



UVic ESS Council Weekly Meeting  
 February 15  
 ESS Office and Google Hangouts

Council Members not in attendance:

- Jeremy
- Kali
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**Territory Acknowledgment**

We acknowledge and respect the lək'wəŋən 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.

FINGER RULES



New Topic



Direct Response



Point of Clarification



Hangloose

**1. Call to order**

This meeting was called to order at 6:36pm, with Jessica Hubbs 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 Feb. 15th meeting, as shown.

BIFRT the minutes be approved for the Feb. 8th meeting, as circulated.

Mover: Jessica

Secunder: Shayla

Result: Passed (not unanimously)

**3. Presentations & Private Members' Business**

**4. Updates from the Council Members**

President

- CU ads A-O-K
  - Should be in our next edition of the newsletter
- Gotta start looking at pres elections
  - CRO?
    - Eric did it last year but he graduated
    - Normally it is VP Internal or someone knowledgeable (often someone who is not planning on running again)
    - Russell offers to maybe do it
- Money emails
  - Faculty is asking about a cheque, but it is all good
- Crazy week :(
- Want to get a EEE group together since that didnt happen last week
- Discussion Points
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Equity Officer



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#### VP Communication

- Updated Newsletter page to display new information
- Removed some clutter from the website such as outdated events and such
- Added advertising to the Contact page because money is good
- More news for the Let's Talk Science event:
  - Considering options for gaining volunteers such as through the ESS website, social media, etc?
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- Plans for next week:
  - Now that we have a less garbage cluttering the pages, start experimenting with more layouts
  - Planning to append Discord into the page
  - Considering options like a page that acts as an archive for announcements such as old elections, bug push, etc.
- Discussion Points
  - "Have we updated the locker thing on the website?" -Russell
    - No answer from Viktor

[At this point, people are posting a lot of memes about the UVSS in the ESS chat on Discord]

#### VP Events

- Order of Pi meeting ASAP! Only had one person reply to the when to meet
- Jared spoke to the hockey people and they're willing to give us a deal!
  - We are gonna pick a date for that and start advertising
- Discussion Points
  - Someone came into mention a link not working for the ring signup and was wondering who to contact
    - If it is for something on our end, Jordan can handle it, but otherwise it's their problem

#### VP Internal

- Didn't get to much ess stuff this week
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- Meeting with Mcguire about course complaint
  - Seems to have gone well, was about ECE350
- Goals for this week:
  - First year panel
    - She forgot 🤖 to email them but emailed them today
    - Officially rally troops to be on the panel
  - Start planning council retreat
    - If anyone has any preferences, otherwise Shayla can handle it
    - Normally the president does it but Alex just really wanted to do it, which is why it is seemingly a VP internal project now
    - Will chat with Alex about this to sort it out
- Discussion Points
  - Russell motions to move Abdul's updates to the end
    - Motion seconded and then thirded

VP External

Oh boy

- I want to cry
  - UVSS SAGM this Thursday
  - Other Course Unions are in Support
    - 10?/11 of the Humanities Course Unions have officially endorsed it
  - WESST and the CFES are in Support
    - Getting info on other Faculty Directors/Representatives
    - Maybe getting letter of support from WESST and further support from the CFES
  - The UVSS is using their social media and graphics department to campaign against it
    - "It seems like... [restrains self from giving long tirade about the UVSS]" -Abdul
  - I think we need to send an email blast
    - Do not partake in drama or anything like that, just talk about the motion and ask students to attend
    - The motion is still in the agenda
    - The motion would replace 9 of the 11 Director At Large positions to faculty representatives whose job would be to get the opinions of students and represent them on the UVSS council
    - **[REDACTED]**



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- Russell wants to clarify - We are all good with sending *at least* "hey, you should show up?"
  - Yes
- Should we put it to a vote as to whether or not to endorse this topic officially?
- A VOTE IS HELD ON WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD ENDORSE THIS OFFICIALLY
  - Abdul abstains
  - It is decided that we will not have an official stance on this
- [REDACTED]
- Goals for the week
  - Stop Crying
  - Attend SAGM
- Discussion Points

#### VP Corporate

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- Discussion Points

#### VP Finance

- Need to get consensus for where last semester's charity donation is going
  - Jeremy sent Jessica a place but she forgot 🙄 to tell the council about it
  - If this doesn't pan out we can just do our place to get it over with
    - General agreement consensus to letting it go to our place
    - Sarah brings up that Jeremy *did* do research for this, but Jessica mentions it was not related to the environment
    - We can send it right now if needed
      - [it is sent]
        - It seems like a charity supporting other charities, and Abdul is kinda iffy about it, esp. since it does not show up on Charity Checker
        - It is worth noting that Jeremy has a friend that works there so this isn't just a middle man
    - Council unanimously votes to choose Our Place
- Getting furniture order finalized, should be ordered soon
- Discussion Points
  - Ya boi is chair of the grad committee - have potential eee house
  - Jacket order? I can help if needed
    - [shade is thrown at Dryden]



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#### VP Student-Life

- Updates:
  - Did clubs funding
    - Given out entire allotted budget
    - If you have any questions about allotment, ask Russell or check the documentation in the drives
  - Did locker cleanout
- Goals
  - Hoodie order
  - Buy some USB sticks for the exam bank backups
  - Get autosave working for locker signup
- Discussion Points
  - Green and blue were the hoodie poll winners, does anyone have any issues with that?
    - Nope, green and blue it is
  - In the hoodies vs sweaters poll, it was 65-35 in favour of hoodies. Theyre like 8 bucks/sweater more expensive, do we have any problems with kicking the budget from 1000 to 1500 dollars for more stock?
    - How many can we order with the current budget?
      - Not enough for enough sizes for everyone
    - No opposition to this

#### First-Year Representative

- No updates - first year council didn't happen, people were either in midterms or building their robot
  - I feel that -Sam
- Discussion Points
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#### 5. New Business

#### 6. Other Business

Any updates on furniture order?

- Will happen tonight
- They promised us it would take ""2 weeks"" to get here



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[Viktor is busy shitposting in the ESS channel and not paying attention to the meeting]

Forgot about this in my minutes - VP Finance

- Any ideas for big expenditure to drain our bank account a bit?
  - Big club funding
    - Russell likes this idea
  - If we want to burn money a bit superfluously, upgrading the slushie machines could be a good idea. Our current one is breaking down and parts are not offered for these ones
    - [Jordan's jaw drops at the price of a new machine]
    - Abdul says that it is part of our identity at this point so we should def consider it
  - We should also look into a big project that we would otherwise not do
    - New barbecue?
  - A mural outside this room could be a good idea, if we either get a student to do it or a student to design it and a professional to actually paint it
  - We should do a proposal for a student-designed mural and give an award, since we don't want people to do things for free.
  - "What if we rented a bouncy castle??" -Jared
    - Or buy one??? We need things that we can spend money on because we have this money on but that will last for a while
      - Like a slushie machine OR A BOUNCY CASTLE
        - Bouncy castle fridays????
  - We could also put this out to students, making a poll
    - Reducing student fees as an option on the poll?
      - Abdul points out that this could be unfair to students who actually paid it, and it'd be better and more fair to have a long-term investmenta

BIRT

Mover:

Secunder:

Result:

## 7. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

## Next Meeting

The next ESS Council Meeting will take place on February 22nd.