



# Council Meeting Agenda

Monday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 1:30pm PST

Zoom: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/84013854289>

Attendance: *Kai, Bella, Nicole, Julia, Hannah, Jitendra, Margot, Dacian, Lauren, Acorn, Carolyn, Evan*

## 1. Call to Order/Welcome: 1:32pm

## 2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair (Hannah Brown) gives land acknowledgement. Talks about the Indigenous Art Collective, somewhere that they have newly discovered. <https://indigenartsy.com/>

Chair gives opportunity for others to add if they would like to.

## 3. Check-In Question

### a. What are you going order/did you order for food/snacks?

Hannah: Salmon poke bowl, monster, and GF cookie!

Margot: Prawn Tempura and Yam Tempura Bowl!

Acorn: Poke bowl and yuzu cheesecake!

Nicole: Starbucks latte!

Lauren: Ordering now!

Carolyn: Ordering now!

Julia: Poke bowls!

Kai: Tuna Melt!

## 4. Access Needs Check-In

- a. Break at 45 minutes

## 5. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

- a. Adoption of today's agenda

Mover: Julia

Second: Acorn

Passed by consensus

- b. Ratification of [2025-09-26 - Minutes.docx](#)

- c. Ratification of [2025-10-29 - Minutes.docx](#)

Mover: Carolyn

Second: Acorn

Passed by consensus

## 6. Reports

- a. Council

- i. Chairpersons

1. Julia
  - a. Nothing to report
2. Hannah
  - a. Nothing to report

- ii. Treasurer

1. [Vacant]

iii. Student Liaison

1. Valentine
  - a. Absent

iv. UVSS SSD Representative

1. Dacian
  - a. Nothing to report

v. International Student Representative

1. Lauren
  - a. Nothing to report

vi. Graduate Student Representative

1. Jitendra
  - a. Referendum for the GSS is coming up! There is news about post-secondary funding review. Hoping the GSS and UVSS could collaborate together on the funding review.

vii. Secretary

1. Zoe
  - a. Absent

viii. General Members at Large:

1. Acorn
  - a. Nothing to report
2. Christina
  - a. Absent
3. Nicole
  - a. Nothing to report
4. Margot
  - a. Nothing to report
5. Carolyn
  - a. Nothing to report

b. Staff

i. Office Coordinator

1. Bella Jacobs



- a. Passed on report as we are low on time!

## ii. Education & Administration Coordinator

### 1. Kai Punt

- a. Working on getting the workshops organized.
- b. Working on a Deaf Culture Workshop, beginning and learning sign (February or April)
- c. Burnout Prevention Workshop with Dawn Schell from the Wellness Workshop
- d. Food Security and grocery shopping workshop
- e. Confirmed
  - i. Accessible recreation workshop with Marissa and Megan from AIR
  - ii. FEMexpo collaborating with Niko from OSL and the Consent Care Collective, Alessia from AVP
  - iii. Intro to Gardening Workshop (CCG)
  - iv. Resume Building and Transferrable Skills workshop

## c. Workstudy

### i. Media & Marketing

#### 1. Valentine

- a. Absent

### ii. Grant Writing

#### 1. Mia

- a. Absent

### iii. Programs & Outreach

#### 1. Lucy

- a. Absent

## d. Campaigns

### i. #Access4All

## 7. Discussion

### a. Committees

- Accommodations Committee
  - December 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting Rec-cap
    - [letter to BOG re accommodation petition.docx](#)

### b. SGM Giveaway

### c. Spring Referendums

- **12/08/2025 (UVSS Board Meeting)**
- a. BIRT the Board approve the following questions to go to a referendum with the proponent Lindsey Andrew, to be held in conjunction with the 2026 elections to the UVSS Board of Directors, including the same campaign period and voting days:
    - Do you support tying UVSS fees to inflation (Canada Price Index) up to a maximum annual increase of 3% starting September 2026 so the UVSS and its various advocacy, affiliated, services, and related groups can continue to serve and represent students as the cost of doing so increases? This does not include the UVSS Health and Dental plan or the U-Pass fees.
  - b. BIRT the Board is in favour of the question and endorses the 'yes' side of the referendum.
  - c. Spring 2027 we should consider running another referendum because even if this passes 3% does not cover inflation...
- **GSS Referendum**
- a. The Graduate Student Society (GSS) is preparing to run a Spring 2026 referendum on our fees that support the Constituency Groups, to better reflect the use and interests of our membership. The relevant background and question for your group is as follows:



