

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, September 28th, 2022, UNC 133C

Called to Order at 13:05

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)

Jakson Pashelka

Vice-President Internal

Dhruv Bihani

Vice President Finance and Administration

Vrushank Kekre

Vice-President Campus Life

Danial Asif

Directors Absent

Vice-President External

Cade Desjarlais

Staff Present

General Manager

Jason Evans

Governance Coordinator

Bri Fedoruk

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded, 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

22/09/29.01

Asif/Kekre

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

22/09/29.02

Pashelka/Kekre

Pashelka moved to amend the agenda by adding a topic "Follow-up on letter" to discussion items.

Carried

22/09/29.03

Asif/Bihani

Asif moved to amend the agenda by adding a topic "Frosh" to discussion items.

Carried as amended

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/09/29.04

Asif/Kekre

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held September 21st, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Available UNC Space

Pashelka asked Kekre and Evans to remind the committee of the last meeting that was held.

Kekre replied that Evans received a few proposals, one from an internal business, and there was one more. We will be opening this up to the public, and receive more proposals, and then bring it back to the committee and the Board.

Evans added that we would be putting out a call for proposals, to give an idea of what to expect. Some of the applications are wildly inappropriate for the space, so the proposal should focus these applications.

4.2 Frosh

Asif asked the committee to provide feedback on their experience at Frosh.

Bihani replied that this was one of the best events that he had experienced on campus. We learned a lot, and overall, it was successful.

Pashelka replied we work with what we have and we do what we can, and kudos to Ouellet for making everything come together. Overall, everything went smoothly, few problems.

Asif replied that this year, comparatively, there were less emergencies.

Evans added that as it was his first, there was one concern for him: the artists' manager.

Asif replied that there was some quick thinking to amend the issue Evans was speaking of, there was a small miscommunication, however, they problem solved and everything turned out alright.

Kekre wanted to know if Asif had heard from UBC?

Asif replied that so far it sounds like UBC was happy, but a follow-up meeting has yet to happen.

Evans replied that there was great student-SUO interaction.

Pashelka queried Asif about what he would keep or what he would change for the next event?

Asif replied that next time there would be a VIP area, since there will be more people.

Bihani added that they do need to breach the gap with the security, as he saw people attending the concert with no wrist bands coming in to the venue.

Evans replied he was happy with some of the cost-savings. Next year he would like to see more people being able to participate.

Kekre agreed, we needed way more people. Also, to try our best to reduce the incidents to zero, as much as possible.

4.3 Follow-up on letter

Pashelka introduced the follow up from the Board meeting, and the steps that we could take. He wanted to look at what we are doing. His first thought is that he wanted to help students. The university wants to push students to use e-bikes or e-scooters. They are unlikely to reimburse students.

Bihani replied that reimbursing e-bikes and e-scooters could be a good idea. Taxis might be tough.

Kekre replied that his first thoughts were to look into bus rentals. The other thing was that there was a bike club that was fighting to stay on campus. He also thought that we could speak with U-Ride.

Asif was thinking that instead of us reimbursing the money, we ask the university to supply half of the cost of the reimbursement. He also liked the idea of U-Ride.

Bihani wanted to know what U-Ride would be getting? Would we be paying them?

Asif and Kekre replied that we would be supplying them with a huge user base.

Pashelka moved on to address his disappointment that many students would not be attending their classes because of this. Next week, having an emergency executive meeting, to see how we could pivot with U-Ride. Back to the letter, do we want to draft a letter showing our support towards these workers?

Asif wondered what our relationship was with the bus drivers, their employer, and BC Transit. If they are protesting against a private contractor, it does not affect our

relationship with the drivers.

Pashelka replied that it sounds like the city, the contractor, and BC Transit are working very closely together.

Bihani replied that we should address where we stand with students, we are working with them, they are not alone, and we are doing our best to work on the situation. He personally does support the BC Transit workers. He noted that the student-facing lines that are still operating, the four (4) and the six (6), and this shows a great attempt to keep students unaffected by the situation.

Kekre replied that he does agree with one of Bihani's points, he feels for the drivers, but we do not have all of the information about what they were asking for, whether we should fully support them all, but we must focus on how this would be affecting students, especially at this time of year.

Evans replied that basically he agreed with everything that the executives are saying. He thinks the letter should say that the SUO is greatly concerned about the students, how this is affecting them, and perhaps thanking the drivers for not reacting as harshly as they could. In the letter, we should not take a side or a hard stance, but letting everyone know we are concerned, and that we would like to support as best we can.

Pashelka replied that he believed the strike had been timed perfectly with the coinciding elections. He would like to perhaps state that we acknowledge the workers' rights of fair treatment, that we stand for students. Unity, finding the balance, and that this is detrimental to student life. We are also unable to deliver our services, the bus pass, because of these circumstances.

4.4 EngSoc Discussion

Evans provided a follow-up.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 13:46