



Victoria University Students' Administrative Council

Budget Ratification Meeting | 21 Sept 2018 | VUSAC Board Room

Called to Order: 15:13 **Adjourned:** 19:21

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*

Councillors

N/A

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*



Opening Business

Land Recognition

Jared explains their 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.

Tiger explains the function of the meeting and outlines the order of business – i.e., ratifying the budget. He welcomes concerns and suggestions, hoping that everyone has had a moment to look at the budget.

Action Items

Budget Ratification

Tiger points to C2 as the total amount of money that VUSAC has for the full school year – including levy funds. This is a prediction because we don't have exact enrollment figures yet; this is a conservative estimate as student [population usually grows.

Traditionally, for the first budget term we count 60% as spendable. 30% will be usable for Spring and 10% for summer. Line E6 is the amount of money available to allocate to clubs and commissions, given that levy fees are fixed. This is the amount total we have to allocate to clubs and VUSAC commissions. Restricted amounts for levies.

Hope everyone has been able to look at criteria for the budget – within the constitutionally budget; no alcohol, as many people as possible, serving overall wellbeing of Vic and toward student benefit. As well as specific areas unable to fund that Tifer will get to.

Begin with VUSAC Commissions. Vibhuti asks about overlapped expense of 800 dollars for sweaters. Tiger replies that that is a double entry and he has already removed 800 dollars from VPI section. Tiger then explains that boxes in blue mean reductions or removal, boxes in purple are expenses that didn't count into considerations for the purpose of fall term budget. Boxes in green are items that aren't requested but are regarded as necessary. Boxes in red are one that don't follow the requirement of this fall budget. Comments can be found next to each changes to clarify why changes are made.

Cameron ask if he can motion to increase budget in the middle of semester, as the academic and Professional Development Commission requests half of budget that other commissions requested. Tiger replies that with the entire current budget, there is still \$30,000 surplus left so he is open to adjustments if necessary. In order to do that, commissions need to submit a budget adjust form, similar to the one they previously have submitted before, with the justification of who this event targets as well as estimate of people attending the event. There are also 12000 dollars extra for commission as contingency fund that Zoe can allocate fund initiatives that aren't ratified in time.



Jayde comments that the contingency money for levies is reserved to better fund initiatives from old clubs, new clubs and commissions.

Carleigh asks why Bader Fees is reduced. Tiger explains the reduction is based on the fact that given previous year deans office would be cover part of the fee.

Cameron asks to motion budget line 9 to 50 dollars item 10 to 110 in the section caffield collaborations. Cameron believes that to have catering food from caffield can attract more people to attend the event. Jared would like to support Caffield food from the perspective of sustainability. He explains that he has catering for his events and would love to support this idea.

Kevin comments that the description of item 9 sums up pretty well.

MOTION: Cameron: line 9 item increase to 50 and line 10 raise to 150 dollars

SECOND: Jayde

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention: Devon

Alexa said that she just found out that homecoming is cancelled. She was thinking to use 300 dollars from 500 dollars of homecoming for the security of Falling For Vic as well as ticket subsidy. Georgia comments that it is good to have money to subsidize high ball tickets. Tiger thinks that there are fund for high ball tickets subsidy so they don't have to worry about this now.

Tiger asks how the security fee is charged. Jayde replies that the security is unionized based on the hours and people attending. The 1000 is the highest rate for VUSAC events due to drinking and open space. She suggests getting a high estimate for security for now.

MOTION: Alexa moves to reallocate 300 from line 13 to line 16 and to cut the remaining 200 from line 13.

SECONDED: Nick

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention: Devon

Jayde said that Rehan cannot move a motion but she will move a motion on Rehan's behalf and ask him to explain his motion. Rehan explains that he needs to set up a common account for VUSAC which allow him better explore different format as well as sharing information to commissions and members. Alexa supports this idea and believe that it would be beneficial and convenient. Jayde adds that Rehan can process a larger number of requests and help more student organization. A share account allows commissions to know what other commissions are doing and can avoid having 4 documents for the same event.

Rehan comments that he designs an external page for levies and clubs and he will post form once everything is settled down.

