

September 14, 2018 5pm

Call to order: 17:10 Adjourned: 19:25

In Attendance

Executive

Jayde Jones, President

Nickolas Shyshkin, Vice-President Internal

Devon Wilton, Vice-President External

Zoe Ritchie, Vice-President Student Organizations

Commissioners

Cameron Davies, Academic Commissioner

Carleigh Campbell, Arts and Culture Commissioner

Emilia De Fabritiis, Commuter Commissioner

Georgia Lin, Equity Commissioner

Alexa Ballis, Scarlet and Gold Commissioner

Jared Connoy, Sustainability Commissioner

Councilors

N/A

Staff

Alexa Breininger, Chair

Molly Simpson, Chief Returning Officer

Tiger Fu, Finance Chair

Karen Mao, Office Manager

Victoria Silva, Sustainability co-chair

Tabina Ahmed, Commuter co-chair

Vibhuti Kacholia, Equity co-chair

Rehan Vishwanath, Communications Coordinator

Ex-Officio Members

Christina Alcena, Campus Life Coordinator

Ali Kehl, Orientation Co-Chair

Leora Nash, Student Projects Chairperson

Heleema Khan, UTSU Vic Director

Usman Sadiq, UTSU Vic Director

Guests

Gabby Da Silva

Sally Antown, VISA co-president

Haoyang Zhen, VISA Vice President

Benten Tinkler, Vic Pride! Finance

Opening Business

Land Recognition

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

Approval of minutes of summer meetings

MOTION: Jayde motioned.

SECONDED: Georgia

In Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

Approval of the agenda

MOTION: Cameron motioned.

SECONDED: Emilia

In Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

Reports and Updates

Ex-Officio Reports:

Campus Life Coordinator, Christina Alcena (2 minutes)

Christina would like to thank VUSAC for assisting with facilitating a wonderful Orientation Week 2018 for our incoming class. In terms of official Dean's Office updates, she noted they have hired a new Personal Counsellor, Jessie Kussin, who students are welcome to access. Commuter Dons will start their programming shortly, as well as study space opens in a few weeks.

The Transition Mentor Program offers weekly programming for incoming students, including the Wednesday Success Series, 12-1pm in Wymilwood, followed by a social within the Cat's Eye (during VOCA Pancakes). The Registrar's Office will host a Career Kickstarter workshop and guest speaker series, starting on the 24th.

She reminded everyone to take care of themselves during the upcoming semester, and stressed the importance of reaching out to the Dean's Office, including herself, should they need assistance with navigating their academic and extracurricular responsibilities.

Orientation Co-Chair, Ali Kehl and Christina (3 minutes)

Ali echoed Christina's thanks to VUSAC, including clubs and levies, for their continued support throughout the week. This will be her last meeting as Co-Chair, and is grateful for the opportunity to work alongside Christina, and team of amazing Execs and Leaders. Ali noted she has been thrilled by the enthusiasm showed by our incoming class (all the events were widely attended). Christina noted should VUSAC or any students have feedback surrounding the week, they can reach out to her directly (christina.alcena@utoronto.ca). She also encouraged everyone to promote

upcoming involvement opportunities such as Orientation Student Co-Chair, Exec, and Leaders as they are made available throughout the year.

UTSU Directors, Haleema and Usman, (5 minutes)

They apologize for not being at VUSAC summer meetings. All budget of committee have been approved. They did feedback form for VCU which includes questions on the initiative that should focus more on approving. They are looking for more feedback so they invite everyone to forward and share the survey. The responses they have received shows that students enjoy the video updates and wish to host more VUSAC office hours.

Haleema and Usman also talk about introducing more collaboration between vic levies. Haleema is interested in being a mental health commissioner and collaborate with any projects.

Action Items

Motion by Benten Tinkler moves to ratify the VicPride! Constitution as presented in Appendix A (10 minutes)

Benten explains that their constitutions are completely reformatted in summer to better serve Vic pride community. The constitution before didn't reflect the committee that they are serving. The changes include formats, redefining key concepts, adjusting mandate, clarifying division of labor in executive role, simplifying election process and revising timeline regarding how often meeting take place and who come to the meeting.

Regarding section B part B accessor member of the constitution, Zoe and Jayde ask about how accessor members are decided and their responsibility. Benten explains that accessor staffs are addressed because of the numerous collaborations that took place last year.

