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## **VUSAC MEETING MINUTES**

March 1st, at 5:00 PM in the Goldring Student Center  
MINUTES

### **In Attendance**

#### **Judiciary**

VPI: Nickolas Shyshkin (proxy to Georgia)  
VPE: Devon Wilton  
VPSO: Zoe Ritchie

#### **Assessor Members**

CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER: Molly Simpson (Acting CHAIR until 6:45pm)  
OFFICE MANAGER: Emma Lailey  
FINANCE: Tiger Fu (Acting CHAIR beginning at 6:45pm)

#### **Commissioners and Councillors**

SUSTAINABILITY: Jared Connoy  
COMMUTER: Emilia De Fabritiis  
ACADEMIC: Cameron Davies  
EQUITY: Georgia Lin (late)  
SCARLET AND GOLD: Alexa Ballis  
MENTAL WELLNESS COMMISSIONER: Ali Kehl

#### **Co-Chairs**

EQUITY CO-CHAIR: Vibhuti Kacholia  
SUSTAINABILITY CO-CHAIR: Victoria Silva

#### **Councillors**

Gabrielle daSilva  
Genevieve Crispin-Frei  
Angela Medina  
Jai Kakkar  
Katie Marsland (proxy is Carleigh)

#### **Guests**

Aurore Durneonil

STUDENT PROJECTS CHAIR: Leora Nash

**Regrets**

PRESIDENT: Jayde Jones

ARTS AND CULTURE: Carleigh Campbell

COMMUTER CO-CHAIR: Tabina Ahmed

CHAIR: Alexa Breininger

COMMUNICATIONS: Rehan Vishwanath

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR: Christina Alcena

COUNCILLOR: James Cassady

COUNCILLOR: Jenny Zhang

Land Recognition: Nick (1 minute)

I would like to acknowledge this sacred land on which the University of Toronto and Victoria College operate on. It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 years [continued...]

Motion: Ali moves to approve the minutes from February 15th, 2019 as it stands. Nick seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Emilia moves to approve the agenda as it stands. Alexa seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

**Additions to the Agenda** (maximum 3 minutes per addition)

- Leora Nash to add (3 minutes) for Update Student Projects
- Alexa to add (3 minutes) for Commission Update
- Devon to add (3 minutes) for Update

Motion: Devon moves to add an action item to the agenda regarding the SFRJ TO Petition in relation to use of graphic anti-choice images at the university, with the motion to endorse that petition (10 minutes). Jai seconds.

Motion: Zoe moves to add an action item to the agenda regarding a budget request to pull \$20 from the contingency fund for HeyTeach! (5 minutes). Cameron seconds.

Zoe: Tiger, can you lead in the next action item?

Tiger: We are looking to ratify the TBA Acapella budget because it was previously tabled and now that they have submitted their revenues we can ratify it.

Motion: Zoe moves to add an action item to the agenda to re-ratify the TBA Acapella budget (5 minutes). Katie seconds.

Devon: Is the new budget from TBA, has that been sent around?

Zoe: It was the same budget previously submitted we were just waiting to receive revenue from a line item, I can discuss more in detail when we talk about it.

Molly: Could you post a link to the budget?

Zoe: Yes, Tiger can you ...?

Tiger: Yes.

Devon: It would be better if a link to the budget was sent as a reply all to the meeting agenda so that everyone who was notified about the meeting, also has access to that.

Molly: Alright. Would that be at the bottom of the agenda or in the action items?

Emma: Bottom of the action items.

Molly: Alright.

## **EX-OFFICIO UPDATES**

- Dean's Office Update - Christina
  - [No Update]
- Dean of Students
  - [No Update]
- President of Victoria University
  - [No Update]
- UTSU Directors Update - Haleema and Usman
  - [No Update]

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Motion: Leora Nash moves to ratify a Student Projects grant of \$3,350 for two new computers and office organizational equipment for the VUSAC office as presented in Appendix A with the following stipulations: 2 Dell computers are purchase in partnership with Victoria University IT to ensure discount and warranty, and that the pamphlet display is purchased through Grand & Toy or another trusted Canadian office retail.

[Summary] Hi everybody! So, this grant application was put forward by Office Manager, Emma, to update --and you all have access to the proposal-- To update and resort efficiency to the printing process with a faster computer that has more options, such as double-sided and not double-sided, colour, and to make the printing process more uniform and efficient. In addition, she will be granted funds to purchase a mail organizer so the VUSAC, club, and levy systems are more organized and each organization has its own mail slot and there is not as much sharing. As well she is getting a literature organizer for outside the office for pamphlets and other pieces, such as booklets and for other university information that is usually kept on the outside table of VUSAC and that will be purchased through a trusted Canadian retailer or through Grand and Toy. The grant is for \$3,350. And in addition, the committee has stipulated that Emma works with Victoria College's IT when buying the computers to ensure they are helping out and she will have no problem serving the computers when there are issues. Also so there is a warranty in place and the discount they have as a cooperation.

Jared: Can I ask Emma directly? I'm wondering if you could go more specifically into way, a justification about why we need the computers. Just the computers.

Emma: Yes! So there are currently a lot of problems with the computers we have in terms of space, in terms of speed, and in terms of reliability. The printing one side, for example, is something interval within the computer. And they are old. The computers that I have applied for are DELL computers that are used in a lot of hospitals and offices, they have been recommended to me by an IT consultant (my dad). But they are reliable, as well, we have keyboards and mice that already fit with them, so we wouldn't have to purchase those.

Leora: As well, I will add that the computers that are currently there will not be disposed of but they will be moved either into the backroom or by the window as additional workspace computers. Their purposes will be reassigned, just based on their service and the wear and tear that comes from consistent printing and downloading. So, they will be work computers, is what is proposed.

Jared: Okay. I think I was a little concerned because buying new tech, even if you do recycle tech, is like pretty terrible for the environment. But, I'm not sure how I feel about it. Because, yeah it would be nice to move the old computers into the backroom for work space but Pratt is also across the street. And I use the computers all the time, and I don't feel like I have any issues with it.

Leora: I think the concern that Emma shared with the committee at our meeting is that if VUSAC wants to keep up with its printing demand, to have options, and with the wear and tear that comes with the amount of printing, they need new computers. As well for people doing word processing on the computer with prior to printing or with posters or whatever it might be. It's just that the technology is outdated. And we live in a society where technology evolves quickly, especially with computers, and these computers are designed for a lot of use and to be used with different devices that are used as a standard in a lot of Ontario hospitals, especially for record keeping. It is a powerful machine and that is the main reason, I think that twy Emma thought this was a good choice. I understand the concern that it is wasteful to buy new technology, I just think that if VUSAC wants to keep its calibur and reliability for printing, it is time for a technology update. Do you know (Emma) when these computers were purchased?

