on internal council relations throughout the semester.
- Finance Chair report: Tiger Fu (5 mins)
 - Financial Health: Prior year surplus is 30 k. Student fees from Bursar is 116 k and levy funds distributed is 66k. 67 k budgeted to commission spending. 8.4k budgeted to club spending.
 - Current utilization is quite low now: Commission is 28% and levy is 22%. I anticipate the spending of fall term to raise but no more than 50-60%.
 - Spending breakdown
 - Commission breakdown: finance have spent 7k on photocopy and printing expanses.
 - Clubs breakdown: most clubs that are budgeted for small amount of money haven't send the cheques to me yet, which I will look into. There are 1.8k spent so far.
 - The fall budget term is about to over. December budgeting term is about to start. I will send out emails to clubs, levy, commission and the deadline for clubs and levies to submit budget form is in the end of break.



- Victoriad have been inactive for 2 years. There are a 10k in the account waiting to be spent. If dissolved \$5400 will be returned to students: \$1.75 to full time students and \$1 to part-time student.
- Jayde: student fees paid to VUSAC should be returned to students via form of events and services. 33k surplus is obviously what VUSAC have been trying to get rid of.
- Isobel: Where is the guidelines for what certain things are budgeted by VUSAC since the food budget for Goose fiction is always rejected while other club is budgeted.
- Tiger: there are comments when tiger sent out budget form (overall rationale of allocating money). There is no hard rule except no alcohol money and that money have to spent on Vic students.
- Isobel: exclusively Vic students?
- Tiger: it has to be spent on vic organization. For certain club meeting, the amount of food budget is adjusted because the editor meeting is a closed meeting. Meetings that are opened (accessible to all vic students) will have food budget granted. Feel free to shoot me an email to address question regarding the reason for adjusting certain budget.
- Jayde: feel free to reach out to Jayde and Zoe for food budgeting. We can discuss more given the health of our finance.
- Aloysius: what's timeline of hiring process for victoriad?
- Zoe: We are looking for editors for yearbook to be produced next year. Applications are open in December and will be closed in following month.
- Zoe asks if anyone would want to see comments of the things that VUSAC not at a financial position to support.
- Tiger adds that since there is a surplus, discussion regarding vic space, subsidizing high ball will happen. We are trying the best to spend all the money for the sake of Victoria student body.

- Chief Returning Officer: Molly Simpson (5 mins)

- PROXY: The following is read by Jayde:

"Fall elections were really good! We had 21 candidates and 302 votes. Town Hall was one of the best turnouts we've had in a while - it was super fun, there was a song.

A few big things: this was the first election with our overhauled elections and referenda code, a few key changes in terms of facebook campaigning and postering. But generally the rules were a lot clearer and, we hope, more equitable.

This was also the first year where the councillor position was split into upper year and first year elections. This was problematic because the first year race was extremely contested while the upper years were not.

Otherwise things were quite smooth, feedback was good. Spring nominations open February 15th, we'll be electing all exec positions, commissioners, and governing bodies. If any groups are interested in holding referenda either in spring elections or otherwise, I am hoping to release information on how to do this at the end of January or you can email at cro@vusac.ca "

- Melinda: What's the reasoning of splitting councilor of first year and upper years?
- Jayde: This is not a change I advocated for but the logic behind of this change is to not only increase upper year representation but also due to the nature that first year candidates are able to engage in election is different from upper year. Having first year answering questions separate from upper year makes the process more appealing and possible for first year and engages them to speak experiences outside of university. This makes campaign more equitable.



- **Motion to recess for dinner: Zoe Ritchie (1 min)**
- SECONDED: Georgia
 - Favor: All

