



UVic ESS Council Weekly Meeting
Sept 22nd, 2022
ESS Office and Google Hangouts

Council Members not in attendance:

Territory Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen-speaking 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 6:05pm, with Jessica as the chair and Aurleia as the secretary.

2. Adoption of the agenda and approval of previous minutes

BIRT the agenda be approved for the September 15th meeting, as shown.
BIFRT the minutes be approved for the September 22nd meeting, as circulated.

Mover: Jessica

Secunder: Eilä

Result: Passed

3. Updates from the Council Members

President

- PM!!!
 - CELC reg (Sept 30 pre reg, Nov 4 final)
-earlier than previously
 - Iron Ring updates
 - Letter
-with changes recommended for iron ring ceremony, wanted cfes approval, meeting with wardens in month or so, talks ongoing
-result: not signed
-goals: remove secrecy of iron ring ceremony among others
 - CFES meeting
 - CFES accountability and organization
-advocating fell short of expected in past year
 - Lots of advice for event running, faculty relations, culture, organization etc.
 - Can go through deets after!
- Policy Updating?
- Transition docs
-“never too early to start”
-failure to update could result in withholding of snacks
 - Withholding pizza!

FINGER RULES



New Topic



Direct Response



Point of Clarification



Hangloose



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- Tent
 - and sandwich board
- Discussion Points
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Equity Officer

- EDI Training session for council/execs
 - Need to schedule a new date & time (preferably soon) since it did not happen on training day
 - Wait for new meeting time/first year rep schedule
- Student EDI Committee
 - Need to email WECS and LTD first, then general undergrads to fill remaining spots
 - If no response, just fill spots generally
- Faculty EDI Committee
 - Should be attending the next meeting soon; have not heard anything but last one was 2 months ago
 - meeting soon (hopefully)
 - 5 Days of Action Nov. 14-18
 - Faculty wants some event for students/first-years - This was discussed previously; more details to come
 - want ess help with planning
 - CDE Nov. 17 so I will not be here? Might need someone to fill in as contact if necessary
- Term Goals
 - Actually form Student EDI Committee and hold meetings to brainstorm ideas to improve
 - Possibly take this information to the Faculty EDI Committee if applicable
 - Make the existence of the Incident Response Form known
 - How to make it more accessible?
 - Try to organize external outreach initiatives and hold events/info sessions for first years/undergrads regarding courses/coops/clubs/engineering in general
 - Work on general improvements or things to implement
 - Possibly talk to UofM Equity Officer (or any other universities if they have one?) for ideas/guidance
 - Update transition document
- Discussion Points
 - more publicity for contacts and qr codes (on tickets / posters) for easy access

VP Communication



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- Notion (Mostly a verification/question)
 - possible updates on content changes, cheaper to make our own and self host than pay
- Plans for the future regarding advertising
 - include credits to people working on events on notion
- Table Tennis Tournament Poster is live and ready to roll
- Update my transition doc
- Adam requested a flippable piece of paper for the muffins in the fridge (no muffins available vs muffins available) will get on that today/tomorrow/this weekend
 - on fridge and food storage
- Discussion Points
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VP Events

- Might have meeting minutes that are longer than Sam's today somehow
- TTT
 - Tomorrow, a lot of signups, oh no.
 - more than expected
 - Leo is doing great!
 - Social media went out (slightly late)
- Clubs day
 - Next week
 - Will need to book the ELW lobby but clubs have been notified
 - Kye, are you booking tables?
 - ELW booked, tables pending
 - Food ideas? Pancakes? (Easy and we have done it before)
- EEE
 - Still haven't called venues, can somebody else handle that? (A lot of things need my attention right now)
- Siege Week
 - ????????
 - Tavin has been doing a fantastic job
 - UVic said no but then not really, still trying to figure this out
 - not in the quad - sent to Tavin, not Abdul, unsure at this moment
 - backup plan in the works
 - Jess made a great safety plan (nerd)
- Formal Night



