



Victoria University Students' Administrative Council

Regular Council Meeting | 28 Sept 2018 | VUSAC Copper Room

Called to Order: 17:25 **Adjourned:** 18:31

In Attendance

Executive

Jayde Jones, *President*

Nickolas Shyshkin, *Vice-President Internal*

Zoe Ritchie, *Vice-President Student Organizations*

Commissioners

Cameron Davies, *Academic Commissioner*

Carleigh Campbell, *Arts and Culture Commissioner*

Georgia Lin, *Equity Commissioner*

Alexa Ballis, *Scarlet and Gold Commissioner*

Jared Connoy, *Sustainability Commissioner*

Ali Kehl, *Mental Wellness Commissioner*

Councillors

James Cassady

Jenny Zhang

Jai Kakkar

Gabrielle daSilva

Geneviene Crispin-Frei

Angela Medina

Katie Marsland

Staff

Alexa Breininger, *Chair*

Molly Simpson, *Chief Returning Officer*

Rehan Vishwanath, *Communications Coordinator*

Tiger Fu, *Finance Chair*

Karen Mao, *Office Manager*

Tabina Ahmed, *Commuter Co-Chair*

Vibhuti Kacholia, *Equity Co-Chair*

Ex-Officio Members

Christina Alcena, *Campus Life Coordinator*

Regrets

Devon Wilton, *Vice-President External*

Emilia De Fabritiis, *Commuter Commissioner (Proxy to Jared)*



Opening Business

Land Recognition

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

Additions to the agenda

Alexa motion to add action item of requesting \$700 from contingency to falling for Vic (3 minutes)

 Seconded: Jayde

 Favor: All

 Opposition:

 Abstention:

Zoe asks about if contingency fund is available. Jayde explains how contingency fund work.

Tiger motions to discussion item about CPI increase clarification and where additional money can be allocated (3 minutes)

Approval of the agenda

Georgia motion to approve the agenda as it stands

Seconded: Zoe

 Favour: All

 Opposed:

 Abstention

Ex-officio Reports

CLC (Christina) – Update, 3 minutes

Christina congrats all the newly elected VUSAC commissions and councillors . Christina said that she looks forward to working with each of you this year. She has been setting up monthly meetings with some of newly elected member and she asks everyone to reach out to her if they like to set something up via email christina.alcena@utoronto.ca

As VUSAC heads into October, Christina wants everyone to be mindful that this means there are 2 more months left, with December being mainly exams and a winding down period. If anyone feeling overwhelmed please reach out to VUSAC colleagues, we well as Christina for support and guidance.

Finally – Christina reminds everyone of the TM Success Series for first-year students that has three more sessions, the next one is hosted by Learning Strategist, on Wednesday at 12noon (Wymilwood Lounge), about time management and study skills!



Action Items

Fall 2018 VUSAC Election Results Ratification

Molly says that the votes they received, which is 302, is below the 15% quorum needed and explains why we need to ratify the election results.

MOTION: Jared motions to ratify the Fall 2018 VUSAC Election results

SECONDED: Carleigh

In Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

Smart Investors Club Ratification

Zoe explains that this club is to increase interactions and communication opportunities between students and industry experts by holding regular discussion panels, information sessions and virtual investment competitions. This club also aims to educate students about global financial market by providing them to opportunity to participate in financial market discussions, ask questions and learn from professionals in the relevant. This club will continue to establish our internal Investment Research team consisting about 20 members particularly passionate about finance and seriously considering a future career path in finance. The club will meet biweekly and assigned one big project per semester. By the end of fall semester, club diligent members will work collectively to prepare a thorough industry report on new energy vehicles; By the end of the winter semester, two stock pitch presentations will be expected to be done by our Investment Research members.

MOTION: Jayde motion to extend by 10 minutes

SECONDED: Carleigh

In Favor: All

Opposed: _____

Abstentions:

MOTION: Zoe motions to ratify the Vic Smart Investment Club Ratification

SECONDED: Cameron

In Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

University of Toronto Exchange Association Ratification

Zoe explains that this is a new club and read the mission of this club:



UTEA's goal is to improve the experience of exchange students coming to the University of Toronto for one or more terms by organizing events and managing a community of both exchange and Canadian students. We shall achieve this through the organization of events, including cultural events, trips, afterworks, sports challenges, parties, networking and team building games. A focus will be made at the beginning of each term on the early integration of each exchange student and the consolidation of an exchange community. Pub nights are typically held one or twice a month, starting in October. Additionally, we have a few events planned but with no fixed dates: attend a ROM Friday Night Live, going to the AGO, doing neighbourhood tours of Queen West/ Kensington/ Yorkville and the Beaches. Depending on the weather, a picnic at the Beaches is also in preparation.

Nick asks why this club requests to be a vic club.

