

PAGSA October 2024 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Monday, September 28th, 9:00 to 10:00

Location: Elliott 038 (reading room), or on Zoom

(<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/4045074427?omn=88955268072>)

Order of the day:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes
3. Chair's Remarks
 - a. PAGSA space
 - b. Budget
 - c. Orientation
4. External Updates
 - a. CUPE
 - b. GSS
5. New Business
6. Old Business
 - a. Supervision WG updates
7. Internal Updates
 - a. Academic
 - b. Social
 - c. Student Affairs
 - d. Sports
 - e. Reps

Attendance:

Jade Fischer - in person

Ted Grosson - in person

Ben Rasmussen - in person

Adrienne Scott - online - 9:08

Bryn Lonsbrough - in person

Ruxin Barre - in person - 9:05

Anya Dovgal - in person

Olivia Masella - in person

Omar Hassan - online

Olivia Moluchi - in person

Nathan Clements - in person

Simon Smith - in person

Call to Order

Time: 9:02

Mover: Jade Fischer

Adoption of Minutes

Time: 9:02

Mover: Jade Fischer

Notes: [Minutes from PAGSA AGM](#)

Chair's remarks

Time: 9:05

Mover: Jade Fischer

Notes:

- Mailing list, Discord, & Gmail
- Future Meetings
- Everyone should sign up for the mailing list - contact Jade to be added
- 9AM on Monday disparaged
- Likely no Dec meeting, set regular schedule in Jan

External updates

Time:

Mover: Jade Fischer

CUPE

Time: 9:05

Mover: Ted Grosson

Notes:

- Stewart council meeting
- Wage increase starting in January
- Food hardship fund - used up within in the first month of operations
 - too costly to administer - likely will not be continued
- Regular hardship fund will continue
- TA's complete midterm reviews!!!

GSS

Time: 9:07

Mover(s): Olivia Moluchi, Nathan Clements

Notes:

- Grad house doing well
- Tuition payment offset - UVic usually: "too bad"

New Business updates

Time: 9:09

Mover: Jade Fischer

Notes:

- **Budget and activity overview for the year**
 - Remaining budget for the year: \$866.14
 - Proposed expenditures are as follows:
 - Academic Expenses:
 - 3 Software Plumbing Events - \$25 each for food/coffee
 - 8 SPACE talks - \$25 each for food/coffee
 - 2 Research Nights - \$150 each for food
 - Social Expenses
 - Holiday Party – \$220
 - End of year event – \$220
 - Chem/phys combined event – \$60
 - Triumph event - \$30
 - Total: \$1105
- **End-of-semester event**
 - proposed Dec 6 - last Friday before exam period - confirmed
 - proposed \$220 - pizza/drinks
 - approved
 - Liv and Jade volunteered to help Adrienne with planning
 - gift exchange to be included
- **PHASERS Event**
 - Nov 20 (Wed), 5pm
 - grad school Q&A
 - Bryn and Anya
- **Halloween Photograph**
 - 3:00 pm Thursday - after Software Plumbing
 - Everyone harass people to show up
- **Photos!!!**
 - Please send Ted your photo for the website
- **Tech clean up**
 - Motion to remove former PAGSA execs from the PAGSA mailing list
 - Motion: Jade Fischer
 - Seconded: Olivia Masella
 - Passed
 - Motion to remove former PAGSA execs from the PAGSA google accounts (drive/email)
 - Motion: Jade Fischer
 - Seconded: Ben
 - Passed
 - Motion to remove former PAGSA execs from the PAGSA website
 - Motion: Jade Fischer
 - Seconded: Nathan
 - Passed
 - Motion to remove former PAGSA execs administrative roles on discord
 - Motion: Jade Fischer

