

# PAGSA August Exec Meeting

When: August 22 3pm

Where: Elliot 105 (Reading Room), or on zoom: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/89526234382>

## Who (Exec)

- Mallory Thorp
- Jess Speedie
- Vida Saeedzadeh (yes)
- Alberto Nava Aquino
- Bobby Bickley
- Robert Gleisinger
- Simon Smith (absent)
- Alexandre Beaubien (yes)
- Jericho O'Connell (yes)
- Scott Wilkinson (yes)

## Other Grads

Caleb Miller

## Order of the day

1. Call to Order
2. Grad orientation
  - a. Coffee with mentors
    - i. Money is good to go - need to officially write Susan
    - ii. Could Have a shared event?
      1. use astro-coffee/colloquium coffee
      2. NO
    - iii. Give Bean-There coffee cards to mentors to take out their students (for coffee place in SUB)
      - a. Card seems to be better option
  - b. General welcome party
    - i. Treats on the beach - last year, money from GSS
    - ii. September 13th - right after department orientation
      1. Could we get money from Susan
    - iii. Alex will ask Simon - Alex and Simon head together
3. Tech Update
  - a. PAGSA socials
    - i. Intro to socials email by Alex (plug during orientation)
      1. Include together with beach social invite
    - ii. Moving from Slack to Discord
      1. Only announce Discord at orientation, move exec to discord
        - a. Announce Slack shutdown in a year
      2. Ask Astro kids - would they move off slack?

3. Put banner on Slack - we've moved to Discord
  4. Who are the admins for each?
    - a. Sports - probably Danika or Maheyer
    - b. Social - Maheyer
    - c. Exec - Mallory
  5. Let Slack sit for a year, have next year's exec evaluate if switch worked.
- b. Website
- i. Change duties of VP: have them elect someone to manage website, vs doing it themselves
    1. Could we outsource it outside the exec
      - a. Advertise at AGM - gift card position
    2. Alex can make a short list and send it to Jess
    3. Mallory can update governance
    4. Software plumbing - Vida
    5. Sports - Links discord added: Caleb
    6. Ping Jess - grad student manual needs updating!
  - ii. Update links
    1. To Socials
    2. To UVic websites
  - iii. Tutorials?
    1. All on PAGSA GitHub - Links on Website (Jericho will write, Jess will add to website)
      - a. Thesis template, UVic slides, software plumbing (ML, Julia)
    2. Spencer's github tutorial
- c. Stored PAGSA Files
- i. File dump is OKAY!
  - ii. Include README file
4. Fall sports
- a. Fall Hiking Trip
    - i. Mount Doug hike - play by ear for weather, end of September
    - ii. Bus from UVic
    - iii. Run by Mallory
  - b. Camping trip (September)
    - i. Reservation is made for 11 people to go (1 extra post). Just need to send email. Set for one night on September 10th
      1. Be very clear of expectation of camping
    - ii. Have to organize carpool: Rent a modo to cover all attendance
      1. Probably \$100
      2. Get a base fee for carpool members, partially cover Modo price. PAGSA will cover the rest.
5. Software Plumbing
- a. Need to ask Susan for money - have events planned in advance

- b. Spencer - managing your life with Github (we have some existing slides we could start from)
  - c. Python Basic (has slides) - Alex is happy to do any
  - d. Bash basic (has slides) - save for later?
  - e. Current committee: Vida, Alex, Nolan just left (get someone new by AGM)
  - f. Get descriptor of event by next two weeks to ask for money
6. GSS/CUPE updates
- a. Orientation presentation
    - i. Caleb or Rob represent CUPE presentation (if Rob is on leave)
    - ii. Poke Jess/Bobby - who's introducing GSS
  - b. CUPE bargaining
    - i. Nothing new until BCGEU figures out what they're doing, will extend into 2023 with retroactive payment
7. Department Grant Application
- a. Software plumbing - Vida and Alex: cost and talks
  - b. Cost mentor coffee cards - Mallory
  - c. Alex and Simon - work out budget (get from last year)
8. Miscellaneous
- a. AGM at end of September
9. Adjournment

#### Tasks for Orientation

- 1. Update Website
  - a. Individual folks check your pages
  - b. Email Jess - update Grad student manual
- 2. Funding for mentor coffee / Beach & Treats
- 3. Check your PAGSA roll - should we change it for AGM