

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, July 11th, 2022, UNC 105 & Zoom

Called to order at 18:07

Directors Present

President (chair)	Jakson Pashelka
Vice-President External	Cade Desjarlais
Vice President Finance and Administration	Vrushank Kekre
Vice-President Internal	Dhruv Bihani
Vice-President Campus Life	Danial Asif
Director at Large	Berat Celik
Director at Large	Spandan Ghevriya
Graduate Studies Representative	Kirthana Ganesh
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Akshata Pathak
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Kyle Rogers
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Hanna Donaldson
Faculty of Education Representative	Lindsay McGrail
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Grace Halpin
Faculty of Management Representative	Jes Mindi
Faculty of Science Representative	Maziar Martin Panah
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Saami Hafeez

Directors Absent

Director at Large	Aryam Dwivedi
Director at Large	Megan Johnston
Board of Governors (ex-officio)	Tashia Kootenayoo

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator	Bri Fedoruk
Well Manager	Michael Ouellet
Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes

Guests

Integrative Evaluation of Teaching Committee	Andrea Webb
Integrative Evaluation of Teaching Committee	Tanya Foneris

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

22/07/11.01

Bihani/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

22/07/11.02

Desjarlais /Bihani

Desjarlais moved to amend the agenda by striking the motion 22/07/11.26 from Campaigns Committee Business and adding it to New Business.

Carried

22/07/11.03

Ganesh/Mindi

Ganesh moved to amend the agenda by striking items 11.1 and 11.2 from Discussion Items and moving them to Information Items.

Carried

22/07/11.04

Ganesh/Bihani

Ganesh moved to amend the agenda by striking the motion 22/07/11.28 from the agenda.

Carried as adopted.

Kootenayoo arrived at 18:17

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/07/11.05

Matin Panah/Asif

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held June 9th, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

Kootenayoo left at 18:23

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1** Positive Space committee: Seeking volunteers to plan for Queer Orientation, possible funding support from the SUO, talk about the Positive Space: Foundations Course <https://wpl.ubc.ca/browse/equity-and-inclusion/courses/wpl-eio-psfnd>

Ganesh updated the Board on the course offered for TAs, and she suggested that this

course be a good resource. They are also looking for future volunteers for events.

4.2 Update about GSC BBQ event

Ganesh updated on the GSC BBQ event. There were one hundred (100) students registered, and one hundred and fifty (150) students showed up. All grad students. Food was finished, and extra food was needed from the Well. It was a success. The outreach on the rights of Union workers as students went over well and was appreciated by students.

4.3 Discipline for academic misconduct

<https://www.calendar.ubc.ca/Okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,959>

Pashelka updated the committee on representation and fairness regarding remote learning on campus. Mullings and Pashelka are working together to create a support group for students.

Webb arrived at 18:32

Hafeez arrived at 18:36

Foneris arrived at 18:37

4.4 Discipline for non-academic misconduct

<https://www.calendar.ubc.ca/Okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,54,1030,0>

4.5 Disciplinary appeal procedures

(<https://senate.ubc.ca/okanagan/rules/discipline/>)

4.6 Policy Abstract page: <https://senate.ubc.ca/okanagan/policies/>

4.7 Academic Concession Policy

Hafeez updated the Board on the key policies that affect students, and showed the board where to find the information.

- UBCV Academic Concession page
<https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/academic-learning-resources/academic-concessions>
- UBCV Policy
<https://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,329,0,0>
- UBCO Policy <https://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/?tree=3,48,0,0>

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Integrative Evaluation of Teaching

Webb shared her presentation with the Board. This is an initiative being taken on by both campuses, the Vancouver and the Okanagan. There should be a scholarly and integrative approach to the evaluation of teaching. The Committee is looking to clarify the definition of what they are evaluating, the principles and values that form the foundation of effective teaching at UBC, the elements of the new policy, and the ensuring of the implementation and carry out of that policy.

Foneris added that they really value student input. It helps shape the culture and student experience of those on campus, and what ways students want to be involved in changing teaching evaluation policy.

