

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order at 13:03

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 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
Faculty of Education Representative.....	George Biener
Board of Governors Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Jassim Naqvi
Senate Caucus Student Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>).....	Rhys Herzberg

Directors Absent

Faculty of Arts & Science Representative (<i>Arts</i>).....	Cody Isaac
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Staff Present

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

20/07/30.01 MOTION

Maldonado-Rodriguez/Fayed

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

20/07/30.02 MOTION

Kootenayoo/Fayed

Be it resolved that the resignation of Kyle Kliss be accepted.

CARRIED

20/07/30.02 MOTION

Biener/Brown

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

CARRIED

20/07/30.03 MOTION

Biener/Wahab

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

CARRIED

20/07/30.04 MOTION

Wahab/Biener

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

CARRIED

20/07/30.05 MOTION

Kootenayoo/Maldonado-Rodriguez

Be it resolved that Arshdeep Purba be appointed to the position of

Faculty of Science Representative.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

20/07/30.06 MOTION

Wahab/Brown

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

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 2020-21 Budget

Wahab presented on the 2020-21 Budget.

Kootenayoo asked why there was an increase to the referendum amount
Smailes confirmed it was to include the cost of the general election which
was not included in the original budget.

20/07/30.07 MOTION

Wahab/Cannon

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

4.2 2020 SUO Future Plan

Poostizadeh presented on the 2020 SUO Future Plan.

Naqvi commended Poostizadeh on the plan. He asked about the idea of
changing the name of the board to "SUO Council"; he asked if there was
another name idea to more distinguish the SUO from the AMS. He also said
that, despite the challenges, it is the right time to push forward with a
student building. He asked how government funding would be obtained.
Poostizadeh said the name is not yet set, but there to start the
conversation and raise the issue of having a name that is so similar to the
Board of Governors. He added that the university has agreed to assist the
SUO with their request for government funding.

Kootenayoo expressed concern that these items are not in the Strategic
Plan and that space in the building would be leased. She also expressed
concern that indigenous students need access to their own space.

Poostizadeh agreed that some of the items would be in the Strategic Plan
but that a long-term plan is also needed.

Stevenson said that it has been difficult to have the Strategic Plan done
faster due to the challenges of the pandemic.

Poostizadeh further mentioned that space would still be owned and
operated by the SUO but there would be necessary components, like a
child care space, to ensure the space can grow with the student

population. He reassured the board that there are still many steps and further consultation before decisions are made about the building.

Poostizadeh agreed that consultations on resource and a diversity centre would be required.

Maldonado-Rodriguez asked about the Indigenous Student Representative and wondered about adding representation of other minorities. She asked whose responsibility it is to address equity issues. She wondered if an Equity Committee would be a possible addition.

Furgason recalled the SUO indigenous led training and that SUO participants learned about the important relationship with Indigenous people.

Kootenayoo said that indigenous students have a right to be at the table, as the rightful owners of the lands on which our institution is situated.

Wallis said she would like to see more than one Graduate Student Representative but she would like to see consultation with the Graduate Student Advisory Council with respect to the proposed SUO Graduate Student Council. She also wasn't sure that it is time to request students to agree to a levied fee. She mentioned that study space is so needed and there are buildings on campus where more study space could have been provided.

Poostizadeh agreed that graduate students are unique and it is important for them to have representation. He reiterated that the 2020 SUO Future Plan is not set in stone and more important conversations need to be had. He agreed that we would need to ensure that space is well allocated.

Rhys agreed with the idea of a diversity centre and the importance of that work. He said the new building could include needed resources like an on-campus pharmacy.

Poostizadeh said we should ensure we are having ongoing conversations with the university about diversity, equity and inclusion. He said that we would be considering a walk-in/medical clinic but that these are discussions that will happen down the road.

Biener thought the representation on the board might need to be reconsidered over time. He said more work was required on the capital project and that perhaps it is not the best time to pursue a large capital project. He also expressed concern over the waste of space in some areas where study space exists.

Poostizadeh stated that there would be additional conversations about representation moving forward. He agreed that the timing is not the best but that Enrolment is not predicting a reduction in numbers and expects the same prospective growth for the institution.

Naqvi thanked Poostizadeh for running a survey at the end of 2019-20 to provide the necessary information to make these decisions. He asked how the number of representatives were arrived at. He thought that perhaps marketing was overlooked in the proposal.

Poostizadeh said the indigenous representative was important but that we would ensure proper consultation on the position. He said that how changes in representation happen would be a future discussion.

Dotto commended Poositzadeh for his work and said that it adequately addressed the broader concerns and issues within the Students' Union.

20/07/30.08 MOTION

Dotto/Kootenayoo

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

CARRIED

Biener was opposed.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports will be submitted at the next meeting.

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

Fayed/Dotto

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

CARRIED

6.2 Finance Committee

6.3 Policy Committee

6.4 Campus Life Committee

20/07/30.10 MOTION

Fayed/Kootenayoo

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

CARRIED

6.5 Campaigns Committee

20/07/30.11 MOTION

Dotto/Kootenayoo

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

CARRIED

7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

7.1 Board of Governors

Naqvi provided an update on the Board of Governors.

7.2 Senate

7.3 Other University Committees

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

20/07/30.12 MOTION

Kootenayoo/Wahab

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.

CARRIED

Biener asked if there was anything the businesses were doing to plan for operating under the circumstances.

Ouellet said they were ready to be flexible on opening up in September and that it looked like the Well will be able to utilize popular food delivery apps. Stevenson said that the Green Bean will continue to expand the pilot project of providing a grocery service to students on campus and that the Green Text will continue to provide the u-pass to students in the Winter 1 semester. The Green Bean and Green Text will not be hiring additional staff for the time being.

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

Meeting adjourned at 14:58