



Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday October 29th at 10:00am PST

Zoom: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/86841963710>

Attendance: *Bella, Kai, Valentine (Workstudies: Lucy, Valentine, Matthew)*

Only one council member attended the meeting, therefore we did not run the meeting. I have added context to the discussion points below to ensure everyone is still in the loop. Please review this agenda and email back with your vote for motion 1 and motion 2.

1. Call to Order/Welcome:

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Check-In Question

- a. What would you like to do for our December Council meeting?

Please think about what you would like to do for our December council meeting and share your ideas with Office Coordinator Bella. In the past we had a dinner and crafting get together, so what would be fun as a council meeting activity. You all deserve a fun reward too! We may be able to offer some budget for this activity as well :)

4. Access Needs Check-In

- a. Break at 45 minutes

5. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

- a. Adoption of today's agenda
- b. Ratification of [2025-09-26 - Minutes.docx](#)

6. Reports

a. Council

- i. Chairpersons
 1. Julia
 2. Hannah
- ii. Treasurer
 1. Mia
- iii. Student Liaison
 1. Valentine
- iv. UVSS SSD Representative
 1. Dacian
- v. International Student Representative
 1. Kush
- vi. Graduate Student Representative
 1. Jitendra
- vii. Secretary
 1. Zoe

viii. General Members at Large:

1. Lola
2. Kat

b. Staff

i. Office Coordinator

1. Bella Jacobs

ii. Education & Administration Coordinator

1. Kai Punt

c. Workstudy

i. Programs & Outreach

1. Lucy Griffiths

ii. Media & Marketing

1. Valentine Anderson

iii. Grant Writing

1. Matthew “Mia” Gordon

Bella will ask the workstudies to attend our SGM and introduce themselves to you all :)

d. Campaigns

i. #Access4All

- Instagram re-launch
- Meeting with Interim UVic President
- Meeting with Emily Lowan
- New demands finalized: [2025 Access4All Demands.docx](#)
- Testimonials/Survey

Above are some of the action items we are working on for A4A, we are hoping to get the Instagram up and running this week. We are going to meet with the Interim president before their term ends in March and get their support. We also would like to meet with the

current leader of the Green Party Emily Lowan for advice on campaigning and see how she could support us. The link to the new list of demands can be found above, please take a read through them and let me know if you have any feedback. Lastly, we are going to be asking for testimonials from students about their experiences at UVic to get some more information.

7. Discussion

a. Policy & Structure Changes (Both SSD and UVSS)

i. SGM vs. SAGM

- Hoping to change our policy to fit better with the UVSS policies by having one yearly SGM and AGM instead of calling an SGM.

ii. Council Positions

- Changing council structure in hopes of being built more like a collective and being more inviting to those on the outside.

iii. Interim Leave Policies

- What do we do if we have received complaints about a council member

iv. Council Training Policies

- What training should Advo groups get and can we put it into policy?

Office Coordinator Bella will be making adjustments to the policy for approval at the upcoming SGM at the end of November. These changes will be shared before the SGM so we can get feedback and promote them on our social media channels.

b. Upcoming SSD things

i. Recreation Workshop

Accessible Recreation workshop with AIR and Marissa, discussing accessible recreation that is available both on and off campus. It was going to be held at the beginning of



November but instead it is going to be planned for the beginning of next semester (January or February).

ii. Trick or Treat in the SUB

Friday October 31st we will be participating in Trick or Treat in the SUB and handing out candy!

iii. Body Doubling and Crafting Drop-ins

Body doubling and crafting drop-in sessions started this week. Zoe is monitoring the body doubling and either Kai or Bella will be monitoring the crafting session.

iv. Holiday Craft Night

We would like to do a fun holiday crafting afternoon/evening during exam season. We were thinking we could make cards? If you have any ideas please let Bella know!

v. Pending Art Hub

Now that Kai's October workshop is over they are going to be prioritizing working on an art hub with our workstudy Lucy. Lucy has expressed interest in art-based programming so this should be a good collaboration.

vi. Lots of student advocacy

We have been having a lot of students needing advocacy through CAL and it has been taking a lot of our capacity at the moment. We are really happy they are coming to us and getting our support!

vii. November event?

- Maybe another potluck? The last one was super successful...

8. Business

a. Email Motions

b. Motions

Please review the following motions and vote by replying to the email!



Motion 2025-10-27: 01

WHEREAS Student Senator Evan Maher has submitted a Freedom of Information (FOI) Request to the University of Victoria seeking data related to the 2023 Universally Extended Time (UET) pilot program, as detailed in [Follow Up FOI Request.pdf](#); and

WHEREAS many members of the disability community, have expressed concern regarding the University's implementation of UET and its potential impacts on disabled students; and

WHEREAS the SSD is committed to supporting the academic success and equitable treatment of disabled students at UVic; and

WHEREAS access to the data from the UET pilot would assist the SSD in assessing the effectiveness of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and UET initiatives, and in developing informed advocacy strategies for disabled students;

BIRT the SSD formally sign on in support of Evan Maher's FOI Request to the University of Victoria.

Motion 2025-10-27: 02

WHEREAS the SSD, in collaboration with the GSS, UVSS, NSU, CCG, GEM, PRIDE, the Faculty Association, CUPE, and PEA, released a petition in September 2025 calling for a review of and immediate action on the inadequacy of OREM; and

WHEREAS the petition has now closed, and the collaborating groups wish to use the collected information to advocate for change at the University of Victoria;

BIRT the SSD approves the formal release and submission of the petition and its findings to the UVic Board of Governors.

9. Future Meeting Times

a. Council Meetings

- November SGM (Special general Meeting)
- **November 28th at 5:00pm**



b. Bi-Weekly Staff/Council (Thrive) Meetings

- Bi-Weekly Tuesdays @ 11:30am
- Next meeting (falls on November 11th):
<https://lettucemeet.com/l/0awZl>
- Please fill out this lettuce meet poll!

c. #Access4All Meetings

- Bi-Weekly Tuesdays @ 11:30am
- Next Meeting November 4th at 11:30am

10. In-Camera (If needed)

11. Adjournment

Thank you for coming!