Ganesh wondered if their work includes Graduate students? Grad students fall in between teacher and student.

Webb stated that this project is concerned with making the evaluation of teaching a much more holistic process.

Desjarlais wanted to know if this is a measurement of the ability of the professors to teach their courses from the students?

Webb replied, yes, this has been a yearly occurrence. The student experience of instruction is a piece of the feedback, but have been trying to attempt a more holistic approach by including peer review, an instructor's own teaching philosophy statement, and other methods, so that not just one or two methods are being used.

Desjarlais wanted to know if the information they take in is kept in a file attached to that staff member, and what will happen for the short term? Things that happen during the term?

Forneris replied that things that happen during the term should be brought up during the term that it happened and dealt with immediately, by the head of the unit, the head of the department, the dean, etc.

McGrail wanted to know about academic freedom within the classroom, and the legality of this?

Webb stated that academic freedom is more about the content of the instruction, rather than the style. They are aware that different disciplines have different methods of teaching.

Forneris added that there is differing opinions on what academic freedom is. The purpose of this policy is, that no matter what faculty, they would be getting evaluated the same way.

Desjarlais wanted to know that since this is an annual review, in the policy that you are looking at, does it speak about previous reports?

Webb stated that this is exactly why we are looking at this as an integrative report. This way there can be an outline of the professional approach and steps taken.

Ganesh wanted to know if we are reducing the weight of student voices if we are including more information from other sources?

Forneris replied that this was a good question. Feedback that we have gotten from our working groups is that we need to have a trained reviewer. Instructors get quite nervous of the peer review.

Ganesh wanted to know if they are including the feedback from Teaching Assistants for the professor they work for?

Forneris responded that this is a good point, and not yet.

5.2 Presentation of Final draft of Annual operating budget of 2022-23

Kekre presented the budget to the Board.

Ganesh added that she is excited about the change and addition to the Health and Dental plan.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Adoption of the Annual operating budget for 2022-2023

22/07/11.06

Kekre/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the annual operating budget for 2022-2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Smailes left at 18:44

Ouellet arrived at 18:45

6.2 Health and Wellness Initiatives

22/07/11.07

Desjarlais/Mindi

Desjarlais moved to amend that a gym pass subsidy and expenses related to food hub in student health and dental be added to the SH&D budget.

Carried

Evans left at 18:52

Kekre wanted to add a point that the Regulations in question are Regulation 11 clause 6 and 7. Based on these two clauses, we are moving forward on adding these initiatives to this budget line.

Halpin left at 19:01

Ouellet, Webb, and Foneris left at 19:05

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

8.1 Executive Committee

22/07/11.08

Bihani/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 15th, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/07/11.09

Asif/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 29th, 2022 be adopted.

Ganesh asked about the Ainsley Carrey meeting.

Pashelka updated on the in-camera meeting, things went well, seemed positive.

Carried

Celik left at 19:15

8.2 Finance Committee

22/07/11.10

Kekre/Asif

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 23rd, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/07/11.11

Kekre/Bihani

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 28th, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

8.3 Policy Committee

22/07/11.12

Bihani/Kekre

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held June 27th, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/07/11.13

Bihani/Kekre

Be it resolved that Siya Gupta and Aishwarya Manish be appointed as student-at-larges to the Policy Committee.

Carried

22/07/11.14

Bihani/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that:

Regulation 33 [Campus Life]: The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a) VP Campus Life;
- b) VP Internal;
- c) at least three (3) additional directors;
- d) a minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) students at large;
- e) Campus Health and Well-being Specialist; and
- f) Student Experience Office Representative

shall be changed to the following:

Regulation 33: The Committee Members shall consist of the:

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- b) VP Internal;
- c) at least three (3) additional directors;
- d) a minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) students at large;

by striking out the words "e) Campus Health and Well-being Specialist;" and "f) Student Experience Office Representative."

Carried

22/07/11.15

Bihani/Asif

Be it resolved that:

Regulation 62 [Policy Committee]: The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a) Vice President Internal;
- b) General Manager;
- c) At least two (2) additional Directors; and
- d) At least one (1) Student at Large.

shall be changed to the following:

Regulation 62: The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a) Vice President Internal;
- b) General Manager;
- c) At least two (2) additional Directors; and
- d) At least one (1) Student at Large.
- e) Governance Coordinator

by adding the words "e) Governance Coordinator."

