

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Called to Order at 18:43

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Jakson Pashelka
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 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

Vice-President External	Cade Desjarlais
Director at Large	Aryam Dwivedi
Director at Large	Megan Johnston
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Akshata Pathak

Guests

Member	Mathew Darley
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Staff Present

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

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

22/09/27.01

Mindi/Bihani

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/09/27.02

Mindi/Ghevriya

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

Carried

22/09/27.03

Bihani/Mindi

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

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 "Review of Assigned Standing" policy Saami

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

Hafeez shared his presentation of the Review of Assigned Standing. This had to do with discrepancies between professors and students. Graduate level courses do not fall under this policy. Be aware of the deadlines: March 1st for Term One (1) and July 15th for Term Two (2).

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

22/09/27.04

Bihani/Mindi

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

Carried

5.2 Finance Committee

22/09/27.05

Kekre/Bihani

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

Carried

5.3 Campaigns Committee

22/09/27.06

Desjarlais/Mindi

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

Carried

22/09/27.07

Desjarlais/Bihani

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

Carried

5.4 Oversight Committee

22/09/27.08

Mindi/Donaldson

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

Carried

22/09/27.09

Bihani/Kekre

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

Carried

22/09/27.10

Mindi/Ghevriya

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

Carried

22/09/27.11

Mindi/Asif

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

Carried

22/09/27.12

Mindi/Halpin

Be it resolved that Lindsay McGrail be appointed to the Oversight Committee.

Pashelka called for nominees to step forward.

McGrail nominated herself for the position available on the Oversight Committee.

Carried

5.5 Graduate Student Committee

22/09/27.13

Mindi/Halpin

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

Carried

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Board of Governors

Kootenayoo updated on the last BoG meeting. There they spoke of the tuition consultation discussions, as well as increases in international student tuition. She was looking for the SUO to submit a letter outlining their stance on the tuition increase.

6.2 Other University Committees

Update from President's Advisory Committee for the selection of a new Registrar Hafeez updated on his experience meeting with the committee over the summer. There was an announcement a few weeks ago, a new Associate Vice President starting out on November 15th. Issues facing students were raised at the meeting. Another meeting would be held.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM

7.1 Bus strike

Ganesh introduced a concern brought to her by a grad student at a recent event. The bus situation was looking to move forward towards striking, cutting off bus service. She would like the SUO to endorse and share a letter stating the shared concerns about this issue.

Evans stated that it would be preferable for the SUO to stay out of the political side of the issue, and to highlight the impact the issue has on students. We want to avoid offending the government or transport.

Kootenayoo stated that Students' Unions across the province have and do show support for issues like this.

Ouellet agreed that this was a regular part of Student Union issues in the past. This should be a decision that would be made together. There would be a way to do this respectfully.

Ganesh wondered again if she was permitted to post support of the student's letter, on her personal and GSC Instagram accounts.

Evans stated that Ganesh was the GSC representative, and the voice of the Graduate students. If she believed in this, it was her decision to make.

Hafeez added that many undergraduate students were also impacted from what he can tell, and he was wondering if they would also be addressed in this letter or press release.

Ouellet added that this would not be addressed as a press release.

Kootenayoo asked for clarification. She thought that if a letter were to be drafted, those who were affected should be consulted, and she also wanted to address that we must decide whether this is best addressed as an open letter or as a letter in support of the workers.

Ganesh added that we should acknowledge the work that the drivers have put in to keep the system working for students in particular, since they left the mostly student-focused routes as available as possible, while cutting service to the rest of the

community.

Pashelka does not see the letter as a negative, however, the Students' Union should attempt to remain impartial.

Mindi wondered if there was a way to get direct student voices to hear their concerns.

Halpin interjected that this issue would be easier to address when the time comes and more information comes forward.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 19:30