



UVic ESS Council Weekly Meeting
 October 7th 2021
 ESS Office and Google Hangouts

Council Members not in attendance:

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XXXXXXTerritory Acknowledgment

We acknowledge and respect the ləkʷəŋən 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 6:03pm, with Alexandra BC as the chair and Sam Morrow as the secretary.

2. Adoption of the agenda and approval of previous minutes

BIRT the agenda be approved for the October 7th meeting, as shown.

BIFRT the minutes be approved for the September 23rd meeting, as circulated.

Mover: Jeremy

Seconder: Abdul

Result: Passed unanimously

3. Updates from the Council Members

President

- Sorry not many updates
 - [Get well soon!!](#)
- Cinkant email
- Start UVEC planning
- Discussion Points
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Equity Officer

- Not feeling too well, won't be in person
- Waiting for response from WECS
- [Got an email from EDI\(sp?\), they were asking for some information on dates](#)
 - [Jeremy is willing to send out a when2meet to the executive](#)
- Discussion Points
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VP Communication

- Not much, just been doing whatever has been asked of me.
 - [Needs to update the website b/c of iron ring update](#)
- Discussion Points
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FINGER RULES



New Topic



Direct Response



Point of Clarification



Hangloose



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VP Events

- Made a little event tracker, will be messaging people to get things rolling
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- Discussion Points
 - Side note: eng/csc soccer team had their first game and looked sick in the extra first year orientation t-shirts
 - Abdul shoutouts Alvin for getting the team together

VP Internal

- Electionsss
 - Welcome Sarah!
 - A ruling was made on posters, everyone is allowed to have 10 posters.
 - Abdul says this should not be done in the future because it breaks the policy manual. There are also only specific places that posters allowed (but a list was given by the UVSS so it's fine)
 - Abdul is not pleased but will tolerate it
 - Russell: maybe we should change policy if this comes up a lot?
 - The chair doesnt care, because we already run social media posts. Maybe we should allow a limited # of posters?
 - Abdul: we should wait until we have a motion for discussion
- Faculty meeting on Tuesday
 - Alia went to the faculty meeting on tuesday. They came back with the results of the EDI survey, basically more students wanted more mental health services and remove stigma amongst seeking help, more transparent, more inclusive/accepting environment, more edi training for students, more support for sexual harassment, student buddy system for older and younger students, prevent discrimination for coop. With more funding they could create more resources. The VP internal thinks this is a good thing.
 - Jeremy brings up a post on the Reddit about a lack of councillors.
 - Sarah agrees, and was told the waiting time was around a month to get help.
 - Russell says unless you are currently in crisis (i.e. self harm) the wait time is well over a month. He also thinks there isnt much the ESS can do other than petition the UVSS to do something. He also thinks we need to do WAY more.
 - Abdul (as the head of the mental health stuff for the UVSS last year) says the budget is set by the bc government so the amount that uvic spends on mental health services is predetermined. There is a 24/7 support line for UVic on the website, but they don't have much more resources to do stuff like that. It's a hard situation, but we could try to figure



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out a policy change within the faculty that facilitates seeking help, without penalizing students prioritizing mental health.

- Jeremy asks if we have documentation about anything Abdul just mentioned?
- Russell says there are currently resources on the website. It could use updating, but it should be there.
- Abdul says even the ECS discord has some, and there is a page on the UVSS's website with a whole subwebsite for this. The problem is that people aren't generally gonna seek out these websites, we gotta do something else.
- Jeremy agrees ^
- VP internal thinks we should ponder what we can do about it, because if we provide a list of resources and the resources suck, that aint much help
- Jessica asks if we should make a specific point for everyone to think about for options for this week? For discussion for next week?
- General agreement
- There was discussion on masks by the UVic Faculty, and UVic is treating mask refusal as academic misconduct.
 - Abdul asks if this was specifically in class?
 - It is for labs and classes
- The faculty thanked the ESS on their work for first year orientation
- Abdul mentions how a few years ago there was a suggestion for small weekly chill nights, i.e. bob ross nights.
 - Maybe Eila (thanks russell) could work on that
- Discussion Points
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VP External

- Red Bull
 - FREE CASE TOMORROW
 - More free stuff for EEE and UVEC
 - Including a DJ booth!
 - No questions about it
 - We just have to tell clubs and students about competition
- WESST
 - AGMeR in a week
 - Please come, it is fun
 - We got a discussion session for the VPX stream about CSC students
 - There were no questions.
- Merger Time



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- Alex, get us a meeting with Rishi please
- We will make a presentation soon
 - This time jessica has a question - we havent really decided if we need to change the name?
 - If we need a cool name, please tell abdul (Society for Engineering and Computer Science Students, anyone?)
- Discussion Points

VP Corporate

- UVEC - potential sponsor, how much money do we want?
 - Abdul: We need some minor items, food for the day, the most expensive parts are TShirts and food. Throughout the day, lots of snacks like snacks, chips, redbull (is covered), coffee, and sandwiches from UVic. Ask Jordan, he ran #4.
 - If we get 1000 dollars, we can slap the sponsor's name on advertising shirts, etc.
- Strange tangent - Jeremy heard the computer science faculty is putting up a grant where UVic and the gov't put up funds (up to 40mil) to create an extended reality warehouse. Jeremy would love to hear from any cs students working on it or who know abt it. Possibly in the magnitude of a whole building dedicated to this. He needs more info. Possible callout to any cs students working with a prof named "yvonne something".
- Discussion Points

VP Finance

- Money
 - Met with CIBC Rep to get new bank card
 - CIBC rep told me we should have access to our account now
 - Can't login to online banking but I'm going to call the business banking line to get it sorted (ugh)
 - All bounced cheques will need to be re-written or redeposited if yall still have em
 - Cheques should supposedly now work.
 - One more thing to sign (Jessica, Abdul, Alex)
 - Russell says something funny
- Discussion Points
 - Expense Review
 - Costco Run - \$210.90

VP Student-Life

- Review:
 - Got the light fixed



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- Setup clubs funding for next Tuesday
- Bleackbear Coffee is nearly setup (Kudos to Aleah for this one)
- Looked into getting scanner working for midterms (Kudos to Max for help with this)
- Goals for the week
 - Execute clubs funding
 - Get scanning the midterms going
 - Abdul attempts to take credit for fixing the printer and blames “yall” for breaking it
 - Nothing else
 - I will be cramming hard all weekend
 - Good luck -Abdul (and also sam)
- Discussion Points
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First-Year Representative

- WELCOME SARAH
 - Everyone claps
- Discussion Points
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4. New Business

- Iron Ring update
 - Liam butters said that sadly they are not having an in person ceremony in november. They had an online one that was kinda successful during covid, but they decided that people would rather do an in person one, so theyre cancelling the november one, which is kinda sad for all the peeps who have recently graduated.
 - Jeremy says this must be a very recent update, and asks if it is a no-go entirely?
 - Madam President will get a website with a writeup
 - Alex says we could send it to fourth years anyways because if you graduate this semester you can still go to iron ring
 - Hopefully people will check the website

5. Other Business

BIRT The Fall 2021 First Year Representative Election with “Sarah Keegan” being elected as the first year representative be ratified..

Mover: Alexandra

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Result: Passes Unanimously



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6. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.

Next Meeting

The next ESS Council Meeting will take place on October 14th.