

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, September 27th, 2022, UNC Boardroom & Zoom

Directors Present

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| President (meeting 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 | Aryam Dwivedi |
| Director at Large | Megan Johnston |
| Director at Large | Spandan Ghevriya |
| Graduate Studies Representative | Kirthana Ganesh |
| Faculty of Applied Science Representative | Akshata Pathak |
| Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative | VACANT |
| 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 Matin Panah |
| Board of Governors (ex-officio) | Tashia Kootenayoo |
| Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio) | Salman (Saami) Hafeez |

Directors Absent

Staff Present

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Manager | Jason Evans |
| Governance Coordinator | Bri Fedoruk |
| Communications Manager | Becca Evans |
| Student Advocate | Rachel Fortin |
| Membership Outreach Coordinator | Izzy Rusch |
| Executive Coordinator | Sarah Speier |
| Well Manager | Michael Ouellet |

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

22/09/27.01

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/09/27.02

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

22/09/27.03

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Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held September 13th, 2022 be adopted.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 "Review of Assigned Standing" policy Saami

- Bird's eye view of policy: [Review of Assigned Standing in a Course](#)

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

22/09/27.04

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held September 21st be adopted.

5.2 Finance Committee

22/09/27.05

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held August 30th be adopted.

5.3 Campaigns Committee

22/09/27.06

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held September 9th be adopted.

22/09/27.07

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held September 22nd be adopted.

5.4 Oversight Committee

22/09/27.08

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held July 28th be adopted.

22/09/27.09

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the emergency meeting held September 1st be adopted.

22/09/27.10

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held September 23rd be adopted.

22/09/27.11

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Be it resolved that Osho Gnanasivam be appointed as the Student-At-Large for the Oversight Committee.

22/09/27.12

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Be it resolved that _____ be appointed to the Oversight Committee.

5.5 Graduate Student Committee

22/09/27.13

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held September 22nd be adopted.

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Board of Governors

6.2 Senate

Update from President's Advisory Committee for the selection of a new Registrar

7. ADJOURNMENT

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Board of Directors Meeting, September 23rd, 2022, Zoom

Called to order at 19:06

Directors Present

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| President (meeting chair) | Jakson Pashelka |
| Vice-President External | Cade Desjarlais |
| Vice President Finance and Administration | Vrushank Kekre |
| Vice-President Campus Life | Danial Asif |
| Director at Large | Aryam Dwivedi |
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| Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative | Grace Halpin |
| Faculty of Management Representative | Jes Mindi |
| Board of Governors (ex-officio) | Tashia Kootenayoo |

Directors Absent

Staff Present

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| General Manager | Jason Evans |
| Governance Coordinator | Bri Fedoruk |
| Well Manager | Michael Ouellet |

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

22/09/23.01

Johnston/Asif

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. NEW BUSINESS

22/09/23.02

Mindi/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that Trophy Ewila be appointed as CRO for the 2022 Winter Session Term One (1) SUO By-election.

Discussion ensued. Questions erupted about who Ewila was and how he was vetted.

Pashelka replied that Evans vouched for Ewila.

Evans replied that there were several applicants. Trophy was a previous president. We reached out to our previous CRO prior to this applicant, however, they were requesting fifty (50) percent more than we were willing to offer for the position.

Kootenayoo wondered if impartiality had been considered. This candidate was still connected somewhat to the campus.

Evans replied that that was the first thought, whether this was a conflict of interest. The five (5) years since his graduation, to him, presents little conflict. He will only hold the appointment for one (1) semester.

Johnston wondered if there were processes put in place to ensure this election would run more smoothly than the previous elections.

Evans replied that he asked senior staff for historical knowledge, and that they had sought help for filling this position from the BCFS, which is currently ongoing.

Carried

Ouellet added that the CRO position should be a person who was completely unbiased. The hiring committee that he was a part of was thrown out because they were attempting to appoint their own members as the General Manager.

22/09/23.03

Asif/Desjarlais

Be it further resolved that Mike Ouellet be appointed to the Electoral Committee for the duration of the 2022 Winter Session Term One (1) SUO By-election as an advising, non-voting member.

Ouellet wondered how many DROs there would be, and what his appointment does

with vote counts.

22/09/23.04

Desjarlais/Johnston

Desjarlais sought an amendment to the motion to give Ouellet voting rights on the committee, such that the motion reads as:

Be it further resolved that Mike Ouellet be appointed to the Electoral Committee for the duration of the 2022 Winter Session Term One (1) SUO By-election as an advising, voting member.

Evans added that Ouellet adds value to the electoral committee.

