

PAGSA February 2023 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Thursday, March 2nd, 9:00AM - 10:30AM

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. [Agenda January 2023](#)
3. Chair's Remarks Alexandre Beaubien
4. New Business Alexandre Beaubien
 1. CUPE & Constitutional Changes
 - a. Ex-officio voting members, elections and constitution
 - b. [Note about the topic](#)
 2. Spring Event Brainstorm
 3. New Committees
 - a. EDI
 - b. Faculty of Science
 4. PAGSA Social Media
5. External Updates Robert Gleisinger
Samuel Fielder
 - a. CUPE
 - b. GSS
6. Internal Updates Samuel Fielder, Simon Smith
Scott Wilkinson
Fletcher Waller
Aydan McKay
Max Kurzner
Aviv, Jericho, Charlie, Annabelle
 - a. Tech
 - b. Academic
 - c. Social
 - d. Student Affairs
 - e. Sports
 - f. Reps

Minutes

Taker: Samuel Fielder

Executive Members:

- Alex Beaubien - Present
- Samuel Fielder - Present
- Scott Wilkinson - Absent
- Aviv Padawer-Blatt - Present
- Annabelle Czihaly - Absent
- Simon Smith - Present
- Fletcher Waller - Present
- Max Kurzner - Present
- Robert Gleisinger - Absent

Invited Guests:

- Caleb Miller - Present

09:10 - Call to Order - Mover: Alex Beaubien

09:10 - Adoption of Minutes - Mover: Alex Beaubien

09:11 - Chair's Remarks - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Past Action Item: File Storage System Permission / General Access

There has been no work on this front, due to low responses. What has been proposed as either a stand-in or a final solution (this will be an ongoing topic), is to use the PAGSA Gmail account (and its drive space) to host all the materials related to PAGSA. This would include a root folder that could be shared with all executive council members, where they would collaboratively work on documents, store information, etc.

There is concern that this may not be completely accessible to all students since it is dependent on having a Google Account. This was the primary reason behind the File Share system, as it would mean you could use your NetLinkID, but since this front is very slow, we are working with the Google Account solution for now.

Follow-up Action Item: Alex Beaubien to set up these folders, and gather credential information from the PASGA Council to get everyone shared access.

Past Discussion Item: Credentials Storage (see January 2023 Minutes)

Postponed to next meeting. This goes hand in hand with the Agenda Item New Business PAGSA Social Media.

09:20 - New Business - Mover: Alex Beaubien

1. CUPE and Constitutional Changes

Many discussions were had about the nature of the CUPE Steward positions, along with the GSS Representative and departmental representative positions.

These discussions revolved around the following topics:

- What it means to be a PAGSA member
- How voting positions work
- Constitutional Language
- Electoral Processes for ex-officio positions
- Language revolving around no longer being a PAGSA member but holding a voting position
- Inclusivity language in the constitution, for these aforementioned positions

Action Item: Alex Beaubien to see about department rep positions, and guidelines.

Motion: BIRT a working group be created to adopt clarifications about our constitutions regarding election practices, voting positions, and related topics. To prepare amendments to bring to future executive meetings, in order for discussion and revisions to be made; to ultimately be brought up to a future AGM for final voting.

Moved: Alex Beaubien

Seconded: Samuel Fielder

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Committee Formation:

- Sam Fielder
- Alex Beaubien
- Max Kurzner
- Aydan McKay

Action Item: For the aforementioned committee to work on proposed decisions, and language on the constitution. Added after meeting: To upload the constitution, in order to collaboratively work on it through the Google Drive share.

2. New Committees

[Aydan McKay](#) was recently put forward as to sit on the EDI Committee, and relate all relevant information about the meetings and workshop to the department (and PAGSA inclusively).

Action Item: [Aydan McKay](#) to post slides from the workshop, incorporating them into an announcement in the #Announcements Channel.

Proposed Discussion Topic: Incorporating the management of the EDI Committee position to the Student Affairs Officer position.

PAGSA Social Media

Postponed.

3. Spring Event Brainstorm

Events thought up:

- Movie Night
 - Potential for rental of a larger space, depending on how large of an event PAGSA would like to make things.
 - What was decided: This is a future event item to look into, for the next academic year. Perhaps too much planning for a Spring Event.
 - **Action Item:** [Fletcher Waller](#) to inquire about rental prices for the Movie Theatre in SUB.
- End of Term BBQ
 - With the top-up funding form being due at the end of March, can we put a request for the money, but have the event take place after the roll-over date.
 - **Action Item:** [Sam Fielder](#) to inquire about the Special Projects Grant Top-Up application, and its related rules.
- Proper PAGSA Pizza Party
 - This seems to be the most popular option, as a quick and easy event to run, once the final portion of the semester is wrapping up.
 - **Action Item:** To divert discussion of this item to the relevant social channel on Discord.

xx:xx - CUPE - Mover: Robert Gleisinger

Absent. No updates.

