

# BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Board of Directors Meeting, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, UNC 105 & Zoom

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## Directors Present

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	Twinkle Hora
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 Representative (ex-officio)	Tashia Kootenayoo
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Salman Hafeez (Saami)

## Directors Absent

## 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**

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## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

22/12/06.01

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

22/12/06.02

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Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

22/12/06.03

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Be it resolved that the MFA Student Association be ratified.

22/12/06.04

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Be it resolved that the Dev Volleyball Club be ratified.

22/12/06.05

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Be it resolved that the following motion be considered by seriatim.

22/12/06.06

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Be it resolved that the Building Steering Committee membership [adopted at the BoD meeting April 28th 2021] shall consist of:

- a) Capitol Planning and Infrastructure and Development
- b) AVP Finance and Administration
- c) AVP Students
- d) One UBC appointed representative
- e) SUO President
- f) One SUO Executive
- g) Two SUO Board members
- h) SUO Project Manager
- i) General Manager
- j) Alumni – specifically Ali Poostizadeh

- k) Alumni (who will serve for a 2 year minimum)
- l) One SUO Contracted Building Project Manager

Be amended by striking the external positions of: "a) Capitol Planning and Infrastructure and Development, b) AVP Finance and Administration, c) AVP Students, d) one UBC appointed representative, j) Alumni – specifically Ali Poostizadeh, and l) one SUO Contracted Building Project Manager;"

Be it further resolved that the motion be amended by adding another position after the President, to be renumbered as needed, named in the membership as: "VP Finance."

Be it further resolved that the motion be amended by adding another position, to be renumbered as needed, named in membership as: "at least one (1) additional staff member;"

Be it further resolved that the motion be amended by adding another position, to be renumbered as needed, named in membership as: "Up to two (2) Student-at-Larges;"

Be it further resolved that the motion be amended by adding the position of "chair" to the mandated membership position of the currently serving president;

Be it further resolved that the motion be amended by adding the word, "(1)," after the word, "one" and before the word, "SUO;"

Be it further resolved that the motion be amended by striking the words "Two SUO Board members" and replacing them with the words "Up to two (2) non-Executive Directors;"

Be it further resolved that the motion be amended by striking the words "who will serve for a 2-year minimum" and replacing them with the words "non-voting advisory member," so that the motion reads as such:

Be it resolved that the Building Steering Committee membership shall consist of:

- a) SUO President (chair)
- b) VP Finance
- c) One (1) SUO Executive
- d) Up to two (2) non-Executive Directors
- e) SUO Project Manager
- f) General Manager
- g) Alumni (non-voting advisory member)
- h) At least one (1) additional staff member
- i) Up to two (2) Student-at-Larges

## **5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Executive Committee**

22/12/06.07

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, be adopted.

22/12/06.08

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, be adopted.

## 5.2 Policy Committee

22/12/06.09

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, be adopted.

22/12/06.10

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Be it resolved that [Regulation I:2]:

There shall be two types of Committees: Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. These bodies shall serve to facilitate the work of the Board; provide a venue for further study of complex issues; gather input from and facilitate communication with Members; and execute functions as directed by the UBCSUO bylaws, collective agreement, and other statutes.

Be changed to by striking "Board" and adding "Board of Directors,"

Further, by striking "UBCSUO" and adding "Students' Union" so that the Regulation then reads:

There shall be two types of Committees: Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. These bodies shall serve to facilitate the work of the Board of Directors; provide a venue for further study of complex issues; gather input from and facilitate communication with Members; and execute functions as directed by the Students' Union bylaws, collective agreement, and other statutes.

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Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation I:2] (to be renumbered as needed):

The Standing Committees of the Students' Union shall be those set out in the Students' Union's bylaws.

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Be it resolved that the following gets added as a new point to [Regulation I:5]:

All Standing Committees shall meet at least once a month, unless otherwise specified in this Regulation.

