**PAGSA Exec Meeting**

When: November 1 3pm

Where: Online Zoom Meeting (<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/87395211313>)

Who

-Mallory Thorp

-Jess Speedie - good

-Vida Saeedzadeh - absent first half, attended rest

-Alberto Nava Aquino - absent

-Maheyer Shroff - good

-Bobby Bickley - absent

-Robert Gleisinger - good

-Nolan Esplen - good

-Simon Smith - absent

-Alexandre Beaubien - good

Order of the day

1. Call to Order
2. Fall Group Activities (general)
   1. Goldstream hike
      1. Carpool if possible, but bus is there
      2. Gauge interest, see who has cars
      3. Put as part of sports slack
3. Sports update
   1. Running & biking are regular but reduced
   2. Soccer team currently
   3. Register for Volley ball in January
4. Software Plumbing
   1. Alex can help out in January or later, maybe even give a presentation
   2. Nolan: old posters to re-use, happy to help with emails
   3. Software plumbing slack
   4. Whoever is available first
   5. Both Bobby and Spencer have agreed to host a workshop
   6. William offered to do Julia
      1. Break up into 2: an intro session and a follow-up workshop day
   7. Meet in person - look into restriction on food and people in rooms
   8. At least one before end of fall term
   9. Include a little “software lite” intro at beginning
   10. Put out call for presenters at first announcement
   11. Keep github with slides updated
5. SOAP?
   1. Not usually done in fall
   2. Would need to ask people fresh
   3. Do some SOAP planning this fall, form a new committee
   4. There are two new faculty members we could do
      1. Ruobing Dong
      2. Kristan Jensen
      3. Heather Russel
   5. Put ad on slack for new member
6. Website Maintenance
   1. Discuss current socials set up & form committee
   2. Jess and Robert properly transferred website login - wordpress info
   3. Exec has been updated (besides Simon)
   4. Website Revamp: Robert and Mallory weigh in on what Jess removes
      1. Set up slack channel
7. PAGSA Tech
   1. Multiple slacks and discord has led to separation of groups: folks tend to stay in one platform and post there
   2. Equal number of folks on each platform (roughly)
   3. Discord is most frequently used and engaged
      1. Follow by Slack Social
   4. Both platforms are being used for things outside of PAGSA
   5. Both have the option of secret channels, if we wanted invite only channels
   6. Discord is a bit more customizable, slightly better browser interface
      1. Slightly better notifications? At least more customizable
   7. Slack is a bit more professional, by reputation
   8. Awkward compromise: add bots that when you post from one will go to another
      1. We might at least need them to not lose people
   9. What about the loss of info
      1. There are a lot of docs on Slack we would need to move over
   10. Discord has voice chat room, slack does have calls
   11. Set up a Software plumbing for Slack/Discord
       1. Science Com workshop?
          1. Might be a bit of a stretch
       2. Software Plumbing Lite
          1. A document available to students (part of website/legacy)
          2. Include info on Slack/Discord/Microsofteams???
          3. PAGSA Github
          4. Vida will be in charge of - crowdsource rest of exec
   12. Discord or Slack?
       1. Create a poll for user experience
          1. What platforms do you use?
          2. What features do you use?
          3. How is your experience on these platforms
          4. Circulate to exec, then to rest of PAGSA
   13. Create a legacy package
       1. Save files from Slack/Discord
       2. Other exec files
       3. Website info
       4. Make the transition to one platform much easier
   14. Twitter/Instagram/Facebook
       1. Keep to stay in touch with alumni
       2. Assign an officer to monitor: VP? Social Rep?
          1. Add amendment to constitution of official role
             1. Worry they have nothing to do
          2. Give every exec access to the account: VP moderates, but every exec member is responsible for posting about their events
             1. Check Instagram: might be connected to Maan
          3. Discuss with Alberto
       3. Jess, Alberto, and Robert are now execs on Facebook PAGSA Social
          1. Get Maan off admin
8. CUPE Update
   1. SAGM: put into bylaws things we were already doing (social justice fund)
      1. Social justice fund: land rematriation and movember both got award
      2. Unionizing RA’s is a bit more mainstream (Ryan’s plan)
      3. 2 Component 1 exec positions not currently filled: Comm officer and GSS rep, if anyone is interested
      4. Bargaining coming up next year: always needs volunteers, there is an honorarium for that as well
         1. Could we push a little harder here, after last bargaining
      5. Trouble getting stewards in other departments
         1. Pilot program to pay stewards annual honorarium (under $500 for tax reasons)
         2. Restructure Stewards: instead of 1 per department its 1 per faculty based on population
            1. Could we guarantee our representation (1 faculty steward is always a Phys student)
            2. Need to guarantee some form of representation: either election, or our seat at the table
            3. Mixed member: one who represents a bunch of small departments, what local representation and democratically fair
            4. Reach out to other departments (shared social events?) to strengthen our positions for union, and future RA union

Other cross-stem organizations

* 1. Hardship fund availability and letter
     1. Circulate draft to PAGSA exec for comments
        1. Add comments
     2. Forward to Comp1 Exec in CUPE: be sure we’re going through proper channels, and its formatted well
        1. Circulate next week
     3. Then forward to CUPE
        1. Petition students if necessary
     4. Ask Susan for midterm review from TAs: how do students feel?
        1. Do students lie on these forms?
           1. They feel its a personal responsibility, and don’t want to make work for someone else
        2. Ask Department reps to ask around: how do you feel? Are you working over time?

1. GSS Update
   1. Jess: not much to report, only 2 meetings so far, subcommittees just formed. Grad house situation is on the radar
2. End of term “dinner”
   1. Is an in person gathering in the cards?
      1. 50+ needs vaccine confirmation
      2. What places are available? Maybe the mint
   2. Would the University be mad at us?
      1. Need to check to be sure we’re not restricted
   3. Poll - would people like an in-person event?
      1. Wild Play: Outdoors adventure park
   4. May be expensive: apply for fund
   5. Do distanced gift exchange no matter what
3. Miscellaneous
   1. Student funding survey
      1. We want to get a form out fast, department is wrapping up strategic plan
      2. Shifting money from bursaries to RAs so minimum funding is the same
      3. University is pressuring for growth without providing monetary support
4. Adjournment