Carried as amended

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 19:25

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, September 13th, 2022, UNC 105 & Zoom

Called to order at 18:34

Directors Present

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|---|-----------------------|
| President (meeting chair) | Jakson Pashelka |
| Vice-President External | Cade Desjarlais |
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| 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 Matin Panah |
| Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio) | Salman Hafeez (Saami) |

Guests

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| E@UBCO Innovation Manager | Sandra Spencer |
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Directors Absent

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| Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio) | Tashia Kootenayoo |
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Staff Present

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| Membership Outreach Coordinator | Izzy Rusch |
| Well Manager | Michael Ouellet |

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22/09/13.01

Asif/Johnston

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

22/09/13.02

Johnston/Asif

Johnston moved to amend by adding a new item under New Business: Academic Advising

Carried

22/09/13.03

Bihani/Asif

Bihani moved to amend the agenda so that that under 8. New Business, the motions 13.14 to 13.16 be combined and 18 more clubs be added to be ratified: Karate Club, Queer Psychology Students and Allies, Dissecting Liberty, Physics Student Club, Red Cross, Men's Well-being Club, NITEO-Africa, Mood Psychology, Campus Conservatives, Back1babez, Runnymede Society, Diversity of Belief, Plant Forward, SAF International, Comparative Civilizations, Taekwondo Club, Battlebots Club

Carried

22/09/13.04

Ganesh/Desjarlais

Ganesh moved to amend the agenda by adding a motion to approve honoraria to Graduation Student Committee Business Section as Follows:

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|--------------------|-------|
| Elizabeth Houghton | \$50 |
| Vikas Kumar | \$50 |
| Dina Khrabsheh | \$100 |
| Morgan King | \$100 |
| Nibirh Jawad | \$100 |
| Emily Comeau | \$100 |
| Anne Claret | \$100 |
| Fatima Canales | \$100 |

Carried as amended

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/09/13.05

Asif/Ganesh

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

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Childcare for Mature Students

Ganesh informed the Board of Directors that childcare was a concern for students, graduate and undergraduate students alike. She outlined that graduate studies and parenthood are unable to do both even though the decision to bear children is a human right, students Childcare has been a hidden problem that no talks about but as individual they are able unable to commit to full parenthood or studies as that they are not many resources available.

Johnston questioned in the student body what is ratio percentage of gender differences?

Ganesh replied that the numbers were not given or shown anywhere but needed to be calculated. In addition, the resource available, the Daycare on the UBCO campus, unfortunately has a two (2) year waitlist. After some research it emerged that UBCO does not own the daycare and it is run by a third-party company, so even though the capacity is thirty-four (34) it usually operates under capacity with twenty-seven (27) children. Also, within Kelowna the daycare centers have been decreasing and the ones that are open have a waitlist of three (3) years or more. The GSC released a survey about parenthood to graduate students and it was found that some students feel that they are being punished for being parents and pursuing graduate studies. Furthermore, maternity leave for UBCO is three (3) months, which has caused a number of students to either discontinue their studies or transfer universities to one which has better childcare. Ganesh also informed the board of information gathered from a meeting with UBCO, that UBCO will be taking over the childcare facility and aims to increase the capacity to ten (10) more spots which would mean that when the daycare runs at full capacity it will have thirty-seven (37) spots. The two main obstacles that graduate students reportedly faced was that the childcare facility is open first to faculty and staff, greatly limiting their chances as grad students to utilize the facility, and that other private daycare facilities in town are too expensive for international students. The solutions that were brought up by the AMS was that: first, they provided a one-time funding support for childcare facilities which was only to the students, and second, was that a daycare bursary program which could offer a certain amount of financial support to all students.

Johnston asked what the total allocated amount of the one-time funding?

Ganesh replied it was one million.

Pashelka asked how many students who are parents are enrolled within UBCO?

Ganesh answered saying that number is not stated anywhere and need to be calculated.

Pathak asked if students could volunteer at the daycare?

Ganesh answered that as it is a certified job working with children and that needed to

have an Early Child Education degree/certification (ECE).

Ouellet added that the ECE was currently available at the Okanagan College.

Evans responded to Pathak that students could volunteer as long as there was an ECE worker with them at all times.

Pathak also questioned why can't students just babysit?

Ganesh replied with that it's hard to find students with suited schedules as student parents are looking for their children to be taken care of nine to five (9am-5pm).

Desjarlais added that statistics are used when needing to propose something. When categorizing a UBCO student they mostly fall under 4 categories: Domestic, International, part-time and fulltime. In addition, there had been a lower rate of the amount of ECE workers in Kelowna, however it this continues to be a national issue.

Ganesh added that this is an issue that the Board needs to deal with instead of seeing it as a graduate student problem. In addition, there was a parent group being created to allow parents to meet and exchange schedules and babysitting options, and to create events that are more baby and family friendly.

McGrail agreed with Desjarlais and stated that even in her department, the Faculty of Education, there are many students who have reached out for parenting help. She also added that in BC multiple subsidies that are available and resources that are available to parents, the website is called BCSubsidy.

Pashelka wanted the Board to get behind this issue and wanted to work with Ganesh to see what bursaries are available and how much is available to the students knowing that students are quitting because of their issues. He added that the Board should release a survey that asks all students who are parents if they are struggling.

4.2 E@UBCO

Spencer came to talk about the entrepreneurship programs at UBCO. Being a part of the innovations team, she educated the Board on their e-discovery program, a five (5) part series and that they were recruiting students at EXPO. In addition, the goal of E-discovery was to teach students on entrepreneurial experience outside classes. The deadline to register for this program is Sunday, September 18th, 2022. The other program is the "Mentor to Market" program where ten (10) ventures are matched with students that help students with business growth idea development, creating main models, startups, and quick pitch competition. This program is not only for students but also for faculty and staff.

Pathak asked does the student have to bring a prototype or an idea.

Spencer responded that students do not need to have an idea to join the program. Spencer's aim was to connect with the student body and notify the Board that entrepreneurship is increasing, and, in addition, this increased women's involvement in the program and there is an event being taken place in downtown on October 14th, 2022. She continued by adding that Mitacs is a federal funding body that provides an internship to students. Their group wanted to reach out to the student body about how they co-fund some internships for students with industry research professors that are under the UBCO job board and give business strategies insurances.

Johnston asked are there any virtual platforms being used to promote E-discovery or

Mitacs?

Spencer replied that there has been much in-person promotion such as meeting at schools and faculties to find the area of research that will provoke students to reach out and make them willing to join. They are looking to find channels to promote further.

Ganesh added that Mitacs was generally connected to business mostly concerned with engineering and sciences rather than Faculties in the Arts.

Spencer responded that this was a common misconception, and that it tends to fall under the disciplines of sciences and engineering due to the fact that students from these faculties are more engaged compared to arts students. In addition, Mitacs has an additional program called E-accelerate where they allow students who are researching something create a company funded by Mitacs, allowing the student to become their own CEO.

Pashelka asked is this only for students or also for staff?

Spencer replied that E-discovery was for everyone and there was a VPR session scheduled in ADM 006 on September 14th, 2022, at 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Mitacs is for students only.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Set AGM Date

Pashelka informed the Board that we needed to decide on a date for the AGM and this must be moved by the Board. The dates that are available for the AGM were November 14th, 17th, 18th, 22nd, and the 24th in the evening after 6pm.

22/09/13.06

Pashelka/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that AGM be held on November 24th, 2022

Carried

5.2 New Director – Policy Committee

Bihani introduced that with Kyle Rogers leaving there is a vacant position in the policy committee, and that Lindsey McGrail, a member of our Board not currently on any committee, has reached out about her interest in joining this committee.

Johnston wondered if there was a student from the Faculty of Social Sciences who could potentially fill in the vacant position in the policy committee.

Desjarlais added that McGrail must be on a committee or Regulations will be broken.

Pashelka asked the Board if there anyone who would like to be on the committee, and there was no other nomination of nominee who put themselves forward.

22/09/13.07

Bihani/Johnston

Be it resolved that Lindsey McGrail be appointed as a voting member of the Policy Committee.

Carried

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Executive Committee

22/09/13.08

Desjarlais/Pathak

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held August 10th be adopted.

Carried

22/09/13.09

Desjarlais/Kekre

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

Desjarlais asked the Board if they read any of the meeting minutes?

Mindi and Johnston replied yes, they do read the previous meeting minutes.

Carried

6.2 Policy Committee

22/09/13.10

Bihani/Halpin

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

Carried

6.3 Campus Life Committee

22/09/13.11

Asif/Bihani

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

Carried

22/09/13.12

Asif/Halpin

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

Carried

6.4 Campaigns Committee

22/09/13.13

Desjarlais/Panah

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

Carried

6.5 Oversight Committee

22/09/13.14

Ganesh/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 22nd, be adopted.

Carried

6.6 Graduate Student Committee

22/09/13.15

Ganesh/Kekre

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

Carried

22/09/13.16

Ganesh/Desjarlais

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

Carried

22/09/13.17

Ganesh/Johnston

Be it resolved that the Graduate Student Committee honoraria be dispersed as follows:

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| Elizabeth Houghton | \$50 |
| Vikas Kumar | \$50 |
| Dina Khrabsheh | \$100 |
| Morgan King | \$100 |
| Nibirh Jawad | \$100 |
| Emily Comeau | \$100 |
| Anne Claret | \$100 |
| Fatima Canales | \$100 |

Carried

6.7 Student Association Funding Committee

22/09/13.18

Kekre/Bihani

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

Carried

22/09/13.19

Kekre/Bihani

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

Carried

7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

7.1 Board of Governors – Update

Board of Governors update tabled to the next Board meeting

8. NEW BUSINESS

22/09/13.15

Bihani/Panah

Be it resolved that the following student association/Course unions be ratified which include:

Karate Club

Queer Psychology students and Allies

Dissecting Liberty

Physics Student Club
Red Cross
Men's Well-being Club
NITEO-Africa
Mood Psychology
Campus Conservatives
Back1babez
Runnymede Society
Diversity of Belief
Plant Forward
SAF International
Comparative Civilizations
Taekwondo Club
Battlebots Club

Pathak asked what is Mood Psychology and Back1Babez?

Bihani replied that Mood Psychology is club that was created for students to meet up and vent and discuss to people which is not necessary as a therapy but a place to vent informally. Back1Babez is a skateboarding club.

Pathak asked if the clubs that have not been active been removed?

Bihani replied we cannot remove a club until they are inactive for 12 months

Carried

22/09/13.16

Bihani/Panah

Be it resolved that the following student association/Course unions be re-activated which include:

Anthropology Student Union
Canadian Society civil Engineering

Evans asked if the name "Student Union" was on purpose or intentional?

Pashelka sought an amendment to change the name.

Bihani replied that we can't change the names without the Anthropology Student Union members involvement.

Collectively the Board decided that after the Anthropology Student Union be ratified, they will be contacted to change their name

Carried

22/09/13.17

Bihani/McGrail

Be it resolved that Regulation I: 57:

A Committee member may not serve or remain on the Oversight Committee if that person:

- a. is or becomes the member of an Executive Committee.
- b. is or becomes an employee of any Student Union business.
- c. is an Executive member of a Student Association.
- d. is deemed by the Board of Directors to be an unsuitable candidate for fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of an Oversight Committee member.
- e. misses (2) consecutive Committee meetings; or
- f. is guilty of violating any policy of the UBCSUO Regulations and Bylaws

be changed to the following:

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by striking out number c. "is an Executive member of a Student Association."