- “Constituency Groups: These fees support the Native Student Union, Society for Students with a Disability, Students of Colour Collective, Gender Empowerment Centre and UVic Pride. Currently, on-campus GSS members pay \$1.33/term and off-campus members pay \$0.67/term, which is split evenly between these groups and does not increase with CPI. We are seeking consent to increase these fees to better support our partner organizations and to tie this fee with CPI.
- Do you support increasing the Constituency Groups fee to \$4.97/term for on-campus members in 2025-26, thereafter increasing by the Consumer Price Index (inflation)? Fees would be distributed as follows:
  - Society for Students with a Disability: \$1.64”

b. More information about the FOI from Evan Maher

Explores the work they have been doing over the last 2 years. They start with an explanation of how the senate works. How do things get passed? How do they get proposed? Explains what UDL is, a part of this is UET which is a less positive part. UET (Universal Extra Time), concerns: Instructors must accurately measure the “base time”, or else the effective result is no student receives extra time. The nature of some disabilities physically does not allow them to access the exam equitably, as they are speed related disabilities. Some preliminary data, students are generally performing worse. Began advocating for disabled students when they started in senate. Evan wanted to do things for students and address some concerns to the senate. Could take three years for Evan’s proposal, the provost can fast-track. The provost made a committee to write a similar policy to Evan, the administrative staff could cherry pick what they want. Evan wrote an FOI and they had 30 days but after 60 days they released the data unfulfilled. The request for the new FOI is requested, if UVic responds by the deadline we should have that data by end of day tomorrow. Uvic considered charging fees. UET affects all students as UVic has not been implementing it correctly.

How can the SSD help Evan? So far the university is not willing to meet. We are starting to wake up to the actions of the administration. Emergency proposal and long-term if the proposal fails. There has been discussion to run a referendum with the UVSS to approve a one time \$10 fees that is a advocacy budget that the SSD can use to address this issue.



Hannah: Wants to push advocacy. We have been previously told we cannot litigate... is this true?

Evan: Can we sign-on to an emergency? SSD to send out an email motion.

Hannah: Have we tried media outreach?

Kai: it could be good to have some noise around this now. Potential issues with the SSD being involved, but we can help and educate.

Acorn: We have been able to get meetings with the provost in the past perhaps we can try again and get Evan in it. I could try to go through the accessibility committee.

Julia: Yeah, this feels like a situation were going to the media would help. UVic doesn't like being embarrassed in front of potential donors.

Evan: What about the Martlet?

Bella: To send email to the Martlet.

Margot: Have we considered doing a rally or protest?

Hannah: we can do this in the past if we would like to we can do it again.

Vote to move in camera:

Move: Acorn

Second: Dacian

Passed by consensus

In camera: 2:18pm

Out of camera: 2:21pm

### c. Swag

- \$211.63 - Stickers
- \$53.85 - Fidgets



- \$95.00 - Button
  - \$360.48

## 8. Business

### a. Motions

#### **MOTION 01: 12/15/2025**

WHEREAS for the last three years the SSD has supported a bursary for the Learning Assistance Program to help offset costs of tutoring and learning strategy for students, and;

WHEREAS the SSD would like to continue supporting these services;

BIRT the SSD approve spending \$2000 for the fall semester, \$2000 for the spring semester, and \$1000 for the summer semester. This has already been approved in our yearly budget, this approval is for spending this money.

**Mover: Julia**

**Second: Dacian**

**8 yes votes**

#### **MOTION 02: 12/15/2025**

WHEREAS the SSD has officially signed on to support Evan Maher's FOI request to the University of Victoria; and,

WHEREAS UVSS Campaigns Director, Micheal Caryk, has requested this initiative become part of the SSD's #Access4All campaign,

BIRT that the SSD approves the FOI becoming part of #A4A.

**Move: Acorn**

**Second: Dacian**

**7 yes votes**

#### **MOTION 03: 12/15/2025**

WHEREAS the SSD sponsored Jordana Pangburn to run a peer support/dinner event for Diabetes Awareness Month; and,



WHEREAS we originally approved \$120 for the event to cover meals,

BIRT that the SSD approves an increased amount of \$131 to account for tips and tax.

Move: Julia

Second: Margot

7 yes votes

## 9. Future Meeting Times

### a. Council Meetings

- January Council Meeting - Please fill-out this poll or email me your availability by January 2<sup>nd</sup>: <https://lettucemeet.com/l/vR1wb>

### b. Bi-Weekly Staff/Admin (Thrive) Meetings

- Pick a time for bi-weekly staff & council Thrive meetings by filling out this poll or emailing me your availability by January 9<sup>th</sup>:  
<https://lettucemeet.com/l/52ANM>

### c. #Access4All Meetings

- Pick a time for bi-weekly #A4A meetings by filling out this poll or emailing me your availability by January 9<sup>th</sup>: <https://lettucemeet.com/l/DgaoB>

## 10. In-Camera (If needed)

## 11. Adjournment **3:06pm**

*Thank you for coming!*