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- We no longer have a venue (PANIC MODE)
 - reason: no military connection
 - calling Victoria events center
- Will need to go back to the venue drawing board.
- Action Items:
 - Tomorrow; book the ELW lobby and call Victoria Event Center and Papparazzi
 - Weekend; call venues for everything
 - Helping Sam with AGMR applicants
 - Eilä and Sam can handle(?)
 - advertise on instagram and send follow-up email with clearer application details
- Discussion Points
 - How to clone myself? Need volunteers please!
 - I will have to cancel events otherwise
 - for formal night and siege week particularly
 - on schedule for now, but time is limited
 - need more details on numbers of volunteers needed
 - We will be putting multiple people in charge of all the events that need volunteers, it'll be easy, fun, and also you will learn a whole lot about project management
 - Also, all the events this semester are going according to schedule rn so no worries about inheriting messes
 - I can't be in charge of getting volunteers, planning events, and running after people too
 - All the volunteers we currently have are doing a great job!!!
 - Big thanks to Adam, Leo, Tavin, Gabrielle, and everyone else that I am too tired to remember rn (also Jess but she's Pres so no credit)
 - UVEC
 - Need need need a competitions coordinator asap
 - !^^^^! - required event
 - if no one else comes Sam will do his best - can accept help from others
 - Any longer and we can't run it (so probably first on the chopping block)
 - Comms
 - We need chalk and talks; can someone please organize a list of big first and second year courses and when they are?
 - post in spreadsheet format - need a better outline for what one entails
 - ex. Go advertise UVEC or first year elections ect. Current events
 - potentially do chalk and talks during office hours



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VP Internal

- Teaching Award Event happened!!!
 - good event! do again
 - will happen again in March
- First Year Rep elections
 - Voting starts tomorrow at 11:59 pm and ends monday at 11:59 pm
 - I will be going to both CSC 111 classes on monday to tell them to vote
 - Viktor added their info on the website
 - Gabrielle made posters
 - Katelyn printed them off
 - I have put two up but I will put the rest of them up after the meeting
 - Thank you guys :)
- Faculty Teaching Award selection committee will be happening sometime in October
- As mentioned before, I need someone to attend faculty meetings on my behalf - they are the first Tuesday of every month at 2:30 (until ~4) and I have calc from 2:30 to 3:50 on tuesdays :/
 - Kye or Jessica
- Discussion Points
 - Abdul - Andrew, a MASc ECE student had a conversation with you about planning an event and has been trying to email you to chat more - he accidentally used my email first, I redirected him, and he has yet to hear back. Have you been receiving the emails? (If not, I can forward them again)
 - all good! Ask if he wants to contribute to more events

VP External

- UVEC
 - We REALLY REALLY need a competitions coordinator
 - I can try to run it as the coordinator but hot damn i have been busy with school and ESS stuff. It would not be oportune for me!
- PM
 - PM was a bit of a disaster (well maybe not a disaster per se - it went really well but there were some major issues as well)
 - CFES (federal student org we are under) Council had major issues with:
 - Lack of Accountability & Acknowledgement
 - Attitudes of Flippancy & Superiority
 - Resistance to a Member-Driven Approach



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- It was so bad that a whole ass letter was written in response to their actions:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UaRe0X_QOlgFyNnZsDOs2YQGLLPzaY8ZKR4bZHq98gk/edit
-for more information read above ^
- I signed it for UVIC (I hope this is okay with you guys) as your representative because I believe it is in our interests and Jess and I agreed with the letter
- Some highlights:
 - GA being moved to this weekend instead of happening at the conference because of a lack of translators
 - Sending out information immediately before the conference
 - I would go on but it would take forever. **Read the letter!**

- GA is happening this weekend



- I have looked through my email and i stg the agenda has not been provided yet
- We covered some of the motions at the conference but they didnt go over every motion (one of them was comp
-shaping up to be a bit of a disaster

