



Annual General Meeting Minutes

University of Victoria Students' Society/Local 44 of the Canadian Federation of Students
Thursday October 14, 2010 – Michele Pujol Room – 3:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

Coccola called the meeting to order at 3:36pm.

2. APPROVAL OF CHAIR

Motion to ratify Kalin McCluskey as chair – Harrison/Lowe
Motion carried.

McCluskey acknowledged the territories.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

a. Agenda of 2010/10/14 AGM

Motion to adopt - Hannan/Slavin

Motion to amend - Syrotuck/Bowie

BIRT change 'special resolutions' to 'motions given with due notice'

Motion to amend carried.

Motion to amend – Hannan/McDonald

BIRT Move 3 motions 3.3, 4.5, 4.7 (ref etc.) beginning of motions with due notice

Motion to amend carried.

Motion to amend – Foster/Barrios

BIRT Table issues part j governance – univ. act

Motion to amend carried.

Motion to amend – Hannan/Gilmour

BIRT strike 1st motion auditors and appoint auditors motion

Motion to amend carried.

Motion to amend the agenda – Slavin/

BIRT the following motion is added to the agenda:

BIRT the UVSS membership present at the AGM direct the Board of Directors to hold a referendum concurrently with the spring 2011 elections, with the following question:

“Should the UVSS approve the formation of fraternities and sororities at UVic?”

BIFRT the result of the referendum be subsequently added to Issues Policy; and

BIFRT the three other motions on the agenda concerning fraternities and sororities be struck from the current AGM agenda.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order as it contravened UVSS bylaws to add a motion without due notice to members.

The Chair was challenged by Allen.

The Chair explained her ruling.

The assembly overturned the ruling of the chair.

Motion to amend the agenda failed.

Agenda carried as amended.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of 2010/02/11 SAGM

Motion to adopt the minutes of 2010/02/11 SAGM - Bergen/Gillespie
Motion to adopt carried.

5. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Motion to Amend Bylaw 3.3 - Alteration of Membership Fees – McDonald/Foster

Foster moved to omnibus 3.3, 4.5, 4.7

The Chair ruled against the omnibus.

BIRT Bylaw 3.3 is amended as follows:

~~a) Any alteration of membership fees collected by the Society, either for the Society or on behalf of another organization that reduces or removes existing fees shall require petition of ten percent [10%] of the membership.~~

b) Any alteration of membership fees collected by the Society, either for the Society or on behalf of another organization ~~that increases or establishes fees~~ shall be subject to the referenda process as defined in Bylaw Four, Article Seven [4.7].

Motion carried.

Motion to Amend Bylaw 4.5 - Special General Meetings – Foster/Comrie

BIRT Bylaw 4.5 is amended as follows:

Special General Meetings may be called at any time between the months of September and April inclusive by:

- a) a majority vote of a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors, or
- b) a requisite of ~~ten percent [10%]~~ **five per cent [5%]** of the membership, or
- c) as otherwise required by the Society Act of British Columbia.

Motion carried.

Motion to Amend Bylaw 4.7 - Referenda – Foster/Barrios

BIRT Bylaw 4.7 is amended as follows:

- b) Referenda may be called at any time between the months of September to April inclusive by:
 - i) a majority vote of a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to Bylaw Three, Article Three [3.3]; or
 - ii) a requisite of ~~ten percent [10%]~~ **five per cent [5%]** of the membership; or
 - iii) as otherwise required by the Society Act of British Columbia.
- ~~c) Referenda altering the composition of the membership fee as outlined in Bylaw Three, Articles One, Two, and Three [3.1, 3.2, 3.3] may be called by a requisite of ten percent [10%] of the membership.~~

Motion failed.

Motion to Amend Bylaw 4.9.b – Quorum for General Meetings and Referenda – McDonald/Hannan

BIRT Bylaw 4.9.b is amended as follows:

- b. In the event that attendance at an Annual General Meeting is more than twenty [20] but less than six tenths of one percent, the meeting will continue for the purposes of fulfilling the Society Act of British Columbia, but shall be limited to the following items of business:
 - i. **report of the activities of the Board of Directors**
 - ii. **members' questions on the activities of the Board of Directors**
 - ~~ii. report of the committees of the Students' Society, or~~
 - iii. adoption of the budget and the approval of the audited statements
 - iv. **appoint an auditor to hold office until the close of the next annual general meeting**

Motion to amend – Hannan/Warner

BIRT b.iv is struck.

Motion to amend carried.

Motion to amend – Coccola/Bergen

BIRT the following item is added:

- "iv. adoption of the previous general meeting's minutes".

Motion to amend carried.

Motion carried as amended.

