

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, July 12, 2021, Virtual Call

Meeting called to order at 13:07

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Tashia Kootenayoo
Vice-President Finance & Operations	Muhammad Waseem
Vice-President External	Ahmed Ahmed
Vice-President Internal	Shiven Vinod Kherra
Vice-President Campus Life	Jakson Pashelka
Director at Large	Kai Rogers
Director at Large	Priscilla Uribe
Director at Large	Jaanvi Shah
Director at Large	Cade Desjarlais
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	<i>vacant</i>
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Laavanya Prakash
Graduate Studies Representative	Kirthana Ganesh
Faculty of Science Representative	Leoul Woldemariam
Faculty of Management Representative	Josie Leung
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Sam Diab
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Grace Halpin
Faculty of Education Representative	Serena Slonowski

Directors Absent

Board of Governors Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Shola Fashanu
Senate Caucus Student Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>) (<i>with regrets</i>)	Dylan Rogers

Staff Present

Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes
Membership Outreach Coordinator	Izzy Rusch
The GreenText Bookstore Manager	Shauna-Lee Hildred
The Well Pub Manager	Michael 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

21/07/12.01

Desjarlais/Ahmed

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

21/07/12.02

Ahmed/Leung

Be it resolved that Lindsay McGrail be appointed to the position of Faculty of Arts Representative.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

21/07/12.03

Leung/Waseem

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held June 28th, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.1 Executive Committee

21/07/12.04

Ahemd/Leung

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee minutes of the meetings held June 22nd, 30th and July 7th, 2021 be approved as attached.

Carried

Desjarlais asked for clarification on planned referendum spending that is added to the 2021/2022 budget.

Waseem explained the promotional requirements for a referendum and where that proposed amount would be spent. Also explained that spending will be included in the 2021/2022 budget proposal which will be brought forward for approval and further discussion at that time.

Smailes explained that the spending will be part of the capital project budget included in the 2021/2022 budget.

4.2 Finance Committee

4.3 Policy Committee

21/07/12.05

Leung/Uribe

Be it resolve that the Policy Committee minutes of the meeting held on June 24th, 2021 be approved as attached.

Carried

4.4 Campus Life Committee

21/07/12.06

Pashelka/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the Campus Life Committee minutes of the meeting held June 30th, 2021 be approved as attached.

Carried

4.5 Campaigns Committee

21/07/12.07

Ahmed/Leung

Be it resolved that the Campaign Committee minutes of the meeting held June 28th, 2021 be approved as attached.

Carried

4.6 Oversight Committee

21/07/12.08

Rogers/Leung

Be it resolved that the Oversight Committee's June Executive Review Report be approved as attached.

Carried

Rogers motivated the motion by explaining the executive review process for the benefit of the board of directors.

Kootenayoo and Khera arrived at 13:15.

4.7 Media Fund Committee

21/07/12.09

Pashelka/Kootenayoo

Be it resolved that the Media Fund Committee minutes of the meeting held June 24th, 2021 be approved as attached.

Carried

Discussion around the media fund and the budget and proposal brought forward by The Phoenix.

Rodgers reminded everyone to save their questions and comments for the information item at the end we are only reviewing the meeting minutes at this time.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Budget

Waseem presented on the current state of the 2021-2022 budget process and informed the board of directors on the budget process. He reviewed the current status of the budget process and what information is still being gathered. Full budget presentation and adoption to be completed no later than July 31st 2021.

Kootenayoo thanked Waseem for the work done on the budget so far. Updated the board in

regards to some quotes still missing from budget, so still changes to be made before final presentation. Explained that the BCFS and most Student Unions are budgeting for a deficit this year.

Desjarlais commented that it would be beneficial to run a larger deficit this year.

Smailes reminded everyone that budget is not going to be approved at this meeting.

Waseem and Kootenayoo encouraged all members to bring any ideas that would require additional spending forward before the budget deadline.

There was a brief interruption to the meeting between 13:58 and 14:07 due to a technical issue. Kootenayoo left the meeting at 14:07.

6. OLD BUSINESS

21/07/12.10

Khera/Desjarlais

Whereas the government of British Columbia has moved into Phase 3 of the Covid-19 Phase In Plan for in-person gatherings,

Be it resolved that Student Associations shall hold their meetings, events, and gatherings virtually, remotely or in person, off campus using recommended provincial safe practices with prior approval from the Membership Outreach Coordinator by using the Student Association Off-Campus Event Application Request Form, and

Be it further resolved that unapproved Student Association in-person meetings, events, or gatherings shall result in probation at the discretion of the Membership Outreach Coordinator and Vice-President Internal, and

Be it further resolved those expenses from unauthorized in-person Student Association meetings, events, and gatherings shall be ineligible for reimbursement.

Carried

Khera motivated the motion with background information about when and why in person events were banned.

Desjarlais questioned the timeline of changes

Khera clarified that changes would take effect immediately and that changes may need to be made going forward as BC Provincial restrictions change.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 SUO Media Fund

Pashelka explained the media fund, the collection of funds, and the intended purpose of the media fun. Pashelka presented The Phoenix proposal and budget on their behalf.

Kootenayoo questioned why The Phoenix was not in attendance to present their own budget and proposal. Pashelka will forward all documentation from The Phoenix to Kootenayoo to be sent to directors.

Rogers reviewed the history of the media fund committee from 2020-2021 to give context to members.

A fulsome discussion around the proposal and budget presentation followed the presentation, with many ideas brought forward for consideration.

Smailes informed everyone that the Media Fund is a part of the annual fee letter to UBC and it has already been approved for the 2021-2022 academic year, so it needs to be spent on media.

Pashelka suggested the creation of a working group with members from The Phoenix to resolve concerns before their budget and proposal will be approved. Pashelka will reach out to members of The Phoenix to being building a working group.

7.2 Next Board Meeting Date

The next board meeting will be held July 26, 2021.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 14:48PM.