Emma: Excellent question. My guess is--

Motion: Cameron moves to extend discussion time by 10 minutes. Jared seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Emma: I believe, I haven't memorized the warranty, but I believe early 2000s.

Alexa: I completely understand the environmental concern. With that, but I do support getting new computers because it is one of the top services that VUSAC supplies. And we need the update. I like the idea of having work computers in the VUSAC office. Yes there is Pratt, but those fill up. And people might want to do work at VUSAC. Then we can do VUSAC work on the desktop, because laptops get full, and it's nice to do VUSAC work in the office.

Devon: It was my understanding (the last time this was discussed with the Executive) that the old computers could still be used as printing computers. And, the reason that I initially supported this was because then we would have four functioning printing computers. To free up the space and reduce the demand for someone who runs into VUSAC ten minutes before class and needs to continue to print. I agree, because of Pratt there is not a huge demand for work computers especially if they are old, crappy ones. But, I think that having four printing computers would be valuable. There are ethernet cords in the back that we could print from the old and new computers. Which would be up to the Office Manager in terms of space set up.

Zoe: That was also my understanding. Can you clarify that, Emma?

Emma: Yes, absolutely. I would just have to speak with tech to do that because it has to do with the cords and the space, and proximity to the printer, because it is a new printer and different from the old printer (which I was familiar with) but I am sure that is something tech can work out. Without a doubt, that is possible.

Zoe: From my perspective, I also agree with Jared that I print a lot and have never had problems. I have never had a club or levy come up to me and say that they have a problem with printing. Usually, it is a formatting problem on the document. I am worried about buying computers for the sake of buying things, if they work fine. I do agree with Devon that we would have four printing computers available, which would be valuable. I don't think that I would support this motion because I think that if what we have is working then we don't need to buy new things.

Tiger: I was just going to say, have we considered the fact that we could just update the software? Then we don't need to buy new computers. To be honest, web browsing and needing to print does not take a lot of processing power. And the fact that we could just buy new windows licenses or stuff like that would enable all the features of getting a new computer without getting a new computer. Also, if we were to set them up, to set up four computers, it would get too crowded. It would not make much sense. But that is just my personal opinion.

Cameron: I kind of agree with Zoe, that it is best to have these computers as a supplement to the other computers to have four computers for printing. My perception of the environmental impact is that VUSAC uses bulk printing and bulk toner. If we can make that more accessible to people. For myself, I haven't used my printer at home for a while. I've just been using the VUSAC printer. If we can create, and I'm not sure where I stand on this motion, but if we can create an environment where people are more often to use the VUSAC printer and to not use their own printer than that does do something for environmental impact, but I am not in environmental studies and I don't know where I fall on this position.

Nick: I think that the spirit of this application is to allow more students to access the space. To allow these two computers as supplementary whatever computers that add to printing is very beneficial. One of the computers is very inaccessible. Nobody knows what is going on with that Mac computer. The software is dumb, people will print and then say they don't want double sided after 40 pages. The single sided computer constantly wastes toner and paper. We sit at the desk to ensure this doesn't happen, but we can't see because of the pole. I would support this motion because it is beneficial to the space and to the students. I see a lot of students come in, see a line, and then leave. It shows that we are not a reliable resource on campus.

Jared: So with respect to opening up the space to more students, I agree that more computers would do that, but as the Sustainability Commissioner I will not let that sway my decision.

Cameron, I see what you're saying with how it could be beneficial, but its very much a hypothetical situation that I don't feel comfortable making a decision on. With respect to the, yes one computer prints single/double sided but I know that you can go into the settings and fix it if you need to. So, I think that such a computer issue that is as small as that, might be confusing, but maybe a software update could fix it? A whole new computer just seems wasteful to me.

Devon: I want to respond to what Zoe said, about how inaccessible the computers are. Maybe you don't have a problem printing on them, and I don't have a problem printing on them, but that is because we have two years of experience and we know how it works. We will have a new council in May, and new councillors and new students won't have that experience. Often times, the person at the desk can't figure out the problem with the printing and that happens more than once every day. More than once a shift for some of us, and for me last year, quite often. And that means that we are providing a poor quality service to students. I've said this before, that printing is one of the most important services that we provide because almost every student needs to print,

this will serve to improve the quality of that service that we are providing. Which is a paramount service. I would support this motion as it stands. However, Emma, if you could look into used computer options that might be an interesting way to reduce the impact of this purchase. If we feel that it is still in the best interests of the council to purchase.

Zoe: Devon, I see where you're coming from, but if we don't know how to assist people then that is a problem with our own training and a software update--making sure we are comfortable about using that program--would solve that problem without having to go through the environmental cost of buying new computers. Eventually, we will have to buy new computers. That is an inevitability. But do we need to do it now? I don't think so. And I would rather use what we have now, update it, and ensure that we are all comfortable because PDF pages is kind of a mess. But once you know, it is an easy problem to fix, and simple to help someone.

Motion: Jai moves to extend discussion time by 7 minutes. Devon seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Genevieve: I have a suggestion that is kind of like Devon's, as of right now we are either getting zero computers or two computers or refurbished computers. As a suggestion, maybe reducing that to one computer. To the effect that most of the issues being raised have to do with the Mac.

Katie: The thing about getting used computers is that they have the same potential wear and tear, if the problem is because they are slow, you have the potential of the same issue because you don't know what kind of computer you're getting.

Jai: I totally support the software update idea. Because, even right now, during our office hours I don't see major orders coming in that much frequency. So a simple software update might be able to fix that one specific problem, and computer. Because I personally don't have any problems with it.

Cameron: As something, I know next to nothing about computers and printers, but would it be at all possible for, an option, for people to print from their laptops because then that circumvents the issue about getting more computers because it decreases the demand for old computers but then the environmental cost has already been paid for those computers. Again, I have no idea.

Emma: May I directly respond?

Molly: Yes.

Emma: There would be no way to control the 40 page paper limit, they could print however much they want. So I would say that that would be a bad idea in terms of paper costs and waste.

Devon: I want to point out that if we are talking about the idea of the software update, I'm not sure if--and if anyone here wants to speak out it--I'm not sure that anyone is here that a software update would improve or address any of the problems we have with the computers. Especially, since one is a Mac and one is a PC. Really, if both are running the most recent version of the operating systems that they are set to do, I don't feel confident that a software update will address any of the issues that we have. It would not address the load or overload of the service. That's all I wanted to add. Also, I want to call the question. If there is a seconder, then we vote and if you vote yes then we vote and if you vote no, then we continue the conversation.

