



Council Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 19th, 2026, 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Zoom: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/86101056500>

Attendance: Bella, Valentine, Lauren, Nicole, Julia, Carolyn

1. Call to Order/Welcome 3:07pm

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair offers acknowledgment

3. Check-In Question

- a. What is one goal you have for the semester?

Bella: Finish my thesis

Valentine: Survive and try a new thing every week! (Mostly new foods)

Nicole: Sleep more

Julia: Survive and sleep

4. Access Needs Check-In

- a. Break at 45 minutes

Bella will take over chairing if needed and Valentine will be in the chat today

5. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

a. Adoption of today's agenda

Move: Valentine

Second: Nicole

Passed by consensus

b. Ratification of [2025-12-15 - Minutes.docx](#)

Move: Nicole

Second: Valentine

Passed by consensus

6. Reports

a. Council

i. Chairpersons

1. Julia

- a. Dealing with health stuff. Trying to find a time to meet with Bella. Thinking about a program where we can work with faculty and be on the same page about how to make classes accessible for both students and the professors!

2. Hannah

- a. Absent

ii. Treasurer

1. [Vacant]

iii. Student Liaison

1. Valentine

- a. Currently working on the grocery shopping workshop, but am currently focusing on getting my academics set up. Still hoping to do the disabled rage poster series for early this term!



iv. UVSS SSD Representative

1. Dacian
 - a. Absent

v. International Student Representative

1. Lauren
 - a. Nothing to report

vi. Graduate Student Representative

1. Jitendra
 - a. Absent

vii. Secretary

1. Eve
 - a. Absent

viii. General Members at Large:

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

b. Staff

i. Office Coordinator

1. Bella Jacobs
 - a. We have so many great events and workshops planned this semester and we are excited! January we have our one pan potluck and accessible recreation workshop. February we have a trip to the Bug Zoo, burnout prevention workshop, and grocery workshop. March we have a Zine making night, Fem-EXPO workshop and a CCG Workshop. April we have another potluck and a resume building workshop. We will also be



getting the peer support groups back up and running as well as body doubling and drop-in crafts.

ii. Education & Administration Coordinator

1. Kai Punt

a. Absent

c. Campaigns

i. #Access4All

Looking at our next steps, meeting with the president. More tabling and outreach, and more social media. Having more assigned roles so folks know what they are working on.

7. Discussion

a. Committees

i. Accessibility Petition

1. What's next?

a. We have our next meeting on January 27th

b. Will have more details about next steps shortly!

ii. UBC DUC

1. Conference March 21st – 22nd

2. Yearly gathering

a. Had a meeting with UBC DUC we would like to restart the PSDA. They also invited us to a conference in March! More details will be sent out over email. We are super excited about it.

b. LAP Bursary

i. Summer 2025 redistribution

ii. Motion?

1. LAP didn't have students who qualified for the bursary in the summer they have asked us to redistribute the funds. How would we like to do that? Below are our options:



- 1: \$1000 fall semester (0 votes)
- 2: \$500 fall & spring semester (5 votes)
- 3: do not give them back the \$1000 (0 votes)

c. Tabling Supplies

- i. SSD Tablecloth
 - 1.

Business

d. Email Motions

e. Motions

MOTION 2026-01-19: 01

WHEREAS the SSD seeks to promote community engagement through inclusive and enjoyable excursions; and

WHEREAS the SSD's visit to the Victoria Bug Zoo was successful in the previous year and there is interest in hosting a similar event again;

BIRT the SSD approve funding of up to \$144 for the purchase of 12 tickets, including 2 staff tickets, to the Victoria Bug Zoo.

Vote by proxy: 1

Move: Valentine

Second: Carolyn

Votes yes: 5 - Votes no: 0

Passes



MOTION 2026-01-19: 02

WHEREAS the SSD seeks to promote community engagement through inclusive and enjoyable activities; and

WHEREAS hosting a potluck featuring one-pan recipes supports food security by encouraging affordable, accessible, and shareable meal options;

BIRT the SSD approve funding of up to \$150 to support the one-pan recipe potluck.

Vote by proxy: 1

Move: Valentine

Second: Carolyn

Votes yes: 4 - Votes no: 0

Passes

MOTION 2026-01-19: 03

WHEREAS the SSD seeks to support inclusive programming and accessible recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS Marissa Donaldson contributed their time and expertise by co-facilitating the Accessible Recreation Workshops;

BIRT the SSD approve an honorarium of \$50 for Marissa Donaldson in recognition of her contribution.

Vote by proxy: 1

Move: Valentine

Second: Carolyn

Votes yes: 5 - Votes no: 0

Passes



MOTION 2026-01-19: 04

WHEREAS the SSD seeks to support the effective delivery of peer support programming; and

WHEREAS Julia Denley provided essential administrative support for the peer support groups, including coordination and organizational tasks;

BIRT the SSD approve an honorarium of \$300 for Julia Denley in recognition of their administrative contributions to the peer support group.

Vote by proxy: 1

Move: Valentine

Second: Carolyn

Votes yes: 5 - Votes no: 0

Passes

MOTION 2026-01-19: 05 (This motion is contingent on above discussion section)

WHEREAS the SSD seeks to support student academic success and equitable access to learning supports; and

WHEREAS \$1,000 in funds from the unused LAP Bursary remains available and can be reallocated to better meet current student needs;

BIRT the SSD approve the reallocation of \$1,000 from the unused LAP Bursary to the Fall 2025 semester to support students accessing tutoring and learning strategy sessions.

Vote by proxy: 1

Move (movers privilege to change motion): Valentine

Second: Carolyn



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BIRT the SSD approve the reallocation of \$1,000 from the unused LAP Bursary to the Fall & Spring semesters to support students accessing tutoring and learning strategy sessions.

Votes yes: 4 - Votes no: 0

Passes

8. Future Meeting Times

a. Council Meetings

- i. Fill out the following poll to pick a date for the February council meeting: <https://cabbagemeet.com/m/PvRe59qGmzVw>
- ii. If this link does not work for you please email Bella (uvicssd@uvic.ca) your availability from February 23rd to 27th.

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

- i. Thrive Meetings are held bi-weekly on Mondays from 1:00pm-2:00pm.
- ii. Next Meeting: January 26th

c. #Access4AllMeetings

- i. #A4A meetings are held bi-weekly on Mondays from 10:30pm-11:30pm.
- ii. Next Meeting: February 2nd



9. In-Camera (If needed)

10. Adjournment **3:49pm**

Thank you for coming!