Zoe explains that the club executive is all vic students and the club also aim to benefit vic students this year. .

Jayde said that she notices that this club is also going to host a end of year fundraising event and feel not comfortable of not having someone from this club to come to the meeting to explain the rationale of this event. Jayde wants to have a more robust reason of why they are asking funds to host events that may potentially get more money from the community.

Zoe says that the mission of this clubs is well communicated and clear plan and Zoe recognizes that clubs usually have fundraising events. Their main goal is orientation and education of the whole city. And the club leader are not able to come to this meeting due to emergency.

Tiger asks if there is any details of what their membership percentage look like and ask if ratification this year means that they receive ratification next year. Zoe replies that ratification takes place yearly. There is no cap for membership during ratification as the club is offering leadership experience to vic students. They demonstrate that from their applications and have been serving vic community for a long time. This club has a broad reach to the community and has Ulife recognized.

Jayde asks if they are UTSU recognized and Zoe replies that she is not sure but the club is looking for vic recognition. Jai asks about the difference between UTSU and Ulife recognition. Jayde explains that Ulife recognition allows clubs to book rooms across campus. UTSU recognition gives clubs access to funding as well as equipment. Clubs with UTSU recognition automatically give Ulife recognition. Zoe adds that from the budgeting perspective this recognition also influence their budgeting decisions.

MOTION: Zoe motions to ratify the University of Toronto Exchange Association

SECONDED: Jai

In Favor: All

Opposed: Nick and Jayde

Abstentions:



Trivica Ratification

Zoe read the mission of this club:

To host weekly, stress-free trivia challenge meetings in the vein of other clubs such as Werewolf club; there are no specific teams and our club will not take part in official trivia competitions, weeks will be themed. We will have weekly meetings in a small space using a projector, preferably Monday evenings, where we will run small-scale trivia competitions

Ali asks if she can ask for certain theme. Zoe says that they are open for suggestions as it is a really nice club.

MOTION: Zoe motions to ratify the Trivica

SECONDED: Alexa

In Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

Requesting \$700 from contingency to falling for Vic (3 minutes)

Alexa requests \$700 for lighting in quad (avoid safety hazard) as well as the food in bar. Jayde says that they took 200 dollars from \$500 homecoming to falling for vic and thinks it should have covered the lighting of this event.

MOTION: Alexa motions to move \$700 from contingency fund to Falling for Vic

SECONDED: Jayde

In Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

Discussion Items

Fall Election Cycle VUSAC feedback (15 minutes)

Jayde explains that 9 are elected from election and stress that we might not have the answer right now during the discussion. During the election process, she posted a particular question to upper councilors about what VUSAC have not taken care of. She went over the question as well as the comment such as "VUSAC is not supporting international students and immigrants" "This is an elite group" "accessibility advisor committee as well as inaccessible mental health services" "events are not known to public and people don't know how to get involve". Jayde invite everyone to think about this question and comment.

Jared addresses the issue of not having a platform with the information of all events and think it also hurt the commission as the last event was not well attended. The platform will benefit students as well as commission. Georgia adds that she wasn't aware of Jared's event that happened on the day as well.

Commission Reports



Academic (Cameron) - Update, 5 minutes

Cameron gave an overview of academic commission. He said that he hired 1 communication, 1 advocacy, 2 first year representative and there are 6 people in the commission. We just had the first commission executive meeting and meeting time will be available to public really soon. He invites councilors to check out the meeting.

Collaboration with registrar: **Back Room Quiet Study Space 1-3 PM and Lulu will help to facilitate quiet study space.**

Zoe asks how many applications academic commission has received. Cameron said that there are 7 applications for 7 positions and had done some shifting to assign members with the role that suits them the most. There will be more positions to be filled externally.

MOTION: Georgia asks for a 2 minutes break

SECONDED: Nick

In favour: All

Opposed:

Absention:

Commuter (Emilia and Tabina) - Update, 10 minutes

Emilia said that they hired 2 first-year representatives, 8 interview, 8 applications. Yesterday they had an exec social. General commission meeting is ??

Talbina and I and NAME will work on commuter appreciation week for the past month. Mon, Tue, Wednesday is regular pancake event. Thursday – financial plan workshop with registrar and kareoke on Thursday night. Friday is Falling for Vic. We had our first event: Commute to the office with chili provided. Applications for lockers were filled up in 12 minutes and the commission received 30 feedbacks regarding lock room improvement. **Friday Nov. 30th** invite everyone to give suggestion. ?? have been working on commuter lounge improvement which will be further explained in next meeting. She was heartbroken that she cannot see the new councilors.

