

SSD Council Minutes

Jan. 25, 2016

Call to Order: Patrick @ 5:18 pm

Acknowledgement of Territories: Joseph acknowledged the territories

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Patrick, seconded by Heather, carried

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Patrick, seconded by Sumbal, carried

Reports

- Tabled

Motions

- BIRT the SSD Council proposes to amend the Constitution & Bylaws as follows: that “A workstudy position is not considered a staff position” be struck from Article 3A of the Bylaws.
 - Moved by Patrick, seconded by Joseph, carried
- BIRT the SSD Council proposes to amend the Constitution & Bylaws as follows: “the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of members of Council eligible to vote is required” be struck from Article 13 of the Constitution and “a special resolution of the Council is required” be inserted in its place.
 - Moved by Patrick, seconded by Heather, carried
- BIRT the SSD Council proposes to amend the Constitution & Bylaws as follows: that a new paragraph 35A of the Bylaws be inserted with the following wording: “Only UVic students identified with a disability shall be included in SSD Board meetings, although adjunct meetings may be added before or after SSD Board meetings that include staff, guests, and speakers.”
 - Moved by Heather, seconded by Joseph.
 - Heather moves to strike “UVic students identified with a disability” and insert “members and associate members of the Society.” Seconded by Joseph, carried. Patrick abstained.
 - Patrick moved to insert “At any time, the Council may designate that only...” and to strike “in SSD Board meetings, although adjunct meetings may be added before or after SSD Board meetings that include staff, guests, and speakers” and insert “in the meeting, although in such a circumstance an open adjunct meeting shall be held in which all non-in camera business shall be opened to discussion, although no business shall be conducted.” No seconder.
 - Heather moved to strike “may” and insert “must”. Seconded by Joseph. Carried. Patrick abstained.
 - Carried. Patrick opposed.
- BIRT the SSD Council proposes to amend the Constitution & Bylaws as follows: that Article 36C be struck and the following be substituted: “All committees, working groups,

and advisory councils formed by the SSD must include at least one SSD Board Council member.” Tabled.

- BIRT the SSD Council proposes to amend the Constitution & Bylaws as follows: that Article 18 be struck and the following be substituted: “BIRT Board members that do not attend three consecutive SSD Board meetings without medical documentation shall lose their Board membership and Board status.” Tabled.
- BIRT the SSD Council proposes to amend the Constitution & Bylaws as follows: that a new article be inserted with the following wording: “\$15,000 is set aside by the SSD annually to cover all translation services required by any student with a disability to access any SSD event or SSD Board meeting.” Tabled.
- BIRT the SSD Council proposes to amend the Constitution & Bylaws as follows: that the following be inserted in Article 5:
International Students Representative
The International Students Representative will:
 - a) be enrolled at UVic as an international student;
 - b) be the liaison between international students with a disability and the Council; and
 - c) represent and promote the interests of international students with a disability.Tabled.
- Therefore, I move to negotiate with the Women’s Centre for a "Women & Disability" Peer-Support Group. Tabled.
- I move to offer SSD support to Ravi to create a peer-support community according to the mandate of his club. Tabled.
- I move to go forward with developing a proposal for a safe and professional “Mental Health" peer-support group. Tabled.
- I move to continue SSD support for "Authors with Autism" peer-support group. I move to create a "Disability Activism" peer-support group. Tabled.
- I move to create a "Community 2 Class for Students Identifying as having a Disability" peer-support group. Tabled.
- My suggestion to the Board is to omit all other proposed groups unless persons become available to start a group for a specific disability cultural domain such as learning disability, ADHD/ADD, etc. Tabled.

Discussion Items

- Spring events
 - Siobhan presented information about upcoming spring events. Joseph, Heather, and Patrick acknowledged Siobhan’s success in organizing in Week of Welcome.
- Communication
- ASL club

Notice of Motions

Adjournment: Patrick at 6:06pm