MOTION: Jayde moves to add line item 12 VUSAC Canva titles of 125 dollars and no expected revenue.

SECONDED: Georgia

Favour: All

Opposed:



Abstention: Devon

Cameron notices that commission members are passionate of advocacy and he is thinking to make it a stronger area for this commission and ask if the advocacy expanse can increase. Tiger comments that the plan is not detailed as what specific advocate campaign is going to take place and he would like to know the details and turnout of these events. Cameron replies that he hasn't finish hiring the commission yet. He would add more details later on and make adjustments later on. Tiger emphasizes that there are huge amount of contingency fund and would be glad to make adjustments later on.

MOTION: Cameron moves to ratify the budget as presented in Appendix A

SECONDED: Alexa

Favor: All except Devon

Opposed:

Abstention: Devon

Next is club discussion items.

Abhi and Ria ask about line 9, 10 11 in Vic Records Section. They explain they are intended to paid artists such as photographer, audio engineer and are reluctant to use contingency fund. Tiger replies that traditionally VUSAC doesn't budget for photography since Vixposure can do it of free.

Kevin Yue from Vixposure said that in the past two years photographers aren't paid and aren't reimbursed for film making. He suggests taking a look at club expanse and the past cost for filmning that have not been covered. Aloysius explains that as if now there is still no equipment for video and auditing.

Jayde points out that there are item 26 for film expanse and are in support of paying them for making and editing videos. Jayde also wants to thank Ria and Abhi for attending the meeting and explaining this item to VUSAC.

MOTION: Jayde moves increase Vic Record line 10 and 11 to 125 dollars for each

SECONDED: Jared

Favour: All

Opposed:

Abstention: Devon

Akash from Foodiac asks for the reason of reductions of the expanse item 8 'weekly cupcakes'. Tiger explains that he wants to make it more align with the food expanse of other levies. He recognizes the importance of having vegan cupcakes and is willing to receive suggestions from everybody else. Akash understands vegan cupcakes are pricey and is also looking for other options. Jared comments that it is a food club so it is understandable for a food club to allocate more fund for food than other commissions. Zoe agrees and explains that it is challenging to know the people who will be presenting in the weekly meeting. Contingency fund is available and aims to provide support for clubs. She is willing to do some shifting after knowing the number. Jayde adds that VUSAC tries to break down a fee in terms of student fees and this is the rationale of some cut, which essentially looks at who is benefiting from the money.



Melanie Machado from TBA Aceppella asks why the item 8 'to promote the group to new students' expense is cut down by 70 dollars.

Georgia asks if this expense have already been spent. Melanie replies that it is spent for being in club fair. Zoe explains that VUSAC doesn't covered UTSU fee and asks if ULife would cover it.

Melanie explains that Ulife only provides discounts. Jayde said that the money has already been spent and technically VUSAC aims to benefit vic population exclusively. VUSAC would not cut to 0, as VUSAC will compensate TBA Acapella, and Jayde suggests asking ULife budget ratification. Tiger adds that the money VUSAC is allocating comes from Vic students and should technically spend in order to benefit Vic students.

Devon asks about line 10 'Fall Concert' in TBA Acapella section since it is the biggest expense in club page. Tiger adds that he originally have a comment that asks for more details regarding the ticket price as well as turnout for the past Fall concert. When discussing with budget steering committee, Tiger heard that the attendance for this event usually was high and took place in Vic Chapel. As it stands now, Tiger would keep the budget and will wait for more clarification. Ethan from TBA Acapella group explains that the concert is not taking place at old Vic this year due to technical issues. Kevin suggests TBA Acapella to look into GIT for venue as it has better lighting and microphones. He also suggests increasing microphone fee and lighting fee. Tiger comments that this meeting is for ratification and adjustment and hope to talk about venue later. Jayde suggests contacting Zoe if there is slight adjustment and strongly agrees to host events at a venue that is more accessible to Vic students. Devon adds that GIT is inaccessible to Vic students. He is personally not comfortable on spending \$1000 on an off-campus event and recommends to not changing it.

Tiger invites everyone to fill in more details for next time budget requests. If there is information, it will be easier to getting the money. Tiger emphasizes that VUSAC has sufficient money to fund initiatives and is open to change the expense for the event to be successfully done. Tiger also comments that student organization has huge amount money and is a really strong option in terms of funding.

