

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, January 20th, 2022, Virtual

18:07 Call to Order

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	Cade Desjarlais
Director at Large	Kai Rogers
Director at Large	Priscilla Uribe
Director at Large	Jaanvi Shah
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Laavanya Prakash
Graduate Studies Representative	Kirthana Ganesh
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Megan Johnston
Faculty of Management Representative	Josie Leung
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Grace Halpin
Faculty of Science Representative	Leoul Woldemariam
Faculty of Education Representative	Serena Slonowski
Senate Caucus Student Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Dylan Rogers

Directors Absent

Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Sam Diab
Board of Governors Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Shola Fashanu

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
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Members Present

Chief Returning Officer	Noah Saini
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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

22/01/20.01

Ahmed/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/01/20.02

Ahmed/Desjarlais

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

Carried

Shah arrived at 18:09

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 RBC

Due to technical issues the RBC representative was unable to connect to the zoom call. As such the presentation was moved until the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

22/01/20.03

Rogers/Pashelka

Be it resolved that the amendments to the regulations be adopted as attached and presented.

Rogers motivated the Finance, Elections and Oversight committee amendments.

Khera spoke opposed to the motion and noted these regulations were not considered by the Policy Committee.

Rogers countered the Policy Committee was recommending the regulations.

Kootenayoo interjected with a Point of Information for the Board, clarifying the Policy Committee reviewed the amendments in their last meeting and failed to come to a consensus on recommendation due to lack of quorum and was requesting the Board review the regulations.

Ahmed spoke against the regulations as they were not recommended by the Policy Committee.

Desjarlais argued if these regulations should be considered all together as there were numerous significant amendment proposals.

Kootenayoo asked the Board if Directors would prefer the Elections regulations be considered separately.

22/01/20.04

Ganesh/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the Elections regulation amendments be considered separately from the proposed policy changes.

Rogers provided a presentation on the regulation amendments.

Ganesh noted Rogers presentation clarified issue of what changes were being proposed.

Not Carried

The discussion returned to motion three (3).

The motion was not carried.

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7.1 Executive Committee

7.2 Finance Committee

22/01/20.05

Waseem/ Desjarlais

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

Carried

22/01/20.06

Waseem/Rogers

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held January 13th, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

22/01/20.07

Waseem/Khera

Whereas the Finance Committee reviewed the per diem for directors under the conferences and travel section of the regulations and recommended the following changes:

Breakfast per diem to Eighteen dollars (\$18 CAD)

Lunch per diem to Twenty dollars (\$20 CAD)

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors amend the regulation references to per diem to reflect this change.

Waseem motivated the Finance committee discussion on per diems, noting these amounts were reflective of cost three (3) years ago. He explained the Finance committee was asked to review all meal per diems and decided upon the amended amounts to account for inflation.

Carried

7.3 Policy Committee

7.4 Campus Life Committee

7.5 Campaigns Committee

7.6 Oversight Committee

7.7 Graduate Student Committee

7.8 Electoral Committee

22/01/20.08

Ahmed/Pashelka

Be it resolved that Abdullah Abusamak be appointed Deputy Chief Returning officer.

Saini motivated the process for recruitment and the candidates' qualifications for the role.

Carried

8. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

8.1 Board of Governors

8.2 Senate

8.3 Other University Committees

9. NEW BUSINESS

22/01/20.09

Rogers/Kootenayoo

Whereas the budget for reimbursing clubs and course unions that purchase "climate-friendly food" has not been utilized, and whereas more than fifty percent (50%) of the academic year has passed and on-campus events are extremely limited,

and whereas Covid-19 continues to be a significant negative impact on the lives of our members,

Be it resolved that twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from the "climate-friendly food reimbursement" budget line be reallocated to The Pantry to assist in feeding students in need.

Waseem spoke to concerns of regulation and the motion being order and requested the motion be moved to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

Kootenayoo agreed and requested census from the Board of Directors.

Directors were in agreement and motion eight (8) was forwarded to the Executive committee for consideration and review.

Not carried.

22/01/20.10

Ahmed/Kootenayoo

Whereas VP External and President have drafted a letter to the UBC Okanagan Senate through the Student senate caucus requesting they put forward an advanced motion requesting the extension of the add/drop deadline without penalty and with full course refunds and a pause of financial holds until February 7th, 2022.

Be it resolved the Board of Directors approve the drafted letter as presented to be formally sent to the UBC Okanagan Senate and Student Senate Caucus.

Ahmed motivated to the Board, explaining that the Vancouver campus Senate had successfully passed a motion extending the drop/withdrawal deadline. He spoke to the urgency to pass and send this letter through the ex-officio SUO Senate representative to the Caucus.

Kootenayoo added the letter would be circulated on our socials as well.

Dylan Rogers, the Student Senate representative prefaced that the agenda committee for the Okanagan senate had already conveyed for the up-coming meeting. He explained that agenda itself had yet to be circulated and would follow up with relevant senate members to inquire on the plausibility of the motion for consideration.

Kootenayoo and Ahmed thanked Rogers for his willingness to bring the motion forward on behalf of students' on the Okanagan campus.

Carried

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Pause on In-Person Learning

Desjarlais detailed the students concerns with the University response to Covid-19 and pause of in-person learning. He noted that the tuition engagement was not well-timed as it was asks students to pay more money for less access to education.

Ahmed overviewed the Executive committees' advocacy efforts to administration prior to January, discussing their request that UBC provide advance communication to students if they foresaw changes to the January in-person planning. He also shared the efforts to address student concerns on tuition and affordability since June.

10.2 January Executive Reports

Rogers provided an update to the Board that the Oversight Committee had begun the Trimester Executive review process. He explained an on-going issue with late report submissions on behalf of the Executives, noting that only four(4) of five trimester reports had been submitted with one (1) being insufficient in its' completion. Rogers sought consultation from the Board of Directors, on providing feedback to the review and reporting process to ensure accountability for Executive Directors.

Waseem asked questions about the goal review reports and spoke to the effort and time he placed into his trimester report.

Rogers noted Waseem was not the Executive in question. However, this discussion was not based on one example but a reoccurring theme of Executive directors failing to submit timely or adequate reports. He reemphasized that these reports were established for ensuring accountability to the membership. Again, Rogers requested feedback from the Board on the process.

Waseem suggested that the process should be more centered on improving performance than providing disciplinary action for failure to submit reports or review documents.

Kootenayoo encouraged the Board of Directors to engage with the review of the Executive reporting. She explained these timesheets, reports and reviews have been a topic of discussion for the last three (3) years but clearly there was a need to continue to revise this process.

Rogers explained that he has sought the feedback of the Executive committee members without response.

Waseem added he desired a meeting between the Executive and Oversight Committee.

Ahmed motioned for adjournment as the meeting was exceeding time.

22/01/20.11

Ahmed/Kootenayoo

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 20:10