Ali: I have a question: Before we vote, are we allowed to know how many people wanted to speak, because that could sway my own vote knowing how many people want their voice to be heard.

Molly: The speaking list is four.

Ali: Thank you.

Emma: Just making a direct response to your comment about software, I obviously spoke to my dad about that as an option and due to the age of the computers they can not handle, the actual software that they need is not accessible to them because there is not enough room to do that. Not to mention, it would cost almost as much as getting the two new computers, which with the wear and tear already inflicted on them, it is not cost efficient.

Motion: Devon moves to call the question. Alexa seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Leora Nash moves to ratify a Student Projects grant of \$3,350 for two new computers and office organizational equipment for the VUSAC office as presented in Appendix A with the following stipulations: 2 Dell computers are purchase in partnership with Victoria University IT to ensure discount and warranty, and that the pamphlet display is purchased through Grand & Toy or another trusted Canadian office retail. Lucy seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: Alexa, Cameron, Jai, Emilia, Gabby, Devon, Georgia, Nick, James, Lucy, Jayde
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: Angela, Ali, Katie, Carleigh, Genevieve, Zoe, Jared

Motion: Leora Nash (pending approval by the Student Projects Committee) moves to ratify grants for Highball tickets as presented in Appendix B.

[Summary] I will go over the grant. Because of the changes to the VUSAC meeting schedule, this is the same week as our student projects meeting, so normally have time to send the details of the grant and information prior. But I wasn't able to do so. I will just be talking about that now, but if you don't feel comfortable voting I completely understand and this is not an ideal situation, but it is just because of the meeting schedule change. So, earlier today in our student projects meeting Alexa brought forward her proposal to subsidize Highball tickets for Vic students. That \$45 per ticket for students is a barrier to students, and it can be a heavy burden on their wallets and how this year's Highball is a large scale event and it might be the last times we are able to do this with their current budget. We have voted to subsidize tickets for Vic students by \$15, making them \$30 each in total. In the application there is a note about the non-Vic students. Student projects will not look into that because student projects is only able to give money back to Vic students. So, the committee voted to subsidized each ticket by \$15, so the total is \$30 for each student, up to \$8,250. Which is the number if every single student attending Highball was a Vic student, so that is the cap for the maximum but that number can fluctuate.

Devon: Sorry, I have a Point of Order regarding the last item that we spoke on. Is that, I looked it up and I say that motions to call to question require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority and I just wanted to see if we had a two thirds majority on that motion.

Molly: We do not. Now what?

Emma: Let's finish with this motion and then go back.

Devon: It's up to you as the Chair, but I feel like that motion is invalid, and then the total vote is invalid, and we should return to the conversation.

Molly: We will finish with Highball tickets, and then go back to discussion.

Jared: Will we return to the original speakers list?

Molly: Yes.

Gabby: So, then the non-Vic tickets would still be \$50?

Leora: Yes. They asked Alexa if she would speak to council about subsidizing those ticket amounts. But unfortunately Student Projects is only for Vic students. Or, majority for Vic students. And it is not within our mandate or spirit to subsidize non-Vic tickets.

Genevieve: So, for clarification, the numbers are \$15 per ticket has been subsidized, so \$30 for Vic students with the cap of what?

Leora: Okay, so basically, the max. Amount of people attended highball is 515. The \$8,250 is if every student was a Vic student attending Highball, the max amount of money they would require. Alexa can give us the number of how many Vic students in reality have requested tickets which are right now, 394. But times that by 15. And that is around \$6000. But this will flux over the number of non-Vic students and understanding that those numbers may change with the waiting list. The way that that would work, all the numbers of the Vic students who bought tickets goes to the Dean's Office for verification, then to accounting, and then Student Project's money is transferred into VUSAC's account.

Motion: Leora Nash (pending approval by the Student Projects Committee) moves to ratify grants for Highball tickets as presented in Appendix B. Alexa seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

[applause]

Molly: Now we will go back to our last item.

Motion: Devon moves to extend discussion time by 10 minutes. Nick seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Leora: What I was going to say before was about the software update, which was what Emma said. The computers, their motherboards, can not handle new software. They are outdated and you need a certain processor core. You can not update it, it is past the point of update. You can buy new licensing but it will continue to slow down. I think that we all use the printing quite often and we might be more familiar with it. But it is unfair to say that people coming in should just have to figure it out. To justify having older computers, and older technology you would need to have thorough training for everyone on council to know how to troubleshoot the computer and to have a relationship with IT. In order to be onsite technical support. The changing formats is very frustrating to students at Vic and they love the affordability, but it is not accessible. Then, not wanting to come back and being frustrated that the person at the desk does not know how to help them. I know that, especially when I was printing, sometimes last year and in first year that it was frustrating that no one knew how to help. And not everyone is as privileged to have spent that much time in the office.

Jared: Yeah, with respect to that. It still speaks to our training as a council. I have been doing office hours for two years now and I have never encountered an issue that is so technical that it can't be solved. In the event that an issue can't be solved it is reflective of our training as a council. I'm pretty sure that we received zero training on the computers. In retrospect, it is no one's fault, but moving forward that should be explored. I don't want to discredit what anyone



has said about the software, but I feel extremely uncomfortable and shocked that council is willing to release thousands of dollars before exploring an avenue that is next to zero cost as far as I understand. It makes very little sense to me that we are willing to release that money.

Emma: I'm sorry, Point of Order, it is less than half the money. It is not all for computers.

Jared: Oh, I'm sorry, I'm just talking about computers.

Emma: Just in terms of the "thousands of dollars," it is actually a little over *one* thousand. For two computers.

Jared: I still think that releasing \$1000 is irresponsible. Also, I think I would like to separate the grant, the two computers from the rest. But I'm not sure how to proceed with that.

Tiger: I was just going to add one thing about the software, I know that for windows computers it is not a motherboard issue, but it has to do with basic compatibility. The only thing the motherboard matters for is for virus. I know that that could be updated to Windows 10, it would be a licencing fee for around \$200. That is still a sizeable amount of money and it would still be slow. Because the base hardware won't be able to hold Windows 10 very well. For the Mac, I looked up the compatibility list and it goes as back as the Mac Mini in 2010, and it should be compatible with ours, although it would be much slower.