MOTION: Jayde moves to extend by 10 minutes.

SECONDED: Zoe

In favor: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

Jayde asks if the Section 7 regarding the finance budget can be rephrased so that it can better align with the way VUSAC operate budget. Benten agrees. Tiger address and clarifies that VUSAC schedule this year are aligned with school schedule. The budget ratification should be near the end of fall term and Tiger will send out budget request for winter during the winter break.

MOTION: Benten moves to change the wording to "in the advance of VUSAC budget request deadline for the relevant semester "

SECOND: Jayde

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstentions:

Jayde expresses concerns regarding giving cheque before purchase. Tiger agrees and recommends to submit cheques after the fact.

MOTION: Jayde: moves to changing “or” to “and” as a friendly amendment and that both president and vice president must sign off the cheque.

MOTION: Benten Tinkler moves to ratify the VicPride! Constitution as presented in Appendix A

SECOND: Devon

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Motion by Leora Nash to ratify the Student Project Operating Policy as presented in Appendix B (5 minutes)

MOTION: Leora moves to extended by 10 minutes.

SECOND: Georgia

Favour: all

Opposed:

Abstention:

Leora explains that this operating policy constitution has not been change in 2010. Leora wants the fund more accessible for student groups and large surplus (80000 CAD last year and 20,000 CAD coming in this year). New wordings are put in red and words with strikethrough are that can be removed. Leora walked through the document with everyone explained the rationale for every single change.

Regarding the change at E2)a of adding equity co-chair, Georgia comments that it is important to have equity member present when making financial decisions.

MOTION: Leora motion to extend by 5 minutes.

SECOND: Cameron

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Regarding E5)c “If a Committee member applies for a project, they shall be required to abstain from voting and may choose to leave the room during discussion,” Jayde suggests to change to “ask to leave” as a suggestion.

Leora replies that there is always blind vote to avoid steering opinions.

MOTION: Leora motion to extend by 10 minutes.

SECOND: Georgia

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Tiger asks if he can see clubs requests to student projects, as currently there is no liason between VUSAC and student project.

Leora replies that Student Project is to assist VUSAC funding and is mainly funding one-time unexpected special events rather than normal expanse.

Zoe comments that she will inform clubs that VUSAV are responsible for normal expanse during pre-budget consultation.

Devon suggests that d3a) should state "this committee shall be composed of i) the VUSAC president, ii) the outgoing chair, iii) the dean's office representative" and d3b) will state" this committee shall make every effort to apply equitable hiring best practices in hiring the chair"

MOTION: Devon motion to extend by 2 minutes.

SECOND: Nick

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Zoe suggests to change F5f)i "exceed four times \$1000.00" to "exceed four times \$1000.00 requests."

MOTION: Leora Nash moves to ratify the Student Project Operating Policy as presented in Appendix B.

SECONDED: Cameron

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

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MOTION: Georgia moves for a 10 minute recess.

SECONDED: Emilia

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

MOTION: Jayde move the item of Nickolas Shyshkin to release the presidential honorarium after president's update.

SECONDED: Nickolas

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Assessor Member Reports:

Staff Reports:

Molly Simpson - Election Updates, (5 minutes)

Molly says that the application is closing in 35 minutes and is glad to receive many applications. She would be putting up posters in residences on Monday 2 – 3:30 and invite everyone to help. Election will be taking place at town hall on Sept 21st 5:30. VOCA would be providing dinner. They have revamped the entire forum and Molly invites everyone to add Vic friends to this forum. Molly emphasizes that VUSAC office is a neutral space, that includes discussing elections besides in a planning context. Free printing is offered for candidates this year. People doing office hour should keep track of the pages they printed. Molly would like to thank for everyone for all the wonderful support, including Rehan for the great communications, Jayde for coming through with the FAQ and Vibhuti for being an amazing ACRO and coming through while Molly was away.

Commission Reports:

Academic (Cameron) - Update, 5 minutes

Applications for VUSAC Academic commission are out and are closing today. Cameron have received 5 applications and will extend the application deadline if other structured positions remain unfilled.

He had a meeting with Meghan Litteljohn regarding vic backspace for study hub and is hammering logistics of this change. Cameron states that he will be setting up meeting with Ira Wells as well.

