



## Victoria University Students' Administrative Council

Regular Council Meeting | 26 Oct 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*

Devon Wilton, *Vice-President External*

#### **Commissioners**

Cameron Davies, *Academic Commissioner*

Carleigh Campbell, *Arts and Culture Commissioner*

Alexa Ballis, *Scarlet and Gold Commissioner*

Jared Connoy, *Sustainability Commissioner*

Georgia Lin, *Equity Commissioner*

#### **Councillors**

James Cassady

Jenny Zhang

Jai Kakkar

Lucy Faria

Gabrielle daSilva

Geneviene Crispin-Frei

Angela Medina

Katie Marsland

#### **Staff**

Alexa Breininger, *Chair*

Molly Simpson, *Chief Returning Officer*

Rehan Vishwanath, *Communications Coordinator*

Karen Mao, *Office Manager*

Tabina Ahmed, *Commuter Co-Chair*

Vibhuti Kacholia, *Equity Co-Chair*

#### **Ex-Officio Members**

Christina Alcena, *Campus Life Coordinator*

#### **Guests**

Kelley Castle, *Dean of Student*

Kevin Yue, *VicXposure & Hotake & Cat's eye*



Marie Song, *VCDS co-producer*  
Nam Ngugen, *Artistic Director of Hotake Theatre*

## **Regrets**

Tiger Fu, *Finance Chair*

## **Opening Business**

### **Land Recognition**

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

### **Additions to the agenda**

Jayde asks to withdraw discussion item about graduates' photo

**MOTION: Emilia moves to add a Dean report from Dean Kelley and ratification of women circle, Screenwriting at Victoria college and Victoria Black**

SECONDED: Alexa

Favor: All

Opposition:

Abstention: Georgia

**MOTION: Devon move to Appendix C to be a motion put forward by Jayde.**

SECONDED: Alexa

Favor All:

Opposed:

Abstention: Georgia

### **Approval of the agenda**

**MOTION: Cameron motion to approve the agenda as it stands**

Seconded: Lucy

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention: Georgia

**MOTION: Devon move to give speaking rights to Christina**



SECONDED: Emilia

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention : Georgia

### **Ex-officio Reports**

#### **CLC (Christina) – Update, 3 minutes**

Christina asks for everyone to join Trick-or-Treat, happening next Wednesday 12-5 within the Goldring Student Centre.

She invited VUSAC to participate in the upcoming Professional Development Workshop, Marketing Your Leadership is taking place 12-1 on Wednesday to better clarify their academic and career goals. Christina encouraged members to attend to Re-orientation (next Thursday 4-9), an event to reunite first-year students with Leaders, Exec and Transition Mentors, and reminded VUSAC that applications for the Orientation 2019 Co-Chair are available until November 12<sup>th</sup> (with an info session held next Thursday 4-5). Christina will be away from the office next Friday, and available through e-mail Monday-Thursday.

#### **Dean (Kelley Castle) - Update, 3 minutes**

Kelley has adjusted structure of Dean Advisory Committee with more discussion related to Indigenous issues and other important topics. Two introductory meetings had taken place in summer. Kelley says that the VPE will be the Communications Coordinator that serves as a representative of students body. 5 members will be randomly chosen in Victoria College to get perspectives outside of “the Vic bubble.” Levies will be represented on the committee as well.

#### **MOTION: Jayde moves to extend 5 minutes**

SECONDED: Carleigh

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention: Georgia

**Principle of Mississauga** will come in to discuss cannabis and mind and typical demographic of age. There will be two other panelists; one talking alcohol and substance abuse the other talks President of NASS will be talking about 1 in 3 epidemic mental health problem. Alexa will present as a panelist and Georgia will also be talking about student voice and gap between internet narrator and the actual person.

#### **UTSU Vic Directors (Haleema and Usman) - Update, 3 minutes**

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Rehan asks about the role of UTSU. Jayde explains how UTSU oversees Vic government and their job to represent VUSAC and keep us updated on UTSU related matter.

### **Action Items**

**Motion by Kevin Yue to ratify the Hotake Theatre constitution as presented in Appendix A (10 minutes)**



Nam talks about purpose of Hotake, which is to produce and facilitate the development of theatrical and musical works led by artists who identify with the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) diaspora. Kevin talks about how the executives are elected.

