



UVic ESS Council Weekly Meeting
 March 8th, 2022
 ESS Office and Google Hangouts

Council Members not in attendance:
 ● Russsell

Territory 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 6:34pm, 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 March 8th meeting, as shown.
 BIFRT the minutes be approved for the March 1st meeting, as circulated.
 Mover: Jessica Hubbs Seconder: Eilä Result: Passed

3. Presentations & Private Members' Business

4. Updates from the Council Members

President

- Pres elections - CRO
 - Waiting to hear back from john(?)
 - If there are any suggestions for who would be a good person
 - Shayla offers
- New tent
 - Jessica's dad works for a company that does custom tents, and since our tent from the barbecue was sad, we could order an orange tent with our logo on it, since we have extra money
 - If everyone is ok with that, we will get a DAL to facilitate that
- Jackets
 - Need to be ordered, didnt get to it this week cuz of hecticcity
- EEE meeting tomorrow?
 - If you wanna help organize, come to the meeting, it would be appreciated
 - Probably will reuse shirts from 2020 as a joke
 - We just have to locate them (alex knows but jessica does not)
- Furniture layout

FINGER RULES



New Topic



Direct Response



Point of Clarification



Hangloose



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- Just before new furniture arrives if we can have a preliminary layout of old stuff we want to keep and new stuff we want to bring in
- Abdul says we have a layout. Anything people can sit on will be thrown out and possibly burned, tables will be brought in, and couches will be brought outside where people can hang out and be louder. Since tables are smaller, we can move them around in any way.
 - Jessica was also thinking about moving the coffee table around and such, but this discussion has already been had. Abdul will show Jessica afterwards
- Things from last week still on my to do list (hectic week ugh! But what week isn't!)
- Discussion Points
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Equity Officer

- Need to reply to a student asking about mentoring programs - either tonight or tomorrow morning
 - LTD is trying to get theirs back up and running
- Still trying to meet with EDI Committee to polish the incident report forms
 - Everyone including Kali is busy, but at least we have a rough draft up so far
- Will talk to them about EEE too, so once plans are a bit more solid for that someone maybe let me know?
 - Send a general plan to Kali
- Discussion Points

