UVic ESS Council Weekly Meeting

Date: 18th Jan 2022

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Council Members not in attendance:

- Sam Morrow
- Jeremy G(?)
- Jordan Gough

Territory Acknowledgment

We acknowledge and respect the lək̓ʷəŋən 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 6:34pm, with Jessica Hubbs as the chair and Tim Al-Saudi as the secretary.

2. Adoption of the agenda and approval of previous minutes

BIRT the agenda be approved for the 11th Jan 2022 meeting, as shown.

BIFRT the minutes be approved for the 18th Jan 2022 meeting, as circulated.

Mover: Jessica Hubbs  Seconder: Russell Waterhouse  Result: Passed Unanimously

3. Presentations & Private Members’ Business

→ Secant(?) Meeting done. Money can be sent out to clubs now

→ Shayla sent out the peer-tutoring faculty email

→ Outdoors BBQ Table merch sale?
  → Outside ELW, near Petch.
  → Not a lot of merch to sell
  → Mostly to advertise the ESS and to connect with people
  → Tell people about the jacket sign-up
  → Thursday or Friday
  → Use a tent
  → Volunteers: Alvin Zao

→ Training day today!

4. Updates from the Council Members

President

- Week 2 crazy already?
- Cinkant DONE FINALLY
- One on one meetings done
- Peer tutoring adapted w/ Shayla and Dr Gupta
- Free food table/merch table next week?
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Equity Officer
- Had EDI open meeting yesterday
  - Faculty EDI survey take 2 postponed - Jena said she’d continue to update us
  - Some suggestions for EDI committee restructure
    - Have them be more solid members of the community
  - Learned about some more organizations that would be good for our outreach director to get in touch with - will be in contact with them soon maybe?
  - INSPIRE coop/mentorship program to advertise on Instagram
- Going to write email about focus group tonight
- Going to email to CFES VP advocacy and hopefully see some incident report form examples from past conferences
- EDI training - next week?
- Discussion Points
  - Note in the EDI committee tweet
  - Change in reference in the EDI committee (check if a vote is needed)
  - Dr. Buckley suggested having more positions, each per department, so that the position would be a part of both communities
  - If Civil EDI committee goes well, restructure our community to accommodate that
  - Science Venture has events that focus on science students so the outreach director (avni) could give a speech about Engineering and the ESS community.
  - Email going out to first and second years about a mysterious EDI and Engineering-related focus group
  - ESS EDI will have a closed meeting on Monday
  - EDI training (might) be happening next week after the weekly ESS meeting
  - Reach out to Uvic ED about free workshops

VP Communication
- First meeting of Engineering Website redesign
  - Plan is to hold multiple meetings as the project progresses
  - Listing important points of interest
    - Better UI
    - Better looks
    - Accessibility
    - Etc
  - This redesign will eventually reach every UVic page
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If anyone is also interested in taking part, they can let me know and I can contact Anne to have them added, in general the design team is interested in hearing what people have to say.

Any particular information I should pass along?

Discussion Points

- First meeting for Uvic’s Engineering page redesign. The engineering page (and other faculty pages) look outdated.
- Main focus is to update the IU, add accessibility, reorganize pages (yes please yes), etc.
- Better representation of the community; show off current projects that engineering students.
- Anyone interested can reach out
- Make sure the ESS and the clubs are on the redesigned website

VP Events

Order of Pi team is ready to get started on planning

Discussion Points

- Looking for some people interested in doing a triple E brainstorm
- Free food day?
- Chill event (reoccurring and easy to host) - movie night, game night etc.

Order of Pi group chat started

Something akin to EEE (Engineering Evening Excursion), at the end of April/March

- Anyone who had experience with EEE’s in the past encouraged to reach out/help
- Tame aluminum cylinder event

Chill events like movie night to be planned sometime

VP Internal

In the middle of finding student reps!

- SENG: Kali
- MECH: Blake
- BME department got back to me and says they don’t have one yet
- Waiting for response from civil
- Looking for ECE rep, know anyone?

Discipline panel for first years

- Meeting with Sarah on Wednesday to start the planning

Discussion Points

- Looking for an ECE rep (they have to be declared).
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- Discipline panel for first year coming up.
  - Get upper level students from each discipline to talk about their experience in that discipline to help them decide.

VP External

- CFES
  - CELC
  - CSC Students can now be members of the CFES
  - I got an award; I cried a bunch about it

- WESST
  - WEC this weekend
  - Very busy; had to meet with my teammate before this

- UVSS
  - Meeting tomorrow at 6pm to discuss motions that we are bringing forward
  - We have enough signatures for Faculty Directors and Makerspace

Discussion Points
- CSC students can attend conferences and are kind of part of the ESS (still can’t run for positions though).
- Abdul is a king
- Charity auctions going well; $4,500 raised. Biggest sale is a cow doll that went for $1,200
- Meeting with the UVSS about the movements made by Abdul
- Presentation Conducted during ENGR120 lecture to introduce engineering students to the ESS

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- Discussion Points

VP Finance
- Won’t be able to make tonight’s meeting, see notes below
- WEC cheques have been written and will be distributed next week. Still need to look into creating a corporate WestJet account for the ESS, balances will be transferred to me in the meantime.
- Looking like closer to 60% of money is recoverable to a travel bank (would recommend forcing delegates to book flights they are told to in the future)
- Writing policy for UVEC (rules clarification) and an official ESS return policy for merch. (Don’t expect there to be too many returns, but it will hopefully be useful if have it written down)
- Discussion Points
  - Hopefully recovering some of the money in cash and the rest as travel points

VP Student-Life
- Updates:
  - Cinkant funding
  - Did a lil presentation on the ESS for ENGR 120
- Goals:
  - Meet with clubs coordinator and plan clubs meeting & clubs day
  - Setup for first costco run
  - Prod along office remodel
  - Do the merch (not jacket) order
- Notes:
  - Every 2 weeks I have a lab that means I work for 6 hours with no breaks before this meeting. If I ever look dead in one of these meetings or don’t end up here, that’s why
- Discussion Points
  - Round of applause for our Secretary Tim!
  - Merch order this weekend.
  - Russell gets a pass every other week on the meetings.
  - Order with the furniture hit a snag (rip). Finding a way through.

First-Year Representative
- Officially done first semester!
- Has been a chaotic week
- Organizing first year council meetings
  - We will also discuss and organize the “treasure hunt” idea that I mentioned last week
Meeting with shayla tomorrow to discuss the discipline panel :)  

Discussion Points
- Sarah is free from laidlaw’s rage
- In-person first year council meetings starting next week
- Treasure hunt organization will begin soon

5. New Business

6. Other Business

BIRT the election results from the Spring 2022 SGM for director/executive positions (Kye Gillespie, Tim Al-Saudi, Sam Morrow, Avni Salhotra, Alvin Zhao, Jared Stephenson) be ratified and approved.
Mover: Jessica          Seconder: Russell Waterhouse   Result: Passed

BIRT the Avni Salhotra be appointed the clubs coordinator for the Spring 2022 Semester.
Mover: Russell Waterhouse    Seconder: Shayla  Result: Passed

BIRT the meeting goes into an in-camera session
Mover: Abdul           Seconder: Viktor  Result: Passed

7. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Next Meeting
The next ESS Council Meeting will take place on January 25th.