



Victoria University Students' Administrative Council

Regular Council Meeting | 12 Oct 2018 | VUSAC Copper Room

Called to Order: 17:15 **Adjourned:** 19:51

In Attendance

Executive

Jayde Jones, *President*

Nickolas Shyshkin, *Vice-President Internal*

Devon Wilton, *Vice-President Student External*

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 Breining, *Chair*

Molly Simpson, *Chief Returning Officer*

Rehan Vishwanath, *Communications Coordinator*

Tiger Fu, *Finance Chair*

Karen Mao, *Office Manager*

Tabina Ahmed, *Commuter Co-Chair*

Victoria Silva, *Sustainability Co-Chair*

Vibhuti Kacholia, *Equity Co-Chair*

Ex-Officio Members

Christina Alcena, *Campus Life Coordinator*



Guests

Kevin Yue, VicXposure
Max Nisbeth, *Cat's Eye Co-manager*
Sally Antown, *VISA Co-President*
Sarah Clapperton, *VISA Co-President*

Opening Business

Land Recognition

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

Additions to the agenda

MOTION: Jared motion to add action item of Sustainability Update for Victoria (3 minutes)

Seconded: Jayde

Favor: All

Opposition:

Abstention:

Cameron add two minutes of update

Devon adds three minutes of update

Alexa adds 3 minutes of updates

Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Emilia motion to approve the agenda as it stands

Seconded: Jared

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention

Ex-officio Reports

CLC (Christina) – Update, 2 minutes

Christina report

Vibhuti asks about how to open the app. Christina says she will get back to her later due to time constraint.

Action Items



Motion by Sally Antown to ratify the Victoria International Student Association constitution as presented in appendix A (5 minutes)

Sally Antown adds a few positions such as communication officers and also adjust the mandate, including to interact with more students rather than only international students.

Devon asks about the process of president election. Sally explains that they are still working on and potentially change from have choosing from mentorship coordinators. Previous councilors can also give suggestion or nominate others.

Goergia asks about where office hours would happen. Sally explains having office hour once every week to support interntional students at commuter lounge.

Zoe asks if hiring executive team is exclusive enough in section 7. Zoe thinks it may exclusivelize club leadership. She probably would not be comfortable with this idea. Include all members in the community regarding all leadership positions. Sarah Clapperton explains that they would give chance to young. Sally says that the procedure of hiring executvie team has been set for so many years and appreciates the opinion she received.

Jayde asks Zoe with the current way it works, do other levies have internal elections. Zoe says some do, VUSAC cannot interfere but would only give suggestions. A couple levy held internal election last year, in which all are welcome to go but only members and executives can vote. Jayde suggests to propose an amendment and to limit to one member on executive member as returning executive guaranteed. Sarah Clapperton confirms if only one out of 11 people are returning and thinks the amendment is fair since most executives are guaduating.

MOTION:Jayde motion to extend by 10 minutes.

SECONDED: Jared

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Devon recommends to take couple weeks to work on this section to reflect what Sally and Sarah truly want the election process to be and have ratification later. Sally agrees to take another look at the section and withdraws the motion. Jayde recommends them to go to Molly who is great at motions and election process.

MOTION: Sally withdraw the motion of ratify the Victoria International Student Association constitution as presented in appendix A

SECONDED:Carleigh



In Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

Motion by Emilia De Fabritiis to amend Chapter VIII, Section 3g of the VOCA Council Policy to read as presented in Appendix B, seconded by Jayde Jones (5 minutes)

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SECONDED: Jayde

Favor: All

Opposed:

Absention:

Motion by Emilia De Fabritiis to amend Chapter VIII, Section 4d of the VOCA Council Policy to read as presented in Appendix B, seconded by Jayde Jones (5 minutes)

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Jayde suggests to amend it to “at the discretion of committee commissioner and co-chair”. Devon asks if upper year normally refer to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students. Emilia explains that the responsibility don't cater based on year as long as they all represent the interests of commuting positions. Emilia adds that she will add hiring two “first year executive” to the appendix as well.

MOTION: Jayde asks to extend by 10 minutes.

SECONDED: Katie

Favor: All

Opposed:

Absention:

Jayde suggest electing 6-8 upper year representatives in the spring so that positions are still open in fall. Ali proposes a friendly amendment for current chapter 8 section 4 subsection d line 3 “6” to “5”.

