

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

UBC Students' Union Okanagan

Emergency Executive Committee Meeting, September 8, 2020, UNC 105

Meeting called to order at 12:50

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

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager..... Lori Stevenson
Advocacy & Governance Coordinator..... Sarah Furgason

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. INFORMATION ITEMS

2.1 Discussion of Indigenous Student Council Open Letter

Poostizadeh gave an overview of the points made in the open letter from the Indigenous Student Council. He asked for feedback from Executive Directors on potential recommendations for the board.

Furgason asked about the Resource Centre Orientation and what discussions have happened up to this point.

Kootenayoo provided information about meetings held with the Resource Centres so far this year.

Poostizadeh said that it is a good thing that we have learned about the concerns and issues that have been brought forward. He asked how we can respond to the concerns.

Furgason asked if the current model is best serving our members and suggested taking another look at the resource centre model.

Kootenayoo talked about how excited the resource centre coordinators

are that we now have regulations with clear expectations; the coordinators are looking forward to implementing their plans this year. Furgason asked if there was any reason that the concerns expressed in the ISC letter cannot be addressed.

Poostizadeh said he believed that they could.

Dotto reminded all that the Future Plan was adopted by the board and the responsibility for it belongs to the board and not one individual. She liked the idea of reconsidering the Resource Centre model.

Poostizadeh said he wanted to ensure that all students are supported regardless of their background.

Stevenson said that she would like to see a model with a more holistic approach that considers the importance of intersectionality.

Kootenayoo reminded everyone that merely addressing the concerns brought forward is not enough; we must go beyond fixing problems and look to furthering indigenization of our organization.

Furgason suggested that next steps could be reaching out to the ISC with a meeting request and taking their recommendations to the board.

Stevenson thought it was a good year to consider potential changes to the Resource Centres, as we will not be running operations this year as we normally do.

Wahab wanted to make sure we communicate with Resource Centres about their finances.

Kootenayoo mentioned that in some research she reviewed, there was a consultation process outlined and she recommended that any changes should be the result of proper consultation with our members.

Poostizadeh outlined action items: to meet with the ISC and to bring their list of concerns to the board of directors.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 13:30