



Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 30th at 2pm PST

Zoom: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/81359281606?pwd=sfUPV9czE5DqBaE2MLSuYaAEmlz68.1>

In person location: SUB B025

In attendance: Hannah, Marissa, Julia, Acorn, Kush, Emily, Marten, Shelby, Anika

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:12 PM PST.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair offers territory acknowledgment for ləkʷəŋən territory.

3. Check-In Question

a. What's the last book you gave up on and stopped reading?

- Hannah – Lord of the Flies
- Acorn – Dracula
- Marten - Dune
- Shelby –Great Gatsby
- Marissa – Some mental health related book that was transphobic
- Anika – Three Body Problem (Dark Forest)

4. Access Needs Check-In

- a. Break at 45 minutes

5. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

- a. Adoption of today's agenda (Acorn/Julia)

Adopted.

- b. Ratification of [December 6th 2024 Minutes](#) (Julia/Marten)

Minutes ratified unanimously.

6. Reports

a. Council

i. Chairpersons

1. Julia

- a. Peer support groups are starting soon. Autism dates are confirmed for Fridays, now added to signup form. Chronic pain – we don't have enough interest to confirm a date. We are seeking facilitators.
- b. There will be a social media/community survey to figure out what our community needs (e.g. education, tutorials, craft groups, etc.)
- c. I'm hosting a webinar this Sunday and after that I will have more capacity for SSD stuff.

2. Hannah

- a. Currently dealing with medical problems. Down to a single spoon.
- b. We're working on a push for accessibility on campus.

ii. Treasurer

1. [Vacant]



iii. Student Liaison

1. Marten

- a. The last day to register for Mixology/Mocktail event on Feb. 4th is today. Thank you to Kush, Adrean, Jitendra, and Julia for helping this dream come together.

iv. UVSS SSD Representative

1. Acorn

- a. Nominations are coming up in February. We're seeking electoral positions.
- b. I'm on the accessibility on campus board. We're facing issues with meeting times. I'm working on resolving this issue. (Hannah: this issue is perhaps due to incompetence and doesn't appear to be accidental. Julia: they are aware of this.)
- c. I'm on the OAC with the Ombudsperson
- d. I have a board meeting on Monday and can update Thrive next week.

v. International Student Representative

1. Kush

- a. Mocktail/Mixology is coming up and I'm excited.
- b. I'm looking for more ways to get involved this semester.
- c. This morning I met with Marissa, Zoe, and Adrean.

vi. Graduate Student Representative

1. Jitendra

- a. Absent

vii. Secretary

1. Anika

- a. It's been an eventful time! Considering running as treasurer at the AGM. Not too much to report. Little amount of spoons to go around lately.

viii. General Members at Large:

1. Lola

- a. Absent



2. Mya
 - a. Absent
3. Vanessa
 - a. Absent

b. Staff

i. Office Coordinator

1. Adrean Meuser
 - a. There's been a lot of maintenance and behind the scenes work.
 - b. We got a desk replaced.
 - c. Looking forward to Mocktails/Mixology
 - d. We had team building with our coordinators.
 - e. There's a lot of interest in our AGM.
 - f. We met with facilities and discussed snow removal.
 - g. Our meeting with Kevin Hall is coming up on Feb 12th.
 - h. We'd like to book some field trips.
 - i. We'll be tabling at the Global Village podium. Come out and join us!

ii. Research & Communications Coordinator

1. Diana Viafara
 - a. Absent

iii. Education & Administration Coordinator

1. Marissa Donaldson
 - a. We did a workshop on Tuesday in collaboration with the LAP on learning strategies. There were LAP staff members present. I sent the recording to everyone who attended and it should make it to our website.
 - b. We had our first cooking class of the semester last Tuesday! It was successful. All the lasagna was eaten. Our next class is Feb. 26, a Wednesday evening. Others will be on Tuesdays. We're making a Thai green curry.
 - c. We're also doing a workshop with BRB Friends coming up in a couple weeks on Trichotillomania. If you would like to sign up for the workshop it's on our Linktree.



- d. There's a disability tax event coming up.
- e. Keep an eye out on the Instagram for events and sign-ups.

c. Campaigns

i. #Access4All

- a. We got a bunch of Access 4 All hand sanitizers! Our meeting is tomorrow. We'll be tabling on the 13th. Come have hot chocolate with us.

7. Discussion

a. Partnerships

i. National Educational Association of Disabled Students

1. NEADS x SSD Memorandum of Understanding

- a. AP: Adrean send Isabella an email re: (update link access)
- b. Adrean checked with Allie if this is okay – Allie seems into it so long there is clarification, and it now goes to council in March.
- c. This would be a council motion that wouldn't go through until after the AGM.

b. Committees

i. Accessibility on Campus

1. Operation: UVic Accessibility

- a. Alumni Association Grant Received (\$1000)
- b. Proposal to get more wheelchairs on campus
- c. Gina from the Alumni Association says that there may be extra budget



- d. Acorn: does the money have to be spent by a certain date? A: yes, will have to be continued on with money spent over the next year
- e. Currently in money gathering stage

8. Business

a. Motions

i. MOTION 2025/01/30: 01 (Julia/Acorn)

WHEREAS the UVic Accessibility Committee has requested a representative and an alternate from the SSD to sit on their hybrid committee; and,

WHEREAS the SSD Council was approached and requested to sit on this committee if they were interested; therefore,

BIRT Hannah Brown was selected as the SSD representative for the UVic Accessibility Committee for the 2025 session.

Motion carries

ii. MOTION 2025/01/30: 02 (Acorn/Julia)

WHEREAS the SSD strives to create community connection opportunities for disabled students; and,

WHEREAS the SSD is hosting a Mocktail Mixology Social on February 4th 2025 in Vertigo; therefore,

BIRT the SSD approves a budget of up to \$350 for juices, canned pops, garnishes, syrups, rimmer, and other beverage accompaniments for this event.

Motion carries

iii. MOTION 2025/01/30: 03 (Anika/Julia)

WHEREAS the SSD supports students' use of the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) through our CAL/SSD Bursary; and,

WHEREAS the SSD has reduced our budget significantly for the CAL/SSD Bursary, but still seeks to contribute what we can; therefore,

BIRT the SSD approves \$2000 for the Spring 2025 Bursary.



Motion carries

iv. MOTION 2025/01/30: 04 (Anika/Marten)

WHEREAS the iMac in the SSD space has reached end-of-support as of October 2023 and has been retired, and;

WHEREAS Apple products have embedded accessibility software, therefore;

BIRT the SSD approves up to \$1600 for the purchase of a Mac Mini M4 and a Dell 27" USB-C monitor for the SSD lounge.

Motion carries

Hannah steps down as Chair, Julia steps up as Chair

9. Future Meeting Times

a. Council Meetings

b. Next meeting is our Annual General Meeting!

- a. Friday February 28th at 5pm-7pm with Games Night preceding from 3pm-5pm on Zoom and in the SSD

- i. Every position will be up for grabs. If you would like to self-nominate and self-motivate, you are welcome to fill out [this form](#).

c. Weekly Staff/Exec (Thrive) Meetings

- i. Spring Thrive time for the semester

d. #Access4All Meetings

- i. Next meeting is tomorrow January 31st at 2pm on Zoom



10. In-Camera (If needed)

11. Adjournment at 3:03pm

Thank you for coming!