22/12/06.13

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Be it resolved that the [Regulation I:25(b)]:

Prepare and provide the minutes of meetings of the Committee to the Board of Directors;

Shall be changed by adding the words, "so that the minutes are included in the agenda package at the next regular Board of Directors meeting," so that the regulation reads:

Prepare and provide the minutes of meetings of the Committee to the Board of Directors so that the minutes are included in the agenda package at the next regular Board of Directors meeting;

22/12/06.14

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Be it resolved that [Regulation I:49]:

The Oversight Committee shall facilitate a final executive summary report to the Board. This report shall be presented at the last board meeting in the month of April.

Shall be changed by adding "of Directors," after the word "Board,"

Further by adding the words ""and shall be published on the official SUO website," so that the regulation then reads:

The Oversight Committee shall facilitate a final executive summary report to the Board of Directors. This report shall be presented at the last board meeting in the month of April, and shall be published on the official Students' Union website."

22/12/06.15

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Be it resolved that [Regulation I:83]:

The mandate of the Committee is to administer all elections of the Students' Union, and to ensure that all elections occur in the manner prescribed by the UBCSUO Bylaws and Election Regulations.

Shall be changed by striking "UBCSUO" and adding "Students' Union" so that the regulation then reads:

The mandate of the Committee is to administer all elections of the Students' Union, and to ensure that all elections occur in the manner prescribed by the Students' Union Bylaws and Election Regulations.

22/12/06.16

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Be it resolved that [Regulation I:84]:

All Committee Members shall study and remain familiar with the UBCSUO Election Regulations in order to properly exercise their duties and judgements.

Shall be changed to by striking the word, "UBCSUO" and adding the words, "Students' Union," so that the Regulation then reads:

All Committee Members shall study and remain familiar with the Students' Union Election Regulations in order to properly exercise their duties and judgements.

22/12/06.17

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Be it resolved that [Regulation I:87(d)]:

- d. determine what penalty or penalties shall apply to a candidate who has committed a minor offence;

Shall be changed by adding the words, "following an investigation by the CRO, or the appeal of any such decision," after the word, "offence" so that the regulation then reads:

- d. determine what penalty or penalties shall apply to a candidate who has committed a minor offence following an investigation by the CRO, or the appeal of any such decision;

22/12/06.18

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Be it resolved that [Regulation I:87(e)]:

- e. rule an election invalid for any violation of the Election Regulations or other UBCSUO Bylaws or Regulations.

Shall be changed to by striking the word, "UBCSUO" and adding the words, "Students' Union;"

Further by adding "following an investigation by the CRO, or the appeal of any such decision" after the word "Regulations" so that the regulation then reads:

- e. rule an election invalid for any violation of the Election Regulations or other Students' Union Bylaws or Regulations following an investigation by the CRO, or the appeal of any such decision;

22/12/06.19

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Be it resolved that [Regulation II:1(a)]:

- a. "Ballot" means an official ballot for use in an Election or Referendum

Be stricken from the Regulations.

22/12/06.20

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Be it resolved that [Regulation II:1(g)]:

- g. "DRO" means a Deputy Returning Officer appointed by the CRO to assist in the conduct of an Election or Referendum

Shall be changed by removing "CRO to assist in the conduct of an Election or Referendum" and adding "General Manager, in consultation with the CRO, to assist in the conduct of an Election or Referendum" so that the regulation then reads:

- g. "DRO" means a Deputy Returning Officer appointed by the General Manager, in consultation with the CRO, to assist in the conduct of an Election or Referendum

22/12/06.21

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Be it resolved that [Regulation II:2(e)]:

- e. Appoint and direct one or more DROs, as required;

Shall be changed by removing the words, "Appoint and direct one or more DROs, as required" and replacing them with the words, "Consult with the General Manager with respect to the appointment of DROs, and direct one or more DROs, as required" so that the regulation reads:

- e. Consult with the General Manager with respect to the appointment of DROs, and direct one or more DROs, as required;

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Be it resolved that the following motion be considered by seriatim.

