



# Council Meeting Minutes

APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, 12:30pm PST

Zoom: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/82229480008>

*In attendance: Hannah, Julia, Nicole, Valentine, Lauren, Bella*

## 1. Call to Order/Welcome 12:35pm

## 2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair gives acknowledgement, offers time for others to add.

## 3. Check-In Question

### a. What is your favourite summer snack?

Nicole: Watermelon

Hannah: Freezies

Julia: Nectarines

Bella: Ice cream cake

Valentine: Okanagan peaches and cherries

Lauren: Blackberries

## 4. Access Needs Check-In

- a. Break at 45 minutes

## 5. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes

- a. Adoption of today's agenda

Valentine: Moves

Nicole: Seconds

Removing motion 1 under "Interim Motions"

4 votes yes

PASSED

- b. Ratification of 2026-03-30 - Minutes.docx

PASSED by consensus.

## 6. Reports

- a. Council

- i. Operations Director

1. Hannah

Supporting staff and doing SSD support when needed. Is in the UK until the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. Is currently adjusting to new meds. They went to the Breakfast 4 Dinner potluck, and there were new people joining us too! We love supporting food security. Budget approved and attended budget meeting. Budget will be hopefully approved at the ARC meeting tomorrow. Met with Bella for the Individual training. Nothing too exciting to report!

- ii. Finance Director

1. Nicole

Nothing to report.



### iii. Communications Director

1. Vacant

### iv. UVSS SSD Representative

1. Dacian (Until April 30<sup>th</sup>)

Absent.

2. Acorn (Starting May 1<sup>st</sup>)

Absent.

### v. International Student Representative

1. Lauren

Nothing to report.

### vi. Graduate Student Representative

1. Vacant

### vii. Outreach Director

1. Julia

Budget meeting and will meet with Bella to discuss their goals for their role tomorrow. Julia has contacted the IMAX for details about having a COVID safe viewing event.

### viii. Directors of Council at Large:

1. Carolyn

Absent.

2. Eve

Absent.

3. Valentine

Focusing on workstudy position right now.

## b. Staff

### i. Office Coordinator

1. Bella Jacobs



## Student Support

- Currently supporting three different students with residence issues. I will keep you updated.

## Accessible Events workshop

- Workshop will be held on April 30th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.
- First half of the workshop will be focusing on the “how to” of putting on an accessible event, while the second half will focus on practicing what it looks like to create an accessible event. Attendees will be given a prompt, and they need to think of things to make the event more accessible.
- 22 attendees so far!
- Bella will reach out to Julia for support with the online portion.

## Disability Pride Week

- Events
- Workshop
- Ice Cream Fundae
- Disabled Artists Market
- Roundtable Dinner
- Mocktail Night
- Disability rage Crafting
- Movie Night
- Victoria Pride Parade Accessible Gathering Space
- Working Group
  - Bella to send out an invite poll to a working group to discuss who would like to lead/support staff for certain events 😊

## Summer Planning/Events

- Collaboration Summer
- Fernanda from GEM suggested all the advo and affil groups get together and put on summer events to promote more people to show up.
- We are currently thinking a trip to the RBCM and another trip to see the goats and get ice cream
- RBCM IMAX Screenings
  - Set up a COVID friendly viewing space
  - Julia will look into pricing
  - Bella will look into organization passes at the RBCM



## Meet the Board

- This year we will be meeting the UVSS board a bit differently than what it was like in previous years. We will not be doing a sit down meeting but will be having a potluck in the garden and getting to know each other. A few weeks later the lead directors will come to each advo and afil group and shadow us for a few hours. They will learn about what we do and how we support students.

## Work Study Update

- Next years positions
- We will be slightly changing the workstudy positions for next year. Bella will send them out next week for council to review them and provide feedback.

## Volunteer Appreciation Follow-up

- Volunteer appreciation was a big success! We have about 65 people join us. Feedback we recieved for next year is to have more games/activities available to play and for folks who can not attend to still receive appreciation in some way.

## New Teams Usage

- New plan for how we want to use teams! Bella will be sharing a document with details later this week. It will fill you in on how we want to use the channels and be clear with expectations as well.

## Workplan

- Bella is starting to work on our workplan for the year. The workplan is mostly to go over our goals for 2026-2027 school year. It is an internal document that is shared between the SSD and our manager Allie, so it won't be shared publicly.
- This is what we are currently putting on the workplan:
  - Events
  - Workshops
  - Summer Goals
  - Fall Goals
  - Winter Goals
  - Kai 30 hours goals
  - Peer Support Groups
  - Outreach Goals
  - Collaboration Goals
  - Think about what else you would like to have in the workplan, it is due at the end of May so we have some time to work it out still.

### Council Training

- Bella has reached out to everyone individually to set up a time to talk about folks' goals for being part of the SSD as well as your role expectations. We will still have a council training big group presentation, but we want to start with this. I hope everyone can feel supported during their time on council.

### ii. Education & Administration Coordinator

1. Kai Punt

Off on adventures.

## 7. Discussion

### a. Campaigns

#A4A meeting next week 😊 Summer planning.

### b. Committees

Working group for the summer disability pride week of events.

## 8. Business

### a. Interim Elections

MOTION 2026/04/22: 1

**WHEREAS** Acorn had to step down from the SSD council due to UVSS hiring policies, and;

**WHEREAS** Acorn would like to be re-elected into the UVSS Representative position;

**BIRT** the council vote in Acorn Wasserman back into the interim UVSS Representative position until the Semi-Annual General Meeting in October 2026.

(These votes will be done in private, please send directly to Bella Jacobs)

Amended. Has been removed.



## b. Motions

### MOTION 2026/04/22: 1

**WHEREAS** the SSD, provides free snacks and meals in our space to support all disabled students; and,

**WHEREAS** promoting food security is a key priority of the SSD;

**BIRT** the SSD approve up to \$1,000 for snacks and meals in the SSD space for the Summer 2026 semester; this amount has already been allocated in the approved Space Snacks budget line.

Valentine: Moves

Nicole: Seconds

4 votes yes.

**PASSED**

## c. Email Motions

### MOTION 2026/04/15: 1

**WHEREAS** the SSD Council must approve the 2026-2027 budget before presentation to ARC;

**BIRT** the SSD Council approve the presented 2026-2027 budget attached to this email.

**PASSED**

## 9. Future Meeting Times

We need to select summer meeting times for all of our working groups! Please fill out the polls below by May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026. These polls will be for your general availability throughout the week and not a specific time (except for the council meeting). Unfortunately, The CabbageMeet software is broken and we were previously having issues with LettuceMeet



so we are trying a new website. Let me know how it feels for you folks! (Bella can do a demo if we would like)

a. Council Meetings

<https://crab.fit/ssd-council-meeting-896993>

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

<https://crab.fit/thrive-meeting-230229>

c. #Access4All Meetings

<https://crab.fit/access4all-meeting-711172>

10. In-Camera (If needed)

11. Adjournment **1:00pm**

*Thank you for coming!*