10:20 - GSS - Mover: Samuel Fielder

In addition to the Special Emergency meeting conducted in December, the Executive Board approved a referendum, asking for more graduate student money to be given to the Campus Foodbank to deal with food insecurity.

There were emails sent about the referendum to all graduate students, with links specifically to quick information sheets outlining the Information/Facts around the decisions and how it would impact Graduate Students.

<https://gss.uvic.ca/referendum/>

<https://gss.uvic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Food-Bank-Referendum-FAQ.pdf>

It is highly recommended that all Graduate Students attend the General Meetings of the GSS, there is the SAGM in late March, on March 21st 5:00PM - 7:00PM.

10:20 - Tech - Mover: Samuel Fielder, Simon Smith

The Website Revamp Committee met on February 9th 2023, approximately one week after our last Executive Board Meeting. This was an opportunity for anyone who wanted to contribute to the content updates on the site, to be aware of the tools that they would be using to build out the pages.

Since then, only two members of the committee have made any changes to the website content; thanks to [Sam Fielder](#) and [Annabelle Czihaly](#) for further improving the content.

[Simon Smith](#) and [Sam Fielder](#) have discussed getting a list of priority pages, and more commitment from the committee to have these updates done in a more timely manner. This will be discussed over the next week or so.

Past Action Item: [Alex Beaubien](#) to ask the department how they go about releasing information to prospective students or accepted and incoming students.

Action Item: [Sam Fielder](#) to look over documentation sent by the department (Monica), about distribution of information to incoming students.

xx:xx - Academic - Mover: Scott Wilkinson

Absent. No Updates.

Past Action Item: [Scott Wilkinson](#) to build a poster template, for distribution of information, both for website content posts, discord, and physical hallway posters.

Past Action Item: [Scott Wilkinson](#) will collect a list of names and possible topics to try and run this program according to some regular schedule (yet to be determined).

10:23 - Social - Mover: Fletcher Waller

Cherry Blossom event has been emailed out. Weather is not cooperating, so adding flexibility for deadlines to be extended, if needed.

Action Item: [Fletcher Waller](#) to post an announcement on Discord about the Cherry Blossom Photo Contest.

10:18 - Student Affairs - Mover: Aydan McKay

The Department received 2 (potentially 3) new Tier II CRC allocations: NSERCs in experimental subatomic physics and experimental dark matter particle physics, and a CIHR in cancer immunotherapy and biophysics (likely BCMB). They also voted to add to section 3 of the adjunct faculty policy a 4th point d. which makes explicit that the RCPT committee is responsible for overseeing the review process

10:19 - Sports - Mover: Max Kurzner

No updates.

Ongoing Discussion Item: Making the Sports Channel in the Discord more inclusive.

xx:xx - Repts - Mover: Alex Beaubien

No updates.

xx:xx - Requests - Mover: Samuel Fielder

Ongoing Todo Item: To support the Website Revamp Committee and its content through sending media to [Sam Fielder](#), of PAGSA-related Social and Academic Events.

10:28 - Adjournment - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Action Item: Alex Beaubien to send out availability for the next Executive Meeting within the next week, and book the Reading Room, or other non-loud space.

Task List / Discussion List

Task Name	Person(s) Tasked	Introduction Date	Notes	Completion?
File Storage System	Alex Beaubien	Jan 30th		
Credentials Storage	Alex Beaubien	Jan 30th		
Inquiry for Department Rep Positions	Alex Beaubien	Mar 2nd		
Constitutional Changes	Alex, Sam, Aydan, Max	Mar 2nd	Formal Committee Created	
Post EDI Workshop Slides to Discord	Aydan	Mar 2nd		
Rental Price Inquiry SUB	Fletcher Waller	Mar 2nd		
Technical Info bring Special Projects Grant Top-Up	Sam Fielder	Mar 2nd		
Student Hand-Out Information Review	Sam Fielder	Mar 2nd		
Poster Template Creation	Scott Wilkinson	Jan 30th		

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SPACE Program Topics and Presenters	Scott Wilkinson	Jan 30th		
Post Cherry Blossom Photo Contest to Discord	Fletcher Waller	Mar 2nd		
Discussions around Spring Event in Discord (Pizza Party)	Events Committee	Mar 2nd		