

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students Board
of Directors Meeting, November 17, 2021 – UNC 334

Meeting called to order at 18:09

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	Priscilla Uribe - zoom
Director at Large	Kai Rogers
Director at Large	Cade Desjarlais
Faculty of Arts & Science Representative (Arts)	Megan Johnston - zoom
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Laavana Prakash
Graduate Studies Representative	Kirthana Ganesh - zoom
Faculty of Arts & Science Representative (Science)	Leoul Woldermariam
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Sam Diab
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Grace Halpin
Faculty of Education Representative	Vacant
Director at Large	Jaanvi Shah
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Shola Fashanu
Senate Caucus Student Representative (ex-officio)	Dylan Rogers - zoom

Directors Absent

Faculty of Management Representative	Josie Leung
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Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Administrative Assistant	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 AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

21/11/17.01

Waseem/Rogers

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

21/11/17.02

Desjarlais/Khera

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 25th, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

Ahmed/Waseem

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 27th, 2021 be adopted

Carried

Desjarlais/Ahmed

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 3rd, 2021 be adopted

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Student Association Funding Report

5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Executive Committee

21/11/17.05

Ahmed/Khera

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 2nd, 2021 be adopted

Carried

21/11/17.06

Waseem/Ahmed

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 16th, 2021 be adopted

Carried

6.2 Finance Committee

6.3 Policy Committee

21/11/17.07

Khera/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 4th, 2021 be adopted

Carried

6.4 Campus Life Committee

6.5 Campaigns Committee

6.6 Oversight Committee

21/11/17.08

Rogers/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 26th, 2021 be adopted

Carried

21/11/17.09

Rogers/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 15th, 2021 be adopted

Carried

21/11/17.10

Rogers Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the September Executives review report be approved as adopted.

Carried

6.7 Electoral Committee

21/11/17.11

Saini/Ahmed

Be it resolved that the Chief Returning Officer's 2021 By-Election report be approved and adopted

Carried

Desjarlais said that 10% should not be seen as an acceptable turn out rate even though there has been growth in the number of students voting.

Waseem mentioned that content is important and that leaders of the unions need to engage in more in-depth discussions with the CRO regarding student participation

Ahmed suggested that while this is a good idea, turnout still isn't good enough and a solution needs to be found

Kootenayoo feels that having hired a communications coordinator will likely aid with this ongoing issue.

Evans suggested a "set budget" for elections would be beneficial as in previous years this has not been a priority. We should revise our strategies with the electoral committee. This will be a work in progress and more needs to be spent on elections. Current budge stands at \$500.00

Kootenayoo mentioned executives' roles need to be made clearer to our student body

Desjarlais stated that 10.3% of all eligible voters voted and that this is not sufficient. There is confusion surrounding the lack of voting. The questions were raised on how we can represent students who haven't voted given we don't know what they want

Rogers thinks the small number of voters represents a symptom rather than a problem. Students likely don't care about the Union due to the fact that we can't be taken seriously. Steps will need to be made to be taken more seriously. This will be a process

Waseem suggested we are doing a poor job at engaging 1st and 2nd year students. Sending faculty representatives to class was brought up as a possible solution to this issue

6.8 Graduate Students Committee

21/11/17.12

Ganesh/Waseem

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held October 22nd, 2021 be adopted

Carried

21/11/17.13

Ganesh/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held November 5th, 2021 be adopted

Carried

21/11/17.14

Ganesh/Waseem

Be it resolved that the Graduate Student Committee October honorarium be disbursed as follows:

Nibirh Jawad	100%
Rina Chua	50%
Anne Claret	50%
Vikas Kumar	50%
Emily Comeau	50%

Carried

7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

7.1 Board of Governors

7.2 Senate

Nothing to report. Will reconvene on 11/25/2021

7.3 Other University Committees

8. NEW BUSINESS

21/11/17.15

Khera/Waseem

Be it resolved that the following student associations be ratified:

Cultural studies course union

Date science club

Turkish student association

Carried

21/11/17.16

Kootenayoo/Rogers

Whereas the UBC administration is requesting an official letter be provided from the Students' Union of UBC Okanagan outlining key areas for funding allocations, be it resolved that the Board of Directors task the Executive with drafting and sending a letter with the following areas of focus

1. Equity initiatives such as but not limited to Black Resource Centre, International Student Support.
2. Student Wellness such as but not limited to full-time physician and counselling support
3. Improving off-campus housing program

Carried

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

Task force is looking into the tuition fee increase. Where is the tuition increase going?

Academic Advising needs to be expanded, not enough advisors available, not enough resources to meet with increase in student population

Meet with the DVC Monday

Need to change UBC'S expectations of the SUO in relation to the amount of funding we contribute to UBC initiatives. For example, building initiatives

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 19:18