

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Board of Directors Meeting, August 23, 2021, Virtual Call

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Meeting called to order at 13:04

## Directors Present

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

## Directors on Leave

Director at Large	Cade Desjarlais
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## Directors Absent

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

## Staff Present

Advocacy & Governance Coordinator	Sarah Furgason
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**

21/08/23.01

Khera/Ahmed

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

21/08/23.02

Waseem/Ahmed

Be it resolved that a leave of absence be approved for Cade Desjarlais from August 15 to September 20, 2021, inclusive.

Carried

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

21/08/23.03

Ahmed/Khera

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held August 9, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

## **4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

21/08/23.04

McGrail/Khera

Be it resolved that the Executive Reports be adopted as attached.

Carried

## **5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Executive Committee**

21/08/23.05

Ahmed/Khera

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 6, 10, and 17, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

### **5.2 Finance Committee**

21/08/23.06

Waseem/Khera

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 18, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

**5.3 Policy Committee**

21/08/23.07

Khera/Leung

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 12, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

**5.4 Campus Life Committee**

**5.5 Campaigns Committee**

**5.6 Oversight Committee**

21/08/23.08

Rogers/Khera

Be it resolved that Priscilla Uribe be appointed to the Oversight Committee.

Carried

**5.7 Graduate Student Committee**

21/08/23.09

Ganesh/Ahmed

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held July 20, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

21/08/23.10

Ganesh/Waseem

Be it resolved that Graduate Student Committee honoraria be disbursed as follows:

Name	July 30 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	Honoraria
Anne Claret	Present	\$50
Rina Garcia	Present	\$50
Nibirh Jawad	Present	\$50
Maya Pilin	Absent	\$0
Ben Wiltshire	Present	\$50

Carried

**6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

**6.1 Board of Governors**

**6.2 Senate**

**6.3 Other University Committees**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 Annual General Meeting**

21/08/23.11

Rogers/Khera

Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting be held November 24, 2021.

Carried

## 8. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 8.1 Return to Campus

Kootenayoo said that Faculty Representatives and Executive Committee members have been meeting with Faculty and the University to advocate for student access to instruction.

Kootenayoo led a discussion on the possibility of taking a stand on mandatory vaccinations, and what the possible implications could be for SUO staffing.

Waseem was in favour of mandatory vaccination, noting Santa Ono has said publicly he is in favour of mandatory vaccinations.

Rogers was in favour, with the caveat that there be mandatory testing available if students, staff, and faculty do not want to disclose their vaccination status.

21/08/23.12

Rogers/Khera

Be it resolved that the SUO undertake a public-facing campaign advocating for mandatory vaccinations.

Carried

The board reached a consensus that advocacy work should primarily focus on education and agreed a regular testing option should be available for students/staff/faculty that cannot be vaccinated or do not wish to disclose vaccination status.

Ganesh added that graduate students are at a higher risk since they are required to be in-person to deliver instruction, and extra precautions are necessary to keep them safe. TAs should be given some discretion over how instruction is delivered. She also noted the different vaccines that are available in other countries, that are not currently approved in Canada.

Waseem said that the Finance Committee has been working on how to support vaccinations on campus. He has met with Dale Mullings, AVP Students to discuss the matter. The University has requested that the SUO fund half of the cost of the initiative; he has confirmed that the funds can be taken from the Student Health and Dental Plan reserves.

21/08/23.13

Waseem/Khera

Be it resolved that up to \$20,000 from the Health and Dental Fund reserve be allocated to the Covid-19 Student Initiative.

Carried

Waseem provided information about the initiative and how it will work.

Directors discussed additional concerns around the return to campus. There are still concerns around how students who cannot get into the country will access in-person instruction.

Rogers said he is in favour of meeting with the Union to see how mandatory vaccination could work for SUO staff members. Directors reached a consensus that the issue be referred to the Executive Committee.

Ganesh was in favour of mandatory vaccination for SUO staff, considering how many students may come in contact with staff members throughout the day.

Waseem agreed and noted that both part-time and full-time staff should be included.

### **8.2 Communications Coordinator**

Khera brought forward a discussion on the hiring of the Communications Coordinator.

Waseem added that the role will be responsible for external communications and media relations. The responsibilities for the position are being finalized.

Rogers added that the previous board had made the decision to hire the position but that the incoming General Manager will oversee the hiring process.

### **8.3 Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

Furgason led a discussion on the TRC and the purpose of reviewing the 94 calls to action.

### **8.4 Next Board Meeting Date**

The next board meeting will be scheduled when fall semester schedules have been received by the chair.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 14:25