

Opening Business

Land Recognition

Genevieve asks everyone to think about how we all came to this land, and talks about her own relationship to the land. She reminds us all to be mindful of our

Additions to the agenda

Jayde adds a three minute update on second semester budgeting.

Jayde would like to add action item to ratify minutes of fall caucus.

Motion by Jayde Jones to add action item to ratify minutes of November 22nd Fall Caucus

In favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention: Devon and Cameron

Action Items

Motion by Jayde Jones to ratify the minutes of the August 19th Club Ratification Meeting and September 21st Budget Meeting as presented in Appendix A (5 minutes)

Motion by Jayde Jones to omnibus to ratification of the minutes of the August 19th Club Ratification Meeting and September 21st Budget Meeting and the ratification of November 22nd Fall Caucus minutes, seconded by Nick Shyshkin

In favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention: Devon and Cameron

Motion by Jayde to ratify minutes of the August 19th Club Ratification Meeting, September 21st Budget Meeting, and November 22nd Fall Caucus

In Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention Devon and Cameron

Motion by Jayde Jones to re-allocate the funds proposed in The Boundary's budget, as presented in Appendix B, from the contingency fund (10 minutes)

Jayde cedes time to Tiger.

Tigers says that item was submitted as request for contingency fund. But because we have a large excess, Tiger says that he okay with this. The only thing of concern is that the advertising fee on Facebook is a little high, and it is unclear on the effect that it will actually be having. But, because, we have money he is alright. He has no issue on the remaining items.

Carleigh asks if they want to bring in plastic water bottles because of the sustainability issue.

Jayde is happy to cut this budget line because we have greenshift cups.

Jayde would like to motion to decrease Facebook from \$227 to \$90. Because she has used Facebook ads before and feels this is an unnecessary amount of money. She feels that \$90 is more than enough.

Jayde motions to decrease budget line 21 from \$227 to \$90.

Zoe says that because all of their advertising is online and we have the money, she does not see a reason to not spend. She stresses again that we have the money and that we will likely end the year in surplus which is not the goal. She also says that this is the time of the year they produce a majority of their content.

Jayde asks how Zoe knows this is the time of year they produce majority of this content. She also mentions that because second semester is budgeting is coming soon, and therefore they will not be able to spend the \$227 before the end of break, and we would end up re-allocating their requested funds to the second semester budget in January..

Zoe says that she knows this is a busier time through meeting with The Boundary. Zoe says that we already have to do a lot of reallocating that this is not worthwhile.

Jayde's motion is seconded by Alexa.

In favour: Ali, Gen, Jai, Angela, Emilia, Gabby, James, Alexa, Carleigh, Katie, Jayde

Opposed: Nick, Zoe, Georgia, Jared

Abstention: Devon, Cameron

Motion passes.

Motion to extend time by 10 minutes by Carleigh, second by Georgia.

In favour: All

Carleigh motions to cut line 10 from Boundary budget. Second by Georgia.

In favour: All
Opposed:
Abstention:
Absent: Devon and Cameron

Motion passes.

Gabby asks about the google advertising campaign.

Tiger says they did not specify, but was not concerned because he wanted multiple channels of advertising.

Kevin Yue mentions there is an appendix that there is already a screenshot of what has been spent. Clarifies what is happening with regards to the Google advertising.

Jayde says they may have wanted to start the month-long campaign budgeted for two week's ago as that is when they submitted their budget but we're only getting to approve it now because of meeting timing.

Motion by Jayde Jones to re-allocate the funds proposed in The Boundary's budget, as presented in Appendix B with conditions voted on, from the contingency fund. Second by Ali.

In favour: All
Opposed:
Abstention:: Devon and Cameron

Motion passes.

Motion to re-allocate \$60.00 from the contingency funding to The Goose's budget as a new line item titled 'Editing Meeting Snacks' (5 Minutes)

Jayde mentions that this was brought up at caucus, and we are in a position to allow for this, the editing team works for an entire day and this would provide two meals.

Motion by Jayde Jones to re-allocate \$60.00 from the contingency funding to The Goose's budget as a new line item titled 'Editing Meeting Snacks'. Seconded by Jared Connoy

In favour: All
Opposed:
Abstention:Devon and Cameron

Motion passes.

Motion by Mira Kuroyedov to ratify Helen Zhang as the Caffiends Co-Manager for the 2019 calendar year (5 Minutes).

VUSAC applauds!

Mira talks about the application process and that Helen was selected.

Motion by Mira Kuroyedov to ratify Helen Zhang as the Caffiends Co-Manager for the 2019 calendar year. Seconded by Jared Connoy.

In favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention: Devon and Cameron

VUSAC applauds more! Mira crowns Helen!

Discussion Item

Graduate Photography (20 minutes)

Jayde explains that VUSAC currently houses graduate photography contract, we have been with Lassman students for decades, and we are supposed to negotiate the contract in February. but all things graduation tend to go through registrar's office but it is technically the role of the VPI. Registrar has expressed frustration previously due to a lack of communication. VUSAC gets a \$10 rebate for every graduate photo done, for a total of about 5 grand a year, as such VUSAC makes money from this and VUSAC members get perks from this. Because of lack of knowledge on the contract we do not take advantage of these perks.

Jayde put out a survey to the VCU and has also met with Dean's Office and Registrar many times. While the kick-back is nice, it is money coming from graduating students who will not benefit from it, as well VUSAC has been financially stable for a number of years now and so it is un-needed. Many of the services offered as perks are also provided by VicXposure anyway.

Jayde also points out there have been actual concerns with the photo taking experience itself. Some of the registrar's concerns point out that other college's have better contracts currently, including free composites for each grad, as well as the fact that the photo packages are financially inaccessible. Dean's Office felt there were issues with rushing students through their session as well as lighting whitewashing skin tones of people of colour due to poor lighting.

From these conversations, Jayde sees the priorities are to improve experience for graduating students, make the experience financially accessible and as positive as possible. She tells us the results from her survey are, 52% had taken grad photos, 46% had already graduated, only 4 people who answered said they were extremely satisfied, most people were in the middle. Students priorities noted from the survey were low cost of photo packages by quite a bit, people cared the least about photo retouching. As well as various comments on retakes, seeing photos as they are taken, and fun photos. The main concern is the high cost of photos, and graduation in general.

Jayde says a number of vendors will be brought in in January to pitch better contracts, including Lassman. The contract will also move to the registrar's office, but VUSAC will still be involved. Jayde then opens the floor for comments.

Rehan asked how many people participated. Jayde says 77, in answer to Rehan, and that the survey was put out to have concrete feedback for going into summertime meetings with administration. Jayde acknowledges that she would like to see more people.

Kevin says that he agrees it should be more accessible. Kevin asks for clarification on what 'free event photography means'.

Jayde explains that our current contract stipulates we would have one semi-formal and one formal event per year, as well as we would have a photobooth.

Kevin asked if it has been used. Jayde says to her knowledge it has yet to be used.

Alexa asks if we can use this before the contract is up.

Jayde says that we can because the contract exists until June.

Tiger clarifies that these come at no additional cost.

Kevin says that he would like to utilize these perks because photos for Highball and semi-formal is stressful for the VicXposure exec due to the sheer volume. As well because it is costly and should be used.

Kevin on regarding lighting it is a huge issue that needs to be brought up as soon as possible and is something that must be brought up directly to the photographer. This could be told ahead of time because that will mitigate whitewashing of people of colour graduating.

Kevin does not think we can negotiate looking at photos without increasing cost.

Angela talks about how the lighting is an issue that has impacted her personally, and that we need to address that for equity reasons.

Jayde has said Lassman does know of this issue and have said they will improve their lighting for this year, but there are other companies that address this issue proactively. Jayde says lighting will be explicitly addressed in January

Rehan asks if we are loyal to Lassman in anyway. Jayde says she is not personally, but that they are hoping to leverage the decades-old relationship to negotiate a better offer. Jayde notes that any contracts entered into by VUSAC would have to be approved by full council.

Zoe asks if alternative companies have been looked into. Jayde put out request for proposals, but the information provided is confidential, but there are options.

Jayde motions for 5 minute recess. Carleigh second.

In favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention: Devon and Cameron

Devon enters.