Christina suggests Vic Acapella applying for performing art endowment. Melanie replies that they cannot apply since the event is not host on campus.

Tiger whispers "student project!"

Sophia for HeyTeach! asks about the reduction of \$37 from item 7 'Initial Club Meeting'. Tiger explains that this is not a necessary expense as the initial meeting is not as open meeting to Vic students. Sophia explains that it is open to anyone who wants to apply. Tiger replies that snacks and drinks are sufficient for a club meeting. Zoe comments that there is difference between club meeting and open house. VUSAC is normally careful about club meeting as it is for a small group of people. If it were for open house and marketed as it is, VUSAC is willing to budget it. Sophia explains that it is an orientation house meeting and is marketed to public as open house.

MOTION: Zoe move raise line 7 of Hey Teach by 22 dollars.

SECOND: Georgia



 Favor: All

 Oppose:

 Abstention: Nick

Zoe comments that VUSAC would love to receive information about the club meeting from the clubs that have open house, as VUSAC, especially Rehan, will help communicating to the public. Akash replies of experiencing difficulty of tagging VUSAC on facebook due to technical issues.

Kevin asks about Hotake line item to increase (forgot to account for the 8 scripts and 2 state managers) 132.21 dollars

Jayde thinks it is a reasonable expanse.

Geogira ask if she can motion.

MOTION: Georgia move to increase line 7 (rights) in Yellow Face to be increase by 132.21

SECONDED: Alexa

Favor; All

Kevin asks split line 8 into two l(150 for contingency for set props and sounds) and 100 for costumes and increase by 100 dollars.

Tiger think more flexible to to have one line and increase by 100 lines

He asks if currently purchasing or rent

Kevin: we would purchase it and explain why he needs to buy costumes

Tiger: can you use t for future shows

Kevin: hopefully and will donate to CDS

Jayde suggests to raise by 200 dollars and believe that tshi show has a lot of

MOTION: Jayde move to raise yellow face line 8 by 200 dollars.

SECONDED: Alexa

Favor: All

LEVIES DISCUSSION:

Tiger invite for comments and questions.

VCAA: Jayde notices VCA Line 15 line for decoration is accidentally removed and suggest to move the item back before voting. Jayde asks if catering in banquet include alcohol

Tiger notices 200 dollars spending

Assad: Webster fund is available that that's why we are overspending it right now.

Clara: we are frutal right now.

Assad asks about a blank in the document regarding Burwash and decoration in banquet.

Tiger will pull out the discussion sheet real soon.

MOTION: Zoe asks for 5 minutes recess

SECONDED: Emilia

Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstention: None

Tiger comments that line 17 220 for invites



Assad explains the invite/program is booklet on each table of itinerary.

Tiger suggests that _____ can be account for it and make it cheaper.

Clara explains that the money amount cannot change as the people applying for banquet increase as well.

Georgia asks if you have considered hosting it at harthouse burwash

Assad replies they have considered it but burwash is cheapest.

Tiger comments that line 14 number is now back.

LEVIES OVERALL SPENDING PAGE

Tiger comments that looking at column G and broke down to percent utilization. Suggest to host more events if percent utilization has not hit 90% to better serve the community

Max, Cat's eye: where is percentage coming from

Tiger explains the calculation of percent utilization.

Max explains that the honorium is granted in winter semester and that swill there will be adjustemt made in winter budget.

Tiger explains that this is a chart for information.

Cameron suggests a wrong calculation of caffields

Tiger relied the mistake is fixed.

Zoe will like to contact levies if the percent utilization is too low.

MOTION: Jayde move to ratify the budget with amendments A

Seconded: Alexa

Favor: All

Abstening: Zoe

Zoe explains that abstention is conflicts of interests with University bioethics society.

MOTION: Carleigh move to adjourn the meeting

SECONDED: Emilia

Favor: All

Additions to the Agenda

Text.

MOTION: _____ motions to ratify the budget as presented in Appendix A
_____ to the agenda.

SECONDED:

In Favor: All

Opposed:

Abstentions: Devon



DEVON absent in votes before