- Seconded: Bryn
 - Passed
- Motion to delete unused social media accounts (facebook/Instagram)
 - Context: accounts inactive for years, give the appearance of group inactivity
 - Motion: Jade Fischer
 - Seconded: Anya
 - Passed
- Motion to maintain Sam Fielder as a moderator as he has been extremely helpful in managing the Discord and with provides very useful advice
 - Motion: Jade Fischer
 - Seconded: Ben
 - Passed
- Motion to clean up the Exec Google Drive
 - Motion: Olivia
 - Seconded: Jade
 - Passed

Internal updates

Time:

Mover: Jade Fischer

Social

Time: 9:25

Mover: Adrienne Scott

Notes:

- Improve engagement with PAGSA & GSS Events
 - Update events schedule on PAGSA website & discord
 - Coordinate “groups” going to GSS events
 - Weekly email/discord updates about events
 - Inform students about options for staying up to date on GSS Events (social media, mailing list?)
 - Friday Beers - would be good to formalise this, people don’t often know if it’s happening
- Event Ideas – zero cost to PAGSA
 - Rooftop volleyball
 - Spikeball tournament
 - Bowling
 - Pool hall
 - Skating
 - Bi-weekly hikes with designated “leaders” (not necessarily Social Rep)
- Interest in more often “casual” events
- Hiking rideshare spreadsheet has been made, will be sent around - organizing ~bi-weekly hikes
- Anyone who wants to do an event can bring it up and organize
- Ben proposes volleyball, Simon proposes skating

Academic

Time: 9:31

Mover: Bryn Lonsbrough

Notes:

- Software plumbing
- Research Night
- Event Ideas:
 - Faculty presentations, similar to Software Plumbing, perhaps in the spring with a consistent event attendance, we can ask a faculty member to give a presentation on useful systems and tools.
 - Skillshare workshopping space, have a question about how to apply a part of your research, a statistical test, a question about writing? This event would be low cost, ~\$10-\$20 for snacks, if any at all. Room reservation, oversight from Academic Rep or a member of the working group.
- 3 Software Plumblings planned this semester
 - Slides, Github, LaTeX
- Interested in 2 research nights
 - Official food event with PHASERS, plus a non-food event
 - Idea to have an open event for research to be shared
 - First around January
- ~8 SPACE talks over summer
- Ted: \$450 academic budget, shouldn't underfund academic events in favour of social
- Bryn would like help with academic/social working groups

Working groups:

Academic

- Olivia, Anya, Ted, Ruxin

Social

- Ben, Liv, Nathan, Jade

- Proposed idea for a research idea workshop event
 - Potentially more useful for fields spread out across offices
 - Dedicated space to ask/answer questions
 - To be piloted - maybe at GSS Wednesday Coffee?

Student Affairs

Time: 9:45

Mover: Ruxin Barre

Notes:

- No news is good news

Sports

Time: 9:46

Mover: Ben Rasmussen

Notes:

- Several people have realized they're not on the Google Drive - resolved
- Not everyone has lab keys - if you're not a PHYS TA you can't access the PAGSA room or 5th floor grad work space
- To do:
 - Consolidating sports equipment into the new PAGSA space
 - Update sign-out/up sheets for the sports equipment

- Double check with Max about list of equipment

Unit Representatives

Time: 9:54

Mover(s): Olivia Masella, Omar Hassan, and Anya Dovgal

Notes:

- Department meeting:
 - TA positions remaining the same
 - more grad students now compared to 5 years ago
 - proposal to rebalance MSc & PhD course requirements
 - formalize seminars/paper sessions into credit courses - confusion on what exactly would be included in this - not to be done without consultation
- EDI Committee (Simon):
 - UVic considering developing EDI course required for undergrads and maybe grads
 - Committee would like to run more social events
 - Application info session for undergrads
 - EQHR runs free courses and workshops - would be good to run for either PAGSA or
 - Motion to maintain Simon Smith as a Discord exec since he is on the EDI Committee
 - Motion: Jade Fischer
 - Seconded: Olivia
 - Passed

Adjournment

Time: 10:02

Mover: Jade Fischer

