

# BOARD MEETING AGENDA

UBC Students' Union Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Board of Directors Meeting, July 30, 2020 – Virtual Call

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13:00 – CALL TO ORDER

## Directors Present

President (meeting chair).....	Ali Poostizadeh
Vice-President Finance & Operations.....	Abid Wahab
Vice-President External .....	Taylor Dotto
Vice-President Internal .....	Tashia Kootenayoo
Vice-President Campus Life .....	Ahmed Fayed
Director at Large .....	Kai Rogers
Director at Large.....	<i>vacant</i>
Director at Large .....	<i>vacant</i>
Director at Large .....	Rohan Dabral
Faculty of Arts & Science Representative ( <i>Arts</i> ) .....	Cody Isaac
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative .....	Sage Cannon
Graduate Studies Representative .....	Cassidy Wallis
Faculty of Arts & Science Representative ( <i>Science</i> ) .....	<i>Vacant</i>
Faculty of Management Representative .....	<i>Vacant</i>
Faculty of Applied Science Representative .....	Richardo Brown
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative .....	Naomi Maldonado-Rodriguez
Board of Governors Representative ( <i>ex-officio</i> ).....	Jassim Naqvi
Senate Caucus Student Representative ( <i>ex-officio</i> ) .....	Rhys Herzberg

## Directors Absent

### Staff Present

General Manager .....	Lori Stevenson
Advocacy & Governance Coordinator .....	Sarah Furgason
Membership Outreach Coordinator .....	Elizabeth Rusch
Campus Life Coordinator .....	Joe Haugen
Finance Manager .....	Leanne Smailes
Well Pub Manager .....	Mike Ouellet

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **20/07/30.01 MOTION**

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

### **20/07/30.02 MOTION**

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Be it resolved that Jakson Pashelka be appointed to the position of Director-at-Large.

### **20/07/30.03 MOTION**

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Be it resolved that Jose Carvalho be appointed to the position of Director-at-Large.

### **20/07/30.04 MOTION**

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Be it resolved that Mohana Rambe be appointed to the position of Faculty of Management Representative.

### **20/07/30.05 MOTION**

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Be it resolved that Arshdeep Purba be appointed to the position of Faculty of Science Representative.

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **20/07/30.06 MOTION**

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Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held July 16, 2020 be adopted.

## **4. PRESENTATIONS**

### **4.1 2020-21 Budget**

### **20/07/30.07 MOTION**

Wahab/

Be it resolved that the 2020-21 Budget be adopted as attached.

#### 4.2 2020 SUO Future Plan

#### 20/07/30.08 MOTION

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Be it resolved that the 2020 SUO Future Plan be adopted as attached.

### 5. MONTHLY REPORTS

5.1 President

5.2 VP Finance and Operations

5.3 VP Internal

5.4 VP External

5.5 VP Campus Life

5.6 General Manager

### 6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Executive Committee

#### 20/07/30.09 MOTION

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2020 be adopted.

6.2 Finance Committee

6.3 Policy Committee

6.4 Campus Life Committee

#### 20/07/30.10 MOTION

Fayed/

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held July 14, 2020 be adopted.

6.5 Campaigns Committee

#### 20/07/30.11 MOTION

Dotto/

Be it resolved that Naomi Maldonado-Rodriguez be appointed to the Campaigns Committee.

## **7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

**7.1** Board of Governors

**7.2** Senate

**7.3** Other University Committees

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **20/07/30.12 MOTION**

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Whereas the Federal government has made the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy available to businesses affected by Covid-19, and

Whereas SUO business revenues have been affected by Covid-19,

Be it resolved that the SUO apply for the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**10.1** Student Media

**10.2** Next Board Meeting Date

The next board meeting will take place August 13, 2020.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**



**SUO**

**Students' Union**  
UBC Okanagan

STUDENTS'  
UNION OF UBCO  
FUTURE PLAN

**Ali Poostizadeh**

2020-2021 President

**2020 SUO of UBC**  
**Future Plan**

The Students' Union was formed to serve the students of UBC Okanagan as an invaluable service, providing key pillars of advocacy, services, and campus life. Since its establishment, the Union has struggled to fulfill this essential obligation of being recognized as a positive asset to the student body. The 2019/2020 SES found that **the SUO averaged a rating of just 5 out of 10 among the students of UBCO**. We must be constantly adapting to the ever changing landscape of the University, as well as the students we represent. As a student funded organization, we must ensure our existence is justified by the benefits we provide our members.

