

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Board of Directors Meeting, October 27, 2021, UNC 334

Meeting called to order at 18:10

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
Director at Large	Cade Desjarlais
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Lindsay McGrail
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Laavanya Prakash
Graduate Studies Representative	Kirthana Ganesh
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 Absent

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

Staff Present

GreenText & More Bookstore Manager	Shauna-Lee Hildred
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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

21/10/27.01

Rogers/Khera

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted with NEW BUSINESS moved to the top of the agenda.

Carried

3. NEW BUSINESS

21/10/27.02

Waseem/Khera

Be it resolved that the Pakistani Students Association be funded \$2500.

Waseem motivated the motion and stated that the Pakistani Student Association has been active throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and has continued to engage students. They have many events planned for the year and this funding request would cover both 2021-2022 academic semesters. Waseem also stated that to avoid any conflicts of interest as a Pakistani student, Khera took the meeting with the Pakistani Student Association.

Carried

21/10/27.03

Waseem/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the Sex Positivity club be funded \$2500.

Waseem motivated the motion and noted that the Sex Positivity Club has already hosted sold out events and has more events planned for the semester. The Sex Positivity Club engages a lot of students on campus and works with other UBCO departments and SUO student associations.

McGrail arrived at 18:21

Kootenayoo would like to confirm that we are not double funding any events that include other SUO student associations by funding the Sex Positivity Club and another student association for the same event.

Waseem mentioned that they have 6 or 7 events planned, but were not sure if any were being double funded at this time.

Desjarlais asked about the process for funding which was explained by Waseem.

Carried

21/10/27.04

Waseem/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the Games Club be funded \$2500.

Waseem motivated and noted that the Games Club executives were all engaged in the funding process and that all the executives attending the funding meeting. The Games Club has many events planned and has had continued growth in membership. They were very active during the Covid-19 pandemic and are able to offer a variety of events for all students.

Carried

21/10/27.05

Waseem/Khera

Be it resolved that the Computer Science Course Union be funded \$2800.

Waseem motivated and spoke about the variety of events that CSCU has planned for the year, including a conference and career opportunities for students. They are one of the few student associations on campus that helps foster career opportunities for their members as well as they are experiencing a lot of growth.

Desjarlais expressed concern about funding expectations going forward.

Waseem confirmed that the funding was for term 1 only at this time and that the SUO plans to work with the CSCU to get sponsorships and funding going forward as well as help with the planning of their planned conference.

Kootenayoo wanted to know what the cap on funding requests was for the year and the account balance of the CSCU.

Waseem and Khera discussed the regulations around funding to answer various questions. Confirmed that at the beginning of the semester that CSCU had around \$5000 in their account, however have hosted events and been required to put deposits down for second semester events.

Slonowski confirmed that we not funding students to attend a conference, but helping the CSCU host a conference.

Ahmed spoke in favor of the motion, mentioned that the CSCU is a successful course union that benefits the students directly.

Waseem motioned the call to question. It was seconded by Desjarlais. The motion was carried.

21/10/27.05 Motion carried.

21/10/27.06

Waseem/Khera

Be it resolved that Beats UBCO be funded \$4000.

Waseem motivated and said that Beats UBCO is a student association that competes on an international level. Waseem further explained how well Beats UBCO is managed and that their funding application was completed at a very high level. Beats UBCO does a lot of events and fundraising on their own to compete, and their events are well attended.

Kootenayoo questioned why we were approving funding for more than the student association requested.

Waseem confirmed that this was their total funding request for the year and the

committee felt that it made more sense to request their full funding request for the year at once instead of once per semester.

Khera confirmed that Beats UBCO had requested \$2000/semester and that the committee agreed to fulfill their funding at once.

McGrail spoke in favor as their events are very well run and attended. They are also one of our student associations that has beat UBC Vancouver in competition.

Desjarlais spoke in favor.

Desjarlais motioned to call the question. McGrail seconded. Motion was carried.

21/10/27.06 Motion carried.

21/10/27.07

Waseem/Khera

Be it resolved that Age Link be funded \$2600.

Waseem motivated and said that they were an active student association throughout the Covid 19 pandemic. Age Link is a community driven student association that brings together students and senior citizens, often over meals. They do a lot of community outreach and their events are very positive.

Rogers spoke in favor, "Old people are dope".

Carried.

Waseem left at 18:49

4. OLD BUSINESS

21/10/27.08

McGrail/Rogers

Whereas the 2020-2021 Board of Directors established an ad-hoc Resource Center Advisory Committee tasked with the following mandate in response to student concerns on SUO accountability to fair, equitable and adequate support for their Resource Centers:

1. To re-evaluate the Resource Centre spaces and structures;
2. To consult with the Equity and Inclusion Office on the space and needs of our members;
3. To make recommendations on the creation of a new Resource Center Structure;
4. To conduct an environmental scan of the processes and consultation feedback to demonstrate areas of improvement etc., and

Whereas the recommendations set forth by the Resource Center advisory committee in their report was adopted by the 2020-2021 Board of Directors, and

Whereas the 2021-2022 Board of Directors has a responsibility to continue actively addressing and implementing these recommendations,

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors ratify the attached implementation plan, and

Be it further resolved that any applications for new resource centers be tabled until at least phase three of the plan has been adequately completed as deemed by two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors.

McGrail motivated and encouraged all directors to read the recommendations in full to

ensure a proper understanding. McGrail read out the purpose of the Resource Center Advisory Committee Recommendation Implementation Plan.

Waseem rejoined meeting at 18:52

McGrail explains that it is the duty of the board of directors to continue actively addressing and implementing the recommendations of this plan.

Desjarlais expressed that there needs to be a better process for ratifying student associations, including more time and discussion moving forward. Desjarlais also brought forward a concern specifically around the wording for the lgbtqia2s+ students and felt that those students were not adequately represented in the plan.

Desjarlais motioned to table to discussion to a future board meeting. Seconded by Pashelka.

Rogers did not feel that it was a good practice to continue to table and delay motions at multiple board meetings. Rogers felt like there was still time left in the meeting where some discussion could be help before tabling again.

McGrail reminded all that the Resource Center Advisory Committee did consult with a very robust group that included the resource center leadership (Pride Resource Center, Women's Resource Center, Peer Support Network, and the Indigenous Student council *now renamed the Indigenous Peoples Collective*) as well as the Equity and Inclusion Office and we are not tokenizing any of the marginalized group outlined in the implementation plan.

Desjarlais said that they understand the concerns about tabling the motion for a second meeting, they felt that there was not enough time between meetings.

Waseem mentioned that he has a letter in his inbox from the Pride Resource Center that needs consideration.

Waseem motioned to call the question. It was seconded by Desjarlais.

Motion to table discussion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 19:00.