Arts & Culture (Carleigh) - Update, 3 minutes

Regarding the application, Arts & Culture commission has received 5 applications. The main reason Carleigh asks for this update is because of a UT recognized group that approaches the commission for hosting jazz night. A ticket will presumably be sold at 15 dollars. Now the commission is looking for jazz musicians and Carleigh invites people to direct jazz musicians to her.

Zoe suggests reaching out to Vic out of Cure as well as Vic Jazz ensemble.

Commuter (Emilia and Tabina) - Commuter lockers, VOCA exec, and pancakes update, 5 minutes

Emilia reports that lockers were sold out in 12 minutes and now the waitlist for lockers are open. VOCA has received 8 first-year applications so far. The first pancake event hosted last week was a huge success.

Next, VOCA will collaborate with VUSAC and Emilia invites everyone to come between 10AM – 2PM and to flip some pancakes for commuter students. The applications for general committee member will also be online soon.

Scarlet and Gold (Alexa) - Falling for Vic and survey update, 5 minutes

Alex is excited about the first event for this semester, which is called Falling for Vic. This event is essentially a pub nigh at Quad, in front of Old Vic, on Oct 5th 7 PM. There will be bars

and drinks. Event page will be made soon and VUSAC members need to have shifts during this event. Alex invites everyone to send her their availability on October 5th after 5 PM.

The lucky winner of the survey regarding Scarlet and Gold commission will be announced next week. The commission is glad to receive 170 responses.

Nick thanks Alexa for all the great work.

Sustainability (Jared and Victoria) - Update, 10 minutes

I made two 2 exec positions. [DETAILS PLEASE]

Jared says that the engagement in the community is their biggest weakness last year and we want to address it this year by setting up a position that focuses on the engagement with students as well as external organizations. The meeting time of this commission is on Wednesday 5PM to 6 PM. The first event is on **Sept 24 Monday**[DETAILS PLEASE]. The commission will host Doc n talk and workshop collaborating with VOCA. Communication director is working on the logo for Sustainability commission.

Victoria says that coffind's event during orientation was a huge success and had a sign up for the sustainability events.

Brant asks about the logo he mad for sustainability 2 years ago.

Jared and Victoria reply that it was a great logo, but they want the logo to be more stand out.

Equity (Georgia and Vibhuti) - Commission applications and programming update, 4 minutes

Georgia says that the Commission applications are due tomorrow, Saturday September 15th at 11:59PM, Georgia invites everyone to share it on Facebook pages, commission pages, and overall networks. VUSAC Equity's September events include Moon Festival Celebration on Monday September 24th to start the beginning of the Cultural Celebrations series. There will be moon cakes and decorations in the VUSAC office. On Tuesday, September 25th, Equity Commision, in collaboration with VicPride! Beginnings, will host A Zine Workshop in which will have zine making materials and community resources for queer folks. Vibhuti is very excited about the Self-Defence workshop on Wednesday, September 26th, from 6-9pm in the Music Room for all students who identify as women. First Doc n' Talk of the year is on Thursday, September 27th. Doc n' Talks this year will take place in a monthly basis instead of bi-weekly. Georgia asks everyone to fill out the June Equity Feedback Form if they attended equity training in June! Equity training will run for full council in October at retreat, led by Mairi McKenna-Edwards from the Student Life office on Saturday, and Georgia/Vibhuti on Sunday.

Executive Reports:

VP External (Devon) - Update, 2 minutes

Overview of summer: form will be send once every

Devon gives a brief overview of the work he has done over the summer. This includes investigating what students look for, mandatory and absence leaves, statement as executives and council.

MOTION: Devon moves to extend by 4 minutes.

SECONDED: Jayde

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Devon says that he is thinking to de-gender the washroom in gold ring center first and then move to all campus. He reaches out to indigenous law society and will be meeting ICCU to increase the scope of discussions.

CAUCUS will take place on Nov. 22th 7PM at cat's eye. VUSAC members are obligated to attend the event to offer transparency to people who paid for the events that VUSAC have offered. Devon says that this event will be on the shared councilor calendar.