Zoe: A Mac.2, we have not had someone come in to look at the computers. Emma, I know that you had a conversation with your father and I'm sure he knows what he's doing, but we have not had someone come in to look at the computers, because no one needs to be storing things on these computers. Although, I have definitely downloaded things. That is also, if we are talking speed. It is not a storage issue. From my experience with computers, they are not old enough that they can't run some new software and we have not had someone come in to look at them. I like to do that before we spend this amount of money. It is a substantial amount of money and a substantial environmental impact.

Cameron: A few brief questions for Emma. Should I wait for you to stop typing?

Emma: You can go ahead.

Cameron: My first question is how old are the computers?

Emma: Again, I do not know the exact year, but last time I checked the warranty it was somewhere in the early 2000s. I can try and locate that information during the recess, but by then the vote would of already happened.

Cameron: Okay, the second question I have is, if we get these new DELL computers, what their expected warranty is going to me?

Emma: Yes, the warranty is 15 years. Plus any warranty we would get from Vic' IT.

Leora: I just want to provide the number of the grant minus the cost of the computers. It would be \$2,151 for the new office equipment including tax. Without the DELL.

Katie: Could I motion to divide the question? Like, can we vote separately on the pamphlet and mail shelf and then separately on the computers/monitors. Because it seems to me, that the debate is over the computers/monitors. So unless anyone has thoughts about the pamphlet and mail shelf it makes sense to me ratify the other two.

Motion: Katie moves to divide the question. Devon seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Devon moves to call the question regarding the office equipment, excluding the computers. Katie seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL

- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Leora Nash moves to ratify a Student Projects grant (now split) of \$2,151 for the pamphlet display (is purchased through Grand & Toy or another trusted Canadian office retail) and internal mail organizer. Alexa seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Alexa: I am more torn on it than I was at the start of it. But I do think that it is important for us to provide the best service to students for years to come. If these computers, because they are old, do crash, then we might not be in the financial position to buy new ones. I agree with training, that it should be something that we do. It is notable that it is inaccessible for students to come in to the office and ask, instead of it being easy and straightforward to use comfortably.

Motion: Ali moves to extend discussion time by 10 minutes. Devon seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Devon: Alexa said half of what I wanted to say. You're right we can train the council, but we can't train the public. Having computers more like library computers and making them more accessible is important. It is one thing to come into VUSAC and print, but another thing to come into VUSAC and know that you need to talk to someone who you don't know, or maybe talk to someone you don't like. I also want to caution everyone voting today, more broadly, that making a decision based on issues of fact and opinion regarding the technical abilities of the computer whether or not it will be faster, I said before I wasn't confident in that. Because no one here, with the exception of Emma, has put consideration into the specifications of the computer and knows anything about the speed of the computers. I am comfortable making my decision based on her assessment of the warranty. But any comments regarding whether or not updates would be possible or be any benefit, I would strongly caution anyone basing their decision in any significant way around those uncertainties.

Ali: I totally agree with what you're saying Devon, we don't know. It seems like people are mostly concerned with the fact that there is a chance this could be fixed. Is there any chance that we could hold on this and checking to see if its possible? I think that I would feel more confident, that everyone else feels more confident and that we did our due diligence. Like Zoe Ritchie would see. If that is at all possible.

Devon: Point of Order, a motion to table this motion would mean that it would automatically be on agenda for the next meeting and give two weeks to whoever has to make those inquiries.

Emma: Yes. Thank you for all the feedback. Definitely, the first time that this idea came to be was by VUSAC Exec and members of the Vic community. The proposal has been sent to you, and in order to apply to Student Projects first you have to collect a number of endorsements and get written statements. All of the statements in this proposal as you can see, are from all around Vic. It is not from one group, it is from many different groups in the larger community that have expressed to me, many times, that the computers need to be replaced. I know that this is a project close to Jayde's heart, even though she is not here to speak about it, she came and brought this up to me when I was hired. That it is a project she is passionate about doing for the time of elections,

so that people would have additional computers to print and use to vote. Speaking to Tech, would only delay that initial timeline, but if these concerns are so great then I'm sure that could happen. Leora: I did want to say that there were several endorsements. I forgot to include the full folder. I can do that right now. The endorsements are from various people from all over the Vic community. I also want to remind everyone, that all the applications have been discussed for lengthy periods of time by people of the committee and we do address these questions before they make it to VUSAC. We do reject applications. There are ten, eleven people (several of whom are on VUSAC) who have already put their brains to work and have discussed these topics. So, I am just reminding that there are two plus hour meetings that we go over these issues. It is amazing to have all these opinions, but If you want access to the minutes you have access to them. This has gone through several stages first.

Jared: I have a question. I'm a little bit confused, were the, in the previous motion were the monitors included? So we are talking about monitors and computers right now. And the total cost for that is \$1,199? Because I know that we have been talking about computers right now, but I see that it is divided on the grant. All of my concerns also apply to monitors. I just want to ensure that they are not included in the previous motion and we're talking about both. Is that all right?

Molly: Yes. When we divided the question, it was to separate the panel display and the mailing system. Are there any other comments on the computers?

Motion: Leora Nash moves to ratify a Student Projects grant of \$1,199 for two new computers for the VUSAC office as presented in Appendix A with the following stipulation: 2 Dell computers are purchase in partnership with Victoria University IT to ensure discount and warranty. Lucy seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: Nick, Georgia, Cameron, Jai, Gabby, James, Lucy, Devon, Jayde, Alexa, Angela
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: Jared, Ali, Katie, Carleigh, Genevieve, Zoe,

Motion: Devon moves for a 5 minute recess. Cameron seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Motion: Devon moves to add an action item to the agenda regarding the SFRJ TO Petition in relation to use of graphic anti-choice images at the university, with the motion to endorse that petition (10 minutes). Jai seconds. (10 minutes)

[Summary] Thank you, SFRJ is an acronym for the group Students For Reproductive Justice. And TO is for Toronto. This has been brought to the attention of the executive as something that VUSAC may like to support. It's a petition on change.org. which I shared via email. I will just read a short description, which I sent to Emma.

“Dear University of Toronto students, community members, and allies,

Students for Reproductive Justice - Toronto (SFRJ-TO) condemns the usage of graphic anti-choice images on post-secondary campuses, and we condemn the University's complicity in response to these instances of gender-based violence.

Furthermore, we believe that the crux of this issue is not a difference in opinion, but rather a

willful misinterpretation and abuse of freedoms that have enabled the harassment of recognized minority groups.

This is why we've decided to ask fellow students, student groups, and allies to sign the following petition and support us in advocating for the following remedies:

1. Urge the University to conduct a transparent investigation - with the direct involvement and leadership of various students - into the deleterious effects of graphic anti-choice signage on students and other members of our community, and
2. Support the implementation of buffer zones at the University.”

