

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 29th April 2025, at 4pm PST

Zoom:

<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/86980100173?pwd=ZZDj4QrEtYAc2e5szJ5bMGgBt0wAy3.1>

1. Call to Order/Welcome

- 4:08pm call to order
- Those in attendance: Julia, Zoe, Acorn, Hannah, Valentine, Marissa

2. Land Acknowledgement

- Done by Julia
 - o Added onto by those calling in from other territories

3. Check-In Question

- a. What is one thing you are looking forward to this summer?
 - Hannah: excited about conference
 - Marrison: moving in and unpacking
 - Valentine: Autistic self-advocacy network camp
 - Zoe: field schools and travel

4. Access Needs Check-In

- a. Break at 45 minutes
 - Many fidget toys

5. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

a. Adoption of today's agenda

- Mover: Hannah
- Seconds: Valentine

Amendment to agenda

- Brought by Marissa:
 - o **WHEREAS** the Society for Students with a Disability seeks to ensure students on campus have sustenance to support their brains and bodies while on and off campus; and,
WHEREAS the SSD has stocked a variety of dietary friendly snacks and light meals for students' enjoyment; therefore,
 - o **BIRT** the SSD approves up to \$1000 in snack budget for the Summer semester.
- Nobody opposed to amendment

b. Ratification of March Minutes

- Mover: Valentine
- Seconds: Hannah
- No opposition to ratification

6. Reports

a. Council

i. Chairpersons

1. Julia
 - Got surgery and recovering and thank you for those who stepped up
 - Joined the Hiring committee for open positions
2. Hannah
 - In the UK (:
 - Autism week which went well

- Community panel and attended self-care workshop
- Developed flyer
- Facilitated Council training
- Joint letter about CAL signed and sent to uni and social media post
- Began creating yearly workplan for upcoming year
- Hiring committee and interview questions

ii. Treasurer

1. Mia

- Absent

iii. Student Liaison

1. Valentine

- Autism week was very successful
- Involved in community panel and self-care and advocacy workshop
- Attended council training
- Moved back home

iv. UVSS SSD Representative

1. Acorn

- Nothing to report

v. International Student Representative

1. Kush

- Absent

vi. Graduate Student Representative

1. Jitendra

- Absent

vii. Secretary

1. Zoe

- Autism week
- Attended council training
- Recovering from surgery

viii. General Members at Large:

1. Lola
 2. Kat
 3. Gabi
- All absent

b. Staff

i. Office Coordinator

1. Diana Viafara (e-hire)

a. Important Updates:

- i. **Collab with Advocacy and Campaigns committee of the GSS:** “Interest to co-write/co-sign a letter regarding the lack of accessible pools at UVic, since the closure of McKinnon some months ago. Since UVic has no plans to support the building of a new pool, our idea was to write it to Saanich and Oak Bay municipalities, advocating for consultation with UVic in planning a new facility on campus”. - Victor Marrugat (the ECE grad co-representative at the Grad Representative Council)
 - Possibly collab with PRIDE?
 - Hannah would be happy to lead an accessible swim event and also requested to talk to the community about barriers people face to swimming in pools
 - Next steps: Marissa to arrange meeting with GSS
- ii. **Wheelchairs project:** \$7200 has been initially approved by the UVAA Executive at their noon meeting today. The final approval will occur on June 3 AGM, and it is after this date that the UVAA can drop off a cheque at our office.
 - Hannah: context is to have wheelchairs that folks can use and borrow as needed on campus



- Marissa: have to figure out who is responsible for wheelchairs and whose insurance it's on
 - o Could collab with student wellness centre
 - o Hope to pass them off to another org
 - o Also have to think about repairs and maintenance
 - o If collab-ing with campus security making sure they are properly trained in transferring
 - o Collab with nursing department at UVic?
 - o Collab with library?
- iii. Collabs for summertime:
 1. Seed-saving workshop confirmed: May 22, June 26
 2. Rock painting or bike basket: June 12
- iv. Consultation about activities for summertime:
 - Did that in document:
<https://whiteboard.office.com/me/whiteboards/p/c3BvOmh0dHBzOi8vdXZpYy1teS5zaGFyZXBvaW50LmNvbS9wZXJzb25hbC9kYXZpYWZhcmlFfdXZpY19jYQ%3D%3D/b!9VhG6gUb5E-FglxL4Disl-giKf4NIhKr4rgr5A4tV1O4Vau3EzbQI9LSINRCKmC/01CDN6WKQIPLYWVTHQPRCII G3SR7LHDO43>



ii. Research & Communications Coordinator

1. Diana Viafara

- a. Posted: Hiring information in social media
- b. Posted: Respite Room video: students share feedback about how useful was to clarify how to get to the respite room and motives them to booking the space

iii. Education & Administration Coordinator

1. Marissa Donaldson

- Volunteer appreciation
- Demographic survey going over
- Modifying events workstudy to a grants workstudy
- New budget spreadsheet'
- Going on leave for much of May

c. Campaigns

i. #Access4All

7. Discussion

a. Committees

- May 15 is global accessibility day

8. Business

a. Email Motions

Email Motion : 2025-04-16: 01

WHEREAS the SSD has run three identity based peer support groups for the Spring 2025 semester; and,

WHEREAS the SSD seeks to compensate disabled people for their time and lived experience; therefore,

BIRT the SSD approves paying the peer support group facilitators \$35 each per session, for a total of \$630 across 6 facilitators.



Motion Passed with 3 votes yes; Julia abstains.

b. Motions

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Marissa: important for safe foods providing for students, many students have told us about the importance of accessible snacks

- Mover: Valentine
- Seconds: Hannah
- Passes unanimously with 4 votes yes

9. Future Meeting Times

- Council Meetings
- Weekly Staff/Exec (Thrive) Meetings
- #Access4All Meetings

10. In-Camera (If needed)

11. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 5:30pm

Thank you for coming!