Zoe asks if hiring can take place during summer. Emilia explains that executives are hired from June to July and co-chair is hired at summer. She would like to re-consider it to take place in fall. Zoe suggests to not having summer hiring as students here at summer are usually students who have already been involved in student organizations. Jayde disagrees because having members in the summer allow planning of events to start in summer and suggests keeping positions open in fall as well. If election changes to fall, language and details of hiring would need to change as well. Molly explains that hiring in summer allows pancake session to start right at school starts, which necessitates summer hiring.



Devon notices that section d subsection 3 is followed by subsection 5. Devon suggests to table this amendment for the consideration to add more details regarding hiring of first year and upper year representatives. Molly suggests hiring co-chair in April and election can start in summer.

Zoe clarifies that commissioners do have election in summer and wish spring election to be on the list of discussion.

MOTION: Devon asks to table Chapter VIII, Section 4d of the VOCA Council Policy to read as presented in Appendix B, seconded by Jayde Jones (5 minutes)

SECONDED: Alexa

Favor: All except Nick

Opposed:

Abstention: Nick

Motion by Emilia De Fabritiis to amend Chapter VIII, Section 4f of the VOCA Council Policy to read as presented in Appendix B, seconded by Jayde Jones (5 minutes)

Cameron thinks the election policy is great but putting them in policy seems to coercively giving the responsibility to co-chair and commissioners. Emilia explains that they have always been involved in those tasks and this change aims to give them a title. The way it used to operate seems ambiguous and the appendix change allows applicants to know ahead which role they are interested

MOTION: Jayde asks to extend by 10 minutes

SECONDED: Jared

Favor: All

Opposed:

Absention

Jayde comments that this change in constitution ensure a strong structure, no matter what leadership it looks like; the commission can still operate to serve students and perform basic activities. Regarding previous amendment, Kevin asks for the reason for having minimum of 5 representative if there are at least one for each 2nd, 3rd, 4th year rep. Emilia said that typically there would be 6-10 people in commission. Kevin follows up and asks if there aren't minimum of 5 discrete exec to get involved of this event. Devon says that the second is not tabled but not cancelled. Emilia adds that the application window may extend and VOCA generally receives 6-10 applications as VOCA is a popular commission. Jayde suggests having flexibility regarding assigning role and tasks instead of ingraining them in policies. Devon think it is fine to pass it as long as Emilia wants to amend first year executive and adds a description for first year representative. Emilia wants to first give Talbina an update of the discussion today and bring it on the table next time.

MOTION: Cameron motion to take 4d from the table

SECONDED: Devon

FAVOR: ALL

Opposed:



Absention:

Emilia withdraws 4d.

MOTION: Nick motion to 10 minutes recess

SECONDED: Jai

FAVOR: ALL

Opposed:

Absention:

Discussion Items

CRO Report (Molly), (15 minutes)

Jayde would like start with an unofficial thank you to Molly. Molly responds that she would like to thank all the people at the meeting, including Christina for advices, Maxwell from cat's eye, a singer(?) as well as people who ran for elections. Molly says that promoting event takes place with 3 people showing up. Molly recommends to pass the constitution to separate the campaign and voting. Molly wish to reserve 2 – 3 positions for first-year students. Jayde thinks capping is bad but reserving is a good thing. Jayde is glad that VUSAC try something new to know what works and what doesn't.

When you try to reserve a position the language it use make more sense and look into that.

Zoe asks Jayde for clarification ?

Jayde says 6 upper year councilors and two first year. If we mandate 3 first year, upper would have 5. Alexa explains that changing the

Zoe explains that the election was changed last year due to lack of applicants from first year.

Zoe suggests to plan events that first year students are interested and the re-evaluate.

Molly says the re-opening – more people shows up.

Cameron thinks the amendment [proposed by Molly] is great and thinks that his vote on an amendment which limited first years to three councillor positions was a misstep and wishes to amend it. He says that whenever a second year runs, they are likelier to win as they may know more people.

Devon: do you feel an benefit if first year councillors against itself comparing to competing with upper year councillors?

Jenny thinks first year is contested among themselves rather than contesting with upper year representative. This can be good because competition is only among people at the same age. Angela prefers the old way in which there are 2 positions reserved for first year and re-opened spots can be reserved to first year, as it relieve the tension of having first year against first year.

As first year that ran in last year, it was terrifying to run with upper years as the knowledge about Victoria College is different. Vibhuti thinks to be not expected to be knowledgeable as upper year representative is essential for constitutions.