Assessor Member Reports

Cat's Eye (Kevin) - 3 Minutes

Kevin says that lately there have been a lot of hectic events. He requests that should any events have a tech heavy event (ie. more than two mics and the computer) then that group must contact both Kevin and the co-manager. This is because Kevin himself must be there. On a positive note NMC-CESI open mic night was very successful and it was a very popular event, as well as a VicRecords studio session that was also well attended, as was a Rotman open mic.

Cameron enters.

Staff Reports

Finance Chair (Tiger) - 13 minutes

Tiger has reshuffled the timeline of the budget. There was previously three periods but this does make sense, as such there are only two and they are aligned with the semesters. This semester is coming to an end and next one is soon. Tiger will be informing clubs and levies of budgeting period this weekend and their budgets will be due on the 28th. Due to the financial success there

will not be many changes expected to be made. Budget steering will meet. January 11th is the budget ratification meeting.

In terms of levy audits, they will be happening in early February, which is before the 30% levy cheque distribution.

Our utilization is relatively low but there has been a lot of cheque requisitions recently. Which is close to 40-50% utilization. Stresses spending budgeted money.

Tiger notes that they can submit requisitions with any documentation. He also says that invoices can be paid directly by VUSAC. Tiger gives general reminders on cheque requisitions.

Cameron asks if there is a deadline on winter break cheques.

Jayde motions one minute recess. Cameron seconds.
In favour: All

Tiger has decided the cheque requisition cut off is the 21st of December, these cheques will be signed and handed out on the 22nd or 23rd. This will be communicated by email.

Jayde will publicize times she will be in the office for people to pick up cheques.

Cameron asks if cheques can be mailed or direct deposit. Tiger responds that it can be mailed, but notes the postal strike and holidays. Jayde reiterates the complication. Tiger also stresses a solution can be found.

Kevin ask who an invoice is to be made out to. Tiger says it can be the club and just emailed, he just needs context.

Tiger clarifies that VUSAC's budget will also be due on the 28th.

Commissioner Updates

Academic (3 minutes) - Cameron

Academic commision has been involved in many initiatives through the exam period. Resume workshop was very successful. Working with commuter dons for exam jam, will be providing healthy snacks, that is Wednesday from 1-3.

Working on initiative brought up by Lucy to provide students with materials during study space, including notebooks and pens.

Commission will use upwards of 80% of budget.

Vibhuti asks if the pens could be taken and returned. Cameron says that giveaways have been quite popular and is willing to change.

Stephanie Spagnuolo asks if this is a giveaway and if it is at Burwash

Cameron motions to extend by five minutes. Ali seconds.

In favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Absent: Carleigh

Cameron replies that yes it is a giveaway and in Burwash. Working with Don Daniel, they are doing resource sheets on how to study.

Stephanie says that the straw giveaway was mayhem because people did not get them and they were upset. This is an issue when it is a silent space.

Cameron says he will work with Daniel more, but he wants it to be only during the first 30 minutes which are the most chaotic because it is a period of settling. Cameron says that he is also open it to not be in study space.

Commuter update is ceded.

Equity (12 minutes) - Georgia and Vibhuti

Georgia says gender neutral washroom conversation has been pushed back to January.

Vibhuti says there was an LGBTQOUT collaboration for a queer movie night that was quite successful. Georgia encourages others to work with her.

Georgia acknowledges that caucus happened.

Georgia says that Mic the Change was a success, all raffle prizes were given away, they came from variety of sources. In the process of figuring out the donation to Casey House. Open mic was good, the film Tongues Untied was screened but it was ended early because it was not a documentary as thought, it was a performance art piece focused generally on the black, gay experience. Attendance at that point had dwindled.

Georgia, Vibhuti, Jared, and Jayde are working to continue last year's diva cup initiative, they will be sold as a pop-up at a subsidized basis. Vibhuti notes concerns on contacting the person.

Last event on the semester is December 3rd, it is a Hanukkah event, there will be latkes and doughnuts in the office, it is a drop-in event. Georgia is asking if there is anyone who could provide a lead on research.

Next semester there is Art at the Intersections, February 4th-8th, funding is from Performing Arts Endowment. There will be a month o black history month programming. Working groups on both. Environmental equity week is happening in January.

Vibhuti invites us all to December 6th from 2-2:45 for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. organized by Christina from the Dean's Office, at this time the VUSAC office will be closed. Genevieve asks if this will be recorded for those in class. Jayde says no because of the personal nature of the event.

