

PAGSA August 2024 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Tuesday, August 27th, 13:00 to 14:30

Where: Elliott 105 (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:
 - a. [Agenda June/July 2024](#)
3. Chair's Remarks Alex
 - a. PAGSA space, budget, orientation
4. External Updates Ted
 - a. CUPE
 - b. GSS Jade, Jonathan
5. New business Alex
 - a. Welcome back event
 - b. AGM ([elections](#))
 - c. Task list for next year
6. Old business Alex
 - a. [To-do](#) for the summer/changes to roles
 - b. Supervision WG update Olivia
7. Internal Updates Aydan
 - a. Tech
 - b. Academic Scott
 - c. Social Simon
 - d. Student Affairs Adrienne
 - e. Sports Max
 - f. Reps Annabelle, Bryn, Olivia

Taker: [Aydan McKay](#)

Executive Members:

- Alex Beaubien - Present - In Person
- Aydan McKay - Present - In Person
- Max Kurzner - Present - Online
- Simon Smith - Absent - Away
- Scott Wilkinson - Present - Online
- Adrienne Scott - Present - In Person
- Bryn Lonsbrough - Present - In-Person
- Olivia Masella - Present - In Person
- Annabelle Czihaly - Present - Online
- Jade Fischer - Present - In Person
- Jonathan Qualter - Absent - Away
- Ted Grosson - Present - In Person
- Poppy (Max's Dog) Present - Online, deserves treats

1:03 - Call to Order - Mover: Alex Beaubien

1:03 - Adoption of Minutes - Mover: Alex Beaubien

1:04 - Chair's Remarks - Mover: Alex Beaubien

Given the recent desk shuffle of many students, a potential space has been made for PAGSA stuff, the former printer room in ELL 202. All the sports equipment. The key required is the same as the PHYS lab key

The budget for the next year will be approximately \$954 for the year

Grad student orientation will be next Thursday (the 5th of September) at 10, supervision policy will not be ready by that point

1:10 - External Updates - Mover - Alex Beaubien

1:39 - CUPE & GSS - Mover - Ted Grosson, Jade Fischer

CUPE - Ted Grosson

- CUPE meeting will be right after the grad student orientation
- AIS that was given at the end of the semester will now be part of the wages and the same increased rate for all students regardless of program.
- The emergency hardship fund will now be partially allocated to a food insecurity fund as it has not been being used up entirely. There will be 10-20 spots per month, and will become publicly available in September.

GSS - Jade Fischer

- Has not met in the summer. No future meetings in September are planned as of yet.
- An email may be sent out for signing up for GSS updates, as you need to sign up in order to receive the updates.

1:45 - New Business - Mover - Alex Beaubien

Welcome Back Event - All

- Aydan will act as a secondary/backup on this event for BBQing
- The plan is to bring everything for the end-of-term event, make teams on the spot and do the games that were planned to promote meeting people, rather than a free for all mingling.
- Adrienne will send out an email for this for teams.
- Alex will reach out to Sam to know what to buy, and for the BBQ if available.
- Jade and Olivia will be in charge of acquiring food.
- Bryn confirms Sam is able to supply bbq.

Backpacking Group

- Hold off on mentioning it at the orientation, as there are still a lot of logistics to figure out (renting gear, etc.).

AGM

- Will be announced after the BBQ, by the by-laws, it needs to be announced at least 7 days in advance, which means that the AGM will be held in the last or second last week of September.
- Encourage others to run if you are not running again.
- Potentially add a PAGSA observer for remote students at TRIUMF
- May cause difficulty as the physics dept rep position is usually pretty hard to fill as it is.

Task list for next year

- Alex proposes a to-do list
- Research night round 2
- Consolidating sports equipment into the new PAGSA space
- Update sign-out/up sheets for the sports equipment accordingly.
- There should be one that exists already that can be updated, try to do that before the AGM meeting.

1:38 - Old Business - Mover - Alex Beaubien

To-do for the summer/changes to the roles

- For those that haven't sent those in yet they should be done soon (Aydan for example)
- Academic and Social Reps are overloaded in being in charge of all the events that they run.
 - The roles should be overseeing the execution of these events, not being solely responsible for their enactment.
 - May change to one exec is responsible for the overseeing of each of the events.
 - Make it so that there is a quota for each exec member. - there are so many software plumbings and space talks.
 - Academic Rep has the difficulty in that software plumbing and space are large events but the organization is all one role. Working groups for each of the events could be an alternative. Roles can include making sure that the working groups are meeting and what not.

- **Exec members will send Alex their comments on how to better evenly distribute the workload of Social and Academic Reps to the rest of the Exec.**
- Change Vice-Chair the role to more of a treasurer role, taking charge of maintaining the budget, filling out BERs and such.
- Keep the tech role, but remove the social media role
- Keep the note-taking role

Supervision Working Group

- They have received some results for for/against. They will present the results at the department meeting on September 17th. A PDF version of the powerpoint will be made available given the permission
- 95% of people said yes to the existence of the supervisory form.
- Should TAs count as part of your hours? is a polarizing question.
- **The results are in the Shared Executive Folder**
- Whether or not this form becomes mandatory can be discussed at the department meeting as well.

2:09 - Internal Updates - Mover - Alex Beaubien

2:09 - Tech- Mover - Aydan McKay

- No updates, will update TER form on website.

2:11 - Academic - Mover - Scott Wilkinson

- SPACE talks are just about finished
- Started on gathering speakers and dates for software plumbing for the next academic rep
- Will send an email on which software plumbings you want to see and give.

2:18 - Social - Mover - Alex Beaubien

- No updates

2:19 - Student Affairs - Mover - Adrienne Scott

- Survey results were scrambled and rewritten to be as anonymized as possible, to make it so that the information is still passable to the next students with this student affairs position.
- To pass along in the grad orientation meeting, an exec member can be used as a resource.

2:25 - Sports - Mover - Max Kurzner

- No updates. Will move equipment to 202, will send out a blurb about signing up for intramurals and what those are.
 - Would be good to add a discord space for this, where and how to connect to other people that have the same shared interest.

2:27 - Department Reps - Mover - Olivia Masella, Bryn Lonsbrough, Annabelle Czihaly

Department Meetings

- No department meetings.
- One on September 17th

Mentorship Program

- Coffee gift cards are available in the office, there are 8 cards. They are Guest OneCards, so can be used wherever you can tap a OneCard.
- Should be around 20 pairs.
- The cards will be kept track of via a sheet in the office, and there are instructions to contact the reps if there are any questions.
 - If none get signed out within a week or so, send out a reminder of their existence to the mentors.

2:31 - Meeting Adjournment - Alex Beaubien