[continued:] My interpretation of buffer zone are areas in which graphic images can not be displayed publicly, and that is a restriction on that kind of activity related to university campus. Some is already enforced around clinics. My motion is to support the SFRJ TO in opposition of graphic anti-choice images on the university. We would add VUSAC's name to the petition in order to help them make the change the hope to see, and I feel like this aligns with our mandate on council. That is my motion. I am happy to answer questions.

Georgia: I wanted to add some context, that The Equity Commission has already endorsed this and supports this on our Facebook. SFRJ used to be called the Pro Choice Union. They do great work and a lot of social media education. They pass around information to students when graphic images are on campus.

Vibhuti: I have a question, you said that VUSAC is signing the petition, but would we also be sharing the information on our Facebook page?

Devon: The motion is just to endorse the petition. Whether or not it is shared on social media, was not requested, but it can be at the discretion of the Communications Director.

Motion: Devon moves to endorse SFRJ TO's Petition in opposition to use of graphic anti-choice images at the university. seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

[applause]

Motion: Zoe moves to add an action item to the agenda regarding a budget request to pull \$20 from the contingency fund for HeyTeach! (5 minutes). Cameron seconds.

[Summary] Heyteach! is a club here and they produce a teaching journal. They've asked for \$20 because it was just a mistake in their budgeting. They ordered a precopy in colour to ensure their design was correct and did not factor that in. I am in fully in support, it was a little mistake and I wouldn't want them to pay out of pocket. Their journal is well received. If you have any questions let me know. They would've loved to of come but couldn't be here. It is just a preprint of one copy, I'm not sure why it's so expensive, but they have assured me of the cost.

Motion: Zoe moves to add an action item to the agenda regarding a budget request to pull \$20 from the contingency fund for HeyTeach! (5 minutes). Cameron seconds.

- Favour: ALL

- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

*[applause]*

Motion: Zoe moves to add an action item to the agenda to re-ratify the TBA Acapella budget (5 minutes).  
Katie seconds.

*[Zoe wheezes]*

[Summary] If you remember when we ratified the spring budget, we tabled TBA which is a club here, because it looked like they had brought in revenue for one of their shows. It was a bit of miscommunication between myself and them that we don't raise money as clubs because it's based off of student fees. So we asked that they disclose the money and give it back to us. That has occurred. Tiger is liaoning in support. We feel now that that has occurred, that we are happy to ratify their budget. Tiger, if you want to go into details?

Tiger: It is the same winter budget as before, it is under Overview on the second sheet. There is a link to the TBA page. On that page that is what they are asking for. We tabled it during our first meeting, but we didn't see anything else that we would change. I don't have changes to recommend. Obviously, they will bring in revenue as well and that is something to keep in mind. The net impact on the bottom line is \$1,400 dollars.

Vibhuti: I have a question about their ticket line 19. It says "Bought in Canada for \$61". Can't you make the tickets for free in the VUSAC office?

Tiger: I didn't look into that specifically. I assume it was some sort of website that they would host their tickets in. But I am not certain

Zoe: I could be confusing another conversation, and I will look into this. But I believe they use a premium feature to barcode their tickets. But, thank you. I will look into that.

Devon: I wanted to raise a concern that I raised in the fall budget period. That this club, TBA, has one of the top 5 largest club budgets. However, all of that money with the exception of \$30 is going to an event not hosted on campus, and not primarily targeted towards Vic students. I expect they will advertise in Vic spaces. When I asked at the fall meeting, why they wouldn't consider hosting at the Bader or the Cat's Eye I don't believe I was given a satisfactory answer. Acoustics, I believe? On top of that, the idea of spending \$61 dollars on tickets when every other club prints in the office for free is concerning. For these concerns, and the fact that they are not here to address these concerns, I am going to not support the motion to ratify this budget at this time.

Motion: Zoe moves to extend discussion time by 10 minutes. Nick seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Tiger: I think I can address some of this. We talked to them about why we were concerned with their venue and whether the location is a benefit to the Vic community. They did say that they advertise to the Vic community and they are obviously Vic students. They shared that they host at the Git for acoustic reasons and because it was larger and the venue could accommodate more. Based on past events, they do have a lot of attendance. The last thing is, perhaps, them not being able to show up at this meeting. Because they had just recently given us their revenue from the

fall concert, I told them that the process of ratifying would happen immediately, but I did not tell them it would be at this meeting. The people in charge, didn't have the opportunity to know it would be discussed at this meeting. I don't think that it's fair that we reject it. If anything, we can delay and invite them to come justify it.

Georgia: I just want to say that I second Devon's point. Also, to your point Tiger about the seating. They used the chapel in the spring of 2018 and it wasn't full. It might of just been an off year, and that their attendance fluxuates, but I don't see how the number of seats at the Git is a huge barrier.

Zoe: I just want to say that attendance from an event a year ago is not indicative at all. We did have this conversation in the fall, if everyone remembers. We had a robust conversation. I am reluctant too and I am still. But they had a large showing in the fall. We have all had experience working with Vic events and technical side of things, and I emphasize with them. Tech is a cornerstone for their event and after practicing all year it is very important that it goes off without a hitch. They do need the seating, based on the fall event, and they need to acoustics to be pretty perfect. That's the whole point of the show. I appreciate VCDS' long standing relationship with tech and can navigate that, but TBA doesn't have as a good a relationship. It is not perfect, but we just don't have the right space for them. For that reason, and I hope that everyone does remember our conversation from last fall.

Devon: I just want to share that, I know booking the Bader is an option that would be cheaper and have a larger seating capacity and it would be on Vic's campus. I want to project the idea that taking student's fees and taking that to advertise to sell tickets, money, to have an event off campus is not a service to students. I think the opportunity to be advertised is not a service provided to students. I have two questions for you Zoe, if you can answer them.

Zoe: I can do my best.

Devon: Okay, do you know how many members of the group are Vic students?

Zoe: All Executives need to meet a 70% requirement and they do. We don't have a cap for general membership. I can get that number if you would like. but we don't hold any clubs accountable to that number, cause there is no number. I hope that no one else would feel comfortable holding TBA to that because we don't hold anyone else to that.

Devon: My second questions is, if the budget steering committee has had a chance to go through this and consider this budget? I know that it was tabled because we knew there was an issue about revenue, I was wondering if there was any other discussion from the steering level about this new information?

Zoe: Since this budget was included in the spring budgeting session, the budget steering committee did go through it in detail. That's when we found that we needed to do some due diligence and have some conversations with them, and we did. We all felt quite comfortable. The only reason it was tabled because we wanted to make sure that revenue came back to us. It was not tabled for any other reasons. We all felt that their reasoning after was very well. It's important to remember that students see shows as a service. VCDS for instance. And the students involved in the production are Vic, and they learn a lot of valuable skills, team building, community building. And they are giving people a performance, like the Bob and VCDS, and that is a service to me. A different kind of service maybe than what we're used to, but a service nonetheless.

Devon: Thank you for answering the question, I just want to clarify that the budget steering committee has not met after this has been tabled. That they have not reconsidered this budget.

Zoe: No, we had no cause to.

Devon: But that was my question.

Zoe: I don't understand the question you're asking.

Devon: I can clarify my question: You said that the budget steering committee chose to table this budget because of the concerns with revenue--

Zoe: --Not the concerns, the fact--

Devon: [continued] --and since it has been taken from the table it has not be reconsidered by the budget steering committee.

Zoe: Right.

Devon: Okay, thank you.

Katie: Just a note on using the Bader, the Bader is quite expensive to rent. That being said, the Git has the capacity of 178 and the Vic chapel of 200. So, if we're looking at that, if they are using the Git because it hosts more people, that is in my opinion not cause. To get that funding, because we do have space here that is free to rent. We can look into that more but numbers wise there is no reason to go off campus.

Tiger: They did come in and talk about this in the first semester. It was not purely number wise but they had a lot of tech troubles hosting it in the chapel, setting up the right equipment, etc. And also acoustic concerns. Those were the two big things.

Genevieve: Just a point of information, just because it is halfway through the term and I'm sure that their event is sometime in the very near future, have they already have a date and have a booking?

Tiger: The date is April 3rd.

Genevieve: Okay, do they already have a lot of things like promotion?

Zoe: To my knowledge, they have shared with the wider acapella community the dates and time of their event to not overlap. To my knowledge, no deposit has been put down and even if it had been we are not responsible for that, but people can really not spend until the budget is ratified.

Motion: Jai moves to extend discussion time by 5 minutes. Gabby seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Zoe: Substantial work has gone to the show. As you can imagine, they didn't realize the budget would be tabled. I have to fault them for not knowing a little, but, they still deserve a budget.

Cameron: I think in terms of our role, VUSAC is a Students Administrative Council and that includes to administer the funds in relation to student fees and that includes clubs. It is one of our primary goals to fund to clubs. We allow other events, like VCDS, the Bob and Highball to take place off campus and advertise for those. I don't see the difference. I know next to nothing about music and Georgia can confirm this [*Ali laughs*] we should be voting with the goal of helping the folks at TBA be the best club that they can be.

Devon: I just wanted to point out for the factuality of it, neither the Bob or any VCDS shows occur off campus. In my mind, this funding might be more aligned with funding a TDCS show that occurs at the Git. Which VUSAC doesn't fund. That being said. The fact that this is Vic's hosted acapella group might add to the community in that sense, I wish that they were more engaged with the community and hosted on Vic space. One of the reasons I feel that the Bob should never host off Vic is because it is tied so deeply to the community. But, I wish that TBA would deepen their connection with Vic. But being Vic's acapella group I will be supporting the motion, and I just wanted to clarify a bit about VCDS and the Bob.

Cameron: Apologizes. I am aware that VCDS and the Bob don't host off campus. I was making the analogy in more terms of taking student fees and using the money to advertise to tickets that

are for money for students. Apologizes if the analogy was interpreted as going further than it was intended to go.

Alexa: I don't have too much to add. Listening to everyone, I do agree that I want to see them promote to a Vic audience a little more. But speaking as someone who has hosted on many stages, including Bader, the Cat's Eye and the Git, the Git is the best place for this kind of event. There is also great lighting, not at the chapel. They didn't apply for the Bader which is expensive. But, I do believe that is the best option for the show. And I will be supporting.

Motion: Zoe moves to add an action item to the agenda to re-ratify the TBA Acapella budget (5 minutes).

Katie seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: Jai

### **ASSESSOR MEMBER REPORTS**

- Acta Victoriana - [No Report]
- Caffiends - [No Report]
- Cat's Eye - [No Report]
- Student Projects - [No Report]
- The Strand - [No Report]
- Vic Pride! - [No Report]
- VCAA - [No Report]
- VCDS - [No Report]

### **GOVERNING BODIES**

- BoR - [No Report]
- VCC - [No Report]
- VUS - [No Report]

### **STAFF MEMBER UPDATES**

Chief Returning Officer - Molly Simpson

- Update - (3 minutes)

[Summary] Super short, elections are happening. Gabby is my assistant CRO. *[applause]* So if you see her doing things and you aren't sure if she is allowed, she is. Additionally, nominations close on the 8th at noon. Submit your packages. Tell your friends, tell your friends to tell their friends. We will be posting in Residences on March 11th at 3:30 pm and March 13th at 2pm. There are lots of residents and lots of



posters. We need hands on deck. Last year we had four of us doing it and it took us three hours. One wasn't even on council. They were just a really nice person. Town hall is on the 15th at 5:30pm Cat's Eye. You are expected to be there. If you can't make it, let me know sooner rather than later. We need help with set up. Also, Gabby and I are figuring out catering. Lastly, I want to Emphasize neutral office culture. Do not sign nominations packages in the office, do not talk about elections in the office, don't pre-campaign. You are invited to spread the word of elections, and grab coffee off campus to talk about your position. Do not say, "you would be great at this!" Talk about how this is your job and these are the things I like about it. Tell your friends and I will see you all at Town hall.

#### Communications Director - Rehan Vishwanath

- [No Update]

#### Finance Chair - Tiger Fu

- [No Update]

#### Office Manager - Emma Lailey

- [No Update]

#### Chair - Alexa Breininger

- [No Update]

### **COMMISSION UPDATES**

#### Academic & Professional Development - Cameron Davies

- Update - (5 minutes)

