

PAGSA April 2025 Executive Council Meeting

Time: Friday, April 4th, 12:00

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
 - 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 - sent regrets

Adrienne Scott - in person

Bryn Lonsbrough - in person

Ruxin Barre - sent regrets

Anya Dovgal - in person

Olivia Masella - in person

Omar Hassan - sent regrets

Olivia Moluchi - sent regrets

Nathan Clements - sent regrets

Simon Smith - in person

Call to Order

Time: 12:05

Mover: Jade Fischer

Adoption of Minutes

Time: 12:05

Mover: Jade Fischer

Second: Bryn

Notes: [March Meeting Minutes](#)

Chair's remarks

Time: 12:05

Mover: Jade Fischer

Notes:

- A microsoft 365 email has been request but not approved
 - confirmed we will be getting it though
 - Department paid \$2 to maintain current setup for the month
- Change to mailing list - hopefully reducing spam mail
 - everything requires admin approval
- Academic grant
 - At the fiscal year, the department budgeted \$450 for PAGSA academic events
 - Approved, will see it mid-April
 - No report or presentation required
- GSS grant (-Ted)
 - will be filled out as soon as available from GSS
- Summer schedule
 - can keep meeting if we want? sure! casual monthly meetings
 - pick a new day for scheduling
- APR
 - thanks to Simon and Adrienne for leading!
 - Adrienne has notes from this morning's meeting
 - Main points:
 - more course offerings
 - continued access to department resources is very valuable
 - relative lack of complaints
 - not all structural issues, can be resolved internally
- PAGSA website updates for clarity:
 - semesterly timeline for thesis
 - explicitly state tuition payment
 - contact us
 - update finance and housing pages

External updates

Time: 12:16

Mover: Jade Fischer

CUPE

Time: 12:16

Mover: Ted Grosson

Notes:

- CUPE AGM
 - well attended! All exec positions in our component are filled
 - Bargaining survey is live - collective agreement expires in august
 - reminder email will be sent out

GSS

Time: 12:17

Mover(s): Jade Fischer

Notes:

- karaoke presentations - April 17 5-7 pm
- stress workshop - April 10 3-4 pm
- clothing swap - April 24
- new executive board

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>)
 - April 9th -3-5 pm
 - Aiming for 15 people attendance
 - RSVP on the discord please
- Undergrad + grad EDI course in the works for Faculty of Science
 - Simon ~~will find~~ has found + will send link
 - Feedback by end of April?
- Mentorship program:
 - Incident with insufficient support for incoming student
 - Have a quick meeting with mentors over summer to discuss expectations
 - Ask about first language to help directly find community resources
 - Discussion about students not realizing resources exist, despite PAGSA website having several resources
 - Send regular reminders about existing resources
 - Be sure to include them in PAGSA department orientation
 - More specific links to different types of resources
 - To **all** students, not just incoming students
 - Grad student handbook exists too
 - New Resources channel on Discord – pinned messages with all the links

Internal updates

Time: 12:34

Mover: Jade Fischer

Social

Time: 12:34

Mover: Adrienne Scott

Notes:

- End of term bbq - April 11th at 4:30
 - rain plan - Ell 128
 - Adrienne will bake burgers beforehand
 - Propose increase budget to \$230 (PAGSA is under budget on the year)
 - Jade + Olivia will do food run morning of
- merch:
 - designs pretty much finished
 - waiting on response from bookstore
 - mugs would be min order way too many through the bookstore
 - order now, and we can do a 2nd order in fall if there's interest
 - plan for no profit
 - will work out how to collect money, but might need to be through an individual

Academic

Time: 12:44

Mover: Bryn Lonsbrough

Notes:

- SPACE
 - 4 responses to SPACE call so far
 - Will send reminder mid-April
 - Costco run for snacks
 - cheap smores, vegan + gluten free, rice crispy squares
 - Current budget is \$230 for 8 talks
 - up to \$125 for dry goods

Unit Representatives

Time: 12:50

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

Notes:

- TRIUMF in contact with GAPS
- TRIUMF event split cost with GAPS (PAGSA budget \$30)
- Grad student response rate to climate survey 41%
- NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR getting merged into single pool, open to international students for PhD students (!!)

Adjournment

Time: 12:56
Mover: Jade Fischer
Second: Olivia