

PAGSA March 2025 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Friday, March 6th, 12:00

Location: Elliott 105 or on Zoom (<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/89355758676>)

Order of the day:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes
3. Chair's Remarks
 - a. Email
 - b. Social media
 - c. Departmental review
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 -

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 - in person

Nathan Clements - absent

Simon Smith - in person

Call to Order

Time: 12:08

Mover: Jade Fischer

Adoption of Minutes

Time: 12:08

Mover: Jade Fischer

Second: Olivia

Notes: [February Meeting Minutes](#)

Chair's remarks

Time: 12:08

Mover: Jade Fischer

Notes:

- New email a struggle - may have to just do mailing list instead of a group

External updates

Time:

Mover: Jade Fischer

CUPE

Time: 12:10

Mover: Ted Grosson

Notes:

- AGM on march 25th
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GSS

Time: 12:10

Mover(s): Olivia Moluchi, Nathan Clements

Notes:

- GSS Elections from March 5-7th
- GSS referendum on health insurance
- Fun resources from GSS
- SAGM also Mar 25
 - Beer and food welcome!

EDI

Time: 12:13

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>)
 - April 9th -3-5 pm
 - Aiming for 15 people attendance

- Undergrad + grad EDI course in the works for Faculty of Science
 - eventually hope to be mandatory course
 - completely online
 - looking for feedback - contact Simon for draft of the course + form
 - hoping to be implemented by fall

Old Business updates

Supervision Policy working group

Time: 12:23

Mover: Olivia Masella

Notes:

- Graduate committee has finalized the draft on the [supervision agreement](#)
- Form was proposed in most recent department meeting and received positively
- Form is stated as **mandatory** within 1st month of program, revisited as needed
- Recommendation of 40 hrs/week including RA, 1 TA, & classes!
- Courses have the expectation of 12 hrs/week average
- Will be in effect for new students starting September
- Encourage incoming students to discuss with their advisors!
 - Include in new student orientation
- Annual PAGSA survey on how well the form works?

Internal updates

Time: 12:34

Mover: Jade Fischer

Social

Time: 12:34

Mover: Adrienne Scott

Notes:

- Successful spring hike
- Spring semester events:
 - Potential curling event
 - Potential ice rink rental
- Merch - [Merch Poll Results](#)
 - Merch is supposed to be ordered through UVic bookstore
 - UVic owns “UVIC” trademark
 - Hoodie design near finalized, tshirt + mug in the works
 - Ask bookstore if they have recommendations for payment for student groups
 - 4-6 week timeline
 - Wait until fall for new students to arrive before placing order?
 - hopefully decrease price
 - could also have a small order now, have people rep the merch
 - Wait to see cost scaling
- End of term bbq - decide on time

Academic

Time: 12:42

Mover: Bryn Lonsbrough

Notes:

- SPACE
 - 2 responses to SPACE call so far
 - Costco run for snacks?
 - Current budget is \$200 for 8 talks, with some flexibility

Unit Representatives

Time: 12:51

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

Notes:

- Dept considering making many courses every other year - not enough prof hours
 - No conclusions about how to make this work with course requirements
- Reach out to Anna/Travis if you have cool things happening - get content for dept socials
- We are now an affiliated group with Grads And Postdocs Society ([GAPS](#)) at TRIUMF
 - Co-organization with them is now possible, including some funding maybe

Student Affairs

Time: 12:58

Mover: Ruxin Barre

Notes:

- no notes

Other Business

Time: 12:58

Mover: Liv

- karaoke presentations - sometime in April with GSS

Adjournment

Time: 1:00

Mover: Jade Fischer

Second: Liv