Equity (Georgia and Vibhuti) - Update, 12 minutes

Georgia talked about committee application that lasted for full month. There are 20 applications and 16 members. There are bi-weekly meetings that doesn't follow Robert's rule. On Tuesday, there is zine workshop with refreshment and drinks provided. Yesterday there was a documentary screening "Burning in Paris" from 6-8PM. Gabby comments that the event went well. Monday the commission had free mooncakes and Georgia talked to people about Chinese culture and immigrations. This cultural celebration was started by the Equity commissioner last year and hopes to do more events in the future and Georgia invite everyone to give suggestions. Vibhuti said that the self-defense workshop went great and the coach was really cool. There will be another workshop at the end of the year.

For October, the commission are celebrating 100th year of Canadian women gaining the right to vote and "Now you see her" will be hosted in Bader theatre, a show run by women who have been traditionally been at a marginalized position.

In terms of equity training, Georgia explained her role in equity training and reminds everyone of the second training in October, with Christina help, that is for levy heads and VUSAC members. (5 sessions, 2 hours each)



Sustainability (Jared and Victoria) - Update, 10 minutes

Jared mentions the 5-6PM Wednesday weekly meeting in board room. The first Sustainability Committee Meeting takes place on Oct. 11, Thursday and Jared explains the people who will be attending the event and explain that this meeting aims to accurately represent vic students in terms of sustainability. Jayde explains why having bursar in the meeting would be helpful in this meeting. Jared explains about collaboration 'save our water' and would give more details in the future. Jared invites everyone to come. The first commission meeting has 17 people attending and everyone attending the event is extremely excited about the year to come. The second has less people but he did receive some messages regarding absence. The first doc and talk takes place on **october**

Regarding the Pot hanger event, Jared made three and gave some to VUSAC. People had a great time making pot hanger and chat about sustainability issues.

Executive Reports

President, Jayde Jones (5 mins)

Jayde explains that her summer update was given in last meeting. Jayde said that she would meet the board of regions. Jayde will be meeting rep from UTSU and president of new college **regarding**

Jayde said that she received an email from Vihbuti who is interested in reproductive justice and sexual health and Jayde invites everyone to email her if anyone is interested. Jayde will also have a meeting with Kelley, **as dean of office**, about dean advisory committee which is developed by Zahavah and is consisted of chatting over lunch and discussion about vic community. More details regarding membership will be available. She will also connect to **indigenous** representative to improve land of recognition process.

Jayde said that she would be the panelist for UTSU about increasing "right to learn" regarding increasing intuition. Victoria college council will meet next week with 11 members and Jayde will attend to give an overview of VUSAC. She would like to welcome every member and is looking forward to have onboarding meeting next week with every councilor. Jayde will send everyone a shiny new VUSAC email with instructions of what to do with this email.

MOTION: Jayde ask to extend the meeting by 2 minutes.

SECONDED: Zoe

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

Jayde reminds everyone that Oct 13-14 is VUSAC retreats and invites everyone to come to see Midsummer' Night Dream. Jayde also invites everyone to stay attentive to facebook page.

Discussion Item



Tiger says that there are a lot of money left for events and ask everyone to talk to him/Zoe and Jayde if there are any initiatives they want to have.

He had a meeting with Scott and found out that the previous finance chair had already ratified a CPI increase and so there will be 1.7% CPI increase. Tiger explains what CPI is and the CPI index in Toronto.

MOTION: Jayde ask to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

SECONDED: Carleigh

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

Tiger will have a meeting regarding whether there will be CPI next year as this should be decided before December. He personally doesn't think there needs to have a CPI increase but more discussions will be coming up.

Tiger said that Victoria (Yearbook Levy – last year there is no executive) have accumulated fund as a levy and Zoe and Devon have been looking for executive for yearbook over the summer. If exec positions for this levy continues to be unfilled, Tiger would absorb the money back to VUSAC or to levy, as the money cannot move back to students.

Jayde said that if there is no executive for this levy and no activity for a long time, the levy needs to be dissolved before re-absorbing the money. Jayde explains how the money is accumulated for this levy and what procedures are needed for fund reallocation. More contexts will be provided in retreat. Zoe comments that VUSAC has the right to dissolve a levy after 2 years of inactivity. Search for executive has been going on but was postponed due to election. Zoe invites everyone to talk to people they know and ask if anyone is interested in being an executive of Yearbook Levy. Tiger said that the discussions should take place immediately to prevent fee for next year being paid to this levy.

Tiger informs everyone that VUSAC has a lot of money to spend and encourages clubs and commissions to plan initiatives. Tiger doesn't think surplus would be depleted this year and so he encourages people to plan long-term capital-intensive initiatives to benefit vic students. Nick asks if this refers to actual vusac budget or student project. Tiger says it is VUSAC budget and went over of how much surplus VUSAC had.

MOTION: Jared adjourn the meeting

SECONDED: Katie

In Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

