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VUSAC MEETING MINUTES

February 15th, at 5:00 PM in the Goldring Student Center
MINUTES

In Attendance

Judiciary

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

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CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER: Molly Simpson
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SUSTAINABILITY: Jared Connoy
COMMUTER: Emilia De Fabritiis
ARTS AND CULTURE: Carleigh Campbell
ACADEMIC: Cameron Davies
EQUITY: Georgia Lin
SCARLET AND GOLD: Alexa Ballis

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SUSTAINABILITY CO-CHAIR: Victoria Silva
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Jenny Zhang
Gabrielle daSilva
Genevieve Crispin-Frei
Angela Medina
Jai Kakkar

Katie Marsland (proxy for Ali)

Guests

CAMPUS LIFE COORDINATOR: Christina Alcena

ACTA EIC: Sanna Wani

ACTA EIC: Mia Kachan

Regrets

MENTAL WELLNESS COMMISSIONER: Ali Kehl

PRESIDENT: Jayde Jones

CHAIR: Alexa Breininger

Land Recognition: Cameron (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: Georgia moves to approve the minutes from February 1st, 2019 as it stands. Gabby seconds.

Motion passes.

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

Motion: Jared moves to approve the agenda as it stands. Jai seconds. Motion passes.

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

Additions to the Agenda (maximum 3 minutes per addition)

- Devon to add (3 minutes) for update
- Vibhuti to add (3 minutes) for Alcohol Policy Workshop Update
- Alexa to add (3 minutes) for Vic Newsletter Update

EX-OFFICIO UPDATES

- Dean's Office Update - Christina
 - Update (3 minutes)

[Summary] Thank you so much for having me again. Just a reminder that Crescam applications are out and available. The university will be closed on Monday, but if you email the application to Devon or myself before 5pm you will receive confirmation. I'm happy to announce that Orientation Exec hiring is complete. A big thank you to members who sat on the hiring committee: Georgia, Emilia, Nick, and Cynthia. Applicants will be notified the week of the 25th. Leader applications are also out and they're due on Feb. 27th. If you know of anyone interested—especially in first year—and who wants to relive orientation as a leader, please encourage them to apply! Once again, applications are due on the 27th. I will be away from the office on Monday February 18th, from Wednesday, February 20th till Friday, February 22nd, as well as out of the country March 1st to the 10th (returning Monday, March 11th, 2019). Berguita will be available to support you if you need anything. Have a wonderful reading week and enjoy!

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

ACTION ITEMS

- Motion by Sanna Wani to ratify Acta Victoriana Constitution as presented in Appendix A - (10 minutes)

[Summary] So, this motion is basically that we made two constitutional amendments to Acta—in order to pay contributors a twenty dollar honorarium per semester because we had a surplus in the budget. We are reorganizing the budget in order to account for the large amount of journals that just get left in the office. So we are reorganizing things and we have substantial room to pay contributors and we found it to be something important to do.

Mia: Yeah, so there was—the amendments were sent out in the agenda package. Along with notes for consideration. But to expand, we have really focused this year—and in the past, but also this year—on highlighting the work of marginalized artists and also hiring a diverse board. Our board is majority not men, majority people of colour and majority queer people. And this is similarly reflected in the pieces we choose. Finally, on a broader note, the labour of artists in general we feel is not recognized enough, in comparison to organizing and being in an elected position.

Because we have the room, we want to work within a Canadian literary community that is starting to recognize the labour of artists. We also, in the amendments have a maximum number of pieces that we would pay for—which is far above the regular number of pieces we would publish—we also have the budget and our bank statement if anyone wants us to include this in our budget. Are there any questions or concerns before voting?

Sanna: Also, just to add one more thing, part of the amendment is also paying us. Because we do not get paid. We are one of the only levies that does not get paid. Part of that is a 500 honorarium for the entire academic year for the EIC (Editors-in-Chief).

Alexa: Thank you for coming. I think these two ideas are wonderful and should happen. I just had two suggestions or points of clarification. Could we clarify what happens when there are two levy heads instead of one. Does the honorarium get split in half? Is the 500 per editor in chief per term? Secondly, clarifying how many poems a writer could contribute? Could be interpreted that one person can submit the twenty poems and then get twenty honorarias.

Mia: In terms of the payment for EIC, it is \$500 per the school year, per editor in chief. I have been involved with Acta throughout my entire undergrad and there have always been two since I've known. But we can add “to a maximum of two EIC.” In terms of the number of poems, we only ever publish two poems per artist max. We normally only publish one poem per artist, but occasionally we get someone who's work we really enjoy and will publish more than one.

Cameron: First of all, thank you for being here. In terms of art, it is very, very important work that often goes unrecognized. I strongly appreciate your commitment for providing compensation for artists. I had a super procedurally question regarding Section 4.1 A it says “submissions are open to all students at the University of Toronto as well as the larger literary and artistic

communities.” In terms of prioritization, does Acta prioritize Vic students? Or is there no preference.

Sanna: A different part of the constitution says this, but we do blind submissions. So we receive submission and accumulate a packet and then we send it void of information alluding to the identity of the writer or artist to our board in order to maintain a bias reduction. It has always been a part of the constitution to make sure it’s blind. So no, we don’t prioritize Vic students. But we do receive in majority submissions from Vic and U of T.

Mia: There, since I’ve started, there have always been a significant number of Vic submissions. One final note, we do give artists the chance to provide clarification on parts of their identity that could impact their work and that is shared with the board if it is relevant to the piece. So that is shared selectively, but not in the majority.

Cameron: Thank you.

Devon: Thank you, Sanna and Mia, for coming to talk about this and the great ideas. The request is very reasonable and the amount requested is reasonable. I think that paying artists for their work is very important. The submission policy is very responsible. I do want to ask more about the fact that submissions are open to non-Vic students and members of the broader literary community. I would like to have more of a discussion on that, because it is Vic student money that is being paid to the levy. And then if we are publishing and paying non-Vic and U of T students then that is Vic money being used for...that is the route it is going. I’m not saying that can never happen, because we have paid speakers in our budget this year. But I’m wondering, an idea I had is to maybe clarify that this honorarium is only available to Vic or U of T students—and not to people not affiliated with U of T at all. I was wondering what you thought about that?

Sanna: I guess, that is a very important point. Thank you for bringing it up. It is something that we considered at first. In our submission box, we often get asked if we accept submission from outside of U of T. I think the policy of Acta—to continue to accept submissions first of all—is important to the unity we are trying to build. And trying to build inside of Vic. That carries over to how we feel about paying contributors outside of Vic. Acta is not just Vic’s journal. It is a journal that helps represent what Vic can contribute to the literary community. Even if it is not only by Vic students, we believe that it is part of growing what Vic’s mandate and community wants. That is why we would want to keep it open to paying people also outside of Vic.

Mia: Another thing to consider is paying the artist will increase the number of submissions and quality. And really producing a journal that has beautiful work we feel is positively contributing to the literary community at Vic—

Motion: Carleigh moves to extend by minutes. Devon seconds. Motion passes.

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

At our launch party there was a large community of Vic students and allowing submissions from other members of the community brought artists from Toronto to this space. Also, Acta outside of Vic, is like the oldest literary journal in Canada and very prominent. It is one of the few that has as wide a reach as it does to not pay contributors. And my final thing is just that while I understand using Vic funds for Vic students, I wouldn’t feel comfortable creating a hierarchy of the pieces that we are publishing. Though I totally understand why its in discussion.

Devon: Thank you for your excellent answer. I’m proud to have Acta at Vic. I know that there are lots of non Vic students that contribute to the community. Now, I can’t see any reason why those

people should not be paid for their work. One quick additional question: In view of the changes to ancillary fees that we are all experiencing—thank you for mentioning the maximums for the journal is more than you normally produce because that helps clarify because—it looks like levy and club funding is not going to be as predictable year-to-year. I am comfortable with the honorarium right now, but not more. Because next year if you only get half of your levy fee, for example, then that means that the honoraria is now 20% of your levy. If you published the maximum number, \$900 per issue, that would cause difficulties for the levy in producing. Or anything like that. I was wondering if you would consider adding an amendment that the honorarium is at the discretion of the Editors-in-Chief, in case of that, so then you can reduce the amount and I would trust the editors to do that in an ethical way. Just because, I don't want Acta to be in a position where they can't publish their journal.

Sanna: I fully agree and we would be happy to add that.

Zoe: I just have a quick question, is this to come into effect this year or for the start of next year?