VP Internal (Nick) - Update, 3 minutes

Nick says that he has completed Internal report form and is planning the retreat on October. Retreat is on October 13th to 14th and will take up two whole days. Nick also wants to thank everyone for cooperating for office hour.

VP Student Organizations (Zoe) - Update, 5 minutes

Zoe reports that she has been working as a liason with all levies except for ___ and Zoe wants to thanks the executives for making it happen. Space booking is now streamlined and website will be updated. Zoe wants to remind people who are hesitant to run that there are hundreds ways to get involved.

Zoe loves the dinner with VUSAC and levies and thanks all the commissioners who were present and asks everyone for opinions regarding the structure of orientation this year.

MOTION: Zoe moves to extend by 5 minutes.

SECONDED: Jayde

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

Vibhuti thinks orientation structure this year makes VUSAC more approachable and avoids competition between clubs and VUSAC.

Georgia agrees with Vibhuti and says it is easier to refer freshman to others.

Talbina expresses concerns regarding putting VOCA bookmarks next to VUSAC cards as it may cause confusion or picking up the wrong card.

Jayde suggests that it would have been better to have VUSAC to be in the same areas. Doing so allows VUSAC to be supportive of each other and more distinct.

Victoria likes how tables are not side by side so that people would not miss any VUSAC commissions.

MOTION: Zoe moves to extend by 5 minutes.

SECONDED: Jayde seconded.

Favour: all

Opposed:

Abstention:

Zoe stresses that the application are accepted all year.

Jayde and Tiger asks suggests using contingency funding for late applications.

Zoe replies that she would like to be emailed first.

Zoe says that she has been providing consultation with all the ratified clubs. Yearbook will also be brought to a call.

President (Jayde) - President's summer report (presented appendix C), 20 minutes

Summary of President's summer report

Summary of summer hours:

- Required to work 30 hours/week, averaged 55.5 hours/week
- Worked a total of 1,115 hours, accumulating 595 overtime hours
- Took 3 vacation days and 3 sick days, of allowed 2 weeks vacation
- Including Orientation responsibilities, attended or hosted 198 distinct meetings; 152 excluding Orientation-related ones

Summary of April work:

- Meetings of note:
 - o 1-1 onboardings with Council, OVPS, PUSAG, various bodies' transition meetings, Physical Plant, Dean's Office, equity focused, UTSU, SGRT, VCC, President Robins & Exec meetings
 - o Total meetings, excluding Orientation: 36
- Projects of note:
 - o Staff hiring: 26 applicants, 18 interviews, 5 staff hired
 - o Office improvements: general maintenance, chalkboard walls, re-paint
 - o Leadership conferences
 - o Comprehensive team onboarding

Summary of May work:

- Meetings of note:
 - o Bader Theatre Coordinator, Events Victoria, Groundskeeping, Bursar, UTSU, Dean's Office, Queer Asian Women+ Toronto, Canon, VUS, Alumni Affairs, Finance, Elections, President Robins, Executive

- Total meetings, excluding Orientation: 31
- Projects of note:
 - VOCA Co-Chair hiring: 6 applications, 3 interviews
 - Planned Pride programming: Rainbow Families speaker event with QAW+, Queer and Trans Quad Social and T-Shirt Painting Party with VicPride!, Vic Goes to the Pride Parade with UTSU & SGDO
 - Consulted on the Dean's Office strategy for supporting Upper Year Students through academic programming and overall priorities document
 - Began elections reform process with CRO
 - Re-structured VUSAC meetings with Chair & Office Manager
 - Spoke at Open Vic and tabled with VUSAC
 - Consulted on equity matters in relation to Transition Mentor programming
 - Launched online room booking for VUSAC's Board and Back room
 - Planned summer Council meetings

Summary of June work:

- Meetings of note:
 - UTSU, VUS, Dean's Office, Physical Plant, IT Services, SGDO, Caffiends, The Hatchery, BoR, International Students' Orientation, Transition Mentorship, Elections Reform Committee, Executive
 - Total meetings, excluding Orientation: 24
- Projects of note:
 - Work on Degendering Goldring washroom project with Dean's Office and SGDO
 - Equity Co-Chair hiring: 4 applications, 4 interviews
 - Executed Pride programming: Rainbow Families speaker event with QAW+, Queer and Trans Quad Social and T-Shirt Painting Party with VicPride!, Vic Goes to the Pride Parade with UTSU & SGDO
 - Negotiated final Caffiends Occupancy Agreement with Dean's Office, President's Office, and Caffiends Co-Managers
 - Elections Reform Committee began meeting
- June Council meeting outcomes:
 - Sustainability Co-Chair position created
 - Secretary's title changed to Office Manager

