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Territory Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen-speaking peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

1. **Call to order**
This meeting was called to order at 7:03pm, with Alexandra Boucher-Carter as the chair and Elizabeth Giesbrecht Cord Corcese as the secretary.

2. **Adoption of the agenda and approval of previous minutes**
BIRT the agenda be approved for the October 1st meeting, as shown.
BIFRT the minutes be approved for the September 24th meeting, as circulated.
BIFRT the minutes be approved for the September 30th Semesterly General Meeting minutes, as circulated.
Mover: Rusell Seconder: Abdul Result: Pass

3. **Updates from the Council Members**

President
- SGM Happened
  - Congrats to our new executives!!
- Retreat This weekend
- Sign up for the anti-oppression workshop!!
  [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0jV39jHNY4VjH-rmNzZDaKPGnJT1Fzd_WeYV89Cc3fZHA4jw/viewform?usp=sf_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0jV39jHNY4VjH-rmNzZDaKPGnJT1Fzd_WeYV89Cc3fZHA4jw/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- I need to get everyone set up on the calendar
  - Put events in it please
- Discussion Points
  - Meeting with the dean about online learning - is everyone stressed?
    - Concerns about heavy workload
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- **Common complaint, might not be profs adding work**
  - Online school is a rough transition, Might be the biggest thing
  - Online work is more work the same work
  - Harder to understand
  - Prerecorded lectures may have higher content density
  - Everyone has bad mental health and stuck inside 24/7 without socialization
  - Brightspace is new and no one knows what’s going on with it
    - Some profs will split things across different parts of a single course’s Brightspace. No standardization within a course, much less between courses.
    - Zoom links are hard to find
  - Harder to keep track of a fully online semester
    - In person labs give more reminders
  - Instructors seem to be struggling too
  - Everyone’s done with distancing tbh
  - More assignments instead of tests, more smaller tests, more consistent work
  - Many small things, harder to track
  - Quizzes at start of lectures = bad with timezones
  - Too many different sites, hard to track without in person reminders
  - Labs are a rough transition

**VP External**
- Wooo boy, there’s a lot
- CFES
  - MORE MEETINGS
    - One extra online general assembly per year
      - March?
    - Another extra meeting per year
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- Summer
  - Mainly for VPX’s (not really for students : ( )
  - There was some worrying info about the lack of financial book keeping of the CFES
    - Talked to the West Ambassador, have ideas on what to do
- WESST
  - AGMeR (Annual General Meeting and e-Retreat)
    - End of November
    - It’s an e-Retreat, really fun to hang out with other WESSTies
    - All of you must apply
    - I still think it should be called GAMeR
  - Other things
    - WEC might be moved back by a week
      - Last weekend of January
    - That’s about it
- UVEC
  - It happened, ran decently
  - We got more winners
  - Thanks to all the volunteers
- Started talking with the Vikes eSports Association for the charity event
  - Contact Derek Lowlind or Kautak
- Dean Search has produced candidates
  - Peter Wild
  - Janusz Kozinski
  - Nora Hoofar
- Discussion Points

Equity Officer

- Discussion Points
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VP Communication
- Started work on the video
- Uploaded website to OAC, it is live rn at oac.uvic.ca/ess
  - Setting up a proxy server right now
    - Awkward but only way OAC will allow
    - All the links are broken at the moment
- Discussion Points

VP Events
- Charity Video game event with Vikes E-Sports association
- Discussion Points

VP Internal
- Student reps all setup
- Mech rep, been busy, gotta get them organized :( 
- First year rep!
- Discussion Points
  - Video?

VP Corporate
- Working on the video with Russ, we have preliminary videos (Unless Russ disagrees, mine still needs polishing, but I have a concept)
- I think we will need some extra footage to tie things together.
- Discussion Points
- Apparently google docs has a citation tool now (UVic), but they don’t use IEEE.

VP Finance
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Discussion Points
○

VP Student-Life
● Clubs need to send in info still. Gonna pester them a bit
● Discussion Points
○

First-Year Representative
● Welcome to the new First-Year Rep Logan!
● Discussion Points
○

4. New Business

5. Other Business

BIRT ____
Mover: Seconder: Result:

6. Adjournment
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Next Meeting
The next ESS Council Meeting will take place on October 8th 2020.
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