Mia: Ideally, yes, this year. Again, we have a lot of extra funding, like \$7000 in our bank account. So if it could come into effect this year that would be ideal.

Zoe: I might request procedurally...you've accepted some friendly amendments but I believe that we need to get them on the floor and their wording down. So if we want to start that process.

Alexa: Starting with the honorarium for the Editors-in-Chief.

Motion: Cameron moves to extend by 5 minutes. Carleigh seconds. Motion passes.

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

Zoe: So there should be clarification of if there is one editor, that the honorarium number is \$1000 or \$550, and to a maximum of two EIC.

Devon: It is constituted in the beginning, that there can be one or two, but it would be good to make the clarification in this line still.

Zoe: So \$500 each or...

Devon: Per editor.

Alexa: I think that we should clarify as well in this section. So: "The Editors-in-Chief are to be paid an honorarium of \$500 per annual term, each up to two Editors-in-Chief."

[cross talk]

Sanna: I don't know if one editor needs to be paid \$1000. It would be tough for that editor being alone, but at the same time starting with \$500 and if that Editor has such a need that they want \$1000, then they can deal with that as seen fit.

Zoe: That is pretty on par on the policy used in other clubs and levies honoraria, so that makes sense to me.

Mia: I changed the wording to be: "The Editors-in-chief are to be paid an honorarium of \$500 per Editor per annual term."

Devon: For 4.02 ID, I don't know how the board works. You can say how you would like this to be phrased but, some options for phrasing are, "At the discretion of the Editors-in-Chief ..." or "In consultation with the board ..." However you want it to work.

Sanna: "At the discretion of the Editors-in-Chief" is a great reading.

Devon: And then, "Are to be paid" or "made to be paid"?

Mia: Devon, do you mind reading the wording again? I'm just wording it now and can read it out.

Devon: We could just add a sentence, so “At the discretion of the Editors-in-Chief, the selected authors and artists may be paid an honorarium. The selected authors and artists are to be paid an honorarium in accordance with the following guidelines ...”

Motion: Nick moves to extend by 5 minutes. Emilia seconds. Motion passes.

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

Motion: Sanna Wani moves to to ratify the Acta Victoriana Constitution as presented in Appendix A, as modified in meeting. Alexa seconds. Motion passes.

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

[applause]

- Motion by Nick Shyshkin to allocate \$373.69 from the contingency fund to new line 17 of the VPI Winter budget for Second Semester Internal Retreat Dinner - (5 minutes)

[Summary] Hi all. So because we had a second semester retreat, our way to thank you to come on a Saturday and travel to campus was to provide you food. That being dinner which I hope you all enjoyed. It has already been paid for, so that is just on my VISA—no worries. Just to clarify, at the retreat we went over election guidelines and stuff. That’s all I have.

Motion: Nick Shyshkin moves to allocate \$373.69 from the contingency fund to new line 17 of the VPI Winter budget for Second Semester Internal Retreat Dinner. Jenny seconds. Motion passes.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- [No Report]

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

- [No Update]

Communications Director - Rehan Vishwanath

- [No Update]

Finance Chair - Tiger Fu

- [No Update]

Office Manager - Emma Lailey

- Update - (3 minutes)

[Summary] Hey everyone! Just a quick update on the behind the scenes work your staff and co-chairs and what we've been up to: if we remember last meeting Devon released his big project, the Re-naming Ryerson Proposal—incredible work—in accompaniment with a letter of support of behalf of VUSAC's elected members. Because this letter did not include the staff and co-chairs, I thought that we should write our own! Now, because the project is so significant I organized a very specific writing process in order to convey its personal importance to each of us. The minimum amount of involvement in the letter writing process required staff and co-chair members to submit 1-3 sentences describing why re-naming the Ryerson house and stream is important to them. Then, I collected the responses and Molly and I composed a letter that summarized everyone's opinion. It is located in Appendix B. But yes, that is what we have been up to.

Zoe: Go staff, go co-chairs. This is a really nice letter, I really enjoyed reading it.

Devon: Yeah, I just wanted to express my gratitude to all of you for putting this together and Emma for organizing that. It is a great letter and beautifully presented. It means so much that you would take the time to consider how you feel about the project. That is half the battle, and making these kinds of changes is getting people to think about that. The fact that you expressed this in the letter is very important. You have no idea how much people on the board like want, these letters. For some reason it is a huge turn on or whatever. *[laughter]* This will make a fantastic addition. I don't think they read the minutes of our meetings—or, maybe they do. Anyway, thank you for the letter, and also thank you Acta for your letter. Keep them *coming*. Thank you Emma, thank you staff, thank you co-chairs.

Chair - Alexa Breininger

- [No Update]

COMMISSION UPDATES

Academic & Professional Development - Cameron Davies

- [No Update]

[Summary] Hey everyone! We've been doing interesting things lately. We had our Summers Opportunities Workshop last week. It went reasonably well. People came to speak to professor Ira Wells is the Vic Programs Director and professor Shawn Ross is the Undergraduate Research Coordinator. That being said, attendance wasn't as good as it could have been. In the future, if you would help plug events and come to events that would mean a lot because I think that a lot of people are interested. We do have another event going on tomorrow. It was organized by Lucy, and for anyone fortunate enough to stay in beautiful, sunny Toronto over reading week it is a great time to do a Mock Lsat test. For anyone interested in pursuing the Lstats, come to the event it is from 11-4pm tomorrow. It will be hosted in a more formal environment, than just doing it by yourself, and there will be snacks. We have plans for after reading week: we have three events going on. One of the things we will be promoting, or providing, are exam supplies. So keep your eyes peeled for that. On Tues. Feb. 26th we are reaching out to the U of T Student Society for Stem Cell Research to have a luncheon with profs who study stem cell research. This is a great opportunity for all Vic students, but especially those studying life sciences. Finally, on Wednesday from 3:45-6pm we will be having a financial visit for those Rotman people in the room [*locates Tiger and Jai*] There you are. The visit will be to Espresso Capital. The President of Espresso Capital could not make it to the networking dinner and his way of apologizing is to invite about 30-40 Vic students there. If you have any interest in the financial industry, we will be leaving from Vic after getting coffee and going to the office. Overall, the Academic Commission has many exciting things going on. As always, feel free to talk or reach out to me if you have any questions.

Vibhuti: Is there time? Congrats on the Lsat event, it sounds very interesting shoutout to Lucy. You're a star! I was wondering if you thought about doing an MCAT event as well or a mock GRE?

Cameron: The idea of MCAT is interesting given that we are providing the service for pre law students we should provide it for pre med as well. With that being said, we have already budgeted for everything this year, I will put in my transition report as an idea for my successor. I do regret not being able to put on such an event—

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

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

[*continued*] That being said, if anything does blow my way I will promote it via the Academic Commissions social media channels.

Jared: I would also really recommend doing some kind of GRE event. Respect to everyone trying to get into med school and law school, but I'm not trying to do that.

Devon: I'm not trying to do both to be clear.

Cameron: In terms of GRE events, our schedule is packed this semester so I can't commit to adding anything else, but I can leave in my transition report. And I will pass it on via social media channels.

[*crosstalk*]

Arts and Culture - Carleigh Campbell

- [No Update]

Commuter Commissioner - Emilia De Fabritiis and Tabina Ahmed

- Update - (7 minutes)

[Summary] I can pass.

Equity Commissioner - Georgia Line and Vibhuti Kacholia

- Update - (12 minutes)

[Summary] Hi everyone. A couple of updates. So Art at the Intersections was last week. It went very well. Thank you to everyone who came and watched the art during their office hours and helped with set up and take down. Our commission was fantastic. I hope that it becomes a recurring event for the rest of the time that VUSAC exists. Because I would love to see that happen. We also had our Lunar New Year event on Feb. 4th, to celebrate year of the pig. It went well. We gave out red packets with chocolate coins and people learned about the history of the Chinese zodiac, etcetera. People got food—they were vultures—but it was good. I also ran Highball equity training was last week. We have upcoming programming, so for the rest of the semester it is mainly a lot of collabs with student groups. Look out for an event on land acknowledgements with Indigenous elders coming in to speak about why it is important. An event on homeless youth in Toronto, awareness and advocacy. Shine a Light week. Vibhuti, do you want to talk about Black History Month?

Vibhuti: I have no updates from last time, so.

Georgia: Okay! And Black History Month is going well! Keep looking out on the Facebook. The commission is doing a great job celebrating influential black people and artists. We also collabed with Victoria Black on a couple events. On March 7th collab we are doing a collab with LGBTout on an open mic night that we mentioned last time. Lucy, do you want to talk about Carnival?

Lucy: Sure! So I'm hosting an collab with the Organization of Latin American Students and the Brazilian Student Association for Carnival. There will be Latin American food, Brazilian food, and music. It will be held in the Cat's Eye and we are very excited.

Georgia: Yay! So that is a part of our Cultural Celebration Series and will be on Tuesday March 5th at 6:30pm. The last thing, Shailee, the 2017-2018 Equity Commissioner, wrote a progress report for first semester around this time and that will be coming out soon with information about the behind the scenes work of the Commission. Look out for that and keep doing all the good work.

Alexa: It is Georgia's birthday today.

Georgia: Oh jeez.

Alexa: And I think that we should sing Happy Birthday.

Everyone: "Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to Georgia, happy birthday to you!"

Georgia: Thank you to Emma Lailey for typing out the lyrics! I'm so glad that this is going in the archives for all to see.

Emma: Always.

Motion: moves to extend discussion by minutes. seconds. Motion passes.

- Favour: ALL
- Abstained: None

- Opposed: None

Mental Wellness - Ali Kehl

- Update - (3 minutes)

[Read by Katie] Ali said to do an impression of her, but I will not be doing that. Here it is:

“Here is my update...do with it what you will...(as long as there’s video proof)!!! *[there is no video proof]*”

Hello sweet team!! I’m sorry to be missing you tonight but know that as the sun shines down on me in c(al) i wish you were all here with me!! I don’t have too much to say but want to thank both Alexa and Zoe for participating in the Women’s Mental Health and Leadership Conference at York on Monday! As usual, y’all are superstars in everything you do!!! Additionally, we are currently waiting for our resource list to make it onto the website and (say this with extra excitement) we now have a facebook page!!!!!! Clearly I did not make the logo but Gabby and Rehan are so wonderfully techy that they figured it out and we are officially on the web! It’s Valentine’s month so please give us a “like”!! (If no one laughs...say this line again, it’s a joke!) *[forced laughter]*

Furthermore we have now had 2 commission meetings, ran a Self-Love Writing and Compassion Jar Workshop (magnificently led by the lovely Angela) and have begun working with the Dean’s Office on the Loneliness and Isolation Conference happening on Thursday, February 28th!! I believe that is all from me—I hope you all find moments of sunshine this reading week (even if you’re staying in the snow)! Sending my love your way VUSAC!!!! xoxo aligirl“

Scarlet & Gold - Alexa Ballis

- Update - (5 minutes)

[Summary] Hey everyone. So Highball tickets went on sale yesterday at 10am and 2pm they filled up in 15 minutes. Which is wild. Including VUSAC and volunteers, we have 572 total. The waitlist is over 75 right now. We are getting there! And, it went up this morning. Thank you to the Communications team and for sharing the event, the banner, postering, and designing the graphics. Thank you Katie! You helped spread the word and I am happy to have that happening. I had a meeting with Isa and Hambo, they are back to DJ for the event! A week before, we will be posting song requests. Also, we’ve been working on the Affordable Clothing Initiative with Jenny, we had a meeting with Jason from SuitsYou yesterday, and we can confirm the dates on that: Tuesday March 12th till March 14th, from 10-3pm. We want it to be in Wymilwood hopefully, but can’t confirm right now. We will need volunteers to accept cash and do fitting and coordinate bodies in the room. Other than that, stay tune. Thank you to Georgia and Vibhuti for the Equity Training and the scenarios. They were so custom to Highball and were very helpful and they learned a lot. I am happy with that and I hope that they prioritize that as much as you did. We had a Grad Banquet Meeting today, it is at the Fourth. Which is different than Harthouse which is where it normally is. Promo for that starts in a week!

Mia: When you were talking about the events, for accessible clothing, I wanted to make a suggestion that if you don’t have the space yet that you should pick one that is less in the open and with windows, just in terms of accessibility and for privacy.

Alxa: Thank you.

Devon: Everything you’re doing is great. I think that the event should be plugged in the description of the Highball event as well. That formal wear is encouraged or suggested or welcome, so that people see that.

Sustainability Commissioner - Jared Connoy and Victoria Silva

- Update - (5 minutes)

[Summary] Hello everyone. A few things. One, we are still looking for an organization to partner with, people are...oh my god. They are not key on coming. If you have any recommendations to partner with, we love those. We are looking to plan a Sustainability Fair, which was an idea of a commission member, DIY stuff and wholesome activities. De-stressor events. Wholesome things preferred. We will be launching the website at the Sustainability Fair, one of my commissioner members has made a whole website. We have been collecting blog posts as to why sustainability is important to all of us. If anyone here wants to contribute to that, you are welcome to. We have a Doc and Talk on March 5th at 5:30 in Williamwood on a national park in the DRC about conflicting interests about what the land is being used for. A standard environmental doc. We have been focusing a lot on nuanced things which is really awesome, but we wanted to do a straight up environment situation. As a student group, we are nominated for a green ribbon award. Green ribbon awards are given by the U of T Sustainability Office. As a Commission we are nominated for the group category and then myself and a member of the exec are nominated in the individual category. I made a post in the Facebook group that has a link to vote. If you want to vote for us cool. If you don't, that's...also...cool.

Victoria: A small, weird note: if you do want to vote for us we are listed as "VUSAC Equity."

Jared: That is a typo.

Victoria: So just note, if you vote for "Equity" you're actually voting for "Sustainability."

Jared: We just love equity. But it is a typo. That's that.

Zoe: Can I ask, is that going to be fixed?

Jared: We tried.

Victoria: We're trying to fix that and don't know if that is going to happen. We are in communication with the Sustainability Office and Jayde is also involved.

Jared: It will hopefully be fixed.

Zoe: I am happy to help if I can.

Tiger: This is not related to Sustainability, but I was wondering if I could I have a quick 5 minute update at the end?

[crosstalk/giggling]

Motion: Carleigh moves to take a 5 minute recess. Katie seconds. Motion passes.

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

EXECUTIVE UPDATES

VP External - Devon Wilton

- [No Update]

VP Internal - Nick Shyshkin

- [No Update]

VPSO - Zoe Ritchie

- Update - (5 minutes)

[Summary] Hi everyone, I wanted to make a quick update, I know I don't every week but a lot of my job is like, maintenance. So retweet. Nick said that. Anyway, we currently have 37 clubs operating

successfully and zero operating unsuccessfully. Big win there. We have had no new applications for new clubs are open right now. Currently, I am undergoing review of office space and usage which is common this time of year. I will be giving a report on recommendations I have and club requests for more or less space. I am also undergoing a reorganization of club storage with Emma and some other interesting people. If you are interested in either of those things, you are welcome to join me in doing them. Those are my updates, but I am open to questions. Questions about anything? All the clubs are doing well and it is exciting to see them grow. And membership grow. Although my inbox is always full, it is always little things and nothing to be too alarmed about. Any questions or feedback you hear from clubs?

Jai: Have you been able to clarify with Foodiac?

Zoe: I'm sorry? An email?

Jai: They sent an email after the budget?

Zoe: No. They have not reached out to me. Please tell me they are very welcome.

Tiger: Forward it to me.

Zoe: Sorry, did they email you?

Jai: She messaged me. I don't know.

Zoe: Give them my email. If it's budgetary...

Jai: I told her that too.

Zoe: Okay, wonderful.

President - Jayde Jones

- Update - (10 minutes)

[Read by Nick and Molly:]

Hi team and friends! Apologies for my absence, but I'm currently on a flight out of the country. You'll all be receiving an email this evening outlining how we can be in touch over reading week and what my availability will look like. Here's an update on some projects and issues; please forgive me if anything is repetitive, just making sure we're all looped in on council's fantastic work!

Free Menstrual Products – Vic

Given that this is a Student Projects funded initiative, I'm currently working with the Dean's Office to process a purchase order for the machine (VUSAC does not have access to or control of Student Projects fees).

Renaming Ryerson Initiative

Letters of support are rolling in – it's exciting! Devon will likely have updated you all but please share the petition and get your networks to sign if they're in support.

Provincial Government Tuition Fee Response

The Office of the Vice-Provost released information provided to them by the government outlining what fees will be considered essential, and therefore be mandatory.

They are vague and there is still little information as to how the opt-out process be implemented but it is known it will be online. We do not yet have substantial information about which specific fees Vic students currently pay will fall under what categories, but some are intuitive – e.g., the Goldring Student Centre fees.

Council Policies and Constitutional Review

Your committee Chairs and I have re-worked the process for governing document reviews committee to hopefully best utilize the time we have left. I outlined the process in the Facebook group and will send a more formal email by the end of the weekend. It's going to require a lot of cooperation to power through this, and I'm so appreciative to the work done so far. Special shout out to Katie who has chaired five (5!) committee meetings!

BoR, VCC, VUS

I'll be working with my fellow student Board reps to deliver a formal Board update at the next VUSAC meeting and will co-ordinate with Devon to do the same for VCC and VUS – though the Executive Committee meeting of the Senate was cancelled this month so there may be no substantive update there.

SGRT/OVPS/PUSAG

The St. George Roundtable (SGRT) has been working with the Office of the Vice-Provost (OVPS) and the Provost's Undergraduate Student Advisory Group (PUSAG) to respond to the tuition fees announcement as best we can with the information we have.

We are also advocating for the University to explain its decisions not to close campus, home to 80% commuter students, in the face of extreme weather warnings from Environment Canada. Students, at Vic and elsewhere, have identified this as a matter of great concern and that is being taken seriously by our respective student leaders.

The SGRT and the UTSU continue to work with the Vice-Provost, Undergraduate Students to implement campus-wide free menstrual product distribution. Special shout out to Vibhuti for taking a leadership role in this initiative!

Alcohol Events Planning Workshop

You'll be receiving an email about this from Katie and Vibhuti, who have been working with Christina to plan it. I want to emphasize that while this training is not mandatory for all council members, it is highly, highly encouraged that you attend. Extra highly encouraged for any members of council who are, have been, or will be involved in planning an alcohol-serving event.

Elections

Support Molly! Support the future health of this council! Share nominations with your networks! Encourage folks to run! Be a team player! That's all!

General Reminders

Elections for Governing Council end tonight so please take a moment to read candidate statements and VOTE!

Take a BREAK from VUSAC over reading week. I'll be posting an email message you can set as your vacation responder over the break. Take care of you, I love you and am so proud of all our work! Amazing events have happened this semester, incredible initiatives, and wonderful TEAMWORK!

Hugs to all <3

Cameron: I don't have a question for Jayde. But, something to build onto her update. She mentioned the VCC meeting and in terms of the VCC meeting both Lucy and I were in attendance in that meeting and if you have any questions of what conspired there, just reach out to us.

Devon: If anyone does have any questions about what Jayde talked about, I can answer them. So don't feel like you can't ask questions.

Zoe: Also, if anyone is unsure how to put their email vacation responder on, I am more than happy to show you. I highly encourage you to take a break. Nothing is so vitally important that you can't handle it when you get back. Please, please, please we highly encourage you to put that on and take a break I can show you how to put that on. Then we can leave here and have a lovely break and be refreshed when we come back.

Additions:

VP External - Devon Wilton

- Update - (3 minutes)

[Summary] Thank *yew*. Crecam, please nominate people for Monday. It is a great part of my job to be able to recognize excellency in the community. Find someone who you think is doing an excellent job and send that in by 5pm on Monday. Caucus, as we all remember is on the 28th at 6:10pm because I love U of T time. I will send out emails to all of you about how to submit your updates. For almost all of you, it will be the report that you sent to Rehan and that will be distributed to people and then they can ask you questions about that. That will apply to commissioners and councilers and there will be an email to clarify that. The Askyou Referendum passed and that worked out for the and for all of us in that respect. To touch on Ryerson, the letters are rolling in. We've got letters from the Equity Studies Union, the UTSU, and now from the lovely staff and co-chairs. Anyone can sign the petition, it doesn't matter if they are not Vic. Fill it out yourselves! Share it with friends and roommates and highschool friends and anyone who will listen. Let me know if you know of anyone wanted to write a letter of support and Jayde and I can reach out to them. Thank you!

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

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

Zoe: I had a question, for the ASSU referendum did they have quorum? I know that they had a little over 1000, do they have a number they have to meet?

Devon: I don't know the details, I actually just looked at the announcement. But I know in my meeting with Josh that the CPI passed by a very thin margin?

Zoe: I would be very interested in that information because of our whole Arts and Science population, 1000 is not a lot.

Devon: I agree. But I also think that even getting 1000 people large to vote online on a finance related issue is a lot of people.