MOTION:Genevieve motion to extend discussion by 15 minutes

SECONDED: Jenny

Favor:All

Opposed:

Absention:



Molly comments that VUSAC should stick with the assumption that first year doesn't know much about Vic and VUSAC and adjust the language correspondingly. Molly also adds that there is an issue of lack of participation regarding posting posters in residential buildings which could be improved.

Molly asks for opinions regarding facebook promotion and social media usage during election. Geneviene appreciates having a personal promotion page as small portion of her friends are vic affiliated without protruding other friends. Ali asks if having less likes than others on facebook page would lower the chance of success. Molly replies by suggesting all VUSAC members to like every single page so there will be 18 guarantee likes. Molly indicate recognition of this situation by advertising more in all pages. Molly emphasizes that this is inevitable since Facebook pages are public, which is the fundamental issue with this usage. Alexa adds that this not the perfect method but is the best tool. Zoe adds that she wants everyone to be supported and has attended every event during the election. Devon recognizes the issue of applicants having different amount of likes which VUSAC cannot interfere and mention that facebook page is not created at the same time, which complicate the issue even more. However, Devon would like to thank Molly for all the achievements and progresses regarding elections. Angela adds that having 35 pages poster limit is fair for applicants. However, in the election package there is no guideline on where applicants can put poster and what applicants can do in poster. Jenny adds on Devon's opinions and thinks maybe VUSAC members should not like any page or like the page once page is finished before a deadline. Jai thinks there was a deadline to publish a page. Molly responds by saying that there is no deadline but is willing to set a deadline and have examples as well as weekly promotion of everyone's page. Molly would also add where posters can go and where Old Vic is.

Genevieve asks if posting results will discourage the applicants with less votes. She asks for the reason of having visual display and further improvement. Molly agrees to move visual to numerical displace and explains that the main purpose of posting election result is to ensure transparency of election process and is open to change visual to numerical regarding disparity of votes. Jayde adds that she is concerned having results posted outside of VUSAC office and wish everyone to know the not getting position doesn't mean not going to succeed outside of VUSAC. Election results will be posted on VUSAC website but nobody would closely scrutinize it unless its candidates who are successful.

Georgia invites everyone to discuss if the social media forum this year is better than last year.

MOTION: Georgia asks to add 10 minutes

SECONDED: Cameron

Favor: All

Opposed:

Absention:

Molly rejects 3 questions with "terrible jokes" from her friends during the election. Molly thinks the forum and the questions asked on the forum are great. Ali thinks these are questions that are needed to ask and posting on forum allow one to take the time processing the questions.



Molly rejects 3 people from VCU asking sensitive questions as people are not expected to address heavy questions on the forum. Molly explains that she would typically discuss with candidates if questions are needed. She invites everyone to add their friends to the forum. Georgia wants Molly to circumvent around people who don't have social media. Angela adds that the process of creating page is hard but the rest is not. Gabby says that forum also get candidates prepared for Town Hall. Emilia says that there are too many posters in residential building which makes it hard for people to know about events and elections specifically. Word of mouth is a good thing but VUSAV did better than last year in terms of social media. Genevieve suggests having optional guidance regarding how to navigate the facebook pages.

Weekly Emails from VUSAC (Vibhuti), 10 minutes

VIBHUTI INSERT YOUR REPORT HERE

-Graphic display or texts of events going on at Vic at Sunday night or Monday morning Jayde said that the other Jayde used to send emails bi-weekly

Devon appreciates her proposal and suggests that google forms are easy to access to levy heads. Devon suggests also having tools to evaluate if weekly texts are influential. Vibhuti agrees and wishes to having service set up first. Jayde says that there is an external and internal form. Alexa says that based on her experience, emails is a really useful tool and is the main way of reaching out to the community. Alexa suggests keeping newsletter short and simple. Emilia says that people don't check emails regularly and she and Jacob last year mainly advertise on the commuter board at Sidney Smith since Vic students are also students of U of T. Emilia stresses the importance of advertising Vic events outside of Victoria College. Cameron adds that Sidney Smith board is open to business again. Angela thinks list serve is a better medium and is curious about what happened to Vic app. Vibhuti responds that the vic app is well designed but putting events on the app may be laborious for levy heads and clubs leaders.

MOTION: Jayde asks to extend by 10 minutes

SECONDED: Jai

In Favor: All

Opposed:

Absention

Jayde says that adding events of commuter orientation week on the app is rewarding but also time-consuming and doesn't think it is incredibly useful tool. Devon appreciates the candidness of Jayde and is wishing to talk about it next meeting. Katie comments using *strand* to make people more aware of Vic events. Jai adds that people who read strands are people who are on campus. Georgia replies that there are two pages of strand allocating to report news at Vic and it is usually not the most popular section. Vibhuti wants to start off this newsletter first and see the progress.