Emilia asks what 'resident' means in the constitution. Kevin explains that this doesn't refer to people living on-campus. Instead, they will be artists working with the production but have no voting power.

Jayde asks for the requirements to be candidates for executive. Kevin explains that they will be operating under 75% VCU as well as graduates.

Jayde asks if Kevin has thought about the process of ratifying constitutions. Kevin is wondering how levy does it. Zoe responds that 1/2 or three quarter of voting members consent are needed to propose a ratification for the constitution.

Devon asks the chair of the clubs if VUSAC have the right of interfering with the change in constitution as Hotake theatre is a club, which means there would not be a constitutional crisis when thinking about amendment of constitution.

Alexa apologizes that this is not an item with which ratification is needed. Zoe adds that this is more about discussion.

Molly asks about who can vote for the election.

**MOTION: Emilia asks to extend by 5 minutes.**

SECONDED: Zoe

Favor: All

Opposed:

Absention: Georgia

Kevin appreciates Molly for catching this mistake and Nam responds that everyone in the program can vote.

**MOTION: Zoe withdraws the motion of ratifying Hotake theatre.**

### **Motion by Kevin Yue to ratify the VicXposure constitution as presented in Appendix B (20 minutes)**

Kevin explains the rationale for amendment 1-9, which are all about modifying executive positions. The amendment 9 -11 is focuses on ex-officio position for the purpose of offering a more specialized programming as well as election policy which includes darkroom manager.

Jayde suggests changing the person chairing elections to people appointed by VUSAC CRO.

Molly explains that there is a chain of inheritance for chairing the commission and election: from executives, commisoners, councillors, staff, co-chairs to Christina.

Jai asks about the rationale of chainging honorarium from \$500 a semester to \$1000 per annum.

Kevin explains this is due to paperwork during the discussion of Tiger.

Devon notices some changes that are not bolded and is wondering if there are any substantial change in the constitution that may or may not be bolded. Aloysius mentions that voting members are changed to VCU members as well as \$1000 honorarium.

Jayde suggests having a recess to clarify the confusion and withdrawing amendment 11 to adjusting the language.

Kevin is willing to withdraw #11 from amendment.

**MOTION: Zoe asks to have 3 minutes recess.**

SECONDED: Genevieve



Favor: All  
Opposed:  
Absention: Georgia

Kevin sends to Alexa a draft of constitution with the correct bolding. Kevin explains that substantial changes has already been discussed and now are correctly bolded. Kevin invites people to email him if they have any questions.

**MOTION: Kevin motion to ratify the VicXposure constitution as presented in Appendix B**

SECONDED: Carleigh  
Favor: All  
Opposed:  
Abstention: Georgia

**Motion by Jayde Jones to approve the budget of the Mental Wellness Commissioner for spending as presented in Appendix C (10 minutes)**

Ali, Jayde and Tiger decide to pull out of contingency fund to fund mental wellness commission. Jayde explains that Ali requested \$600 for commission with great details. Molly asks about the time for these events. Jayde responds that Ali will work with others so that the date of the event will matched the goal of these events. Kevin asks if there is an extra material left during Make and Take. Jayde explains that people during the session may take the material left but more discussions about that will follow. Jayde suggests increasing the amount of events to \$1500 as Jayde and James had discussions about bringing animals to campus to de-stress. Zoe thinks it is a great idea and suggests putting this motion two weeks later. Devon suggests phrasing to reallocating from contingency fund to Mental Health commission

**MOTION: Jayde moves to re-allocate \$600 from contingency fund to create a budget for mental health commissioner.**

SECONDED: Jared  
Favor: All  
Opposed:  
Absention: Georgia

**Motion by Jayde Jones to strike a 2018-19 Constitutional Review Committee (5 minutes)**

**Motion by Jayde Jones to strike a 2018-19 Council Policies Review Sub-Committee (5 minutes)**

**Motion by Jayde Jones to strike a 2018-19 Elections and Referenda Code Review Sub-Committee (5 minutes)**

Jayde explains the ---- two effective committee that doesn't have to follow Robart's rule and such change facilitates more purposeful conversation.

**MOTION: Jayde asks to omnibus these three action items**

SECONDED: Carleigh  
Favor: All  
Opposed  
Absention: Georgia

Devon asks how to apply to join the council. Jayde explains that she is thinking to post on face book and emphasizes that all are welcome.



**MOTION: Jayde motion to strike 2018-19 Constitutional Review Committee, 2018-19 Council Policies Review Sub-Committee and 2018-19 Elections and Referenda Code Review Sub-Committee**

SECONDED: Gabby

Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

**Women's Circle Ratification**

Zoe reads the purpose and plan for this club.

Purpose: Create safe space for Muslim Women at Vic and UofT to come together in weekly gatherings for spiritual and social connection and reflection

Plan:

Weekly women's gatherings reflections

Muslim Women's literary conference

Winter women's retreat

Music and traditional signing night

Moroccan TEA ceremony

**MOTION: Zoe moves to ratify Women's Circle**

SECONDED: James

Favor: All

Opposed:

Absention: Georgia

**Screen Writing at Victoria College Ratification**

**MOTION: Zoe moves to give speaking rights to Kenneth.**

Kenneth explains that he is a graduate and is a phd right now at U of T and aims to foster a environment for screen writing by creating this club. They will go over screenwriting from well-known writers.

Zoe adds that this clubs passes the requirement in which 75% of the executives are from Victoria College. Rehan asks about what Kenneth is studying right now. Kenneth responds that he was an undergraduate with double major in immunology and microbiology and is doing a PHD in immunology.

**MOTION: Genevieve motion to extend by 2 minutes.**

SECONDED: Emilia

Favor: All

Opposed:

Absention: Georgia

Kevin asks about the programs for screenwriting. Kenneth talks about roundtable discussion, followed by senior screenwriter lecture (90 minutes) and another 30 minutes of discussions regarding the techniques used and then it will end with the discussion of what to talk in next meeting, They will try to invite people from the industry as well.

**MOTION: Zoe moves to ratify Screenwriting at Victoria College.**

SECONDED: Carleigh

Favor: All

Opposed:



Absention:Georgia

### **Ratification of Victoria Black**

Zoe says that purpose and plan for this club.

Purpose: To provide a community within vic, particularly for black students, as well as students interested in black issues

Social/mixer: food and snacks, music by black artists, introduction to council members (tbd), goals for the year, black students can mingle and meet other black students at vic

PLAN: Networking/success events: black leaders meet with black students to offer resources and advise students on how to achieve their goals and strive for success

Discussion/ Q&A Panels: light refreshments, discussion panel comprised of black leaders, vic staff, and other invested parties to discuss black issues within Vic (decided ahead of time by poll) as well as answering questions that fellow members of the black community, or non-black attendees who're interested in these issues, and black culture as a whole. Goal is to educate people and offer them a safe space where they can ask questions, they may not feel comfortable asking elsewhere.

Round tables: discuss how we can make vic more inclusive for black students, and brainstorm projects to do so, as suggested by participants.

Semi/formal formals: catered events for black students, similar to OLAS/SSO events that cater to students of latin background (i.e. music, food, venue).

Christina asks about meaning of OLA- organization for Latin American

### **MOTION: Zoe asks to ratify Victoria Black**

SECONDED: Jayde

Favor: All

Opposed:

Absention:Georgia

### **Discussion Items**

**~~Graduate photography at Vic (Jayde, 20 minutes)~~**

### **Commission Reports**

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

Panel discussion: Racialized Experiences in Academia had 20-30 people and has a great turnout.

There was a strong networking session following the event. On Nov 14 th , collaboration with VOCA will

take place to inform people what the academic commission is about. Feedback form regarding programming and advocacy will be out soon.

- Jayde and Cameron had a meeting with Bergita about Here to There

- Cameron invites feedback of making a video of asking people to read fun stories about academic offenses. This initiative aims to broaden the reach of the commission as well as inform students of academic integrity.

Kevin adds that he is willing to provide equipment for filing.