Summary of July work:

- Meetings of note:
 - Centre for Sexual Violence Prevention and Support, Queer Orientation (SGDO), Elections Reform Committee, UTSU, Orientation Pride Steering Committee, Equity, Dean's Office, Firk Pubs, Registrar's Office, Events Victoria
 - Total meetings, excluding Orientation: 35
- Projects of note:
 - Support planning and facilitation of Orientation Pride Steering Committee

- Worked with Dean's Office and Events Victoria to streamline student space booking process and increase access to the Goldring Music Room
- Conducted consultations on improved graduate photography contracts and led discussions with Registrar and Dean's Office
- Coordinated with VP External to respond to the University's then-proposed Mandated Leave of Absence Policy
- July Council meeting outcomes:
 - Adoption of Elections and Referenda Code
 - Released statement regarding the then-passed MLAP
 - Constitutional amendments of note:
 - Funding clause added to mission statement
 - Equity representative became voting member of Budget Steering
 - Introduced position of Mental Wellness Commissioner
 - Changed signature requirements for Council candidate nominations
 - Introduced procedure for uncontested elections
 - Council policies amendments of note:
 - Removed Executive approval requirement for Constitutional and Policy amendments to be presented
 - Updated the responsibilities of the Academic Commissioner
 - Added general VCU applicants to the Highball Committee
 - Updated policy on absenteeism and non-performance of duties to be more equity-minded and solution-oriented
 - Re-worked levy misspending funding policy
 - Necessitated prioritization of financial accessibility in Highball, Winterfest, and Grad Banquet tickets
 - Worked with Physical Plant to triple student representation on the forthcoming Campus Sustainability Committee

Summary of August/September work:

- Meetings of note:
 - Dean's Advisory Committee Steering Committee, Finance, Dean of Students, Registrar, President Robins, Commuter Orientation, Principal's Office, BoR, BoR Property Committee, Executive, Accessibility Services, Indigenous Studies Students' Union
 - Total meetings, excluding Orientation: 17
- Projects of note:
 - Executed Commuter Orientation, including facilitating training and organization of all events
 - Dean's Advisory Committee priorities established after two further meeting
 - Conducted work regarding renaming Ryerson stream with ISSU, Dean's Office, President's Office
 - Attending Student Society Summit
 - Orientation Play rehearsals
 - Club applications and ratifications

- Production and Orientation Weeks
- August Council meeting outcomes:
 - Council Policies amendments of note:
 - Equity training requirements instituted for Clubs & Levies
 - Equity representation mandated on all VUSAC Hiring Committees
 - Constitutional amendments of note:
 - Minutes will be sent to all who've spoken at meetings
 - Levy heads empowered to move motions at VUSAC meetings

Orientation work:

- Meetings of note:
 - Weekly exec meetings
 - 1-1s with Student Co-Chair, 2-1s with Student and Staff Co-Chair
 - Meetings with Dean's Office and Alumni Affairs regarding Traditional Ceremonies
 - Media team meetings
 - Sponsorship meetings
 - Commuter Orientation meetings
 - Total Orientation meetings: 46
- Projects of note:
 - Commuter Orientation
 - Advocated for a new Commuter Orientation Bursary
 - Introduced new academic programming to replace the guest lectures: library tour and workshop
 - Introduced new outing to replace high-risk
 - Traditional Ceremonies
 - Return of the bagpiper and soft processional aspect
 - Dressed down Trads to make it casual
 - Return the student participation in sand ceremony
 - Secured attendance of younger alumni, Tasha the Amazon
 - Other
 - Advocated for and introduced new Leader/TM Open Forum to discuss and solicit feedback on Orientation programming and changes
 - Revamped the Sponsorship package

MOTION: Nick moves to release the presidential honorarium after president's update.

SECONDED: Cameron

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention:

MOTION: Georgia moves to adjourn meeting

SECONDED: Cameron

Favor: All

Opposed:
Abstention: