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Constitutional Amendments

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1

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S6) Heads of levy receivers are empowered to move motions at regular VUSAC meetings.

i) Any motions moved by a Levy Head shall require a voting member of VUSAC to second them in order to be considered.

ii) Heads of levy receivers are not entitled to vote on any motions raised, regardless of who moves them.

S7) In order to maintain their status as levy receivers for the following academic year, Levy Heads and 3/4 of a levy receiver's Executive team must attend Equity Training before the current academic year's conclusion.

i) To fulfill the 3/4 requirement, the number of Executives trained can include the Levy Heads.

Rationale

S6) At present, the only people eligible to move a motion (which carries the potential to induce VUSAC to action) are elected members of council. This amendment advocates for the inclusion of any levy head to the list of people who can move motions – this does not guarantee that the motion would be on the table, it would still require one VUSAC member as a seconder in order to be discussed. It would further require all of council to meet the voting threshold for it to pass (50% + 1 or $\frac{3}{4}$, dependent on the kind of motion). The purpose of empowering levy heads to move motions is an effort to be conscious of the unique perspectives they have on Vic by virtue of their positions and their value to council and the community at large. VUSAC is not the only organization which represents and understands student interests - in fact, in many ways it can be one degree further removed from student interactions than levies.

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S7) In order to develop an equitable and inclusive environment at Victoria College, it is important that we extend equity training to more than just VUSAC members. Levies affect the experience of countless students. To use Caffeinds as an example, there are 150 volunteers who staff the cafe. It is integral that we ensure students have spaces that are increasingly free from marginalization as the years go by - yearly equity training for the people directing our student groups is another small way to concretely prioritize that progress. Multiple training dates will be made available.

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