Bihani stated that any director that is in any executive team from any other student associations/clubs cannot be on the Oversight Committee. Which does not seem to be a problem as the Oversight Committee is for SUO executives and not really the clubs or Student associations, in addition he thought that the SUO should not pull students from their student experiences.

Ganesh stated that she would like to be the chair of the Oversight Committee but being a treasurer in another course union she is in conflict due to this policy.

Kekre stated that when executives from other course unions/clubs are involved in the Oversight Committee they might be harsh on the VP Internal and VP Finances due something not going in favor of their club/union.

Bihani replied that being a part of the Oversight Committee there are regulations to follow and if they are being harsh on one VP, consequence can be faced.

Johnston added that she is on the fence as the justification as, yes, taking the student experience away is wrong, but the Oversight Committee is main standing committee and one who is on that committee has a lot on their plate and if the director really wants to be in the committee, they can also take part of their club or course union by not being on the executive team

Evans added that he supported the change as he and Bihani looked in-depth of why an executive should be chairing the Oversight Committee and be part of a student club/union executive team, while they are only review of what the SUO policies state as a whole, they do not see any reason why a person cannot join an executive team of another club or union

Desjarlais does not support the motion as that it is mainly involves finances that need to be transferred within the SUO, in addition, due to being under pressure or corruption, an individual in the committee could have a vendetta for an executive that could affect

the SUO. Mainly it is important that the individual prioritize the Oversight Committee. Pashelka supports Johnston and has seen students in the Oversight Committee over the past years, he knows how time consuming and pressure it can be.

Opposed – 9/16

Motion not carried

8.1 Academic Advising

Johnston stated that she met with Academic Advising and she learned that there was a struggle between students and faculty and that there have been discussions. Johnston asked the Board if anyone would want to table in the academic meeting that can be there to help change the academic advising website and ideas that can fix the academic advising issue. She understands academic advising helps with degree planning and knowing what courses need to be taken to get the credits and many more. As students we have a lot to say, so if the Board has any ideas or experience with Academic Advising that needs to be stated, we can email her so we can help the reshaping of Academic Advising.

Celik asked if we could increase the number of Academic Advisors?

Johnston replied that with the academic funding they have, they cannot afford any more Academic Advisors.

Celik responded with what can we as the Board do to increase the numbers for Academic Advising?

Johnston replied that Academic Advising funding comes half the faculties themselves and the other half comes from UBC.

Desjarlais added that due to the half and half funding there was a limit for drastic changes and he was working with Mullings to try to get more funding. So far, we have gotten funding for 1.5 Academic Advisors and the university understands Academic Advising was a major issue and that streamlining was needed.

Pashelka stated he spoke with the office and alumni from the group Think Forward and was trying to reach out to other alumni. Since Academic advising is half faculty funded maybe the donors are willing to fund to their faculty directly.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Events Happening

September 14th, 2022, Expo and Harry Potter Trivia

September 16th, 2022, the White Lie party

September 22nd the Beer Garden (not insured to cover for the beer garden)

September 23rd the Carnival

September 25th the Frosh Concert – there are two-hundred (200) tickets are on hold, still at fifty dollars (\$50) and there is after party at the well.

Maybe a free breakfast at the end of the month

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 20:28

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, September 21st, 2022, In-Person

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)

Jakson Pashelka

Vice-President Internal

Dhruv Bihani

Vice-President Campus Life

Danial Asif

Vice President Finance and Administration

Vrushank Kekre

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Vice-President External

Cade Desjarlais

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General Manager

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22/09/21.01

Bihani/Asif

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted

22/09/21.02

Evans/Pashelka

Evans moved to amend the agenda by adding an In-Camera session to the agenda, and move 6.2 to the in-camera section of the agenda.

Carried

22/09/21.03

Bihani/Asif

Pashelka moved to amend the agenda by adding a motion to approve director's honoraria to 4. Old Business

Carried as amended

Kekre entered [12:17]

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/09/21.04

Bihani/Asif

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

Carried

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Director's Honoraria

22/09/21.05

Kekre/Asif

Be it resolved that the August Board of Directors honoraria be dispersed as follows:

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| Berat Celik | 100% |
| Hanna Donaldson | 100% |
| Aryam Dwivedi | 100% |
| Kirthana Ganesh | 100% |
| Spandan Ghevriya | 100% |
| Grace Halpin | 100% |

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| Megan Johnston | 100% |
| Maziar Matin Panah | 100% |
| Lindsay McGrail | 0% |
| Jes Mindi | 100% |
| Akshata Pathak | 100% |
| Kyle Rogers | 100% |

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Health and Dental – Repatriation Benefit

Evans updated on the situation.

22/09/21.06

Evans/Bihani

Be it resolved that a benefit be added to the Health and Dental Plan at the cost of thirty-six cents (\$0.36) for the Repatriation Benefit.

Carried

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Available UNC Space

Pashelka updated that he would be keeping this on the executive agenda until it has been finalized.

Evans addressed that he spoke with VP Finance to put out a call to make some headway with businesses interested. So far there are two proposals showing interest. The advocacy coordinator mentioned that it could be turned into office space for the lack of space for staff.

Pashelka wondered what the call looked like.

Evans replied that it had not been completed as of yet, they had not decided on the verbiage yet. He outlined what they were looking for and the process of resourcing proposals.

Pashelka wondered what the proposals entailed?

Evans replied that the owners of Koi have a food stuffs business, and another he received through Danny, he told them as soon as our applications are open, we will take in their proposals.

Pashelka stated that by the first executive meeting in October we should have this ironed out.

6.2 Letter to Santa Ono

Pashelka updated on his meeting with Dale and Manel, they gave him a tool to use to estimate costs of space. We need to formally ask the Board to finalize UBC's contribution, as there is not anything solidifying this promise. He asked the committee if there was anything they would like to have included in the letter to Ono.

Bihani answered that he had heard during Expo that meeting and study spaces are

needed, and he would like student responses and needs included in the presentation. There were five or six clubs who reached out during Expo expressing the same concerns about space.

Kekre added that we could back this up with data, from surveys we could conduct from student feedback.

Evans added that we should get the number from Vancouver that was given to their Students' Union building.

Pashelka added that Dale told him that the percentage between the campuses should be the same for allocated funding from UBC.

7. IN-CAMERA

7.1 EngSoc Letter

The committee updated on the University's stance, the need for a mediator, and the necessity of a meeting to hear the concerns of EngSoc.

7.2 CRO Hiring Update

A CRO has yet to be found.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 12:47

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Finance Committee Meeting, August 30th, 2022, Teams

Called to Order at 13:02

Directors Present

Vice President Finance and Administration
Director at Large

Vrushank Kekre
Aryam Dwivedi

Directors Absent

Faculty of Management Representative
President

Jes Mindi
Jakson Pashelka

Staff Present

General Manager
Finance Manager

Jason Evans
Leanne Smailes

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22/08/30.01

Evans/Dwivedi

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/08/30.02

Dwivedi/Smailes

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

Carried

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.1 Budget Year To Date Discussion

Kekre went over the changes in the Budget and let the finance committee the little changes that were made and differences of what we budgeted for and where we at for specific items.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 13:55

CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campaigns Committee Meeting, July 14th, 2022, TEAMS meeting

Called to order at 11:02

Directors Present

Vice-President External
Director at Large
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative
Faculty of Science Representative
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative
Student at Large
Student at Large

Cade Desjarlais
Megan Johnston
Hanna Donaldson
Maziar Matin Panah
Grace Halpin
Ash Marin
Georgia Mayhew

Directors Absent

Student at Large

Twinkle Hora

Staff Present

Governance Coordinator
Students' Advocate
Communications Manager
General Manager

Bri Fedoruk
Rachel Fortin
Becca Evans
Jason Evans

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

22/09/09.01

Hanna/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

22/09/09.02

Desjarlais/Georgia

Desjarlais moved to amend the agenda by removing the adoption of minutes from previous minutes.

Carried as amended

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on Municipal Election Campaign and Event Discussion

Desjarlais outlined Oct. 15th as the municipal election day. He mentioned the major candidates, and his interest in this work in combination with his portfolio. We could table for pro-student issues. The ballroom was booked for October 3rd, from 2pm – late, so we could decide what kind of event to throw. The ballroom could hold two-hundred (200) people. Pizza and Politics was a title thrown around. His other goal for the event was to grab some attention for the Union. The candidates being in the same room would draw some media attention. This is a big deal because it would show that student issues are in this election. He opened up the floor for suggestions from the committee.

Matin Panah replied that he had seen different high schools invite candidates, and they were served food by the student food services. He was unsure if the candidates would be allowed to be invited to hold a debate.

Desjarlais wanted to know what the purpose of the event should be, to educate and inform? To be political? He investigated whether or not we could hold a debate. Holding one is a task, and one (1) it would not be sanctioned by a non-partisan group, and two (2) investing time in being a moderator is a lot of work.

Fortin added that she thought a question period would be great for students, and to have really structured questions for the candidates to hold them accountable. Food wise, if it is not buffet style, it would be helpful to limit distraction.

Mayhew wondered would it be possible to get the questions pre-screened, and beforehand, to limit disruptions.

Matin Panah added that he had seen themed questions. He added that the main purpose should be to inform students, rather than the food provided.

Halpin added that a lot of people are often indifferent to voting because they are

uninformed.

Evans, B. thought that it may be worth it to have one tabling day, perhaps the Friday before, to continually remind students that municipal politics are important. Perhaps Wednesday the 28th would be a better option to avoid a conflict with TRC.

Desjarlais stated that on the Monday morning, we could set up some tabling again to say that this is happening today. He also noted that he wanted to focus on educating the vote. He will workshop this with the Communications Manager. Should a time be set now?

Halpin stated that we should think about how long we should table for. A tent may be a good option.

Evans, B. stated that a tent would be more set up.

Desjarlais stated that we would table from 12pm – 3pm.

Johnston stated she could set up sometime before 11am.

Desjarlais stated that he would set out an email for the times, and members can reply when they are free. We would hand out some BCFS materials. He had spoken with the AMS, and they are creating a poster on our behalf. There was also a "Get Out the Vote" campaign. The actual event October 3rd, a questionnaire could be sent out, and then we could publish the results. We can make it a place for interested voters to congregate.

Halpin added that she agreed with Matin Panah's point about dividing the questions into topics to make sure we are getting spontaneous answers from the candidates.

Desjarlais added that he would like to keep the event as simple as possible. There was an issue with inviting candidates, since there are so many. It would be difficult to get them all here. This limits the debate portion of the event, as a debate between thirty people would be difficult and boring. Calling it a town hall and giving questions could help increase the flow and information that will be conveyed. How long should this event last?

Evans, B. stated that two (2) hours is a good amount of time. Two (2) to four (4)?

Mayhew interjected that perhaps three (3) to five (5) would be better for classes.

Desjarlais stated that he would look into the PoliSci class schedules to coordinate. How do we want this planned out? Informal? Formal seating?

The committee agreed that an informal event would be the best setting.

Desjarlais stated that we would have mayors on stage, people can circulate, free food, a draw prize. There is a budget for a door prize.

Johnston wanted to know if something really cool like an ipad could draw in a lot of people. Or five (5) fifty-dollar (\$50) gift cards for the winners.

Desjarlais wanted to know if tables should be set up for people to approach the counsellors? Or, no tables to sit, booths around, people can circulate, and then there can be planned addresses.

Johnston added that all of the candidates are members on the council already.

Matin Panah wondered if we would be inviting the media?

Evans, B. replied that we could post a media release.

Desjarlais added that a carnival, round-table kind of feel? How does the committee feel? He asked for action items. The plan so far is tabling on Sept. 28th, as well as tabling the Monday of the event. Food needed to be decided, where it is coming from. Comms and promo are handled through the Communications Manager, as well as specialized invites for the candidates. Getting a draw prize remained an actionable item, as well as rolls of tickets for the draw prize.

Matin Panah added that if we were going to have theme-based questions, should we provide information to the students on these topics?

Desjarlais replied that many students are already well informed, and he liked the idea, but we may be limited by time and research support. He asked the committee to think of some questions, go on to their own respective social medias, and build a list of questions to bring for the students, such as, "What are we voting for?" He added that he needed to connect this with elections. Should we supplement this with social media? He would be sending out a doodle poll.

Halpin asked what we would like to call the event?

Johnston replied that the name should be formal, as we are inviting candidates.

Desjarlais replied that this would be workshopped, and something to return to.

Matin Panah suggested "Give a Ballot, Grab a Slice"

Evans stated that he does like the name "Pizza and Politics," but add the SUO, "The SUO's Pizza and Politics."

Desjarlais agreed that we could work around with "Pizza and Politics Meet and Greet." "Veggies and Voting" did not have the same ring to it. Desjarlais vetoed the PP Party.

3.2 Tabling for BCFS

Desjarlais updated the committee on the mandate of his position, and how he must hold three (3) tabling events for the BCFS. When should this begin to happen?

The committee resoundingly agreed that October would be best to begin on this.

Desjarlais wanted to know if we should reach out specifically for volunteers.

3.3 Update

Desjarlais updated the team on his meeting with security. They discussed Kuar, and the family. The family requested that a memorial be created so that they could visit once a year. Initially the university was going to fund it fully, but Desjarlais thought that it would be more meaningful if we contributed to this.

The committee wanted to bring this to the Board.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:58

CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campaigns Committee Meeting, September 22nd, 2022,

Called to 14:05

Directors Present

Vice-President External
Director at Large
Student at Large
Student at Large

Cade Desjarlais
Megan Johnston
Twinkle Hora
Georgia Mayhew

Directors Absent

Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative
Student at Large
Faculty of Science Representative

Grace Halpin
Hanna Donaldson
Ash Marin
Maziar Matin Panah

Staff Present

Governance Coordinator

Bri Fedoruk

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

22/04/27.01

Johnston/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Update on Municipal Election Campaign and Event Discussion

Desjarlais updated on the Municipal Election Campaign and the event plans. He sent out an invite to the candidates soon after, but a few things got pushed back due to national events. They are no longer available to attend our event because of this scheduling shift. Bookings are becoming difficult to coordinate. The office of Public Affairs, through UBC and OC, was running a mayoral debate at 7pm on Sept. 28th. It is moderated by CBC. We should move our efforts to support and bring awareness to this event with our tabling due to our scheduling issues. He promised sponsorships, such as superstore gift cards that hopefully the OC will match. CBC will be interviewing Desjarlais.

3.2 Tabling

Desjarlais thought that tabling should happen over two (2) days, Sept. 27th and 28th. He mentioned information and swag to give out. They would be providing some information to hand out for tabling as well.

Hora replied that twelve to four (12-4) was a regular time for tabling historically.

Desjarlais stated that we could split this up according to availability.

3.3 Developing the Questionnaire to Candidates

Desjarlais updated on the questionnaire, issuing apologies over the change in the event, and taking in student opinion. This was still an option to engage with the candidates and the students.

3.4 Oct. 15th E-Day

Desjarlais shared his idea, because it is a Saturday, he thought it would be a good idea to still provide pizza, even if we are not doing the originally planned pizza event. Perhaps coffee as well. We would table a hundred (100) feet away from the voting station.

Johnston wondered what we would do if there was not the expected turn out?

Desjarlais stated that it is less about the turn out, and more about the service to the

students. Our goal should be to see students coming down and voting.

Johnston added that perhaps we should put up posters and flyers in the residence buildings, and perhaps contact RAs.

Desjarlais added that if we catch ten (10) students, and get them to vote, that would be a win.

[Evans entered at 14:22]

Desjarlais asked the committee how long we should be tabling for?

Johnston answered about four (4) hours.

Desjarlais provided the committee with some information pamphlets. He asked the committee to send him professors' contact information to get the word out further as well. He also asked the committee to send him their availability for Sept. 27th, 28th, and Oct. 15th. He summarized that we are switching from a Pizza and Politics event to Pizza and Politics tabling. He further queried the committee if they had specific questions in mind, or if they would like him to compile a document that they can add their edits to?

The committee agreed with the latter.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 14:33

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Oversight Committee Meeting, July 28th, 2022, Virtual

Called to order at 15:08

Committee Members Present

Graduate Studies Representative (chair)
Director at Large
Board of Governors Representative
General Manager

Kirthana Ganesh
Spandan Ghevriya
Tashia Kootenayoo
Jason Evans

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22/07/28.01

Ghevriya /Evans

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 1 on 1 Exec Meetings

Ganesh reported on her meetings with the directors of the Executive Committee prior to the submission of the goal reports. They provided an overview of the purpose of the meetings and additions made to the goal report form. It was noted that the template was amended to include a section on mental health care.

3.2 Executive Goal Forms

Ganesh led a discussion on each directors' goal report. The committee reviewed the goals and provided feedback.

Kootenayoo will generate static feedback documents for committee review.

3.3 Monthly Reports

Ganesh reviewed the monthly report process and approval of May and June reports.

3.4 Student-At-Large Appointment

The Committee reviewed the process of interviewing candidates for SAL appointments. Due to the Regulations, the committee was unable to select the recommended candidate. The Committee agreed to continue to seek a SAL appointment.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 17:00

EMERGENCY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Oversight Committee Meeting, September 1st, 2022, Virtual

Called to order at 14:00

Committee Members Present

Graduate Studies Representative (chair)
Director at Large
General Manager

Kirthana Ganesh
Spandan Ghevriya
Jason Evans

Committee Members Absent

Board of Governors Representative

Tashia Kootenayoo

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22/09/01.01

Evans/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. IN-CAMERA

22/09/01.02

Evans/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that the meeting be held in-camera.

Carried

The Oversight Committee reviewed a complaint.

22/09/01.03

Ghevriya/Evans

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.

Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 15:35

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Oversight Committee Meeting, September 23rd, 2022, Virtual

Called to order at 10:02

Committee Members Present

Director at Large
Board of Governors Representative
General Manager

Spandan Ghevriya
Tashia Kootenayoo
Jason Evans

Committee Members Absent

Graduate Studies Representative

Kirthana Ganesh

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2. REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Update

Evans provided an update of the membership of the Oversight Committee. Due to a conflict with the Regulations, there was no longer a standing chair for the committee.

22/09/23.01

Kootenayoo/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that Tashia Kootenayoo be appointed chair of the Oversight Committee

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

22/09/23.02

Evans/Kootenayoo

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as adopted

22/09/23.03

Evans/Kootenayoo

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to include a discussion on training for the committee.

Carried as amended

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Executive Goals Review

Ghevriya provided an overview of the next-steps for meeting with the Executive Committee and the first-term review timeline.

4.2 Student-At-Large Appointment

The committee discussed the next-steps for the Student-At-Large position, they reached consensus of interviewing a new candidate.

4.3 In-Camera

22/09/23.04

Ghevriya/Evans

Be it resolved that the meeting be held in-camera

Carried

The Oversight Committee discussed the complainant process.

22/09/23.05

Ghevriya/Evans

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera

Carried

4.4 Training for the Committee

Kootenayoo suggested the committee engage in conflict-resolution and human resource training. Evans and Ghevriya were in agreement. The committee recommended Evans find options and report at the next meeting.

5. NEXT MEETING

The Committee recommended Evans find options and report at the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 10:58

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Graduate Student Committee Meeting, September 22nd, 2022, Zoom

Called to order at 17:03

Members Present

Graduate Studies Representative (*chair*)

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Kirthana Ganesh

Dina Alkharabsheh

Fátima Canales

Anne Claret

Emily Comeau

Elizabeth Houghton

Nibirh Jawad

Vikas Kumar

Members Absent

Student at Large

VP Internal

Morgan King

Dhruv Bihani

Staff/Guests Present

Governance Coordinator

Graduate Student Community Facilitator (*incoming*)

Bri Fedoruk

Nadhiyya Shabir

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

22/09/22.01

Jawad/Comeau

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/09/22.02

Alkharabsheh/Kumar

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held August 25th, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Childcare Campaign

Ganesh gave an update on her meeting with the Dean of COGS and Mullings. There were things happening in the near future. The daycare is owned through a non-profit organization in contract with the university, rather than being owned by the university. They were working on transferring the ownership of the building to UBCO. There were plans to increase the capacity of the daycare by building a new building near the Health Sciences building. The student union at UBC Vancouver provided a certain amount of money for the daycare building they partially funded, in return for a guaranteed number of spots for student parents. Money could also be allocated towards offsetting the costs of off campus childcare. These are options we could take to the Board, which she did as her meeting was the same day as the last Board meeting, so she updated there, however, they needed numbers to set aside a budget line number. The challenge with that is that UBCO does not track that data – we may have to gather that kind of information ourselves.

Alkharabsheh left [17:11]

Ganesh asked the committee for suggestions on how to get the number of parent students enrolled on campus.

Comeau wondered if when parents applied for daycare, where do those numbers go? Could we get access to that?

Ganesh replied that because it lies with an outside organization, we would have to approach them.

Alkharabsheh returned [17:15]

Houghton added that she was curious if the daycare would know whether the applicants are students?

Ganesh replied that they had a triage system, so they must have had some kind of sorting system, or applicants must have had to check off some kind of box.

Alkharabsheh replied that she could take up this action item, and ask the daycare if they could provide any numbers to us.

Ganesh added that the Board and herself thought that it could be a good idea to create a network for support between parents.

Jawad added that an alumnus, Yuki, was heavily interested in creating more social events on campus for parent students. Perhaps someone would be able to get in touch with her to see where that left off.

Alkharabsheh replied that this sounded nice, but detracted away from the main goal of proper childcare, as many parents do not prefer in-home childcare, for a multitude of reasons.

4.2 TA/RA Payment Transparency

Ganesh updated on bringing this issue up to the Board at the last meeting. At the time of the meeting, the University allocated a certain amount of money for faculty, and then the department made their own rules on how to distribute their budgets. Most faculties were similar in how they went about allocating their funds, but some faculties varied significantly. Furthermore, there was a new VP Finance who would be meeting to speak on this and other crises that were at top of mind of students from their findings.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Indigenous Graduate Student Representative

Comeau introduced this item. She noted how the GSC was lacking a representative from our indigenous graduate students. One way she thought we could start working on this is by working with the Indigenous Peoples Collective, as well as the Resource Centre.

Fedoruk updated that there are resources in the community downtown with the museum, as well as the Friendship Society, to ensure proceeds are going straight to the community.

Comeau added that it was important to start these kinds of conversations, and to make sure things are feasible, and of course if the students themselves have the bandwidth.

King asked if there was a difference for this proposed position in terms of compensation. Many indigenous students are asked for their time but they are not compensated, and it would be nice to compensate them.

Ganesh wondered if we could hold an event to gauge the interest from indigenous grad students themselves, whether there is bandwidth. To open up the conversation we could get a bunch of graduate students together to talk to them.

Comeau was charged with taking up that conversation, Fedoruk and Claret added their interest in supporting her on this item.

5.2 Queer Grad Student Event

Ganesh updated on the posters and the Instagram post. The event is happening on September 27th from four to five (4-5pm).

King added that this was a Graduate student focused event. She plans to scatter art supplies around the room to force students to interact.

Comeau asked if there is going to be GSC swag stuff?

Ganesh replied no, there are other things taking the attention from that.

Alkharabsheh added that she was inspired by this event, perhaps in the future there could be another event later geared towards parents and families.

6. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Outdoor Events

Canales introduced her idea of having casual events such as hiking, or other nature-oriented activities, aimed for the weekend. She continued that there would be little needed for things like this, but more of a social event. She was unsure of how to get the word out and asked Ganesh to provide some insight.

Ganesh replied that we need to get things organized first for the budget, but also, we need at least two (2) weeks to advertise events, or they do not sink in to students. If it is a really small expense, then it is very simple and quick, we just need the two (2) weeks to let students know.

King wondered if the email list would be a good place to put these shorter-notice events, especially for outdoor, weather-dependent events.

Claret wanted to add that there is a small accessibility issue. At least for the first events, we may want to consider mission creek or Knox, then move to the necessity of taking money for transit, or coordinating ride-sharing.

Houghton added that there was some beautiful hikes right on the university campus, and that may be a great place to start.

Jawad wanted to add that there was an astronomy club, and they have stargazing events.

The committee agreed to attempt an experimental event for Sunday with the new emailing lists. We will be posting to the Instagram as well.

6.2 GSC Advocacy Survey Update

Comeau gave an update. The survey closed at the end of August. There were about ninety (90) responses. The biggest issues were funding, housing, food security, and tuition. She wanted to know what we would like to have done with the data. Should a report be made with charts?

Ganesh replied that she would like to disseminate this information to the students. Perhaps simple information posts. A report would be helpful to present to the Board. She added that there are still many grab bags that have not been picked up by those who have filled out the surveys. Ganesh has been email updating the list to get them to pick them up.

6.3 Walk-in Wellbeing Clinic

Ganesh wanted to let the committee know that there is a free mental health resource

on campus through the psychology department Tuesday and Thursdays from 10am – 3pm. They offer half an hour of therapy for free. It is open to anyone in British Columbia, it is both in person and virtual. It is thirteen (13) years and up.

6.4 Connect with BCGEU Shop Steward, Debrief from Lunch with Leadership Meeting

Fedoruk updated on contact information and finding the shop steward contact, Luis Diaz.

King added that she let them know about the difficulties of signing up, and giving one-on-one instances of issues.

Jawad updated on the bargaining procedures and why we need to have one-on-one meetings.

6.5 Contact with GSS

Claret updated that there was a meeting set up, and that they would be coming back with a report once that meeting has happened. She asked about the previous topic of office hours? Would we be returning to this?

Ganesh asked for someone in the committee to take up making a doodle poll, and to have two (2) alternating days every second week (ex. Week One (1) and Three (3) Mondays, and Week Two (2) and Four (4) Tuesdays). She will aim to begin office hours mid-October.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 18:36