[Summary] Hey everyone! I just wanted to brief you all on some events we've had. The first one was on Saturday, Feb. 16th we held a mock LSAT event in the VUSAC office. It had moderate attendance and the people there learned a lot. It was put on by Lucy *[applause]* additionally, we had a collab with the University of Toronto Stem Cell Research Student Union, and while the event was good I think they were not as sustainability focused as we are. They brought bottled water into the event. So, if you see bottled water in the backroom and I didn't raise it with the group, but that is what it is from. Additionally, on Wednesday we had an event with the Espresso Capital and the Alumni Office. We got a lot of people (touch base on numbers) to head down to offices and talked to the staff. It was a successful event to my knowledge, I will debrief with the office. We've done two initiatives in the office, the first is an event called "Study Study Study" and it was advertised by Emma. It is a way to tell people about the office, that it is a space that everyone should feel comfortable in to today and as such we offered office supplies as an invitation to come in. Also, we got a new whiteboard for the office. It is 60 inches by 48 inches. A big whiteboard. It serves a dual purpose. First it is a large purchase that we were able to make this year. And it serves for internal commission meetings and the purpose of something people can take out with a T-card to study. My idea is that people can leave a T-card at the front desk and be back by 7:30pm or we will be keeping your T-card. The whiteboard does fit into the elevator, so it can be used on any floor of Goldring. We are also hosting a series of three events on every Friday for the next three Fridays. It is a series of Writing Events, loosely based on a the series of Unfortunate Events but it will be very fortunate for people looking to enhance their writing ability. I have invited everyone to the room in the event. The first is from 2-3pm in the Copper Room. It will be hosted with Librarian Diane Mitchell and she will talk about how to research an essay. We also have one with a learning strategist about how to structure a paper and one with Michelle Frost who will give tips that the writing center most often gives regarding writing. I guess, I will leave the remaining time for questions.

Molly: Can we motion for a two minute recess to change over chairs?

Motion: Nick moves to take a two minute recess. Emilia seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Arts and Culture - Carleigh Campbell

- [No Update]

Commuter Commissioner - Emilia De Fabritiis and Tabina Ahmed

- [No Update]

Tiger: Order!!

Equity Commissioner - Georgia Line and Vibhuti Kacholia

- Update - (10 minutes)

[Summary]

Vibhuti: Black history month happened. It was good. We got featured in the Varsity! I am happy. If you have any feedback, please let me know.

Georgia: Next. Lucy do you want to do an update on Carnival?

Lucy: Yes! Carnival is a Latina holiday. It will be super fun. I have the food provided. There will be lots of Latino food, so no Burwash food. There will be Samba music which will be nice, because I really want to focus on the history of the event. In the Cat's Eye. You should all come.

*[applause]*

Georgia: She has worked very hard on planning this. So, props to Lucy.

Angela: What is the date and time?

Lucy: March 5th, at 7-10pm.

Georgia: Next Tuesday. We have a collab with a couple of organizations, putting together a film screening on homonationalism in Canada. There will also be a panel discussion, in collab with the New College council in the Cat's Eye, the date is March 14th at 6pm. That is happening.

Jared: Can you give a brief overview on what homonationalism is?

Georgia: Yes, sure! Homonationalism is a term where predominately white gay men have co-opted and organized the gay movement like for banks sponsoring pride and then not doing anything else except for in June. Basically it's about how this privileged contingent of the LGBT community has used their marginalized identity to overshadow that. And bill conservative movements within that. Is that good? Anything to add? So that's happening. Please show up. The film maker has endorsed this event as an independent filmmaker. We also have two collabs with

LGBT-out, with Stevie Bobbi, on March 20th in the Bader. Tickets are free but there is an rsvp.

Vibhuti: The other LGBT-out collab is on the 21st, but there were Cat's Eye conflictions. Our event will be an open mic night with QT-By pop people. To be clear, Vic Pride is having their open night the week before and LGBT-out has been informed of this and we will bring in a karaoke aspect to differentiate the events.

Georgia: We are also supporting two events with the Dean's Office.

Vibhuti: The first is the Diversity and Equity in Careers, a storytelling event with marginalized alumni talking about their experience navigating life after university. It is on the Tuesday, March 19th 5:30-8pm. We're very excited. Come out, and registrar!

Georgia: The next event is called "Inclusivity in Tech." I have been briefly consulted in the process. I have had my problems with it, I won't hide that. It is on March 15th 5:30-8pm. I am interested to see how it turns out. I don't think that it is a truly inclusive event in the nature of the tech industry. It is perhaps a step in the right direction. Finally, I've been working on my Progress report, it feels like I've been working on it for eons. But that will be coming soon!

#### Mental Wellness - Ali Kehl

- Update - (5 minutes)

[Summary] Hope you all had a good reading week. We had our Loneliness and Isolation Conference if you were there, but none of you were, it was mostly staff and faculty from other universities. When we opened up the conversation we learned a lot more together. I was impressed. A special thank you to Alexa for speaking at the event and the commission. We have some new ideas coming: One was coined by Gabby, it's called "Friday Fruits." Friday is the one day of the week where there is no free food on campus. During exam time, people tend to not get enough fruits and veggies. We are going to post kind messages and have fruit outside the office. We also have a resource fair and a commission member came up with a cute idea: a DIY chocolate face mask. event We are working on taking the guiltiness out of self care--because sometimes it is looked at like a guilty please, which doesn't make sense. We will also have a student panel coming up, because I love a good student panel.

Gen: Does the SAD lamp initiative have a release date?

Ali: I have given all my stuff to Jayde, I am just waiting on the last approval. I've submitted a rental program and draft. It is out of my hands right now.

#### Scarlet & Gold - Alexa Ballis

- [No Update]

#### Sustainability Commissioner - Jared Connoy and Victoria Silva

- Update - (5 minutes)

[Summary] So, the commission unanimous--ly, unanimous--ly--whoa that is not a word. Good luck spelling that one Emma. Unanimously, approved the Board of Regents divestment letter. Will post both in the Facebook group and on our website. We have a Doc and Talk planned on March 5th, from 5:30-8pm in Wymilwood. The screening is about national park in the Congo about the current political situation and how the conflicting interests have a lot to do with foreign oil companies. It is one of the best docs I have ever seen. You will definitely cry. Maybe that is a selling point or maybe its not. There will be Caffiends catering as always. As well as a talk with Caroline Colly. On March 8th, 3:30-5pm in the Atrium. She is incredible. Then we have an Indigenous with Food event. The broader context has to do with people's relationship with food and building sustainability. Colly is a Migma woman and a trained forest therapy guide and she worked at Food Share for a decade. And then, on Wednesday we had our sustainability committee meeting with admin and the bursar did not show up. No surprise there. We invited John Robinson, who is the President advisor on sustainability, the President being Meric Gertler. We learned a lot from him. We talked about a lot of things going on on campus and what it means to be a student leader on campus. We will hopefully share our notes on that.