- **MOTION: Jayde motion to give speaking rights to President Robins and Dean Castle.**
- SECONDED: Ali
 - Favor: All
- Ex-Officio Reports
- President of Victoria University report: (5 mins)
 - Thanks for coming out and thanks for all the work you've done for your fellow students. When I started as president 3 years ago, I went around Victoria college and had a meeting with VP. I said Vic is great and is a wonderful community. VP looked at me wishfully and said "there is just something magic in the water" and you guys are the magic in the water. You guys are the ones that really bring all the students together.
 - My priorities last year include:
 - enhancing undergrad research opportunities, especially of interest of undergrad at Vic
 - Helping undergrad to get ready for what comes after university. How can I know what kind of purchase outside of university that I can make using what I have learned in my university?
 - If you have any idea about possible things that we can do to help fellow students more confident in making connection between current study and future direction, let me, or VUSAC leaders knows.
 - Lim: First, part of reason that people consider going to Vic is \$1000 in-course scholarship but this year the exchange and transfer credits aren't accounted. This undermines the ability of students who have done work which put students in exchange and transfer students in disadvantage for getting funding, compared to students in U of T.
 - President Robins: Senates are aware of it and will discuss in their next meeting. Will pass on to office regarding vic one and all academic curriculum.
 - Cameron: how academic commission can act as a liason for students to president Robins.
 - President Robins: Not only academic commission, think about university and research experience, look forward to hear from individuals as well as ask to be invited to commission meeting
- Kelley Castle
 - A committee on degendering bathroom signage and provision of individual and multi stalls. There will be student representation, physical plants and faculty as well as VUSAC equity and VPE.
 - Dean advisory committee is resulted from having an reorganization of Board of Regents, an overarching governing body on properties and finance of university. Due to the shorter conversation in campus life committee that discusses primarily student fees, campus life committee was abolished. Replacing in part, different in part, is the dean's Advisory committee that was decided by the end of April.
 - 2 preliminary meetings identifying topics of discussions(gendered neutral bathroom, cannabis policy, smoke-free policy, Mental Health Town Hall)
 - 40 invitations to students randomly selected.



- Conference “Minding of Minds”: One primary question in student panel is on the discrepancy on you in press release vs. in reality.
 - Open mental health town hall is in conversation.
 - If any concerns about mental health and transition into university that you are not comfortable talking to me, you can go to Devon and Jayde
 - Zoe: I notice there is a lot of resistance when students suggesting dons carrying sprays in alexol kits. Why don't first aiders carrying them?
 - Dean Castle: There have been first aid kits implemented and right now the discussion is go whether breathalyzer should be included in first aid kit. We are still modifying it but it will be implemented in January.
- Levy Reports
 - Vic Pride! (5 mins)
 - Our activities : events, education, resources and services
 - Aim to have more collaboration with students groups, reaching more people, more programming for racialized indigenous students, further accessibility and events for LGBTQ+ group and engage more with solidarity work.
 - Events this term: Beginning: A Zine Making workshop[(with VUSAC equity), drag Fright (with LGBTQOUT) and Fall Launch Party
 - Upcoming Events: Having Fun isn't hard when you have got a Library Card, VP! Presents: Clothing Swap, Homeward Bound: affirmative letter writing, Exam de-stressor: student space, Harm Reduction Kit-Making Workshop.
 - Resources: Expansion of recourse +referral lists, VP! Library, harm reduction kits, safer sex equipment, menstrual product, pregnancy tests
 - On-Going Projects: Blog + blog contents, Instagram (queer history +history figure project), statement archive, connections + career center.
 - Spending: \$598.87 partly funded by LGBTQOUT, in part from our surplus budget last year
 - Emilia: Great work! Where do we donate clothing
 - Answer: Donate clothes to office and people in office hour will accept
 - Hannah: Emotion resources to share with student?
 - A: It will be on event page and I will contact dons to make sure more details are attached.
 - Acta Victoriana – Sanna (5 mins)
 - Open Mic & Art Fair with active support of GTA artists
 - AV 143.1 which hit the highest volume of submissions so far
 - Launch party on Dec 9th
 - Received \$3.25 from each Full-Time student and \$1.75 from each Part-Time
 - Spending: \$530
 - Caffiends : Mira (5 mins)
 - We are non-for-profit, self-sufficient. All the profit made is invested back to caffiends. Last year surplus is spent on replacing old coach and refurbish café.
 - 2 co-managers, exec team of 10 people, 160+ volunteers.
 - Sales this year is + 40% compared to last year.
 - First time having volunteer applications more than what we can handle: re-evaluating volunteer hiring applications process.
 - Catering: 2 catering manager
 - To find catering for your event, the catering form is on our website
 - The Cat's Eye: Zachary Spataro (5 mins)



- Introduced committee and subcommittee
- Total Spending is \$2751.29: 67.3% staff(sweaters) , space updates 23.5%
- \$350 allocated from Events to Staff Items. Budget line CE-004 (Interviews) of \$150 removed and allocated to Events. Doesn't represent student project applications. Looking to increase event spending and programming going into next semester
- To inquire booking: please send us an email at manager@thecatseye.ca. Message on Facebook is not a formal booking.
- Jayde: How many members?
- 35 members scheduled, 4 honorium member, 1 tech director, 1 manager
- The Strand: Ainsley (5 mins)
 - Ainsley and Sabrina are elected by the masthead last year.
 - Dec 6th at Lucky Shrike at Dundas
 - Finished hiring of editorial assistant. Replaced opinion and news editor. Launched equity style guide for the first time to produce equitable journalism
 - \$6313 spending: \$200 go to Canadian University press (offer legal consultation), \$3697 on news printing, \$1697 on fall edition 9f magazine, \$300 goes to paying illustrations and covers. \$365 on renew adobe creative speech, \$56 on battery
 - Jared: how many hardcopy of strands are used ?
 - Ainsley: It used to 1200 and now we are gradually decreasing it as mostly has not been used. We are printing 800 copies. Online contents marketing will also be taking place
- The Student Projects Fund (5 mins)
 - Below is read by Jayde:

