

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

UBC Students' Union Okanagan
Executive Committee Meeting, May 25, 2021, Virtual Call

Meeting called to order at 11:07

Committee Members Present

President (meeting chair)

Vice-President External

Vice-President Finance & Operations

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Campus Life

Tashia Kootenayoo

Ahmed Ahmed

Muhammad Waseem

Shiven Vinod Khera

Jakson Pashelka

Staff Present

General Manager

Advocacy & Governance Coordinator

Front Desk/Reception

Lori Stevenson

Sarah Furgason

Rachel Fortin

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

21/05/21.01

Waseem/Vinod Khera

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Health & Dental Plan Programming

Fortin gave a presentation on a possible addition to Health & Dental programming, providing info sessions for incoming students during the late summer and early fall.

Directors discussed the initiative and agreed it would help inform new students about the Health & Dental Plan.

Waseem added that there could be additional ways to promote the Plan to students.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Fusion Lease

Stevenson provided an update on the Fusion lease.

Waseem suggested a review process for the leased businesses, where students would be able to give feedback on the food services.

Furgason asked if there were concerns that students might be motivated to give feedback based on a negative experience.

Waseem agreed it was a possibility but said if there were negative surveys the SUO wants to know about them and that the businesses would be motivated to encourage students to provide a positive review.

Stevenson suggested the feedback could be collected via the Student Experience Survey.

Waseem reminded committee members that the new meal plan will impact SUO revenues and that it is important to ensure decisions are being made with that in mind.

Stevenson asked if directors were comfortable removing the clause in the lease that does not allow for a renewal.

Committee members agreed that the clause could be removed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Strategic Plan

Stevenson reminded everyone about the upcoming strategic planning session.

6.2 Vaccine Promotion

The SUO has received a request to promote vaccine awareness and asked if any directors were opposed to such promotion. All agreed to promote vaccine awareness.

6.3 Student-at-Large Appointments

Kootenayoo provided information about the student-at-large appointments.

Waseem suggested sending students a questionnaire rather than holding interviews. Directors thought a questionnaire would be suitable.

Stevenson will reach out to directors-at-large to ask for assistance with the student-at-large committee appointments.

6.4 UBC Committees

Kootenayoo suggested a process for how to respond to requests from UBC for committee appointments.

Furgason suggested that requests for committee appointments should be posted in the slack channel and finalized by motion at the next board meeting. Kootenayoo added that some committee appointments will fall under a specific portfolio and those executive committee members will be reached out to first. All agreed.

6.5 SUO Business Screens

Stevenson asked for feedback on the current plan to add a screen to the exterior of the Well Pub, facing the main seating area in UNC. Directors decided to proceed as planned.

6.6 Indigenous Peoples Day

Indigenous Peoples Day takes place on June 21st. Kootenayoo suggested that the SUO make the day a holiday.

Furgason suggested that students and staff could be encouraged to take time to learn about indigenous-created stories and media; further, the organization could facilitate a discussion following the holiday to hear what staff and students took from the day.

Stevenson reminded everyone that the "Pulling Together" training is in the process of being scheduled.

Directors were in support of the initiative.

21/05/25.02

Be it resolved the meeting be moved in camera.

Ahmed/Vinod Khera

Carried

Meeting moved in camera at 12:09

Meeting moved ex camera 12:33

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:34