

PAGSA January 2025 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Friday, January 10th, 12:00-1:30

Location: Elliott 105 or on Zoom (<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/8180431379>)

Order of the day:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes
3. Chair's Remarks
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 - in person

Bryn Lonsbrough - in person

Ruxin Barre - in person

Anya Dovgal - in person

Olivia Masella - in person

Omar Hassan - online

Olivia Moluchi -

Nathan Clements - online

Simon Smith - in person

Call to Order

Time: 12:09

Mover: Jade Fischer

Adoption of Minutes

Time: 12:09

Mover: Jade Fischer

Second: Olivia

Notes: [November meeting minutes](#)

Chair's remarks

Time: 12:09

Mover: Jade Fischer

Notes:

- PAGSA room bookings
 - Sam has submitted for PAGSA to have chair, vice chair, academic and social representatives eligible to book rooms
 - These contacts would need to be updated each year
 - Formal GSS structure may be put in place for this
- Future Meetings Schedule
 - Meetings are scheduled for the first friday of each month from 12:00 to 1:30 in Elliott 105 or on Zoom
- Financial report & GSS grants top-up (courtesy of Ted)
 - Current bank balance: \$255.35
 - GSS \$200 top-up approved (yay!)
 - Total: \$455.35
 - Money spent since the beginning of the semester
 - Social: \$440.74
 - Academic: \$42.23
 - April Department top-up: \$450
 - towards SPACE talks, Software Plumbing, and academic events
 - May GSS grant: \$500
 - Social Fund: \$273.82
 - Academic Fund: \$410.00

External updates

Time:

Mover: Jade Fischer

CUPE

Time: 12:12

Mover: Ted Grosson

Notes:

- Bargaining for new collective agreement
- three-university unions will be meeting to discuss strategies
- email went around for timesheet for existing TAs to track hours
 - checking for overworking
 - grocery gift card lottery

GSS

Time: 12:14

Mover(s): Olivia Moluchi, Nathan Clements

Notes:

- Lots of events:
 - Valentine's Day pub crawl
 - Skating event
- Work-safe BC (checking if grad students are included)
 - In general, students are not included
 - This includes the time spent in the lab
 - Unless we are working in an employee role, such as TA
 - UBC offers option insurance for people on campus who may want similar protection to Work-safe BC
 - UVic doesn't currently offer this but is looking into it

EDI

Time: 12:18

Mover: Simon Smith

Notes:

- 2-hour workshop planning for early 2025 - awareness & understanding of EDI, interactive entry point for resources and support (<https://www.uvic.ca/equity/education/workshops/index.php>)
- Crowdsource the best available times in Discord
 - Wednesday 3pm when there's no colloq?
- Online options available
- "Social and professional competency training"

Old Business updates

Time: 12:22

Mover: Jade Fischer

Notes:

- Supervisory policy WG
 - still in the hands of faculty - no updates

Internal updates

Time: 12:22

Mover: Jade Fischer

Social

Time: 12:22

Mover: Adrienne Scott

Notes:

- Spring semester events:
 - Proposed spring skating event Jan 21
 - Potential curling event
 - Potential ice rink rental
- Next semester: probe interest in merch
 - Adrienne will inquire about Uvic copyright
 - merch design competitions!
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BsktiaBq8NyFNYtM0knt4gWnTmO4-bDNcgsfRsVEzos/edit>
 - Try to make mockups next month, 2nd poll for voting
 - Pre-payment for orders
 - Ted/Jade will ask Monica best way to collect money
 - Ruxin is able to help with mock-ups

Academic

Time: 12:38

Mover: Bryn Lonsbrough

Notes:

- Research Night
 - Proposed Fri Feb 7, 5-6:45pm - PHASERS approves
 - Room bookings:
 - if we get ratified next week, we can book
 - PHASERS will be able to book next week as a ratified club
 - individual students can also book an “event”
 - Finalizing speaker list today
 - Will circulate food and attendance RSVP after time is confirmed
- SPACE
 - call for talks late Feb mid March

Student Affairs

Time: 12:43

Mover: Ruxin Barre

Notes:

- 10/10, no notes

Sports

Time: 12:43

Mover: Ben Rasmussen

Notes:

- IM sports for upcoming semester:
 - Soccer (Sundays)
 - Baseball (Thursdays)

- Volleyball (Fridays)
- Ben: Gauge interest in renting an entire ice rink, curling/bowling
 - Look into external grant - Summer 2022 GSS academic unit project grant
 - likely doesn't exist anymore

Unit Representatives

Time: 12:49

Mover(s): Olivia Masella, Omar Hassan

Notes:

- Department meeting:
 - no updates
- Omar planning to set up a TRIUMF event in may/june (~\$30 budget)

Adjournment

Time: 12:56

Mover: Jade Fischer

Second: Ben