

PAGSA November 2022 exec meeting

Time: November 17th, 9:00

Where: Elliott 038 (Basement meeting room), or on zoom:

<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/4045074427>

Order of the day:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes:
 - a. [October's meeting](#)
3. Chair's Remarks Alexandre Beaubien
 - a. Update on the file storage system
4. External Updates Robert Gleisinger
Samuel Fielder
 - a. CUPE
 - b. GSS
5. Internal Updates Simon Smith, Samuel Fielder
 - a. Tech Simon Smith, Samuel Fielder
 - i. Working group meeting, Nov. 8th
 - b. Academic Scott Wilkinson
 - i. Software Plumbing
 - c. Social Fletcher Waller
 - i. PARSEC, photo-bingo
 - d. Student Affairs Aydan McKay
 - e. Sports Max Kurzner
 - f. Reps Aviv Padawer-Blatt, Jericho O'Connell, Charlie Chen
6. New Business Aydan McKay
 - a. Christmas Max Kurzner
 - i. Gift exchange?
 - ii. Christmas Event (Trivia?)

Minutes

Taker: [Samuel Fielder](#)

Exec In Attendance:

- Alex Beaubien
- Simon Smith
- Aydan McKay
- Jericho O'Connell
- Caleb
- Aviv Padawer-Blatt
- Max Kurzner
- Annabelle
- Sam Fielder

09:04 - Call to Order - Mover: Alex Beaubien

09:04 - Adoption of Minutes - Mover: Alex Beaubien

09:05 - Chair's Remarks - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Update to File Storage System:

Moving to a directory that is hosted by the department specifically. This will hopefully fix the issues of individual access and the lack thereof.

09:07 - External Updates - CUPE - Mover: Robert Gleisinger

Informal Motion from Previous Meeting: Completed Fully

Has reached out to CUPE directly about support for the PARSECS group. There is conversation support only at this moment, but there are certain *Triangle Committees* that deal with discrimination with minority groups, so conversations will be held around this topic specifically.

Since CUPE deals with employee related issues, most of the resources and supports that are in place, will be translatable to the undergraduate population, even though they are not specifically represented by CUPE.

Informal Motion: To include information regarding this subject in the intro to CUPE meeting at the start of the year.

09:12 - External Updates - GSS - Mover: Samuel Fielder

The GSS recently had their AGM, although most points discussed were quite minor:

- GSS Health and Dental Insurance Plan Renewal
 - GSS able to negotiate a zero-cost increase to the plan for this year.
- Grad House Restaurant Reopening
 - Offering fresh, local foods that are made in-house wherever possible
 - Offer fair and reasonable wages to our staff
 - Keep costs to customers low
- Orientation events returning to campus
 - GSS ran 40 individual department/program specific orientation events

The GSS Communications Standing Committee (of which Sam Fielder is a part of), have drafted 3 letters to the three major municipalities newly elected office members, after the October vote. These deal with relevant issues to the graduate student population such as: healthcare costs, housing crisis, transit for all, reconciliation and climate action (sustainability).

GSS has funding available for grad student activities!

INFO: <https://gss.uvic.ca/about-gss/services/gss-grants/departmental-grant/>

09:18 - Internal Updates - Tech - Mover: Simon Smith

Informal Motion from Previous Meeting: Completed Fully.

Update on Website Revamp:

A roadmap has been planned for how to best go about updating the website. The biggest hurdle to overcome is waiting on Stephenson Yang to update our current web server, so that we are able to update the backend configuration on the website. This will help facilitate new users (website content authors) to post their respective content to the website in the easiest and tech-friendly way possible.

Information regarding the Grad Student Manual - i.e. Information for TRIUMF and MedPhys Cert programs.

Checklist for Events needs to be made. - Look into this.

09:25 - Internal Updates - Academic - Mover: Scott Wilkinson

No updates, other than the current Software Plumbing Workshop.

09:26 - Internal Updates - Social - Mover: Fletcher Waller

Planning around PARSEC was discussed. First event is being set up for early december. Main hub has been built on Discord, to be a separate entity. Funding is available from the department, and needs to go through Susan specifically.

Photo Bingo will be planned to be introduced in the Spring Semester.

09:35 - Internal Updates - Student Affairs - Mover: Aydan McKay

No updates.

09:35 - Internal Updates - Sports - Mover: Max Kurzner

No major updates.

09:38 - Internal Updates - Dep. Reps. - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Funding discussions, see Jericho email from Pagsa account

09:xx - Postponed Items - Mover: Samuel Fielder

Poster/Graphics:

Simon Smith has found an email to reach out to Nolan, to get information about templates and graphic design.

Informal Motion: Further postpone until the New Year?

SOAP:

Scott Wilkinson was the only major source of interest regarding this series.

SPACE:

Samuel Fielder could lead in the New Year on this front, if there is enough interest.

09:46 - New Business - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Gift exchange:

We have run it through Elfster before, which helps set up all the gifters and giftees. May be able to hold this in person.

Christmas Trivia:

Get a group of 3-4 together to create questions sometime near the end of the semester. December 10-14 a potential date? Small budget for snacks. This could also be run in conjunction with the Gift Exchange, if we can do that all in person.

Members - Fletcher, Alexandre, Scott, Aydan, Aviv

09:56 - Meeting Adjourned by Alex Beaubien