

PAGSA May 2023 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Friday, May 19th, 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Where: Elliott reading room (1st-floor meeting room), or on zoom:

<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/83231492989>

Order of the day:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes:
 - a. [Agenda March 2023](#)
3. Chair's Remarks Alexandre Beaubien
 - a. Council Update
 - b. Financial Report
4. New Business
 - a. Summer Social Activities
 - b. Mentorship Program
5. External Updates Annabelle Czihaly
Robert Gleisinger
 - a. FoS Meeting
 - b. CUPE
 - c. GSS
6. Internal Updates Simon Smith
Caleb Miller
Scott Wilkinson
 - a. Constitution WG
 - b. Tech
 - i. Git
 - c. Academic
 - i. SPACE
 - d. Student Affairs Aydan McKay
 - e. Sports Max Kurzner
 - f. Reps

Minutes

Taker: [Aydan McKay](#)

Executive Members:

- Alex Beaubien - Present - In Person
- Scott Wilkinson - Absent - No Regrets Sent
- Aviv Padawer-Blatt - Present - Online
- Aydan McKay - Present - In Person
- Annabelle Czihaly - Present - Online
- Simon Smith - Present - Online
- Fletcher Waller - Absent - No Regrets Sent
- Max Kurzner - Present - In Person
- Jericho O'Connell - Present - In Person
- Robert Gleisinger - Present - Online
- Jade Fischer - Present - In Person
- Jamal Khani - Absent - No Regrets Sent

Other:

- Caleb Miller - Present - In Person

11:04 - Call to Order - Mover: Alex Beaubien

11:05 - Adoption of Minutes - Mover: Alex Beaubien

11:07 - Chair's Remarks - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Robert to remain as CUPE rep, Fletcher on leave this summer
Alex will be away for the majority of the summer, may need Simon to fulfill some responsibilities in the mean time.

Review of financials, last year social expenses are \$909.82, received ~\$400 in funding last year, which results in a deficit of ~\$500 which was covered by covid leftovers

We still have ~\$140 left in the account. Therefore, the budget will be tighter this year.

11:12 - New Business - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Summer social activities: Chelsea interested in organizing a panel about discussing post-grad/internship experiences in the private and academic industry outside of school. Other students may be invited to talk about there experiences.

Summer BBQ idea, likely shelved for now as there is limited budget and less people on campus

Mentorship program: Annabelle proposes to have a meeting with Jericho and Aviv about the mentorship program, perhaps revamping the way we were previously (google form) is outdated.

Action Item: Alex to send the documents (to do list, templates) to the dept reps for the mentorship program.

Action Item Dept reps to have a meeting about the mentorship program, and ways to improve experiences from last year's roll out.

11:21 - External Updates - Mover: Alex Beaubien

11:21 - FoS Meeting - Mover: Annabelle Czihaly

Main topics of the last meeting were pushing for funding transparency, particularly for the other departments than physics and astronomy. The meeting minutes are in the discord from that meeting. Jaclyn was not present. According to Annabelle, From the sounds of the meeting, Ruobing is willing to listen and cooperate, but did not provide a lot to say. A lot of note taking on the end of the department, but not a lot of working through the problems and just hearing what the students have to say.

11:26 - CUPE - Mover: Robert Gleisinger

When last talking nobody had received their top up from their retroactive wage increase from the new collective agreement (sent out during the meeting at around 11:33). Currently working with HR to incorporate the language agreed upon in the last negotiations into the collective agreement. Once approved on both sides, it will be published for everyone to see.

11:30 - GSS - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Welcome Jade and Jamal!

Funding for small projects has been updated so that you can apply for it all at once. this was discussed in previous meetings.

11:32 - Internal Updates - Mover: Alex Beaubien

11:32 - Constitution Working - Mover: Alex Beaubien, Aydan McKay

The need to update the constitution was brought up due to the missing language for if an exec member is no longer a PAGSA member, which has happened this year regarding an ex-officio position. Regarding ex-officio positions other edits were seen to be necessary. No amendments can be added to the constitution unless voted on at a AGM, thus the exec can vote on the changes to be made, but cannot implement them until September's meeting. The updates are as follows:

Updates in formatting and document brevity;
Article 3 rewording for the case of members that lose membership status;
Article 4 removal of "ex-officio from dept rep roles", definitions created for dept reps and CUPE Stewards/GSS Councillors.

These are to be voted on in the next meeting.

11:44 - Tech - Mover: Simon Smith

Things are underway! Wordpress is bad but the website is live and working well. Simon will be transitioning to the leader on this, and will take responsibility for checking and updating the website a couple times a week.

Github updates, Caleb Miller: currently Caleb is an owner on the PAGSA github, and currently trying to switch ownership to the pagsa uvic account (there is a current pagsa gmail account that is yet to be verified). Might switch to the pagsa gmail account instead.

Discord updates, Caleb Miller: Caleb is also relinquishing admin control of discord, the discussion is should the execs only have that ability or should it matter? The overall consensus was that it does not matter, as Caleb has done a great job and was not exec recently.

Action Item: Transfer admin status and ownership to other accounts as Caleb will be leaving soon.

11:56 - Academic - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Scott absent, SPACE scheduled every week just about, first event was a success!

11:57 - Student Affairs - Mover: Aydan McKay

No updates, the EDI Committee has been radio silent, likely due to very few of the members being around and the absence of the committee leader on campus.

11:58 - Sports - Mover: Max Kurzner

Sports section of the website is out! Will be doing more promoting when people are back.

11:58 - Reps - Mover: Alex Beaubien

No Updates outside of the mentorship program discussion.

12:00 - Adjournment - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Task List / Discussion List

Task Name	Person(s) Tasked	Introduction Date	Notes	Completion?
File Storage System	Alex Beaubien	Jan 30th		Yes
Credentials Storage	Alex Beaubien	Jan 30th		In Progress
Inquiry for Department Rep Positions	Alex Beaubien	Mar 2nd	Reached out. The department is agnostic in anything related to this position.	Yes, the Working Group will take this task.
Constitutional Changes	Alex, Sam, Aydan, Max	Mar 2nd	Many comments created, ready for approval by the rest of the	In Progress

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			exec before vote in September	
Post EDI Workshop Slides to Discord	Aydan	Mar 2nd	DO NOT DISTRIBUTE SLIDES	Yes
Rental Price Inquiry SUB	Fletcher Waller	Mar 2nd		Not Started
Technical Info bring Special Projects Grant Top-Up	Sam Fielder	Mar 2nd	Specifics brought up in the Funding Channel	Yes
Student Hand-Out Information Review	Sam Fielder	Mar 2nd	Need to differ to someone else	Not Started
Poster Template Creation	Scott Wilkinson	Jan 30th		Not Started
SPACE Program Topics and Presenters	Scott Wilkinson	Jan 30th	First talk was a success, the list may be evolving throughout the semester but website is set up	Yes
Post Cherry Blossom Photo Contest to Discord	Fletcher Waller	Mar 2nd	Email sent!	Yes