Zoe asks if VUSAC can get vic students phone number and how students are going to buy text letters. Vibhuti says that they would start with emails first and see how it goes.

Commission Reports

Commuter (Emilia and Tabina) - Update, 5 minutes

Last week is commuter appreciation week which is the first time such event is held. Emilia is hoping to host such week next semester as well and has received some feedbacks.



For Halloween, there would be a collaboration with UTSU on making smoothie. Monday collaboration with residence of don – movie night “to all the boys I’ve loved before” Bubble tea social is also coming up.

Friday Nov 13 – semi formal, free entrance

Equity (Georgia and Vibhuti) – Update 12 minutes

Social media campaign and posters have received high engagements. Last week, the commission has held events last year. Everyone who lives in Toronto can vote Georgia asks everyone to vote. Commission members would be setting up booth and are ready to talk to you about details regarding elections. It is taking place next week Oct 15th, 17th and 18th.

Healing workshop collaborating with Ali would take place with crafts and drawing as well as guests with profound knowledge in healing. It is open for all individuals marketed as women.

On Friday, there will be collaborations with Academic Commission to host Racialized Experiences in Academia Panel with snacks catered with caffienids. Social event is following.

Equity training is going to focus “inclusion” “macroaggressions” and the specialized equity training with commissioner and councilors.

Mental Health (Ali) – Update 5 minutes

Ali had a meeting with Dean Kelley regarding minding our mind. Megan will contact councilors who are interested in helping out.

On Wednesday, there would be a healing workshop which can help people understand the mission of mental health commission. Essential Oil Workshop will invite a graduate from Vic that builds an info session based on the opinions she receives from people who attend the event.

There would be sugar scrubs, each with specific healing purpose.

Executive Reports

President, Jayde Jones (10 mins)

Property committee – Bloor street – some board is able to pursue more intensely. University is sending a giant package but Victoria college is not included. Buildings are identified and planned since missing the deadline means there would be no new construction is made within 2 years.

MOTION: Jayde extends meeting from 3 minutes.

SECONDED: Emilia

In favor: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Jayde went over of having Vic pilot program.

Katie asks what smudging means. Jayde explains the process and comments how this is a spiritual practice that she doesn't completely comprehend yet.

Jayde adds that VUSAC merchandise are coming out.

VPE, Devon (10 mins)

Devon talked that a vic student reached out to let people know about a Provincial Day of Action on this Monday October 15th 11:00am-1:30pm, starting at sid smith and then moving to a rally at the ministry of Labour and Devon invites people to come as the organizers would love to



get in touch with students! Devon also comments that the exec have met to discuss a report by the Varsity that a former member of the vic community was convicted of assault. VUSAC won't discuss that any further at this meeting, but know that Devon is aware and that conversations with the Dean's Office will continue. Devon invites people with any questions or concerns to bring them to a member of the exec. RBC reached out to UTSU, they want to open a special kind of branch on campus that will specifically cater to students, offering financial advise but also study and meeting spaces, snacks, etc. Also planning like events and stuff. Georgia and Deovn went to a meeting and Devon asks people to reach out to him if interested! Jayde asks people to submit the agenda on time as it helps other people to plan their day.

Sustainability Update, Jared

Jared talks about “angry nut” – learning social environmental issue and discussions regarding communications are also continuing. Dialogue about sustainability went really well and Jared truly appreciates it since last year lack of communication with admin is incredibly frustrating for him. There are discussions centers around food wastes, Jared adds that “Save our water” is coming out.

Academic Commission, Cameron (3 minutes)

Cameron says that workshop of successful networking is coming up. Cameron has a meeting today with Jennifer Wells as well as Melinda Hector and is planning the networking dinner which will be held on Jan. 16th, which is the biggest event of the year and Cameron asks everyone to add that to the calender.

Alexa, Scarlet and Gold Commission

Alexa thanks everyone for promoting and running the event. Thanks VCDS for lightnings and awesome photos. Alexa comments that the turnout can be better if the weather is warmer. The co-chair application will be opened. Alexa adds that semi-formal is taking place on the same day as Trinity semi-formal. In the end, Alexa says that this commission doesn't have own page to promote events and invites people to comment if there should be changes made on that.

MOTION: Devon adjourn the meeting

SECONDED: Katie

In Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstentions: