



UVic ESS Council Weekly Meeting
 April 5th, 2022
 ESS Office and Google Hangouts

Council Members not in attendance:

- Jessica
- Jeremy

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.

FINGER RULES



New Topic



Direct Response



Point of Clarification



Hangloose

1. Call to order

This meeting was called to order at 6:36pm, with Abdul Abuelazm as the chair and Tim al-Saud and Sam Morrow as the secretaries.

2. Adoption of the agenda and approval of previous minutes

BIRT the agenda be approved for the April 5th meeting, as shown.

BIFRT the minutes be approved for the March 29 meeting, as circulated.

Mover:Eilä

Seconders: Russell

Result: Moved

3. Presentations & Private Members' Business

Civil student group presentation

- Civil club for coordinating and planning civil events
- Now seeking next steps
- To summarize what was in the e-mail chain: Russell just explained what was talked about last meeting; in general, if they want to be more of a social/events team, register with clubs, and if they want to be more a face with faculty with student representation, then they should register with us.
 - Question about that from civil students: What is the functional difference between these two groups and what they are able to do?
 - Abdul: The main difference is: are you going to be involved in governance and working with faculty, or are you going to mainly be running events. The main reason we want this differentiation is to know if the ESS needs to involve the civil students in governance. If CIV wants just social stuff, the ESS can give a budget for a club. If you want to be advocacy, you'll still have a budget for events, but you will also have to work with us for how to integrate you with the ESS, getting events planned, governance, etc.
 - TLDR: it depends on how much you want to do. If you do advocacy, you work with us on being integrated into the ESS. If just events, that is not necessary. (At least, that's how we see it).
 - Russell: If it is just events, there would be far less micromanaging involved.
 - Kali: To summarize: 1) how it fits into our policy and 2) what part of the budget it comes out of



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- CIV: When you say a club, you mean UVSS club?
 - Russell: Yes, but also an ESS club. There is a small distinction - all ESS clubs are already UVSS clubs, but ESS clubs are also eligible for funding from the ESS. We give a lot more funding than the UVSS too.
- CIV: I don't know if I can make a call on behalf of everyone else involved. We want to have a faculty-involved barbecue on the first week of the summer term, so we want to move ahead to get stuff like that done. For background, I spoke with Nathan Locko (sp?), who has been with the ESS in the past, and it was his idea to become a subcouncil of the ESS and we function more so as a club, with it being amended into ESS policy. The idea was that the civil council would be represented by one member on the ESS board, I think. This wasn't technically our idea, we got it from someone with a lot more knowledge of how these things work.
 - Abdul: We know and work with Nathan. A lot of them have similar structures with an EngSoc as a high level organization and [underling] societies under that EngSoc working more directly with their respective departments' students. That would work great, but it means we have to work on changing out policy, and there would be many different periods of transition, to ensure that we don't have things like a CIV rep on the board but nobody else. We want to know what YOU envision yourself being.
 - CIV: What we propose is that we start in the next month as a club and become a real thing in that way, see how it goes, and if it is a success then would the opportunity arise to merge with the ESS? Would that be a possible way forwards?
 - Abdul: Thumbs up from everyone. We can fit you into a club for the summer so you can do things while we figure out how we want to integrate you. Being a club beforehand does not prevent you from merging with the ESS.
 - Abdul: The deadline is also coming up for the UVSS thing, either this or next month.
 - Russell: for a small summary, I don't know exactly when the deadline for becoming a club is; look into it as soon as your schedule allows. It



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sounds like you guys have good faculty representation and support, and the next step after this is to find a faculty representative. After that, you can apply to be part of the ESS clubs group. The requirement is basically “be more than just one person trying to scam the ESS out of money”. However, I am not sure about whether or not that can happen before the barbecue.

- Jordan: There is a meeting for clubs, and that deadline has long passed for this semester. All the info is with the UVSS.
- Russell: If hannah and sarah do not see this as the way going forwards, this is just an informal talk, and not binding by any means.

4. Updates from the Council Members

President

- - Discussion Points
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Equity Officer

- [Ditto to last week](#)
 - Discussion Points
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VP Communication

- Lots a election posters
 - Lotsa election webpages
 - A wee bit dead
 - Discussion Points
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VP Events

- Order of pi money?
- Discussion Points



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VP Internal

- Elections
 - Council elections Thursday!
 - Debate on Wednesday with FREE pizza!
- Faculty meeting
 - Really short nothing too important
 - Sounds like the faculty is getting ready for accreditation this year (not including civil and computer science)
- Discussion Points
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VP External

- EM
 - Onboarding meeting for all incoming VP Externals and new council members from different universities
 - We try to send as many people as possible
 - Sometimes we do interviews, sometimes we don't. Abdul thinks this time we should not do interviews and send all of the incoming council.
 - Sarah: Who what where when?
 - Winnipeg, may 12-15 (?)
 - Russell: On what justification are we sending 10 people to Manitoba?
 - Abdul: None.
 - Also Abdul, proceeding to justify it: We have a larger surplus, we have a lot of graduating, we are missing lots of institutional knowledge, and we were supposed to send people to 4 conferences this semester and we sent nobody. We can use the money we were unable to spend at CELC and the three other conferences.
 - Jordan: I had 6 grand budgeted for this semester's conferences. 3k for fees, 3k for travel. We had 14k budgeted for WEC and spent 4.2k, and we had 12 grand budgeted for congress. The point is, we will have an 80 grand surplus.
 - Abdul: None of the surplus we will spend on anything.
 - Russell: I would argue that spending that money on clubs would be a better use of the money
 - The incoming council will be pretty fresh and new. Most of us haven't seen any events before; there is a pretty big gap to bridge.
 - Delegate fees would be \$2250 for 9 people, and assuming \$400 per flight, it would be \$125 above budget.



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- Russell: I drop ALL qualms I have with this.
- We can discuss how many people we want to send.
- Registration closes tomorrow
- I will ask for an extension until elections are over
- Discussion Points

VP Corporate

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- Discussion Points

VP Finance

- Deposited student fees + order of Pi money
- No cheques yet



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- Todo
 - Cinkant fund cheque
 - Various donation cheques
 - Transition doc
- Discussion Points
 - Expense review
 - EEE busses ~\$1,200
 - Election pizzas \$288
 - Engendas invoice - \$2,535.25



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VP Student-Life

- Bought a mop and coffee filters
 - [everybody claps]
- TODO:
 - Transition document
- Discussion Points

First-Year Representative

- Abdul very RUDELY forgets about the first year rep
- First year end of semester event this friday!!
- Few logistical questions
 - Where are tables and how many do we have
 - We have two, one broken as hell. Both are downstairs. We can go to the faculty, they will tell us to do it through the UVSS, and we will tell them that it is a nightmare to get it through the UVSS. mteo@uvic.ca
 - Do we have speakers
 - [Jordan motions to the speakers in the ESS]
 - We also have the Order of Pi speakers
 - You will need to plug them in, recommended to chain together the three extension cords in the storage room or get an extra long cord from the faculty
 - Do we have pinnies and other things for outdoor games
 - After this, russell can take Sarah down to the storage room
 - Where is food that avni got last week
 - Supposedly she was going to go closer to the event, as of ~3 days ago.
- We have painting supplies and hardhats, ordering pizza
- Have been promoting it! Posters in residence buildings + announcements on brightspace
- Discussion Points
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5. New Business

[INSERT MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA HERE]

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

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



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Next Meeting

The next ESS Council Meeting will take place on ____.