“Student Projects has had a busy first term! We have hired a full committee and have had two successful meetings to review grants. At the beginning of the term, the Student Projects Fund had approximately \$96,000 in funding, with about \$9,800 from this term's levy income after the levy decrease in the spring elections. This is a surplus from the past 4-5 years.

So far this term, the Fund has granted five projects, leaving our levy funding at \$85,778. These projects are;

VUSAC Equity Commission - Theatre tickets

The committee has voted to grant \$338 in funding for the Equity Commission's event where they attended the Buddies in Bad Times Theatre production for Women's History Month.

The Boundary - Sexual Health Initiative

This is a marketing and sexual health initiative for Victoria College based on the applicant's perceived need for a new approach

The applicant wants to integrate The Boundary's approach to humour and satire

voted to grant \$900 in funding to spend on a minimum of 750 condoms

VOCA - Vegan Pancakes

VOCA would like to continue offering vegan pancakes at their weekly pancake brunches.

The Committee has voted to grant VOCA \$458.74 in funding to provide vegan pancake mix for the remainder of the school year.

VicXposure - Photography Equipment

Vicxposure would like to expand their inventory of equipment in order to better serve the VCU, photograph more varied events such as sports photography, and to offer videography equipment.

The committee has voted to grant VicXposure \$8,000 with the following stipulations;

VicXposure must purchase equipment second hand or new from reputable sellers

VicXposure must devise and execute a security plan to better secure their equipment

Cannot spend fund money until they increase equipment security



Must include insurance plan

Vic Records - Studio Session

Vic Records would like to expand their studio session event by offering vegan and gluten free food options, an audio engineer, and a videographer.

The committee has voted to grant Vic Records \$525 to supplement the costs of a editor/videographer, more accessible food options, and an audio engineer.

Aproximately \$85,778 will remain in the Student Projects Fund.

To all clubs, clubs, levied, and interstellar students, there is no project too big or small to apply for! We are lucky to have a passionate and dedicated committee that is happy to review and consider all applications! Please email me at studentprojects@vusac.ca if you need any information regarding the fund or how to reply. Thank you! "

- Victoria College Athletics Association: Clara Ruthford(5 mins)
 - run intramural and athletic programs
 - Exec of 5 people: president, Treasurer, VP events, VP external and secretary elected by VCAA council at final VCAA meeting
 - Receive \$19435.00 from student fees
 - Majority of budget goes toward athletic banquet in March. We also pay for awards and prizes at the end of the year.
 - For intramural, we pay money for every semester. One will pay a bond and will get the money back if you don't default.
 - Mac: why is burwash paid the following year
 - A: we came into agreement to pay Burwash once we receive first cheque. We need money to fund events as well.
 - Zoe: Winter intramural application open?
 - A: Its closed now but feel free to email the captain to join.
- Victoria College Drama Society (5 mins)
 - Full season of 5 shows
 - Midsummer night dreams
 - The importance of being earnest
 - A new Brain
 - Confessions of a Female Disorder
 - Mamma Mia! (winter)
 - Submission of U of T drama Fest
 - Honey Lemon Green Tea
 - Workshops
 - Developing student written works
 - Stage combat
 - Budget: received 21k student fees (16k fees go to Bader). Overspend due to the surplus coming from last year.
- Victoria International Students Association – Sally (5 mins)
 - Sally co-president of VISA:
 - Got rid of mentorship program 1-1 program
 - Updates
 - Switched team , 70% international students; 9 students in team; Senior positions introduced; Updating constitution; Also target new to Toronto students
 - Money
 - Spending 1338 \$. Fall budget \$798



