

# PAGSA July 2023 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Wednesday, July 5th, 1 - 2pm

Where: Elliot 105 (reading room), or on zoom:

<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/81816023852?pwd=QWtWUUpLa3h6cWZhdzRqTEVmNWdOZz09>

## Order of the day:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes:
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3. Vice Chair's Remarks Simon Smith
4. New Business Simon Smith
  1. Welcome back event
  2. Post-Grad Panel
5. External Updates Annabelle Czihaly  
Robert Gleisinger  
Jade and Jamal
  - a. FoS Meeting
  - b. CUPE
  - c. GSS
6. Internal Updates Simon Smith  
Scott Wilkinson
  - a. Tech
  - b. Academic Max Kurzner
    - i. SPACE
    - ii. Astro Summer Seminar Series Fletcher Waller
  - c. Social Aydan McKay
  - d. Student Affairs Max, Aydan
  - e. Constitution WG Max Kurzner
  - f. Sports Aviv, Jericho, Annabelle
  - g. Reps

# **Minutes**

Taker: [Aydan McKay](#)

Executive Members:

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

**1:07 - Call to Order - Mover: Simon Smith**

**1:07 - Adoption of Minutes - Mover: Simon Smith**

**1:08 - (Vice) - Chair's Remarks - Mover: Simon Smith**

No remarks and no chair.

**1:08 - New Business - Mover: Simon Smith**

Welcome back event: Comments on what we want the welcome back event to be like (Simon check with Monica about funding):

- Keeping the same idea from what we did last year seems to be favoured, a BBQ (using Sam's BBQ) down at Cadboro Bay. Tentative date will be September 15th (second Friday back). Should check and make sure things such as TAs and courses aren't overlapping with that timeslot.
- Make sure that there are food options for all types of dietary restrictions (e.g. GF, V, Vegan), see what that will entail for funding from the department as food can mount up quickly.
- Maybe icebreakers or **nametags?** Will be great for the BBQ, loop in the mentor-mentees and get them to help with introductions.

Post-Grad Panel: Date has been set for July 18th for this panel, so far there are a couple speakers for med-phys and in industry. Would be good to get post-docs for this panel, as well as a couple more speakers.

**Action Item:** ADVERTISE! Jericho is to create posters and and posts in the socials advertising this event.

### **1:22 - External Updates - Mover: Simon Smith**

### **1:22 - FoS Meeting - Mover: Annabelle Czihaly**

No updates on the front of the departments conversations.

### **1:23 - CUPE - Mover: Sam Fielder**

This year the CUPE meeting is not being run by a volunteer or the Rep, but instead will be run by CUPE itself.

The communication will be facilitated by the CUPE rep, but due to the current system we have, Sam may take that over. One thing to emphasis is that this session is **PAID**. Incentive to show up.

There will be a card signing campaign in the fall (concerning RA pay, etc.). We will hear a lot about this starting September.

### **1:26 - GSS - Mover: Jade Fischer**

From the last GSS meeting, there was only a call for questions on feedback about the introduction to UVic was this year, overall questions about peoples experience.

### **1:30 - Internal Updates - Mover: Simon Smith**

### **1:30 - Tech - Mover: Simon Smith**

Updates to the website are continuous and working. A meeting for the Grad student manual on the website and other website things will need to happen shortly, just to make sure the website is prepped for the incoming grad students.

Website is being updated with recordings of ARC seminar series by Max Kurzner.

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

- Discord has been handed over to Alex Beaubien.

**Action Item:** Add a website page about all the different journal clubs for the different fields of study (theres a QM one, astrocoffee, hep-tea, medphys?).

### **1:33 - Academic - Mover: Scott Wilkinson**

SPACE: SPACE has been a success! No problems with the department funding or anything.

Astro Summer Seminar Series: Also a success! There will be an end of summer event with posters and what not.

### **1:38 - Social - Mover: Simon Smith**

Fletcher Waller absent. Ideas of social activities for the fall are polishing off the bingo card idea. We need to reach out to Fletcher at some point to see how much work is still left to do for the bingo. (Task for Simon)

### **1:41 - Student Affairs Rep - Mover: Aydan McKay**

No updates on the EDI committee or student affairs.

Arif employed Aviv to accumulate a historical list of discoveries in physics and astronomy particularly focused on members of diverse backgrounds and BIPOC.

### **1:42 - Constitution Working - Mover: Aydan McKay**

No updates since last meeting. Exec members are asked for comments and can make them on the constitution on the PAGSA Google Drive.

### **1:44 - Sports - Mover: Max Kurzner**

Cycling club is back! Sports are still going and the page has been updated.

**1:46 - Reps - Mover: Aviv Padawer-Blatt, Annabelle Czihaly, Jericho O'Connell**

Emails reaching out to students were sent, mentors have been assigned to mentees. There exist 18 coffee cards to be handed out for this year, and there are 23 mentor-mentee peers. There are more available if needed so we do not need to worry if everyone takes one.

Deligent notes were taken to produce a package for next year's dept-reps about the mentorship program.

**1:54 - Adjournment - Mover: Simon Smith**

**Task List / Discussion List**

Task Name	Person(s) Tasked	Introduction Date	Notes	Completion?
Credentials Storage	Alex Beaubien	Jan 30th		In Progress
Constitutional Changes	Alex, Aydan, Max	Mar 2nd	Sam is no longer part of PAGSA formally, so is no longer a member of the working group	In Progress
Rental Price Inquiry SUB	Fletcher Waller	Mar 2nd		Not Starte
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

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Journal clubs page on the PAGSA website	Scott Wilkinson	July 5th		In Progress
Advertise the post-grad panel	Jericho O'Connell	July 5th	There exist speakers, should put out the call for more. Event July 18th	In Progress