

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

UBC Students' Union Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Board of Directors Meeting, September 21, 2020 – Virtual Call

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Meeting called to order at 18:06

## 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.....	Jakson Pashelka
Director at Large.....	Jose Carvalho
Director at Large.....	Rohan Dabral
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative .....	Sage Cannon
Graduate Studies Representative .....	Cassidy Wallis
Faculty of Science Representative.....	Arshdeep Purba
Faculty of Management Representative .....	Mohana Rambe
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

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative .....	Cody Isaac
Faculty of Education Representative .....	George Biener

## 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

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

20/09/21.01 MOTION

Dotto/Kootenayoo

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

20/09/21.02 MOTION

Brown/Rogers

Be it resolved that the resignation of George Biener be accepted.

CARRIED

20/09/21.03 MOTION

Kootenayoo/Dotto

Be it resolved that a leave of absence for Cody Isaac from September 21 to October 21, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

20/09/21.04 MOTION

Rogers/Dotto

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held August 27, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

## 4. PRESENTATIONS

## 5. MONTHLY REPORTS

August 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

20/09/21.05 MOTION

Wahab/Fayed

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meetings held September 2 and 8, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

### 6.2 Finance Committee

### 6.3 Policy Committee

### 6.4 Campus Life Committee

### 6.5 Campaigns Committee

20/09/21.06 MOTION

Dotto/Fayed

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held September 4, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

20/09/21.07 MOTION

Dotto/Wahab

Be it resolved that Richardo Brown be appointed to the Campaigns Committee.

CARRIED

### 6.6 Oversight Committee

## 7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

### 7.1 Board of Governors

Poostizadeh gave an overview of the SUO presentation for the upcoming Board of Governors meeting.

### 7.2 Senate

### **7.3 Other University Committees**

#### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

20/09/21.08 MOTION

Wahab/Kootenayoo

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

CARRIED

20/09/21.09 MOTION

Fayed/Rogers

Be it resolved that the resignation of the Chief Returning Officer, Taya Jardine be accepted.

CARRIED

20/09/21.10 MOTION

Kootenayoo/Fayed

Be it resolved that Tyleigh Massey-Leclerc be appointed to the position of Chief Returning Officer for 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years.

CARRIED

20/09/21.11 MOTION

Fayed/Brown

Be it resolved that Maya Peterson be recommended for the position of Deputy Returning Officer for the 2020 SUO by-election.

CARRIED

#### **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### **10.1 Resource Centre Discussion**

Poostizadeh asked directors for their feedback on the open letter from the Indigenous Student Council and how the Resource Centres are currently being organized.

Rogers asked for specifics on what the SUO is being asked to apologize for.

Poostizadeh stated the purpose of the apology is to address the way in which the Indigenous Resource Centre has been treated differently from the other SUO Resource Centres.

Carvalho said it was important to apologize for historical wrongs. He said that acknowledging we are living and profiting off of land that does not belong to us is an important issue that needs more understanding and awareness.

Poostizadeh said that we need to do more to work to indigenize our spaces and procedures.

Fayed wondered if past directors should be responsible, not current directors.

Poostizadeh clarified that the apology will come from the organization as a whole, not from any one individual.

Kootenayoo said that the issues are intertwined and the apology is important but the Resource Centre structure issues also need to be addressed.

Herzberg asked about what is being done to review policy (eg. Bylaw 88) and the concerns around the SUO Future Plan.

Poostizadeh said that those issues would be looked at but the hope is to take a collaborative approach and ensure the issues are well understood. All related projects are on pause while the issues are discussed and concerns are heard.

Kootenayoo affirmed that when it comes to policy there will be a consultation process.

Maldonado-Rodriguez is in support of the apology but wants to know that these issues will come back to the board for consideration. She expressed that she does not want to simply issue an apology and not do anything further.

Poostizadeh said the hope was to get to work on the concerns as soon as possible.

Wahab also wanted to see more than just an apology and that we can look at how we can prevent problems like this in the future.

Rogers said he did not want an apology with empty promises and that we need actions that will make a difference going forward.

Kootenayoo said she could provide input on the letter of apology.

Carvalho asked if the SUO has ever hired an external indigenous consultant.

Poostizadeh said it has not been done in the past but that it is something to look into. He thanked everyone for the robust discussion and confirmed an apology letter will be brought forward to the board for consideration.

## **10.2 On Campus Events**

Kootenayoo reported that she had meet with Stevenson, Rusch, and the Student Experience Office to discuss in person events. Kootenayoo recommended that in person Student Association events not be allowed in the first semester, due the challenges posed by the pandemic.

Dotto agreed that in person events should not be allowed.

Wahab asked about outdoor events.

Kootenayoo said that would be handled through UBC since they would need to go through the proper university channels to obtain the outdoor space (eg. Nonis field).

Poostizadeh agreed that the SUO should not take on additional liability.

Stevenson confirmed that there is no legal distinction between the Student Associations and the SUO and therefore the liability falls to the SUO.

Carvalho wanted to know why the SUO does not want to find ways to support Student Associations to be able to host on campus events, if it can be done safely.

Kootenayoo said that even if we could allow events, the university has closed its spaces to events.

Carvalho wondered if SUO businesses could be used for on campus events.

Poostizadeh said that we do not currently have the resources to ensure those events would be safe.

Dabral wanted to know what supports are being offered to our Student Associations.

Stevenson said the focus at this time will be supporting our associations with online promotion and events.

20/09/21.12 MOTION

Wallis/Dotto

Be it resolved the meeting move in camera.

CARRIED

*Meeting moved in camera at 19:07*

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 19:41