

PAGSA March 2024 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Wednesday March 27th, 11:30 to 13:00

Where: Elliott 038 (basement meeting room), or on Zoom:

<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/4045074427?omn=86490394789>

Order of the day:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes:
 - a. [Agenda February 2024](#)
3. Chair's Remarks Alex
 - a. Quick Financial review & FY2025 Grant Application
 - b. Summer Meetings
4. External Updates Ted
Jonathan
 - a. CUPE
 - b. GSS
5. New business Alex
 - a. Announcement channel for members
 - i. [Community channel](#) and [role-based channel](#)
6. Internal Updates Aydan
Scott
Simon
Adrienne
Max
Annabelle, Bryn, Olivia
 - a. Tech
 - i. Minutes + amended Constitution on website
 - b. Academic
 - i. SPACE
 - c. Social
 - i. End of term event WG
 - d. Student Affairs
 - e. Sports
 - i. Inventory/purchase
 - f. Reps

Taker: Aydan McKay

Executive Members:

- Alex Beaubien - Present - In Person
- Aydan McKay - Present - In Person
- Max Kurzner - Present - In Person
- Simon Smith - Present - In Person
- Scott Wilkinson - Present - In Person
- Adrienne Scott - Present - In Person
- Bryn Lonsbrough - Present - Arrived 11:45
- Olivia Masella - Present - In Person
- Annabelle Czihaly - Present - Online
- Jade Fischer - Absent - No Regrets Sent
- Jonathan Qualter - Present - In Person
- Ted Grosson - Absent - No Regrets Sent

11:38 - Call to Order - Mover: Alex Beaubien

11:40 - Adoption of Minutes - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Second: Scott Wilkinson

11:40 - Chair's Remarks - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Quick Financial Review & FY2025 Grant Application

From AGM budget review:

- ~\$1300 for administrative, social, and sports events (from the GSS)
- ~\$450 for academic events (from the Department)

Spent so far this year:

- Social \$420.65
- Academic ~\$150 (research night)

Leftover:

- ~\$880 for social events including FY2025 grant, events to come are:
 - End-of-term event (EoTE)
 - Summer event
 - Sports equipment purchases
- Academic ~\$300

- Mentorship cards (<\$90)
- ~\$200 for space (initially budgeted \$280) and software plumbing (initially budgeted \$80)

Summer Meetings

- Some exec will be missing over the summer, particularly in June, when Alex, Scott, and Adrienne will be gone
- A conference here and there. Will aim for a meeting every 2 months, and have a targeted meeting for any events.

11:48 - External Update - Mover - Alex Beaubien

11:48 - CUPE & GSS - Mover - Jono Qualter

For the next CUPE AGM (April 2nd): they've been having a lot of trouble reaching quorum, so please attend (to exec members)

For GSS: during the semi-annual general meeting, was said that the GSS will be cutting the pool of money going towards departments. Speculated that less of the top-ups will be made available next year.

Elections have concluded, New chair of director of external affairs, new chair of internal relations, new chair of director of student life, rest of exec remained the same.

11:53 - New Business - Mover - Alex Beaubien

Announcement channel for members

- There was a request to allow other students to make announcements in the announcements channel, but it is important to be leery of it as it can be a source of spam as it notifies everyone.
- It could be useful to have a bot that handles that.
- Can make a new channel that concerns community announcements, with PAGSA announcements being the old channel.

- Add permission to limit the amount of posts made in that channel to avoid #-chatting 2.0

12:05 - Internal Updates - Mover - Alex Beaubien

12:05 - Tech- Mover - Aydan McKay

Minutes and Amended Constitution on Website

- Have been posted to the website

See the checklist for things to do to update the website.

12:11 - Academic - Mover - Scott Wilkinson

Software Plumbing

- Thesis writing was postponed but will be held in early April
- Julia workshop will be held in late April
- Emails have been sent out.

SPACE

- An email has been drafted and the website is ready for it as well.
- 2 weeks for the emails to come back, announcement in late April on SPACE talks.
- Will be held Wednesday afternoons. -> replacing colloqs essentially.
- Will be looking to book a lecture hall in Sngequ Building.
- Need to make a task list or a list of responsibilities for SPACE, with exec members signing up to bring snacks and hosting.

12:19 - Social - Mover - Simon Smith

Research Night

- 20 Grad students and 25 undergrads, went well!
- The panel format worked well for the event and gave ample time for questions.
- If the event were to run again, the time blocks may need revision but overall went well

End of Term Event

- As late in the term as possible, Friday, April 26th at 4:00 pm is a tentative date.
- An Olympic-style event
- BBQ as well, predicted budget of ~\$125
- 4 events - 2 athletic, 2 skill-based, with signup beforehand
 - Assign teams
 - Numbers for BBQ
- ~\$40 for events during this EoTE.
- Bocce set \$60-\$80
- Pizza may be the alt for BBQ as it takes a long time. Sandwich trays as well.

Alex raised a motion to make the budget for the EoTE \$250

Max Seconded

Unanimous

Motion passed

12:35 - Student Affairs - Mover - Adrienne Scott

With the feedback from the forms, not too sure what to do with the responses. Will be forwarded to the GSS.

Can be brought up to the EDI Committee, and will be done at the next meeting. The main theme of the responses is that supervisors are not acknowledging student mental health.

12:44 - Sports - Mover - Max Kurzner

Purchasing equipment

- Spikeball is a big want
- There is a list of many other items.

Need a place to put the equipment - lounge may be a good idea, for now is in Office 412 as

Simon raised a motion to purchase Spikeball just to have for PAGSA

Jono Seconded

Unanimous

Motion passed

12:56 - Department Reps - Mover - Olivia Masella, Bryn Lonsbrough, Annabelle Czihaly

Dept meeting, see email, new funding chart has been posted

Dept meeting, Several students talked to Pavel and an email was sent around to supervisors that they are supposed to be supervising. Pavel also raised that it would be a good idea to have a department-wide supervision policy.

Reminder on the working group for supervisor-student relationships created in January. This group will work towards approaching Pavel with support for this policy and opening a discussion on what this could look like.

1:02 - Meeting Adjournment - Alex Beaubien