VP Communication

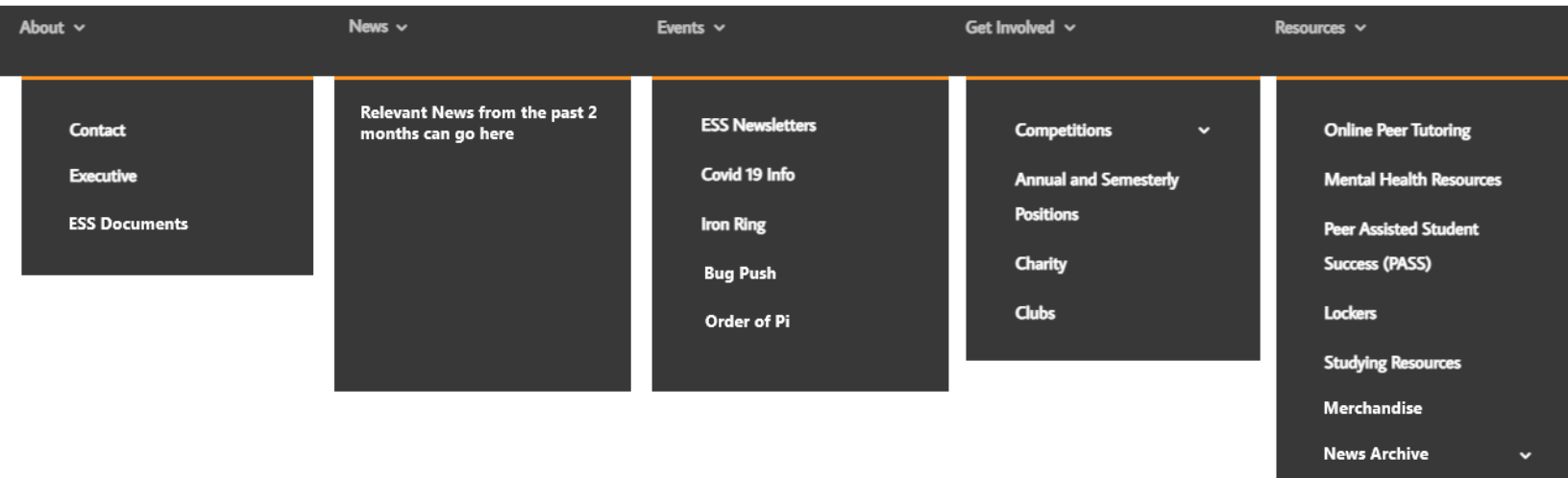
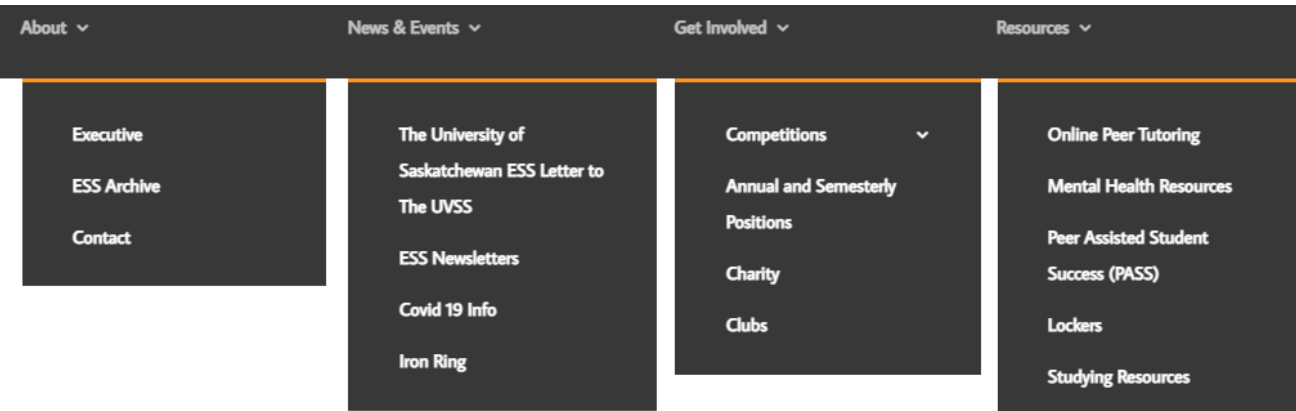
- Website Menu update
 - I would like to get some inputs on this newer layout, the good, the bad, the “no no change that immediately”
 - Change news section from being a drop down to a sidebar or something
 - Having “the slidey thing with the news” be on its own page could be useful too so it doesn’t get lost so its not just on the homepage moving around
 - Kali agrees, if you’re looking for a specific event that could be useful
 - The name could be confusing, instead of having “news” maybe “current events” could be useful
 - Restructure what section each page is under (ex. Change “Covid-19 info” to not be under “events”)



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- Troubles with the Engineering and Computer Science Discord Verification Bot
 - Gmail is disabling less secure logins on May 30th
 - UVic's new email system automatically sends non-uvic emails straight to the junk folder
 - In order to get an official email for the server we'd need to become a club which isn't really an ideal solution since it involves a lot of unnecessary paperwork for something so simple
 - Can the Server's Verification bot run off of an ESS email account?
 - This convo has been had with Sue (many times) BUT... Abdul thinks that bringing the server closer to the ESS is a good thing, and Sue disagrees. Realistically, it could be fine if we had the server use the comms email, for



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example, but this puts liability on the server, sort of implying that the ESS approves of the server but is not responsible for it.

- Ex. The Conflict That Shall Not Be Named
- Jessica agrees with the whole “blurring the lines” argument. Could we make an email that does not say “ess” with a disclaimer that this is not tied to the email.
 - Abdul: to get a new email, we just ask
 - Jessica: This could be a lot simpler than making it a club.
- Kali wants to say yes because she likes the server, but even just that creates a liability. If someone wanted to use this as proof of liability, they could use that.
- Shayla says that, looking at the short term, it could be a good solution, but she would be hesitant to commit to it long-term not knowing the direction of either the server OR the ESS. New mods, new council members, etc. having a liability between the email could be difficult. But in the short term yes.
- Jessica: Can’t we just tell people to check their junk folder?
 - Abdul: as someone who helped write the bot - the email just says “hey, here's the token, copy paste this”. The problem is that UVic’s emails are cutting so much functionality off for security that the emails are useless for anything other than classes. Plus, this doesnt solve the Google issue.
 - Jessica: What other emails are we getting from the sever?
 - Abdul: nothing else.
 - Jessica: So people only need to check their email once - do we really need to register as a club for that?
 - Viktor: This isnt the main problem, the main problem is that it isn’t good functionality - if we can, we want to make sure the emails are going to the right place, because it can still cause additional issues down the line
 - Jessica: In that case, I am not as inclined to provide them an ESS email, because it still works, just not as well. Getting



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into all this confusion could be not worth it for just one functionality improvement.

- Kali: This may not be a valid solution, but can we ask an engineering club (ex. vikelabs) if they can partner to get an email? Or do clubs only get one email?
 - Viktor: Not entirely sure how it works, but we can look into it.
 - Abdul: Based on *The Conflict That Shall Not Be Named*, we do *not* want to blur the lines between the ESS and the server any more.
 - Eila: I second that. If it's with a club, it'll be a lot more under the radar, whereas the ESS is a lot more high profile.
 - Abdul: Sue has had this convo many times before and has been very against it.
- Discussion Points

VP Events

- sending emails for order of pi
- Kali: Do nominated students need to accept a nomination? It could be distressing for people if they dont know
 - Abdul: As it is, you basically ask a friend
 - Kali: Maybe a note or something?
 - [Megan hands me a very funny meme printed out]
 - Jessica: Yea there can be a note to make sure people are comfortable with it
- Advertise on platforms
- Link order of pi website on ess website
- If you know any profs that would be willing to participate let me know
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VP Internal

- First Year Council happened
 - First year panel*** not council



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- Around 40-ish students attended, and an email was sent out to all first years if they couldn't attend
- Also had a great convo with LeAnne afterwards - she is really nice and interested in getting involved with ESS stuff! It was good to have a faculty rep, because we've never had a faculty rep before
 - Save for accidentally changing the date last year and not telling her
 - Abdul: LeAnne is a gem, I have known her since she was hired and she has really been supportive of the ESS since the beginning
- Discussion Points
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VP External

- WESST meeting Sunday
 - Nothing major
 - UBC V is slowly rejoining
 - They left in 2017/18 and now are thinking of rejoining cuz WESST now has a really good value proposition(?) with advocacy and such.
- Working on fixing email
 - Will figure out things asap
- Discussion Points
 - Why did UBC V leave WESST? (thanks sarah)
 - Cuz it had a rep for just being a waste of money and for partying
 - Jessica: I don't see a problem with that
 - However, now they are rebuilding their reputation by actually helping out student societies by making an advocacy package in 2021 with lots of resources, an open letter against lockdown browsers, etc. etc.. Basically a lot of good tangible good rather than an excuse for engineering societies to party
 - They have been increasing the quality of the parties the quality of services offered too

VP Corporate

[Engineering students emulate professors in struggling to figure out why we cannot hear Jeremy over discord]

- Clubs and pubs are getting back to me
 - Paparazzi is excited (cheap drink tickets)
 - Distrikt is not
 - Packed after 8pm so they don't want another 100 people