The current structure of the SUO leaves several gaps in terms of fair representation of members, as well as its ability to evolve as an organization. The distribution of the Board of Directors (BOD) makes 17 Directors the maximum size of the voting Board, a number far too small to be an adequate representation of the SUO's membership, currently 12,000 up to a minimum of 20,000 by 2040. We must look to grow our Board in order to ensure that we are accurately representing the members of our Union as well as their diverse backgrounds, views and values.

As a Union, we must also take radical steps to ensure that we are addressing the foremost issue affecting our members today; space concerns. Our members identified space concerns as one of their top priorities, with a majority stating that lack of adequate study, and recreation space has had severe impacts on their academics, physical wellbeing, and mental health. The SUO must take the initiative that almost all of our counterparts around the country have done and provide students a space on campus that they can call home.

The following document is a series of proposals encompassing changes to the structure of the Board of Directors, SUO standing committees, and my formal recommendation that the SUO begin the process of working towards constructing a student centre by the end of the decade.

We asked and our students spoke, the Students' Union must work harder than ever this year to ensure we are giving our members a Union that they deserve; one which will be sustainable, democratic and indispensable.



**ALI POOSTIZADEH**  
PRESIDENT

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



# CURRENT MODEL

The Board of Directors (BOD) is intended to be the elected representation of the student body of UBCO. Currently, the distribution of seats on the BOD does not correlate with the size of the constituency, nor the size of each faculty. This means that with no change to the structure of the BOD and a campus population that is increasing significantly every year, the disparity between the makeup of the BOD and the membership it represents will only grow larger.

President | **1**

Vice President External | **1**

Vice President Finance and Operations | **1**

Vice President Campus Life | **1**

Vice President Internal | **1**

Faculty of Arts Rep | **1**

Faculty of Applied Science Rep | **1**

Faculty of Science Rep | **1**

Faculty of CCS Rep | **1**

Faculty of Management Rep | **1**

Faculty of Health & Social Dev. Rep | **1**

Faculty of Education Rep | **1**

College of Graduate Studies Rep | **1**

Director at Large | **4**

## **EX OFFICIO**

Board of Governors Rep | **1**

Senate Rep | **1**





# REDISTRIBUTION

A revised system where seats on Council are distributed according to population of faculties. With each faculty automatically being eligible for one seat and an additional seat after each 700 students, the distribution of representatives on Council will directly correlate with the populations they represent. A guaranteed seat for a student of indigenous descent also ensures representation of UBCO's many Indigenous students.

President | **1**

Vice President External | **1**

Vice President Finance and Operations | **1**

Vice President Campus Life | **1**

Vice President Internal | **1**

Faculty of Arts Rep | Population: 2,001 | Seats: **2**

Faculty of Applied Science Rep | Population: 1,287 | Seats: **1**

Faculty of Science Rep | Population: 2,341 | Seats: **3**

Faculty of CCS Rep | Population: 145 | Seats: **1**

Faculty of Management Rep | Population: 852 | **1**

Faculty of Health & Social Dev. Rep | Population: 1,495 | **2**

Faculty of Education Rep | Population: 227 | Seats: **1**

College of Graduate Studies Rep | Population: 997 | Seats: **1**

Director at Large | **4**

## **NEW SEAT**

Indigenous Students' Representative | **1**

## **EX OFFICIO**

Board of Governors Rep | **1**

Senate Rep | **1**



# COMMITTEES



# CURRENT COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The current committee structure consists of five standing committees, each relating to the portfolios of one of the executive directors. This executive centred system has in the past caused the SUO to fail at adequately carrying out the directives of the Board of Directors, as well as issues it has identified as priority.

Executive Committee

Finance Committee

Campus Life Committee

Campaigns Committee

Policy Committee

Oversight Committee

As a majority of the initiatives and day-to-day operations of the SUO are carried out by the committees, it is crucial to ensure that they are not only carrying out the directives of the Board, but also supporting the growth of the organization as a whole.



# RECOMMENDATION

With a growth in the size of the Board, a growth in the number of committees would also be made possible. The current structure of the committees leaves gaps in the SUO's ability to long term plan, as well as properly engage the Directors as well as represent its constituents.

Executive Committee

Finance Committee

Campus Life Committee

Campaigns Committee

Policy Committee

Oversight Committee

## NEW COMMITTEE

### Graduate Student Committee

This committee would ensure that the graduate students of UBC Okanagan are adequately represented by the SUO. The committee will consist of the Graduate Student Representative as Chair and up to 8 (eight) student-at-large representatives. All members of this committee must be enrolled in the College of Graduate Studies.

## EXISTING COMMITTEE CHANGES

Twice a semester, the Board of Directors and all committees will replace one of their ordinary meetings with a "steering meeting". In this meeting they will assess their progress in moving the organization towards achieving the goals stated on the long term and annual strategic plan as well as determining action items for the coming semester. This will ensure that the organization is constantly moving forward towards the goals set out by the Board of Directors.



# TIMELINE

## PRESENTATION TO BOARD

SUMMER 2020

## ADDITION OF NEW COMMITTEE TO SUO REGULATIONS

SUMMER 2020

## ADDITION OF INDIGENOUS STUDENT SEAT

2020 SUO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## ELECTION FOR NEW POSITIONS

MARCH 2021

## CONVERSION OF BOARD TO NEW REPRESENTATIVE STRUCTURE

2021 SUO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# RECOMMENDATION

The SUO should gradually begin the process of revising the Board structure to be more representative of the student body. As a student funded organization, it is essential that the SUO be directly reflective of its members in order to ensure that they feel their voice is adequately represented.

**The most immediate change should be the renaming of the Board of Directors to SUO Council.** This would mitigate the long standing confusion among general membership, faculty, staff, community, etc., around the difference between the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors.

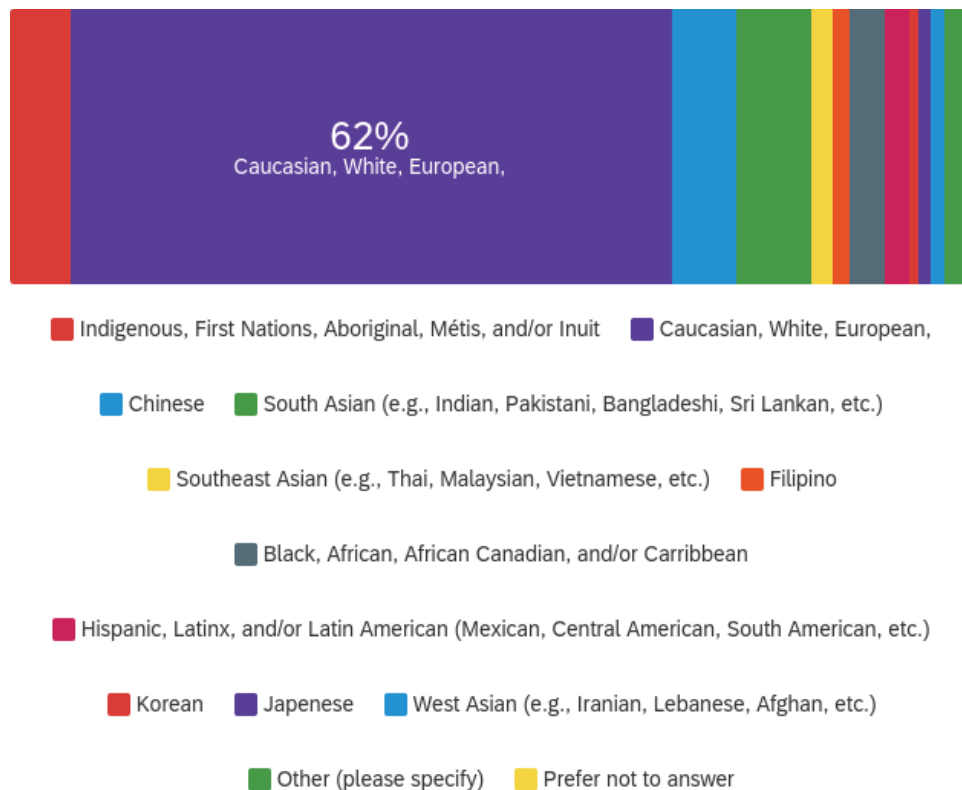


# STUDENT SERVICES



# DIVERSITY

The 2019/2020 SUO Student Experience Survey confirmed that the Okanagan campus is an incredibly diverse academic community, representing 12 wide reaching ethnic groups and students from over 102 countries. Despite this, our radicalized membership still make up a minority of the campus population. In order to support all of our members and ensure they have a home on campus, the SUO should establish a fourth resource centre to better service these students.