Motion to Amend Issues policy

BIRT Issues Policy, Part J: Governance is amended as follows:

- 3. In recognition of students' rights to organise a representative student union and to have dues, duly authorised by the student union, collected and remitted to the student union, the Society supports ~~amending~~ Section 27 (1) of the Universities Act ~~to clarify~~ **which clarifies** that educational institutions will collect and remit to student organisations all student fees duly authorised in accordance with their organisations' constitution.

Adopted SAGM 98/02/12

- ~~4. The Society supports the Canadian University Faculty Association's boycott of the Technical University of British Columbia until such time as an elected senate of academic representatives, students and peers is put in place.~~

Adopted SAGM 98/02/12

Motion tabled.

The Chair said that the rules would be suspended and that the vote would be conducted by ballot on the next three motions.

Gilmour challenged the Chair.

The Chair explained her ruling.

The assembly overturned the ruling of the Chair.

Motion to ballot the vote for the following three motions – Bowie/Comrie
Motion carried.

Motion to Amend Issues Policy – Harrison/Morris
BIRT the following section is added to Issues Policy:

PART I: FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

Preamble

Fraternities and sororities are by definition exclusive organizations. Recognition of such groups is contrary to the spirit of the UVSS constitution, which seeks to create inclusive spaces. Clubs and course union policy states that no club shall prejudicially exclude UVSS members from membership nor shall it charge membership fees, nor shall it discriminate against marginalized groups. Fraternities and sororities restrict membership to UVSS members on the basis of economic or social background, and they restrict membership through a selection process where select individuals determine membership, or where arbitrary criteria pre-determine exclusive membership. Fraternities and sororities have been and currently are deeply connected with issues of racism, sexism, homophobia and degradation of pledges. For the reasons stated above, both the Society and the University have a long history of non-recognition of fraternities and sororities. The UVSS, as an organization to which all undergraduate students at the University belong and contribute fees, seeks to provide a social environment on campus that is open to all of its membership. Thus, the UVSS should not recognize fraternities or sororities on the basis that they by definition seek to exclude portions of the membership.

Policy

The Society is committed to non-recognition of fraternities and sororities at the University of Victoria.

Motion to amend – Gilmour/Ambler
BIRT the preamble is amended as follows:

Fraternities and sororities are philanthropic organizations that seek to create inclusive spaces, they have members from all racial, economic, and social backgrounds; sexual orientations and genders. Fraternities and sororities actively promote leadership amongst their members and encourage a sense of communal well-being. For the above reasons, fraternities and sororities should be actively promoted by the UVSS because it would be beneficial to the overall student body.

Motion to postpone the amendment – Smith/McDonald

The Chair ruled the motion to postpone out of order.

The Chair ruled the amendment out of order.

Gilmour appealed the ruling of the Chair.

The Chair explained her ruling.

The Chair's ruling was upheld.

Motion to limit debate - Spilker/O'Farrel

BIRT speaking rights are limited to 4 in favour and 4 against.

Motion to limit debate failed.

Harrison called the question.

Carried.

204 in favour (64.5%)

114 opposed (35.85%)

Motion failed.

The decision of the Chair to ballot three motions was appealed by Hannan.

The Chair explained her ruling.

The Chair's ruling was upheld.

Motion to not recognize fraternities or sororities – Lowe/Zawauvk

BIRT the UVSS does not recognize fraternities or sororities at the University of Victoria.

Motion to limit debate to 2 in favour and 2 opposed - Sherlock/Game

Motion to limit debate carried.

Marani called the question.

Failed.

Motion to amend – Gilmour/

BIRT 'does not recognize' is changed to 'supports'.

The Chair ruled out of order.

Gilmour appealed the ruling of the chair.

Gilmour and the chair motivated.

The Chair's ruling was upheld.

Polling stations opened.

129 in favour (64.5%)

71 opposed (35.5%)

Motion carried.

The Chair announced that the threshold for quorum to entertain resolutions had been lost (99 needed), but that the budget and audit could be approved because quorum for that had been met (87 present – 20 needed).

Gilmour challenged the Chair's ruling.

The Chair said that she made a statement of fact – not a ruling.

Gilmour challenged the Chair's statement.

The Chair stated that you cannot appeal a statement.

Motion to take measures to obtain quorum – Gilmour/

The Chair ruled out of order.

Motion to remove the Chair – Gilmour/Foster

Gilmour withdrew his motions.

The meeting proceeded with the quorum necessary for approval of the budget and receiving the audited financial statements.

6. FINANCIAL MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Motion to Adopt the 2010-2011 Budget – Sall/Barrios

BIRT the 2010-2011 Budget be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

Allen opposed.

Motion to Receive the 2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements – Barrios/Akouri

BIRT the 2009-2010 Audited Financial Statements be received.

Motion carried.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Motion to strike reports – Foster/Akouri

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn - Akouri/Helliwell

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.