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- Jessica: We could always contact the smaller places that are willing to host us cuz the super popular places are often way too busy as it is. The smaller places may be more willing if they are struggling.
- Abdul: If we want to do a more popular place like Distrikt, you generally tell them we will come in at 6:30 on a Friday and that they won't be losing many people, and then afterwards we leave to a place like Papparazzi where they are more welcoming to that many people. Bigger places want us out as soon as possible, Papparazzi wants us to stay for as long as possible. Go to Distrikt early Papparazzi later in the night. Then people can go back to Distrikt if they want.
 - Jeremy: I can definitely.. Like.. words
 - Jeremy: They might be happy Wednesday or another day, especially for example Vic Pub Co has more people to slot people, especially between 6 and 9, whereas Papparazzi would be willing to have us later
 - Abdul: I was gonna say we shouldn't have it any day other than Friday - It will be destructive and bad if we do it any other day. Especially if people have midterms.
 - What about Saturday?
 - Could be a good idea. Usually Saturday is quieter than a Friday night.
 - Jessica: I feel like we can come up with a schedule and listen to Jeremy's feedback on what they said tomorrow. But we can listen to the rest of Jeremy's updates too.
 - Vic Pub Co would host us if it isn't on Friday (pricey drink tickets)
 - Options are limited, not a lot is open even after restrictions were lifted
- I need to get back to John re: uvec and advertisement
 - He still wants to host
 - Jeremy: I'm going to feed my kid now. I love you all. Bye!
 - Woops
- Discussion Points

VP Finance

- New furniture purchased (Tables and Chairs)



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- Cost: \$2217.49
- Sent reminder about WEC refunds out
 - After this semester, will consider those who have not collected refunds to not want them
- Online Store?
 - Super easy template
 - Jessica thinks this could be cool for jackets
 - Jordan; the only issue could be people buying a jacket and them coming to us asking about it and us having no idea they bought it
 - Jessica: would there be a way to get a list of it?
 - Jordan: probably - I can look into it
 - Kali: Even if we dont just teach people how to check it, and rather just print out a list, that could be good
 - Eila: Also we could just get people to show their receipt
- EEE house confirmed
 - [REDACTED]
- Discussion Points
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VP Student-Life

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- Discussion Points
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First-Year Representative

- Received nice comments about the event :) people especially enjoyed the networking portion
 - [the event being the first year panel]
- Trying (still... - getting late responses) to plan a first year event, original idea was roller skating, that wasn't allowed, then glow in the dark dodgeball, but we need to supply the dodgeballs, and it can't be in the dark, the carsa lady said we could do volleyball or basketball but first year council and I think that that's harder for the majority of people to participate
 - The entire council is shocked at both the fact that we need to bring our own dodgeballs and that Carsa doesnt have dodgeballs??
 - Jessica: didnt they do this stuff???
 - They said apparently it was a liability issue..
- Anyways, pretty much back to brainstorming phase
 - Capture the flag??
 - In mystic vale?
 - Or in the quad



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- There could also be a barbecue thing or other field games like spikeball - just a fun outdoor event
- Meditation/Yoga
- Question: could we (first year council and myself) hire tutors that are posted on the ess peer tutoring website for a final review session or is that not okay?
 - The people on the website rn have not been checked over - they're just random people that want to help out
 - Yall could totally do this
 - Maybe an engr141 review, but nobody has confidence in their TA
 - Ask the profs?
 - They are on the list of options
 - Civil students are on their fourth level of structural analysis, so maybe someone that would be willing to get paid a little
 - Could also ask the profs who the best TA is. Usually they'll give their most competent TA
 - The only issue with that is that they usually ask all the TAs, so it's usually just the TA that is willing to do it
 - Also if you go to a prof, a past TA could be willing
 - Jessica WOULD be willing (she needs money)
- Discussion Points
 - Abdul would just like to congratulate Sarah for doing a good job - the first year council is PACKED!
 - [A debate about whether or not someone not going to UVic could make it onto council goes for a little bit too long]

5. New Business

6. Other Business

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- No

BIRT the meeting goes into an in-camera session

Mover: Abdul

Seconder:

Result:

7. Adjournment



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With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at _____.

Next Meeting

The next ESS Council Meeting will take place on ____.