- Photo walk with VicXposure
- Jai: why I did not like visa – melting pot for international students, but not a lot of Canadian students interacting with int'l students
- Sally: our target has been this year for new to Toronto students ; RSVPs have been received for almost all students , even domestic students , spending has increased as attendance increased
- VicXposure
 - Highball photos
 - Dark Room is ready
 - Cleaned equipment, ordered filters, new flexible equipment rental contract to use soon
 - \$8000 cad for student equipment
 - Portrait request forms- \
 - Vusac recognized student groups can take this opportunity to take portrait pics
 - Increase in booking, more ways to get involved and trained
 - Re-ratified constitution, amended – exec roles etc
 - More clauses for elections
 - In past , there have been more co-presidents running for it , and then there used to be conflict of interest, getting vusac to set in
 - Collaborations include Casino Night at Orientation and Falling for Vic, etc
 - 3 activities coming up next week
- VUSAC commission reports
- Equity
 - Georgia introduces herself as the equity commissioner
 - Hired a co-chair in the summer
 - Explained why Vibhuti for not being there and attending the Bob instead, but she was polite enough to remind people of the fact that the Bob is a VUSAC production, and people should attend it
 - Released an equity reading list
 - Ran equity training for VUSAC
 - Released a research card for orientation
 - September: Diversifying VUSAC, Elections, Cultural celebration events(Hanukah, Diwali, Moon festival),Orientation events
 - October:Women empowerment, Healing workshop, Racialized experiences in academia panel.
 - 5 clubs and levies equity sessions
 - –November: Poetry reading night, Collab writing work, Had a remembrance day event, LGBTQOUT collaboration happening
 - December: Black history month, Commission of 15 people doing lovely work, Arts and culture commission collaboration coming next week
- Arts and Culture
 - Read by proxy: Jayd ; as head Carleigh Campbell was absent

”Hi all! Here's a lil update about what we've done so far this semester and what we plan on doing. I sold tickets for the Halloween Friday Night Live - gone in one day! I plan on using that to potentially up the number of tickets next semester, as that's a popular event. I also collaborated with Georgia on an Equity poetry event, which went very well! I also made a commission! We've got a good solid group with lots of ideas for next semester. I've been working (tirelessly tbh) on the Bob. Dress rehearsal is tonight, which is why I'm absent, and the show is tomorrow. Please come, it would mean a gross amount to me because I



know how much work Devon, Leora, and every cast member have worked. My councillors, Katie and Angela are a dream. A literal conjuring from an alternate universe. I thank them so much because this actually would not be happening without their hard work on props and stage managing. Coming up, we have Mic the Change on Monday - open mic, speakers and lots of fun raffles - COME! Dec 6, we're collaborating with VOCA on a Bob Ross Exam Destressor, which one of my commission members Sofia is spearheading. I've also been planning the GARDiner Gala (Jan 24) with the DO, and that looks to be great. It will most likely follow the lines of Environment Equity week, which is the same week as the Gala. That is all I believe. I love you and thank you."

- Scarlet and Gold
 - Over summer , distributed a feedback survey , using that for this years' events
 - Falling for Vic @ Vic Quad: Logistically good , working with Christina Alcena. Partnership with VicXposure. Invoice received is going to be paid very soon
 - Winterfest
 - Winterfest co-chair hired (Aurore)
 - Committee has been hired
 - Pub night
 - Snakes and latte event
 - Collab with mental wellness commission
 - Ending Winterfest with semi formal"Golden Hour"= 8 pm to 1 am
 - High Ball
 - Committee has been hired
 - Past has been handpick committee members, and this year we are formalizing it here, including campus life coordinator
 - Future discussion will focus on making it more accessible
 - Subsidizing tickets and having accessible formalwear
 - I'm sitting on Performance art endowment committee which is not well known, and now I'm working on it to make more Victoria college events happen and increasing its marketing in general
- Commuter commission
 - Hired commuter co-chair Tabina
 - Home for holidays next week
 - Weekly pancake brunches
 - 10-2 cats' eye
 - Thankfully, vegan pancakes are going to be amazing
 - Student projects will be able to have it allocated to us
 - Commuting to the office
 - Played office in the cats' eye
 - Commuter appreciation week
 - DIY smoothie workshop with don Melinda
 - Karaoke night
 - Collaborations with for VOCA pancakes
 - Signing lockers for commuters, as they'll be available in
 - VOCA has playlist submissions open
 - Long term goals
 - Commuter tote bags being designed to be sold to VCU
 - Monthly res don collaborations



- Bubble tea social
 - Kardashian marathon” keeping up with the commuters”
 - Daniel: how to make events like caucus accessible to the commuters as a lot of people have already left?
 - Emilia : Nature of caucus been having an hour earlier, advertising is really important so that commuters know whats happening. events like caucus does run later than usual
 - Jayde: Its constitutionally mandated to have caucus outside of class hours, which kind of eliminates the availability of having it sooner at 5 pm , but given that crowd is now later, who can submit written reports than oral reports for next one, however, the oral caucus still takes 3 hours at least.
- Sustainability
 - First time they hired a co-chair position
 - 4 executives with Engagement Director and communications director,