Carried

22/07/11.16

Bihani/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that:

Regulation 17 [under Student Associations, or SA]: The following Items are considered ineligible for purchase and reimbursement with SUO funding:

- a) Capital purchases;
- b) alcohol and illegal substances;
- c) wages such as but not limited to staff expenses and honorariums;
- d) fundraising purposes such as but not limited to donations, activities, raffles or events that require a gaming license;
- e) direct contributions to external organizations activities, operations or fundraisers related to groups not registered under the SUO Student Associations policy;
- f) Off campus events held without prior approval through the Off-Campus Event Application request form; and/or
- g) Events not Insured through the SUO.

shall be changed to:

Regulation 17 [SA]: The following Items are considered ineligible for purchase and reimbursement with SUO funding:

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- d) fundraising purposes such as but not limited to donations, activities, raffles or events that require a gaming license;
- e) direct contributions to external organizations activities, operations or fundraisers related to groups not registered under the SUO Student Associations policy;
- f) off campus events held without prior approval through the Off-Campus Event Application request form; and/or
- g) events not Insured through the SUO.
- h) lottery tickets and raffle tickets

by adding the words "h) Lottery Tickets and raffle tickets," and by striking out the letters at the beginning of the sentence if they are capitalized, and replacing them with lowercase letters.

Carried

22/06/27.17

Bihani/Asif

Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after *Regulation 17* [SA]: Pre-paid gift cards are ineligible for reimbursement unless the receipts are submitted with an Expense Reimbursement Form and a Pre-Paid Gift Card Purchasing Record Form.

Carried

22/07/11.18

Bihani/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that:

Regulation 23 [SA]: A minimum of one (1) executive from each Student Associations must attend Student Association Orientation and the All Student Association meetings to retain active status. A Student Association which has been deemed inactive for a period of at least eighteen (18) months may be dissolved by the Board of Directors.

shall be changed by striking the "minimum of 2" and replacing it with the words "minimum of 1" and "18 months" changed to "12 months", and creating two regulations by splitting up the two sentences, such as:

Regulation 23 [SA]: A minimum of one (1) executive from each Student Associations must attend Student Association Orientation and the All Student Association meetings to retain active status.

Regulation 24 [SA]: A Student Association which has been deemed inactive for a period of at least twelve (12) months may be dissolved by the Board of Directors.

Carried

22/07/11.19

Bihani/Mindi

Be it resolved that:

Regulation 5 New Student Associations applications may only be submitted and ratified in the months of September, October, January and February.

shall be changed to:

Regulation 5 New Student Associations applications may only be submitted and ratified in the months of August, September, October, January and February.

by adding the word, "August," in between the words "of" and "September."

Ganesh added that August addition makes club making easier for Grad students as well.

Carried

Evans returned at 19:20

22/07/11.20

Bihani/Mindi

Be it resolved that:

Regulation 58 Every Course Union must run their annual election in liaison with the SUO and their online voting system or unless permission has been secured by the Membership Outreach Coordinator and the Vice President Internal.

be changed to:

Regulation 58 Every Course Union must run their annual election in liaison with the

SUO and their online voting system unless pre-approval has been secured by the Membership Outreach Coordinator and the Vice President Internal.

by striking out the word, "or," in between the words "system" and "unless," and replacing the word "permission" with "pre-approval."

Bihani motivated the motion.

Asif asked if this is only for course unions, or for clubs as well?

Bihani replied that this is mostly for course unions, as most clubs do not have elections. If there are enough students in their club.

Carried

22/07/11.21

Bihani/Asif

Be it resolved that

Regulation 77 [Student Association Funding Committee]: The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. Vice President Finance;
- b. Vice President Internal;
- c. Membership Outreach Coordinator
- d. General Manager; and
- e. A Student at Large

shall be changed to

Regulation 77: The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. Vice President Finance;
- b. Vice President Internal;
- c. Membership Outreach Coordinator
- d. General Manager; and
- e. One (1) Director at Large

by striking the word 'A Student at Large' and adding the word 'One (1) Director At Large'

McGrail suggested that if someone is to attend Skills – such as how directors at large must, they are onboarded with a seminar on fiduciary duty.

Pashelka added that when directors sign their contract after appointment they are stating that they are operating in good faith. He also agrees that it would be wise for directors to disclose the clubs and unions they are a part of.

Carried

8.4 Campus Life Committee

22/07/11.22

Asif/Kekre

Be it resolved that James Achuli, Myriam Su, Marina Selber, and Ruwaida Rashid be appointed a student-at-large on the Campus Life Committee.

Asif motivated the appointments.

Bihani asked about the change from selecting two (2) first years to one (1) first year?

Asif replied that after consultation with staff members Ouellet and Fedoruk, leaving one

spot was more than enough for the purposes of the committee, and the ability of first year students to volunteer or participate in legal-age events was a consideration he had not made until Ouellet pointed it out.

Carried

8.5 Campaigns Committee

22/07/11.23

Desjarlais/Kekre

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 16th, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/07/11.24

Desjarlais/Bihani

Be it resolved that Georgia Mayhew be appointed a student-at-large on the Campaigns Committee.

Carried

Evans left at 19:46

22/07/11.25

Desjarlais/Mindi

Be it resolved that the policy:

Regulation 28 The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. President;
- b. Vice President External;
- c. Advocacy and Governance Coordinator;
- d. at least two (2) additional directors; and
- e. up to three (3) Students at Large.

be changed to

Regulation 28 The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. President;
- b. Vice President External;
- c. Advocacy and/or Governance Coordinator;
- d. at least two (2) additional directors; and
- e. up to five (5) Students at Large.

by striking the words "three (3)" and adding the words "five (5)", and by adding "/or" after "and."

Carried

8.6 Oversight Committee

8.7 Graduate Student Committee

22/07/11.26

Ganesh/Mindi

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held May 20th, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/07/11.27

Ganesh/Bihani

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held June 10th, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/07/11.28

Ganesh/Bihani

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 24th, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/07/11.29

Ganesh/Bihani

Be it resolved that Honoraria be disbursed as follows:

Anne Claret	\$50
Emily Comeau	\$50
Nibirh Jawad	\$100
Vikas Kumar	\$50

Carried

9. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

9.1 Board of Governors

9.2 Senate

9.3 Other University Committees

- a. Committee Update to the board re: hiring of the deputy registrar of UBC.

McGrail provided her update on the registrar's hiring, on what they were looking for in terms of a good candidate. She outlined the interview process, and the rigorousness. There were about ten people on the committee, she was the only student, but suggests others to participate if they have the chance.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Ouellet returned at 20:03

22/07/11.30

Desjarlais/Bihani

Be it resolved that the OCSU be designated the SUO's proxy voter for the Semi-Annual General Meeting of the BCFS from July 14th to 17th, 2022.

Desjarlais motivated by stating that we hardly ever attend these meetings, and this would help us participate by proxy.

Pashelka wondered if there is a governing document that outlines whether this is permissible?

Desjarlais replied that this comes from the BCFS itself, so they are okay with this. It is important for him to try and save students money wherever he can.

Carried

22/07/11.31

Desjarlais/Bihani

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors approve the following benefit increases in the StudentCare health and dental insurance plan as follows:

Mental Health: increase coverage from \$1000 to \$1100	\$3.87
Increase eyeglasses and contacts coverage to 100% up to \$150/2 policy years	\$3.20
Increase eye exam coverage from 80% to 100% (up to \$75//2 years)	\$1.68
Chiropractor: Increase per visit maximum from \$35 to \$40	\$1.33
RMT: Remove doctor's note requirement for RMT visits	\$0
RMT: Increase coverage from \$350 to \$500	\$0.93
Total Cost Impact	\$11.01

Desjarlais motivated by updating the Board on the work having been done on this the last couple of months.

Carried

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 20:25