### **EXECUTIVE UPDATES**

VP External - Devon Wilton

- [No Update]

VP Internal - Nick Shyshkin

- [No Update]

VPSO - Zoe Ritchie

- [No Update]

President - Jayde Jones

- [No Update]

**Additions:**

- Leora Nash to add (3 minutes) for Update Student Projects

[Summary] I wasn't able to attend Caucus. I just wanted to be here to answer any question you might have and if you want access to minutes, just contact me and I will send them to you, Our meetings are closed but are available upon request and I can send you the view only link. I usually include them in the package for ratifying grants. I wanted to update that I spoke with Jayde and the Dean's Office on Monday, the SAD lamps are almost ready to go. With regard to the order for merch, and free menstrual product dispensers, they will be arriving in the beginning of April and then they will be installed. We are working on how the system can continue and what our options are for next year. The woman's circle had their retreat and five members want, so they only paid \$50 dollars for the entire retreat, the two execs said it was incredible from experiencing the Canadian winter and that and they want wanted to pass on their appreciation. The Fashion Show is tomorrow, I would highly encourage people to go. We helped fund their vegan and gluten free their catering. Go if you can! Other than that, that is all I have to say. There is one other proposal that we granted money for, but I will bring that up at the next VUSAC meeting and it was some funds to help support the 2020 Equity Studies summit--

Motion: Nick moves to extend discussion time by 5 minutes. Alexa seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

[continued:] You will be hearing more about that at the next meeting. We will be accepting proposals until April 3rd. I would suggest applying now for events in September or October. I am also available to help with price comparison, and other things. Feel free to email or message me!

- Alexa to add (3 minutes) for Commission Update

[Summary] Hello everyone! Pick up for Highball tickets are on March 4th, they were pushed back in order to allow for the tickets to be subsidized, and as you know, it passed! Thank you to everyone! \$30 is the cheapest tickets have ever been. Our Communications team is coming over this weekend I will be posting more on Facebook. Other Highball news: Emma came along with me to a meeting at the venue in which we paid our 20k deposit. Also, our formal wear sale is on Monday March 14th, from 10-3pm as recommended by Mia. If you donate dresses to the VUSAC office you will get ticket and then get a dress! SuitsU is also going to be available. All the donations go to Unity Charity. Also, if I can speak quickly about the Grad Banquet. There was an issue this morning that the link did not come out today. But tickets will be going on sale for next Friday. Another thing, we found out that it's happening on

Greek Easter which is kind of hilarious because I'm Greek and of all the people that should of pointed that out, that was me. Anyway, I am working with the venue to accommodate to people who will be celebrating Greek Easter, because a lot of them fast on the Friday, and if you have any questions or concerns please direct them to [gradbanquetteam@gmail.ca](mailto:gradbanquetteam@gmail.ca)

Motion: Emilia moves to extend discussion time by 5 minutes. Jai seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Vibhuti: On the streets, I've been hearing about Highball blackmarket tickets in which people are getting and selling to other people. I wanted to know, I mean, you probably have a plan in place. And I know a lot of people on the waitlist. So many that people are curious about who is actually going to Highball. When do people have to forfeit their tickets?

Alexa: I am aware of this. And people have to be emailed to cancel their ticket by March 15th. The blackmarket thing will not be allowed. But it is almost impossible to regulate it. We will have a guest list and if their name is not on the waitlist, then they are not allowed in

*[snap-plause]*

Vibhuti: I think that you should make that clear. People really be thinking that they're going to scam you.

Devon: It would be great if people at the front desk could give a speech when people pick up their tickets about how tickets are not transferable. Because that is fucked up.

Alexa: We will make a post on Facebook and include that in the fine print of the event.

Georgia: To really, really make sure, they should have to bring their T-Card.

Alexa: They are doing that already!

Tiger: We can do a super fan thing like T Swift did.

Emilia: About the donations, I have a lot of dresses. But as we all know my outfit was picked out by last April. But, if I donate all of them can we supposedly give people the free dress tickets?

Alexa: Yes, I love that idea! I will surprise people with that.

Ali: For all of us who volunteer, I was wondering how are we paying the cash money how is that happening?

Alexa: I will confirm how much you're paying. It will not be the full price for volunteers, but you will still have to pay. Volunteers can pick up tickets at the VUSAC office like the regular tickets, but it will be on a separate page.

- Devon to add (3 minutes) for Update

[Summary] Thanks! I just wanted to say that yesterday was Caucus. Thank you for everyone who came. We had good reporting. All but one of the levies reported, and we will follow up with them. There were a lot of good questions and engagement. I regret to say that it was 3 hours long. I really tried to shorten it. By limiting VUSAC speaking time, but it was still 3 hours and that is too long for many people to stay. I will take suggestions if you have any on how to shorten it and include them. I was disappointed with number of absences. I did not reject the number of regrets because we are volunteers, but I am disappointed. The Question form was a success, we got four responses and all went well. I did provide people who were absent with an opportunity to provide written responses. People have been directed to provide a response and it is recorded by Emma or added for inclusion into the minutes, then it is sent out. Again, I am always open to suggestions. I'm happy to say, that I moved for an endorsement for the

Ryerson Project and it passed at Caucus. We are continuing to gather letters of support. Please sign the petition! We have also been represented again in the news, the Variety published an opinion piece on the Ryerson proposal and I really appreciate that. It is also online. Aside from that, if you were there at Caucus, Lucinda, who is President of the Equity Studies Union and a previous VUSAC member, was there and shared some thoughts on the changes to tuition and ancillary fees that we are all very concerned about. It's very shitty to think about and talk about it. Listening to Leora's updates about the beautiful things that happen on campus is all because of funding. It was sad. I will be focusing on putting a lot of work towards that in my position. Part of that is that Lucicinda asked if VUSAC would sign on as a collaborator for the 2020 summit she is hosting. Other collabs are the Equity Studies Union, our commission, LGBT-out, 15 for Fairness, and many other equity studies groups. I want to take a straw poll if there is an interest in participating. [straw poll] Looks pretty good. Thank you!

Motion: Cameron moves to extend discussion time by 1 minute. Genevieve seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None

Cameron: I just wanted to speak about the absences at Caucus. I was absent at Caucus. I wanted to specify that the reason why I was absent, and I'm sure why others were absent, is because we have to work and, for myself, I work Thursday evenings all the time and I couldn't take time off for Caucus or I would of lost \$100. That's like a \$100 entrance fee to Caucus. And it is important that I work in order to support myself. I think some others feel the same way.

Devon: I just wanted to clarify that I wasn't intending anything by that. There are valid reasons to missing Caucus and there were lots of good online responses. I am just saying the Caucus works better when people are there. So, if you have ideas I am continuing to look for ways to promote attendance for next year. Thank you Cameron for your thoughts.

Motion: Genevieve moves to adjourn meeting. Nick seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None
- Opposed: None