 - Events
 - Doc and talk
 - Save our water event
 - Metal straws distributed for free
 - During orientation collabs
 - Weekly meetings with the committee
 - Green shift glasses distribution by me to clubs on campus, as Greenshift is one of the organizations which produce biodegradable cups
 - Designed a new logo
 - Increasing online presence by making a new Website
 - Working with neds café on having more sustainable products and process
 - Sustainability committee we pushed concern for Composting ,The new Northrop frye building and the Packaging at neds’ Cafe
 - Recent doc & talk coming soon on first week of December
- Academic commission
 - Hired 7 members of the commission: Advocacy, Communications, Equity, First year reps. Events reps and Councilors lucy and jai
 - Events: Racialized experience with the Academia , in collaboration with the equity commission, Registrar office, study hub back room at vusac, 1;30 pm; Resume workshop; Math union
 - Grad banquet co-chair coming soon. On January 16, Alumni Dinner will take place. we will be inviting alumni at 5 pm
 - Social media presence have been increasing , up to 215 likes on facebook so far
- Mental wellness commissioner
 - Ali Kehl
 - Position is new, just started at the beginning of this year
 - Events: Minding our Minds with great student panel seseion, Health workshop(in collaboration with VUSAC Equity commission), Make and take workshop
 - Learning how to fail event coming this Monday, student panel talking about their experience with failure
 - Creating exam distress event
 - Commission application coming son
 - Working on pocket-pal , resource guide online, and creating logo



- Ex Officio reports
- UTSU director (Usman)
 - Haleema, Vic director at UTSU , her partner Usman could not be here due to class, and she is going to give his update too
 - Great time collaborating with voca pancakes, awesome conversations
 - Haleema has been working on laptop ban: some professor restricts the use of computer and this campaign is to reach out to professors to enhance equity. Working on campaign regarding substance use (legalization of cannabis) in the new year: make this awareness campaign of effects it give to brain.
 - Usman– after negotiation UTMSU and UTSU (agreed by both president and endorse) health care dental care will be separated. UTSG students would not be greatly affected
 - Finance statement – 500k surplus
 - Reach out to VUSAC club to host frost week events at Vic
 - Open to collaboration of VUSAC clubs and levies as a lot of students express interests
 - Question: Alexa : how can u of t students keep up with what UTSU is doing
 - Please check UTSU fb and Instagram
- Office of the Dean of Students report: Christina Alcena (5 mins)
- **MOTION: Jayde motion to give speaking rights to Christina**
- Seconded: Aurora
 - Favor:All
 - Christina announced that the piano has returned to the Music Room in the Goldring Centre. Students can sign out the key for this, and Copper Room by visiting the Dean’s Office during regular office hours. She also highlighted we have a Personal Counsellor, as well as Career Counselor which students can book appointments with.
 - Christina reminded CAUCUS attendees to take care of themselves heading into the Exam Season, and noted she will be away from the office December 13-January 9. During this time, students can reach out to Bergita Petro, prior to the Winter break, for advise and support.
- Board of Regents representative report: Graham Allison (5 mins)
 - 1 of 5 representative highest government body in Victoria college, along with Jayde, Alexa, Ali.
 - Board of Regents main duties are fiduciary to the university as a whole.
 - Manages finance, property, tuition, pension, SAM appointments
 - Notable committee work includes reviewed financial statements, U of T secondary plan forced Vic to identify all potential sites of development, pushing NF conversation to January; Responsible investing policies: investment committee accepting written submissions, LEAP’s divestment action outside Board meeting; Amendments to By-Law One, Smoke-free policy.
- Discussion items
- MOTION: Jayde motion to given Daniel Assamad speaking rights
 - Seconded: Aloysius
 - Favor: All



- The study space starts from Dec 6.
- 26 shifts from 9-1:00 AM and 1:30AM to 7:30 AM.
- Sign-up sheet will be sent to everyone and instruction will be given
- Mandatory training for people who haven't done study space before
 - Friday Nov 30 9PM at dean's office
 - Dec4 9 PM at Burwash
- Aurora: only VUSAC member ?
- Daniel: people invited to CAUCUS can all sign up.
- Zoe: How many shifts one can sign up
- Daniel: tentatively 1. Ideally everyone sign up by Friday so that they know the training session they need to go
- Adjournment
- **Motion to adjourn: Zoe Ritchie (2 mins)**
 - Seconded: Alexa
 - Favor All