- Jess and I want to bring back some engineering culture to UVic

- An idea I had was to have a beer polar bear dip where engineers go polar dipping and we give them a free beer for doing it, a drinking style event



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- More drinking events, bring back chants and patch culture and such (without the less savoury parts that come with it)
 - more drinking events
- We want UVic to have a chant, apparently we used to have one but also apparently it wasn't very good
- Also bring back the lady godiva song maybe
 - council matching outfits?
 - make a new chant
 - ideas on eng culture for uvic?
 - mix the two cultures (engineering and comp sci) together
- Motion I want to bring to CELC
 - I talked to Abdul and Shanleigh (big person in the CFES) and I was hoping to present a motion to bring ranked choice voting to CFES council elections
 - This might cause controversy for reasons but I don't want to cause controversy and I will be working with CFES to write a good motion. Shanleigh is super into it which is quite poggers in it
 - Maybe we could bring ranked choice voting to UVic ESS elections as well? It is more democratic and we LOVE democracy in this house
 - 1st 2nd and 3rd choices instead of first past the post, good for future proofing
 - bringing this to the one after the next CELC
- Iron ring letter
 - This was a huge point of contention at GA
 - Basically a group of people wrote a letter to the people that run Iron Ring to:
 - Get rid of racist and sexist references (GOOD)
 - Get rid of a lot of the super religious parts of the ceremony
 - Make it public
 - This letter was NOT sent to anybody at PM at all, and we had no wifi so when they did send it out after everyone was mad about it not being sent we couldn't see it
 - It will not be signed by the CFES
 - HOWEVER....
 - We should maybe look into modernizing the ceremony. Apparently it isn't horrible everywhere, cuz it differs from camp to camp, but it is usually really religious
 - decide if we want retroactive changes
 - general survey with a diverse array of grads (assign people to do this and then come back to it next meeting)



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-possibly contact camp administrators and setup an EDI committee from there

- Have we gotten any reports about this?

- AGMR

- Please apply to AGMR! :) :) (check your email)
- We have a selection committee. Applications are open until the end of this Saturday and interviews happen from 2-7pm Saturday and 6-8:30 on Monday
- Things were a bit last minute but we are getting lots of applications so it could be much worse!
- I have concerns about 16 delegates and making sure everybody is under control. If any council members are coming, I humbly request that you try to ensure that people are being responsible and safe please (no obligation, but just keeping an eye out for first years if possible would be really appreciated!)
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- Discussion Points

VP Corporate

- Coffee pick up on Saturday!
- Discussion Points

VP Finance

- Finally gave United Way their bug push money. They have a cool office downtown
- Trying to get better at not messing up cheques. Progress is mixed but on the upward
- Rewrote the UREC cheque cause apparently I didn't do it yet whoops sorry UREC
- Guess I should add things to my transition doc soon™
- Discussion Points
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VP Student-Life

- Whats been happenin'
 - Club stuff is ongoing. Did the clubs meeting last week
 - Clubs funding application template released, due Oct 5
 - Figured out the EEE shirt stuff so I should be able to get them at a good price (in time too)!
 - Adam is a snack god
- What I'll be doing
 - Getting together with my clubs funding decision board (Coooooooooooooord?)
 - Finalizing EEE shirt order



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- Ordering the first bit of merch this semester (it's a secret but it might rhyme with Santa's most forgettable reindeer, Dasher)
- Locker cleanout, initial emails and locker notes and then lock cutting in ~2 weeks. Going to hold last semesters stuff a bit longer because people have just now been coming back for it
- Whats happenin' right now
 - Cleaning schedule yo
 - Sign up, do the cleaning, **or else**
- Discussion Points
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First-Year Representative

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- Discussion Points
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4. New Business

5. Other Business

BIRT the meeting goes into an in-camera section. (Sorry y'all)

Mover: Abdul Abuelazm

Secunder:

Result:

6. Adjournment

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

Next Meeting

The next ESS Council Meeting will take place on September 29th.