# RECOMMENDATION

The SUO should establish a fourth resource centre, taking over one of the office spaces in The Commons. The Commons was a building built by students, for students, so it should be used to provide a gathering space for the some of the most marginalized students on our campus. This resource centre will provide programming, social opportunities, and employment opportunities to radicalized students on the Okanagan campus.

# CAPITAL PROJECTS





# SPACE CONCERNS

The 2019/2020 SES made clear that the students of UBC Okanagan rank study, recreation, and club space as the top concerns for them with **62.59% believing there is inadequate study space at UBCO**, and **37.05% believing there is a lack of recreation space**. **64.44% of students said that lack of study space has affected their academics**, and **35.73% have considered transferring schools as a result**.

The SUO not only has the ability, but also a responsibility to address these concerns.

# PROPOSAL

The Students' Union must take extraordinary steps to address these concerns by being proactive and contributing directly to the growth of the campus. This would be achieved by constructing a student centre. The building would be designed, owned, and operated by students. This would ensure that the student body of UBC Okanagan has a place they can call home on campus. This student centre would act as a hub for students, where they can access open study spaces, lounge spaces, a clubs centre, bookable spaces, new services, and have complete control of it so it can fit the ever changing needs of the student body.



# THE FORUM

**The Forum** would be a central hub of campus, being built on top of what is currently parking lot F. This building would be constructed sustainably to LEED certifications, and would be the result of intensive consultation of the student body to ensure every member has the ability to contribute directly to its development.



**PROPOSED LOCATION** UBC OKANAGAN



# INSIDE THE FORUM

Following the lead of our counterparts around the world, the students of UBC Okanagan would have their first student centre. This centre would be a retreat for the students of UBC Okanagan. UBC's 2040 plan includes no recreation space, no lounge space, no club space, and little additional study space; The Forum would fill all of these gaps.

This building could contain:

- **Hundreds of new study seats**
- **New lounge spaces**
- **New food services, providing affordable, healthy and diverse options**
- **Convenience or grocery stores**
- **Full-scale bank branch**
- **Offices for large well established student organizations**
- **Club Centre with storage space, bookable rooms, hot-desks, and more**
- **Potential for recreation spaces like a games room, art gallery, rooftop garden, nap room, and more**
- **Dedicated office space for Pride Resource Centre, Women's Resource Centre, Peer Support Network, and new resource centres**
- **Second on-campus daycare centre**
- **On campus full-size pharmacy**



# WHAT COULD IT LOOK LIKE?



**SFSS BUILDING** SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY



**STUDENT UNION BUILDING** DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY



# WHAT COULD IT LOOK LIKE?



**AMS STUDENT NEST INTERIOR** UBC VANCOUVER



**SFSS BUILDING INTERIOR** SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

# HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The building being designed with sustainability in mind would make energy cost minimal. The addition of adequate conference hosting capability, food service, in-house catering, retail spaces, etc., would make the building completely self sustaining.

Funding for The Forum will come from several sources. The first of which will be a student levy. This levy means that students will be the key stakeholders, and with clear expectations around university funding, it would make the building entirely student owned and operated. A small annual contribution from each student would benefit tens of thousands of their peers over the lifespan of the building.

The second funding source will be donor contributions. UBC has committed to supporting the SUO in acquiring donors for the development. An eco-friendly, student centred building has a strong appeal to UBC's donor community and would bring in significant funding from alumni and community donors.

The SUO would also negotiate with UBC to guarantee they make a significant contribution to the construction of The Forum, as they did the AMS Student Nest in Vancouver. Inclusion of a daycare would also attract university and government funding for the project.

## STUDENT CENTRE COST EXAMPLES

**SFU STUDENT CENTRE**  
\$55,000,000 STUDENT LEVY

**AMS STUDENT NEST**  
\$81,760,000 STUDENT LEVY  
\$25,000,000 UBC FUNDING

**UFV STUDENT CENTRE**  
\$15,000,000

**UT STUDENT COMMONS**  
\$24,500,000

# TIMELINE

## **INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ADMINISTRATION**

ONGOING AS OF EARLY 2020

## **STUDENT LEVY CAMPAIGN**

SEPTEMBER 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021

## **SUCCESSFUL REFERENDUM**

MARCH 2021

## **FIRST LEVY COLLECTION**

SEPT 2022

## **UNIVERSITY NEGOTIATIONS, CONSULTATION, DESIGN STAGE, AND UBC APPROVALS**

MARCH 2021 - MARCH 2023

## **BREAK GROUND**

SUMMER 2024

## **FORUM COMPLETION**

2026

# RECOMMENDATION

The SUO should formally begin the process of budgeting, planning, and campaigning for a March 2021 referendum to institute a Student Centre Levy beginning in the Winter 2021 term. I also recommend a Student Centre Working Group be struck immediately and begin the process of consulting University Administration to begin the approvals process for the required land acquisition, and building permissions to construct The Forum.

# CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

UBC Students' Union, Okanagan  
Campus Life Committee Meeting, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, via Zoom

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10:38 – Call to Order

## Directors Present

Vice-President Campus Life (meeting chair).....	Ahmed Fayed
Vice-President Internal.....	Tashia Kootenayoo
Student-at-Large .....	Laavanya Prakash
Student-at-Large .....	Bardia Yasari

## Directors Absent

Graduate Student Representative.....	Cassidy Wallis
Vice-President Finance.....	Abid Wahab
Student-at-Large .....	Sarah Bradley

## Staff Present

Campus Life Coordinator .....	Joe Haugen
Membership Outreach Coordinator .....	Izzy Rusch
Well Pub Manager .....	Mike Ouellet

## 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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## 2. ROUNDTABLE

### 1.1 Talk about an event you saw or participated in on/off campus. What stood out to you? What didn't work for you?

Ouellet spoke to using masks on campus and then we could have had an open classes during the fall. Which then would have  
Prakash thought having classes on campus could have been possible with masks on campus as well and isolating before attending classes in-person. Being an international student has



Tashia spoke to the Pride Picnic last year and thought a growth opportunity would have been the organization and marketing of the event. She also thinks highly of trivia event on-campus

Rusch enjoyed the women's day event but thought the keynote speaker was way too expensive but after hearing her speak thought very highly of her. Rusch used to "slamdance" in the 80's.

Haugen liked a Flying Lotus DJ set he saw and the 3D

Fayed enjoyed the smaller events in The Well such as bingo, hypnotist, trivia. Particularly likes events with participation from the audience.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2.1 Orientation**

##### **2.1.1 In-Person/online**

Rusch suggested we could have an in-person picnic. Prakash spoke to using Instagram live for clubs. Kootenayoo said something is in the works for clubs to have a platform

Rusch talked about safety plans for in-person events on campus. She'll touch base with us once there's more information.

##### **2.1.2 Pride Picnic**

Keynote Speaker content: anti-racism

Fayed wants to do a Zoom speaker series with big names and notable speakers. Haugen suggested social justice related speakers like Viola Davis or Michele Obama. Prakash will send Indian/Indian-Canadian social justice speaker ideas as well.

##### **2.1.3 Jumpstart**

Partnering with other institutions, clubs, campus departments

Clubs are called "student associations" now. Kootenayoo spoke to partnering with student association clubs. Rusch said that student associations often reach out to us for partnership. Prakash is the president of the Indian Culture and Dance Club. From that experience, she suggested we make a formalized procedure form for student associations to team with the SUO. Kootenayoo said she could definitely develop this. Rusch spoke to getting these relationships started early for better communication. Haugen suggested we do a marketing campaign targeting partnerships. Rusch reiterated that there is already student association funding as we need to tread lightly until we know exactly how to move forward with this.

#### **4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Prakash spoke to sending an email to FCC students regarding A101 related animations. Ahmed wants everyone on Slack so we can message more easily.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned 11:27