Devon asks if the raffle prizes that were not gifts were from the equity budget and how much money was raised. Georgia says that both her and Carleigh did budget money in each of their budgets. It is not known yet how much has been raised because there were IOUs taken and the number will be publicized, last year it was around \$20.

Georgia motions to extend 3 minutes. Genevieve seconds.

In favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Georgia reminds us that tomorrow is world AIDS day, and invites us to both think about this and to go to the many wonderful events around Toronto. As well there is literature outside the VUSAC office.

Mental Wellness (5 Minutes) - Ali

Make and take was a success, everything was used and everyone who was there was happy. Sabrina offered to come back and do something around SAD.

Learn How to Fail was last Monday, stories shared were powerful, the intimacy of the event was amazing.

Commission application has been created and will be posted next week.

Student projects application for SAD lamps has been created, they would be on lend from the office.

Ali says a big thank you to all of those on VUSAC on the Bob because it was a stressful time of year and it was needed.

Scarlet and Gold (10 Minutes) - Alexa

Event page for semi event and VicXposure are up, please RSVP, please fill out google form. Please let her know if you can help. Please share the event and invite friends. Thank you to Genevieve for the posters.

Winterfest week has been roughly planned with Aurore. Following the orientation format of assigning people to plan certian events.

Highball is happening, committee has met, lots of theme and venue ideas. Visits will be happening soon. Between two themes right now but she won't share (upsetting!). People are being assigned to subcommittees.

Georgia asks about equity training. Alexa would like both committees to be trained.

Jared brings up sustainability reps on committees.

Alexa says that Winterfest does have a sustainability representation, but Highball does not but is open to suggestions. Clarification, Genevieve is the sustainability representation.

Sustainability (5 minutes) - Jared and Victoria

Jared says there are letters from Save our Water to be sent to different politicians regarding Nestle. Jared says he has been getting responses on emails being sent (Victoria hasn't).

There is a Doc'n'Talk on December 5th immediately after President's Tea, the movie is A River Below, which is about impact of wildlife conservation on vulnerable communities.

Third week of January is Environmental Equity Week. Some ideas include: blanket exercise (interactive, educational event on colonization in Canada), hoping this will have Indigenous catering and representative from FoodShare's Indigenous food justice division, this may turn into

a panel; WUSC is looking to collaborate during this week; Diva cup pop-up shops; something regarding sustainable options for clothing; Gardiner Gala collaboration; and a Doc'n'Talk.

Next semester there will be another advocacy event similar to Save our Water, similarly grassroots and local.

Executive Updates

President (10 minutes) - Jayde

Backend building of VUSAC shopify is happening. Jayde and Rehan have been working on the merch line external.

SGRT has asked Vic to host drag night during U of T WinterFest, this will not detract from Vic's own Winterfest.

BoR has had Board development day, did their year strategy, different committees have been meeting, but a student written report will be issued soon.

Semi-Annual report is a summary of all of the work VUSAC has been doing, all members of council will contribute to this, it is constitutionally mandated and necessary for transparency. .

Jayde and Katie have been working on a workshop on hosting alcohol having events, this will be happening in January.

Jayde got approval by Bursar on free menstrual products at Vic. This has been a student project application. Pilot would be specific to Goldring. Next steps will be decided by late March.

Jayde is meeting with Assistant Vice-Provost to talk about campus wide pilot on free menstrual products with the President of NCSC and VP University Affairs of the UTSU.

Vibhuti asks about the change in in-course scholarship and how it has changed and if there is anyway we can let people know that this has changed because she did not know until personally talking to registrar. Jayde is meeting with Yvette Ali about this and other student concerns. This scholarship itself is a matter of the Victoria University of Senate, but communication can be done by Yvette and her team.

Committee Updates (2 Minutes) - Jayde

There are three review committees for documents. ERC committee has already met once, Molly was elected chair. These meetings are not minuted but they are note-taken. These notes will be in the other meeting packages, as with Council Policies and Constitutional Review meeting notes.

Jayde reminds everyone that it is okay to not attend meetings, and there are other opportunities to get feedback in, Jayde asks that we are just communicative.

Kevin Yue motions to adjourn. Carleigh seconds.

In favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention: