



2025 Annual General Meeting Agenda

Friday February 28th 2025 at 5pm-7pm PST

Zoom link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/86275673804?pwd=iMdbXG3D6kuJbbhjKCUWy2kjEBDn5D.1>

In person location: SUB B025

In attendance:

Marissa, Julia, Anika, Acorn, Marten, Lola, Zoe, Jess, Katherine, Valentine, Kush, Hannah, Brennan, Jitendra

1. Call to Order/Welcome

Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair offers land acknowledgement.

3. Access Needs Check-In

a. Break every 45 minutes

Totally fine if you just want to be in the chat! Or have camera off!

4. Ratification of SGM Minutes (Acorn/Marten)

a. Ratification of [2024 Fall SGM Minutes](#)

Ratified

5. Adoption of 2025 AGM Agenda (Acorn/Marten)

Agenda adopted

6. General Overview and Intro to the SSD

- a. [Instagram](#)
- b. [Linktree](#)
- c. [Website](#)

Chair offers overview of the SSD. Lots of programming going on as well as #Access4All.

7. Yearly Executive Council Reports

a. Co-Chairpersons

1. Julia
2. Hannah

- No staff turnover in the past year, it has been great to have stability
- Adrean's contract ends May 2025, Marissa's October 2025, Diana's March 2026
- Elected 12 students at last AGM, at the November SGM we elected remaining roles however treasurer and 5 general member positions remained open.
- September 2024 and February 2025 meetings with UVic leadership. Topics discussed included:
 - Ask for lecture recording info to be posted publicly (will a prof record lectures or no?)
 - Physical accessibility
 - Snow removal
 - Continuing to have ongoing meetings
- Peer support groups are running for the third year
 - More robust training on group facilitation
 - Disability justice training added for facilitators
- #A4A Survey
 - 66 responses so far
 - Students and instructors

- Majority having good or okay time with CAL, however large chunk still having a bad time with CAL
- Faculty want to learn more about accessibility but they are overrun with responsibilities
- Meeting with BC Post Secondary Disability Alliance
 - Talk about access to wheelchairs on campus
- NEADS connections
 - Julia and Hannah have both been involved through panelists and job coaches
 - Isabella is the new communications director

b. Treasurer

1. [Vacant]

- a. [Financial Report](#) by Marissa

c. Student Liaison

1. Marten

- Nothing to report

Break 5:47-5:52

d. UVSS' SSD Representative

1. Acorn

- On AIR committee
 - Help develop programs like AIR Yoga
- ARC
 - Collabs with NSU for Indigenous Disability Awareness Month; SOCC for International Student Roundtable
- Campaigns Committee
 - UVSS campaigns including #A4A
- Senate committee for Accessibility
 - Being left off list but that should be changed soon “allegedly”
 - This has been happening repeatedly and feels intentional
- Meetings with UVic Admin

8. Staff Reports

a. Office Coordinator

1. Adrean Meuser (absent)

b. Research & Communications Coordinator

1. Diana Viafara (absent)

c. Education & Administration Coordinator

1. Marissa Donaldson

9. Prize Draw!

a. Any student can enter!

2 small prizes: Julia and Lola

Grand prize: Kush

10. Exiting Office and Elections

a. Motion to appoint Scrutineer and Electoral Officer

(Acorn/Valentine)

Marissa Electoral officer, Brennan scrutineer

b. Nominations for Council positions 1 by 1

i. Co-Chairperson(s) or Chairperson (up to 2 positions)

- Hannah nominates Julia
- Julia nominates Hannah
- Julia and Hannah motivate for themselves
- Hannah and Julia elected.

- Votes: 10 yes to both; 0 no

ii. SSD Representative on UVSS Board (1 position)

- Dacian and Gabi nominate themselves via the council interest form
- Dacian is elected
- Votes: Gabi: 3; Dacian: 8

iii. Treasurer (1 position)

- Mia nominates herself through council interest form
- Mia is elected
- Votes: 8 yes; 0 no

Break 6:35-6:40

iv. Secretary (1 position)

- Zoe nominates themselves
- Zoe is elected
- Votes: 9 yes; 0 no

v. Student Liaison (1 position)

- Valentine nominates themselves
- Valentine is elected
- Votes: 12 yes; 0 no

vi. International Student Representative (1 position)

- Lola nominates herself
- Kush nominates himself
- Kush is elected
- Votes: 9 for Kush; 3 for Lola

vii. Grad Student Representative (1 position)

- Muskan nominates herself via the council interest form; Hannah reads motivation
- Jitendra nominates herself
- Jitendra is elected
- Votes: 7 for Jitendra; 3 for Muskan

viii. General Members at Large (up to 8 positions)

- Acorn nominates themselves

- Lola nominates themselves
- Gabi nominates herself via the council interest form
- Kat nominates herself
- Valeria nominates herself via council interest form, though it was quite awhile ago so the vote is pending confirmation of Valeria's confirmation of continued interest
- Acorn, Lola, Kat, Gabi are elected
- Valeria elected pending confirmation of interest
- Votes: 10 yes to all; 0 no to anyone

11. Discussion

a. Council bios for website (not mandatory)

- i. Send to Diana if comfy (ssdcomm@uvic.ca)
 1. Short personal introduction & a photo (can be of you, a pet, or something else)
 - a. e.g. first name, pronouns, area of study, year at UVic, pets, etc.

12. Future Meeting Times

a. #Access4All Committee Meetings

- i. For anyone interested – please fill out this poll by

b. Council Meetings

- i. For all Council members – please fill out this [poll](#) by March 14th at noon

c. Council Training

- i. For new council members - please fill out this [poll](#) by March 7th at noon

d. Staff/Exec (Thrive) Meetings

- i. All Council members welcome but executive Council & staff required



- ii. Currently on Thursdays at 3:30pm on Zoom, link in agenda or email Adrean (uvicssd@uvic.ca)

13. Adjournment (Valentine/Marten)

Chair adjourns meeting at 7:10pm

Thank you for coming!