#### **Arts & Culture (Carleigh) - Update, 5 minutes**

20 Friday Night tickets are all sold out and Carleigh is thinking to increase the number of tickets per week. The Bob is happened on \_\_\_\_\_ and Carleigh stresses that it is going to be super



exciting. The application for stage manager, costumes coordinators are out and deadline is on Sunday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> midnight. There will be a meeting next week [redacted] 1PM.

Kevin asks of the overview of positions of which applications are opened and is wondering if Carleigh have asked Hotake, VCU and other related organization.

Devon adds that two stage managers will be hired. Props and costumes are about props and costumes. Tech is about music and all technology related matter.

#### **Commuter (Emilia and Tabina) - Update, 5 minutes**

Halloween movie night is happening next week at Cat's eye Tuesday 6-9PM. There will also be collaboration with UTSU in which waffles will be served. There will be collaboration with Ali before the reading week about DIY/Painting De-stressing night

Home for the holiday is happening on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> with 80% vegan /vegetarian food and a lot of activities. Emilia invites everyone to come. It is a semi-formal that VOCA host every single year and is open to everyone. Jared asks if he can wear a holiday sweater for home for the holiday. Emilia and Talbina respond that wear whatever that make them comfortable.

#### **Equity (Georgia and Vibhuti) - Update, 15 minutes**

There are 3 outreach sessions with great turnout and more people were encouraged to vote after the session. Equity reading list and accessibility checklist are out. 5 Equity training had taken place. Zoe comments that she has heard good feedback about it. Zoe adds that she has emailed every levy about getting equity training and reassessment will be taken place later. Levies that didn't attend previous meetings will have to attend the equity training provided by university. Zoe wish that she doesn't penalize clubs as levies are all students with busy schedule. Georgia says that optional training in second semester will be discussed. Mental navigator program will have a drop-in session on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> at Cat's eye. Nov 12- 16 is Equity poetry Festival. Last week the healing workshop went great and provided a nice space to stay during the midterm season.

Vibhuti says that she has facilitated collaboration with [redacted] at Cat's eye. Next coming week at VUSAC office, there will be an event regarding anti-cultural appropriation on Tuesday 3-6 PM about how to do Halloween right. Friday 2-5 PM [redacted] with Samosa and other Indian Sweets. University of Toronto will be doing a free 15-hour defense training and Equity commission will be focus on marketing it.

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

"Save our Water" is going to take place during 3PM – 5PM Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at atrium and Jared invites everyone to come. The reason why this event is taking place on that day is because of the guest speaker. Zoe asks VUSAC members to highly recommend friends to go.

- ECE making metal straw – TBD

On Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a doc and Talk about water saving – 6PM at wymilwood lounge. Executive member Ali met with Ned and talked about their practices of minimizing plastic garbage. They have asked sustainability commission to make a couple infographics for Neds as well.

Jayde asks if the travel mug discount is because of Jared. Emilia responds that the discount of travel mug started in September.

#### **Mental Wellness (Ali) – Update**

Alexa reads the update Ali sent





“i apologize for not being in attendance, i miss your smiling faces, but we all know i love my hair and makeup!! so plug: come see the importance of being earnest if you haven’t already! i apologize if it seems like i haven’t done much these past two weeks—they have been quite hectic and so i’m sorry if this seems short! i have been focused on working alongside the dean’s office on minding our minds (please come, it’s this monday and so importantly covers topics pertinent today on our campus and in our city), handing in my budget (shout out to tiger), and connecting with gabby and angela, the star team working with me this semester!! as well it was such a privilege to get to work with georgia and the equity commission for their healing workshop! in no way can i take credit for this success as i was granted access into an already wonderfully established idea by georgia and her team, but i very excitedly can say that we had about 20 people come in through out the night! so much can be learned when we join together in conversation and i went away from that workshop feeling so connected with those i got to chat with! finally, we have continued to do research into the uses of essential oils to make sure we provide the student body with the most amount of knowledge possible! stay tuned for updates on that! beyond that, i’m excited for what is to come as this semester continues and new ideas come to fruition!!”

### **Executive Reports**

#### **President, Jayde Jones update (5 mins) – See Appendix D**

Update will be taking place in next meeting.

#### **MOTION: Katie moves to adjourn the meeting**

SECONDED: Lucy

In Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention: