

PAGSA August 2023 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Thursday, August 31st, 11:00AM - 12:30PM

Where: Elliott 105 (Reading room), or on zoom:

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

Order of the day:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes:
 - a. [Agenda July 2023](#)
3. Chair's Remarks Alexandre Beaubien
 - a. Grad orientation
 - b. PAGSA email
 - c. Communication with grads
4. Important Business
 - a. Welcome back BBQ
 - b. Constitution amendment
 - c. Election, roles & AGM
5. External Updates
 - a. CUPE
 - b. GSS Jade, Jamal
 - c. FoS Meeting
6. Internal Updates
 - a. Tech Simon Smith
 - b. Academic Scott Wilkinson
 - c. Social Fletcher Waller
 - d. Student Affairs Aydan McKay
 - e. Sports Max Kurzner
 - f. Reps Aviv, Jericho, Annabelle

Minutes

Taker: [Aydan McKay](#)

Executive Members:

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

11:08 - Call to Order - Mover: Alex Beaubien

11:08 - Adoption of Minutes - Mover: Alex Beaubien

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

Grad orientation: Will take place Sept 12. Expected to be a 10 minute introduction to PAGSA during the new grad student welcome. Chair and Vice-Chair will be the presenters.

PAGSA email: Email was shut down for approximately 2 weeks randomly. To avoid this in the future, Monica Lee-Bonar was made the owner of the email account. Access to the PAGSA exec will remain the same.

Communication with grads: Emphasis needs to be placed on communicating through email on the "physgrad" mailing list instead of just discord. To all exec: See Alex Beaubien if you need help getting set up with this.

11:11 - Important Business - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Welcome back BBQ: We need to confirm with Sam to avoid any time conflicts with his BBQ and his masters defense

Reminder: Don't buy utensils and plates for any events, they are in the PAGSA locker on the 4th floor.

Constitution amendment: Main take aways are that there were many clarity changes made, a change made to Article 3.3, definitions on exec and ex-officio members, change of dept. Reps. to non-ex-officio members. Clarification of exec roles.

By unanimous decision, the exec have voted the changes to be brought to the AGM next month for ratification by all PAGSA members.

Action Item: Cleaning up the amendments to the constitution and making it presentable for the AGM next month

Election, roles & AGM: AGM will be scheduled for the end of September, at least 2 weeks notice will be provided. This year, Alex would like to create a candidate list before the meeting to relieve pressure on new students and make the process more seamless. Members present at the meeting that expressed interest in running for their position again are Scott, Jade, Jamal, Aviv, Max, Annabelle, Simon? (not present but previously expressed interest in Social Rep instead of Vice-Chair), and Aydan (Running for Vice-Chair instead of Student Affairs Officer).

11:35 - External Updates - Mover: Alex Beaubien

11:35 - CUPE - Mover: Alex Beaubien

No Updates, Robert and Sam absent from meeting

11:40 - GSS - Mover: Jade Fischer, Jamal Khani

Updates from the last GSS meeting were changing exclusive pronouns to inclusive they/them in their documentation. In addition, they've changed the language to include post-docs in the documentation.

From Alex: We got the \$500 from GSS for the department grant. It will be checked-in soon, budget projected to be tighter than this previous year, approximately \$600 total.

11:42 - FoS Meeting - Mover: Annabelle Czihaly

No updates, department has been silent since the last meeting.

11:43 - Internal Updates - Mover: Alex Beaubien

11:43 - Tech - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Website is being updated constantly and is working well.

Journal Club page still to be added.

Poster template still to be added.

Ask people at the AGM what they would like to see on the website.

11:45 - Academic - Mover: Scott Wilkinson

SPACE is now complete! Huge success on the revival and look forward to seeing it again next Summer.

Preperations on Software Plumbing is underway, plans already exist for a 2-part session in the fall. Another poll should be sent out like that of last year about topics that people would like to see.

We will have coffee and cookies for in-person colloquia this semester!

11:56 - Social - Mover: Alex Beaubien

No updates, Fletcher absent.

11:57 - Student Affairs Rep - Mover: Aydan McKay

No updates, Resource list for students to be made in time for the AGM.

11:59 - Sports - Mover: Max Kurzner

Will send out a blurb about the sports groups and intramurals that are PAGSA endorsed. Maybe create a way to facilitate PAGSA members connecting with others about activities that they may want to do

12:01 - Reps - Mover: Aviv Padawer-Blatt, Annabelle Czihaly

From Alex: Send a reminder email about the coffee cards for the Mentors.

Mentorship program has been completely set up! Mentors have been assigned mentees and the coffee cards have been allocated.

12:08 - Adjournment - Mover: Alex Beaubien

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, Sam	Mar 2nd		Complete: to be proposed at AGM
Rental Price Inquiry SUB	Fletcher Waller	Mar 2nd		Will not be completed
Student Hand-Out Information Review	Sam Fielder	Mar 2nd	Need to differ to someone else: Aydan?	Will not be completed by AGM
Poster Template Creation	Scott Wilkinson	Jan 30th	No updates	In Progress
Journal clubs page on the PAGSA website	Scott Wilkinson	July 5th	No updates	In Progress
Advertise the post-grad panel	Jericho O'Connell	July 5th		Complete

