

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, August 10th, 2022, Zoom

Called to order at 12:39

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)

Jakson Pashelka

Vice-President External

Cade Desjarlais

Vice President Finance and Administration

Vrushank Kekre

Vice-President Campus Life

Danial Asif

Directors Absent

Vice-President Internal

Dhruv Bihani

Staff Present

General Manager

Jason Evans

Governance Coordinator

Bri Fedoruk

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

22/08/10.01

Desjarlais/Asif

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

22/08/10.02

Pashelka/Desjarlais

Pashelka moved to amend the agenda by removing the honoraria for Berat Celik and Megan Johnston from the honoraria table.

Carried as amended

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/08/10.03

Desjarlais/Asif

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

Carried

4. OLD BUSINESS

22/08/10.04

Asif/Kekre

Be it resolved that the July Board of Directors honoraria be dispersed as amended:

Berat Celik	0%
Hanna Donaldson	100%
Aryam Dwivedi	100%
Kirthana Ganesh	100%
Spandan Ghevriya	100%
Grace Halpin	100%
Megan Johnston	0%
Maziar Matin Panah	100%
Lindsay McGrail	100%
Jes Mindi	100%
Akshata Pathak	100%
Kyle Rogers	100%

Desjarlais wanted to check in with the other executives to see how their Board

members are performing since he has not had much interaction with the rest of the board outside of his committee.

Evans agrees that this is a good group so far.

Pashelka agrees that everyone is pretty engaged. Reminders were sent out prior to the report submission deadline.

Evans stated that he will follow up with Speier today to ensure that it is in their calendars as well.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Green Bean Spot

Evans introduced that it is within the executive purview for the executives to give recommendations as to what should go in that space. It is a space that could generate some revenue for the SUO, so starting the conversation before the next school year would be beneficial.

Desjarlais prefaced that last year the board had mandated the VP Finance and the Finance committee to make three (3) suggestions to fill the Green Bean spot, and due to events at the end of the term of the last Board, that mandate was left undealt with. Perhaps we should revisit this approach.

Kekre agreed that the entire process needs to be consultation with the Finance Committee.

Evans agreed that it is good to have that person, Kekre, who is taking charge, to maintain connection to that process. The executive committee presents to the Board their best recommendations, then the Board may approve through voting the decision through the Board or voting it down.

Asif understands that the biggest loss was the revenue loss, and to him, it seems late in the season to be hiring someone and starting a new business in the fall, while we are currently hiring the new kitchen manager position.

Pashelka added that too many opinions on what should go in that space holds up progress, so this decision should go to the Finance Committee first for recommendations, and starting conversations as soon as possible to ensure action being made.

Desjarlais added that working with the Finance Committee, depending on how we structure it, should we do an internal business? Working with Kekre and Asif, but also external bodies is something that as VP External he could help with. Has Third Space expressed interest in that space? Would they be selling coffee there?

Pashelka answered that the Third Space area downtown is fairly student focused, so this would be an expansion of the space they already have.

Desjarlais replied that this may be a good fix for this year, as they have a budget, and they could run it at a loss since they are a national organization that has structure and support for a business like that.

Kekre replied that first we must figure out the cost, the targets, and second, how will this impact the building project or other businesses. He thinks we should earn profits

from that space, rather than offering that space for an external operation.

Evans added that he loves the suggestions. Third Space currently does not pay a lease for their space, but this space may be different. He recommends that we look externally rather than internally. If we are to return to internal, we may return to running at a loss, and it may be best to remove the risk of using student money for this particular space. We do not need to find someone for September, just that we start the conversation about what should occupy that space.

As if looking externally may take more time, so his suggestion was for the chance that come September, the space is still empty.

Desjarlais would like to see a food option that was cheap, and perhaps open later – such as a pizza place open late. Something that does not require much in terms of operating costs. Any way that we can integrate affordable food, adds to food security with an affordable option.

Pashelka added that he would love to see a Booster Juice, or other things that offered quick, on-the-go options, like wraps.

Kekre agrees, we need to consider a coexistence between what we are already offering, and limiting overlap. Question for Evans, how do our leases work now? Do they end in January, or sometime later in the year?

Evans replied that the leases are in place, as per last year's extension of Koi's lease, for three (3) years, and then for Fusion Express there is a one (1) year lease. Leases are renewed, normally, in April.

Kekre wanted to confirm the timeline, since September may not be a great month to enter into an agreement.

Evans replied that we do not have to make all of the leases align, but at the discretion of the executives.

Pashelka asked for a plan to be made.

Desjarlais replied that he would like to see what the Board thinks, to see if they have any good ideas. We could bring it to them as a discussion item.

Kekre replied that he would also like to hear Board input, but perhaps we would still suffer from too many people giving too many options.

Desjarlais asked a hypothetical about external businesses leasing that space. How do we garner interest in that space? Is there a process in place?

Evans replied that it is through putting out a call for proposals by actively advertising it. What we have to look at first is, are they going to be able to pay us? Secondly, are they meeting student needs? We can limit and discern based off of what students need and what we want.

Kekre suggested that perhaps we should open this to students to gather their suggestions.

Pashelka agreed, perhaps also if we offered a top three.

Desjarlais stated that if we do do something like this, that it be more informal.

Pashelka suggested that we bring this topic to the next Finance Committee meeting, and then it can be brought to the next

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 AGM Date

Pashelka introduced this time sensitive piece. We were thinking about October 27th as a possible date to bring to the Board at the meeting tomorrow.

Asif replied that Fright Night is planned for the 28th, this could affect the AGM.

Evans replied that this will not affect the AGM. It is just a meeting, mostly run by staff.

Kekre asked what the date was last year.

Evans replied that it was at the beginning of November last year. It was actually November 25th 2021.

Pashelka stated that it was important to Smailes that we hold this earlier than the fourth week of November for our Auditors. Holding will be earlier the better.

Evans will work with Fedoruk to determine the timeline of the AGM according to the Bylaws.

6.2 Yes Campaign

Evans addressed the attached images to the agenda package for the Building Project. This is not the final image, but this is the time to submit suggestions for the final design. Please email Evans J. with any suggestions to pass along to Evans B.

Pashelka added that he would like for the poster be somewhat interactive. Perhaps a list that they could put a sticker or a check-mark suggesting their top choice. An interactive wall banner to show students what other students want.

Evans added that this is exactly what the tabling banner is going to be. There will be activities as well.

6.3 Staff Training

Evans introduced the yearly office training. Last year there was emotional intelligence training, which was rated very low. It was very expensive at the time. This year he has sourced a trainer who has been doing training across North America and the Caribbean. They are experienced and meticulous. He has not been a part of the training they provide, but he has looked at reviews. The topics were selected by majority. The Board is Day One (1), Staff and Board Day Two (2), And Staff Day Three (3). Next week.

7. IN-CAMERA

22/08/10.05

Desjarlais/Kekre

Be it resolved that the meeting move in-camera.

Carried

Entered in-camera [13:35]

Left in-camera [13:50]

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 13:50