



UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS' UNION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday 15th March 2017 @ 10.00 am

Present: Blake Edwards (Meeting Chair)
Mohamed Azzam
Gage Crawford
Layne Richardson
Fawaz Maher
Joshua Fender
Adeet Haroon (left @ 10.53 am)
Moein Ahmadipour
Luke Cooke
Daman Bual
Bob Drunkemolle (Non-Voting)

Absent: Madison McCardell
Kimberly Rutledge
Amy Park
Taylor Sauder
Akshay Sapra
Stella Mozin

11.1 The Meeting was Called to Order @ 10.06 am

11.2 Official Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral territory of the Okanagan Nation. We would like to recognize that learning happened in this place long before this institution was established. It's important that we understand that we are very privileged to be living, working, and learning in these territories that are not our own.

11.3 Speaker's Business

None.

11.4 Approval of Agenda

11.4.1 BIRT the agenda be approved as amended.

Moved By: Fender
Seconded By: Cooke
Vote: Unanimous



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11.5 Approval of Minutes

11.5.1 BIRT the attached Minutes for 24th February 2017 be approved (See attachment #1)

Moved By: Crawford
Seconded By: Maher
Vote: Unanimous

11.6 Presentations

Enactus UBCO Club

For information regarding this Club please see their website <http://www.enactusubco.ca/>

11.7 Monthly Written Activity Reports from Executive Committee

President Most of Edwards time had been taken up with hiring committees. The University Librarian Hiring Committee now had a short list of 3 candidates. The Student Refugee program (WUSC) MOU had been sent for final review and the prospective student profiles should be available at the end of March

VP Finance & Operations Bual had been working on the Club Portal. Club Cloud had proved Successful and was maxed out. Bual will be bringing his final report on the Club Cloud to the next Board of Directors meeting.

Bual had also undertaken work with the Harmony event in a logistical capacity.

Bual will be working on a report regarding the pay structure for Executives and Board Members as at present this structure is not linked with inflation.

Bual is continuing his work on a more streamlined on-line approach to the issuing of cheques to Clubs and Course Unions. He felt UBCSUO were failing to keep up with technology in relation to this and therefore failing Clubs and Course Unions.

VP External Not in Attendance

VP Internal Not in Attendance



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VP Services

Recess tickets had been selling positively with more on-line sales than previous years despite there being hard copy tickets for sale in the UNC. On-line tickets are more profitable to the UBCSUO as tickets sold via tabling and the GreenText & More Bookstore are subject to a commission fee of \$2.00 to either the sorority or the bookstore.

The Well has been busy for the last 2 weeks with 8 events being held.

There are two upcoming beer gardens, one the day before Recess and one on the last day of term.

Volunteers of any of these events would be appreciated.

Richardson is working on a mental health week with Rutledge which will include a free BBQ.

UBCO Large Events Committee will be undertaking a survey after Recess to gauge how safe students felt.

11.8 Question Period

Haroon raised the question with Edwards why there had been very few Executive Committee meetings during his tenure.

Edwards stated these had been held but were on a more informal basis (i.e. no minutes taken). Edwards said that the traditional executive meetings were very formal, unlike most Student Unions. Edwards, also believed each of the Executives, could have called a meeting at any time or contributed content to the agenda.

Haroon commented that the Board of Directors were never asked if they had any items for the agenda and they should have been granted that opportunity. Edwards believed this had no sustenance to the Executive Committee meetings, but rather that should be contributed to Board meetings.

Richardson stated this was the first year the Executive Committee had not met frequently and he felt this was detrimental to them performing as a team. In past years, the Executive Committee meetings had helped the team bounce ideas off each other.

Fender asked what would happen regarding the unfilled Board of Director positions – Edwards said the new Board would appoint or hold a by-election for those positions.

It was felt, with regard to the elections, that momentum was lost after Reading Break and that maybe the dates could be arranged differently next year. Although it was stated that Reading Break allows candidates the opportunity to prepare for their campaigns.



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Questions around why the CRO had firstly approved Doran's video and then declined it, and there being no appeal as the CRO's decision was final – could this be looked into for next year? Edwards supported the CRO's decision. We hired a third party CRO to run our elections and by upholding his ruling, Edwards thought the elections were more legitimate because the CRO held strong to his ruling rather than flip flopping. Edwards noted that not everyone supported the decision, but we support the CRO and his ruling is final.

Why were the Bylaws not changed at the AGM? Edwards stated the AGM did not make quorum therefore the Bylaws could not be approved, but next year's Board of Directors will have the opportunity to make changes (if quorum is met) at the next AGM

11.9 General Orders

11.9.1 Old Business

None

11.9.2 New Business

Ratification of Election Results

- 11.9.2.1 BIRT:** The Board of Directors approve the CRO Report as presented and the official results of the 2017 UBCO student election be recognized (See attachment #2).

Moved By: Azzam
Seconded By: Bual
Vote: Unanimous

- 11.9.2.2 BIRT:** The UBCSUO Board of Directors approve the destruction of the ballots, nomination forms and student register(s) used in the 2017 Elections, to be undertaken by the Chief Returning Officer and a Certificate of Destruction returned to UBCSUO. Payment for the CRO services will be withheld until the Certificate of Destruction is received in the UBCSUO office.

Moved By: Azzam
Seconded By: Haroon
Vote: Unanimous

- 11.9.2.3 BIRT:** The UBCSUO signs in support of the Good Samaritan Policy (See attachment #3)

Moved By: Bual
Seconded By: Crawford
Vote: Unanimous



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At this point, Quorum was lost

11.10 Discussion & Announcements

1. Bual had attended a meeting with the Student Senate Caucus and the \$2,000 promised to them in May would be awarded. Bual recognized his error and stated this allocation would be made on 1st May going forward. There were some changes to the MoU – Bual to supply a copy of these changes.
2. A member of the ACT club was in attendance and asked the Edwards why there is no collaboration between the UBCSUO, Senate and Board of Governors. Edwards said this was slightly more difficult to achieve as the Board of Governors only meet 4 times per year, but he would ask the new Board to strive to make this collaboration. It was noted that a member of both Senate and the Board of Governors were invited to every BoD meeting – which they had not accepted.

11.11 Next Board Meeting Date

TBA

11.12 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned without an official closure.