Gabby: It did say the unofficial results on the website and on the statement, so I'm not sure what makes it official but that's what it says.

Devon: Thank you.

- Vibhuti on the Alcohol Policy Workshop (3 minutes)

Katie: Hello! For the last couple months, Vibhuti, myself, Jayde, and Christina and cohorts have been working on creating a workshop to help student leaders/levy/club heads navigate how to safely navigate how to use a bar at events. To feel safe doing so and make sure these events are accessible and safe for students. This event will be happening on March 22nd from 2:30-4pm.

More information will be sent by email as we get closer. We strongly recommend everyone on council, especially for those interested in the planning of large scale events with alcohol, which should be all of us because we should be supporting our team. There will be a portion on Vic's alcohol policy, on volunteer management and a portion on scenarios, giving situations where, if this happens what do you do. If you have any questions, talk to any of us. We look forward to seeing you.

Vibhuti: On the 22nd we also have a VUSAC meeting. So, if you want to come and spend a cool few hours with me and Katie, like, come on now. It will be a great way to put the training you've gotten on council and at Vic to use. Katie and I, and Christina and Shiny, and Jayde, spent a lot of time putting a lot together and we're excited. Come learn something and eat some food.

Zoe: How open is the session?

Vibhuti: We are inviting all of VUSAC, and then all levy heads. After that we were planning on contacting you to figure how which clubs host events with alcohol and would benefit from coming.

Katie: There is more information to come and it will be via email.

- Alexa on Elections and Vic Newsletter (3 minutes)

[Summary] So today, in the Grad Banquet Meeting we discovered that we can submit things to the Vic Newsletter, that reaches all members of the VCU. There is one coming out on March 15th, which is when voting starts. I thought that it would be a good idea to plug VUSAC voting in the election in the newsletter, the deadline is March 1st? I think. I just wanted to see if we were interested in doing that and if there is someone willing to write that up?

Christina: Would you be interested in promoting the election process as well? That folks can run in addition to the voting.

Alexa: I think that it totally okay. I think there was a deadline today. It is not my portfolio, but I just wanted to present it as an idea!

Molly: Definitely. If we can get it in there somehow.

Christina: I can send you those dates.

Molly: That would be terrific, thank you.

Zoe: Would it be good to include something about the Ryerson initiative?

Devon: In the newsletter?

Zoe: From working in the Alumni Office, I can debate that those who read it are mainly grad and alumni. Some students so plugging elections is a good idea, but also it might be something to consider.

Devon: On that point, do you know which office approves the items and sends it out?

Christina: The Registrar's Office. So it goes out to all students at Vic.

Devon: Cool. I would be a happy to write up a blurb for that. I'm not sure if the Registrar's office can include it in the newsletter because the rest of the administration is exploring boundaries of neutrality at the moment. But thank you for the idea.

Motion: Cameron moves to give Tiger a 5 minute update. Nick seconds. Motion passes.

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

Finance Chair - Tiger Fu

- Update - (5 minutes)

[Summary] First of all, sorry I should've definitely included that at the beginning. Anyways, I just wanted to give a quick update on the overall state of finances and what I've been doing. So broadly speaking, utilization has gone way up! A lot of it is due to big events and a lot of people submitting cheque recs from the past semester. We will run away most of the surplus. Which is a good thing. In terms of what I've been doing: Obviously normal cheque stuff. I was sick a couple weeks ago so there was a period when cheques took a little longer than normal. Hopefully, everyone has received those cheques but if you are missing a cheque that you submitted more than a week ago, come talk to me. In terms of what's happening coming up: Levy audits are coming up soon. Also, given the recent updates with the government and opt in opt out student fees, I think there will be some financial modelling that will need to be done in terms of next year about the money we get and the percentage of the population...That will be a pretty big thing that I will give more updates on, next year. But that could have a huge potential on the events that we can continue to run in the future, and how much funding there can be. I will give an update then. Does anyone have any questions?

Devon: Thank you for bringing up the financial modelling idea. I think that President Robins has indicated in a meeting with us that the Finance Office at Vic is interested in helping us model that. The change is going to be a big change but hopefully VUSAC will go on...in operating in the way it has. Sorry, I don't know why that sounded like such a downer. We're fine. Everything is going to be fine.

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

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