

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Meeting, May 25th, 2022, Zoom

Called to order at 13:03

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)

Vice-President External

Vice President Finance and Administration

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Campus Life

Jakson Pashelka

Cade Desjarlais

Vrushank Kekre

Dhruv Bihani

Danial Asif

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager

Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans

Bri Fedourk

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 is important to understand the privilege we hold to be living, working, and learning on Syilx territory.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

22/05/10.01

Bihani/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Desjarlais wanted to add an amendment and forgot to send it in. Lobbying the university on our cut of flex dollars and having a conversation about what our role is, whether this is something we want to pursue.

All those in favour

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/05/10.02

Kekre/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held May 11th, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7.1 Executive Committee

7.2 Finance Committee

7.3 Policy Committee

7.4 Campus Life Committee

7.5 Campaigns Committee

7.6 Oversight Committee

7.7 Graduate Student Committee

8. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

8.1 Board of Governors

8.2 Senate

8.3 Other University Committees

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Food options for students on campus

Students are pigeon-holed into eating only at the dining hall, but flex dollars introduced 300 dollars. That is not very much, and it is on top of the fifty-five hundred (5500) that the students already pay. Negotiating with the university about increasing the amount of flex dollars is something we should be interested in pursuing.

Bihani this is not just going to help the students, but also increase the well sales. If more flex dollars are available, the students who do not leave campus may use this for student union benefit.

Evans stated that the discussion was started last year, there is a new director of food services who is a wealth of knowledge were you to reach out to him. They were planning on increasing it. To get the team up to date we can arrange a meeting with Gary in June to gather the information for moving forward.

Desjarlais agreed. If this is of interest to people, there are definitely areas I have not been privy to, or what discussions are in progress, if we could be kept up to date with what the prognosis is, we can go from there to see who takes the lead with it, and whether we need to pressure the university more. We have to take into account that food costs exit, and maybe asking for half is a little much, but it should be discussed.

Kekre I agree as well. Are we able to look into other areas on campus and whether we are able to lobby for them, any thoughts?

Desjarlais replied that there is not a lot to do on our end, but we could look into something we could do before the semester start. It appears the last board let the attempts to increase our food options on campus fall to the wayside.

Asif stated that a lot of students complain about the times that the businesses close, as this lines up with the times that students get out from their classes. I wanted to speak with Mike about opening the well later, as this is something that the students want.

Pashelka wanted to speak with Gary, so that the next person who takes the position is on top of it, and the transition is smooth and timely.

Evans replied that he can ask Sarah to set a meeting with food services and we can take it from there.

Kekre states that he agrees and fully supports. He would like to participate as well. Another thing that I wanted to touch on was can we increase our vending machines around us in the UNC. Vancouver has this on their campus, including a salad making machine.

Pashelka states that it sounds like we are all on board.

Evans responded that the university has sole responsibility for vending machines on campus, it is part of their food services thing. It may be worth bringing up to Gary in the meeting.

Bihani wanted to answer Dania's question, we should gather more information before

proceeding.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

11.1 Review the previous year's budget line and review the yearlong plan of the executive committee

Vrushank wanted to touch base with everyone today about last year's budget sheets. Yesterday he had a meeting with Leanne, and she highlighted that in many places we assigned a large amount of money, and it remained untouched. There was not enough initial planning for how we wanted to proceed throughout the year. If the students know this, they will question our ability to provide back for them. This year, we should have a detailed plan for how to execute the plans we put forward, and if a plan does not work or falls through, what is our backup plan? What do we do if these things cannot happen for whatever reason. A set of initial plans and a set of alternative plans would make it easier for us to put in the numbers, and we will not repeat last year's mistake. We would like to have a deadline of May 31st of this year.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 13:26