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Be it resolved that the following two (2) new Regulations be added after [Regulation II:69] (to be renumbered as necessary):

[First New Regulation] The CRO must abstain from the vote on all appeals. The CRO must not be present for the discussion and deliberation of the Electoral Committee on the appeal, or attempt to influence those deliberations in any way.

[Second New Regulation] In the course of its deliberations, the Electoral Committee may consider the CRO's written reasons, the evidence considered by the CRO, and any additional submissions provided by the subject of the ruling and the complainant.

### **5.3 Campus Life Committee**

22/12/06.24

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, be adopted.

### **5.4 Campaigns Committee**

22/12/06.25

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, be adopted.

### **5.5 Oversight Committee**

22/12/06.26

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, be adopted.

- Update from Oversight Chair

### **5.6 Graduate Student Committee**

22/12/06.27

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, be adopted.

## **6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **6.1 Board of Governors**

### **6.2 Senate**

### **6.3 Other University Committees**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Call for BCFS AGM Delegates**

### **7.2 Filling the Ad Hoc CRO Hiring Committee: Calls for one (1) executive Director, and up to two (2) non-executive Directors of the Board**

22/12/06.28

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Be it resolved that \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Ad Hoc CRO Hiring Committee as the

one (1) other Executive Director.

22/12/06.29

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Be it resolved that \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Ad Hoc CRO Hiring Committee as a non-Executive Director of the Board.

22/12/06.30

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Be it resolved that \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Ad Hoc CRO Hiring Committee as a non-Executive Director of the Board.

### **7.3 Job Posting/Requirements for the CRO**

This was what was posted during the By-election, created by reading through the SUO policies concerning the powers and duties of the CRO. The Board has the power to add additional requirements, or take away superfluous requirements.

The CRO should:

- ❖ Be aware of the SUO Regulations and Bylaws, as well as the BC Societies Act
- ❖ Be capable of creating documents on common office programs, such as forms and ballots
- ❖ Be able to consult with the SUO external lawyer
- ❖ Be able to investigate complaints and their legitimacy as per the Bylaws and Regulations of the SUO
- ❖ Be able to make and follow a strict, tight schedule – time management skills
- ❖ Have an understanding privacy law (an asset)
- ❖ Be able to show that they can remain unbiased → experience with mediation
- ❖ Be experienced with policy making
- ❖ Be able to complete a full term leading up to and following an election or referenda
- ❖ Be experienced with working a federal, provincial, or municipal election (an asset)
- ❖ Be able to work with people who hold diametrically opposed opinions
- ❖ Be able to conduct fair and timely investigations as required
- ❖ Be able to work closely with the GM
- ❖ Be adept at reading comprehension – or an affinity for or experience with law

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**8.1 BCFS Update from Faculty of Education Representative**

**8.2 Discussion about World Cup Viewing Events**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

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Called to Order at 17:35

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22/11/22.01

Desjarlais/Johnston

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

22/11/22.02

Desjarlais/Johnston

Moved to amend the agenda by adding this motion under New Business:

Whereas the VP External is the designated Local 12 representative to the BCFS, and  
Whereas the VP External is unable to attend the upcoming BCFS Executive meeting,

Be it resolved that Lindsay McGrail be approved as an observing member and representative for the December BCFS Executive Meeting.

Carried

22/11/22.03

Asif/Ghevriya

Asif moved to amend the agenda by adding a committee under committee business, as well as a motion which reads:

- Media Fund Committee

Vice-President Campus Life calls for nominations for a director to sit on the Media Fund Committee.

Be it resolved that \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the media fund committee.

Carried as amended

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

22/11/22.04

Bihani/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/11/22.05

Johnston/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes of the emergency meeting held October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

## **4. PRESENTATIONS**

### **4.1 Auditors Presentation**

Erik Allas presented the auditor's report of 2022. He outlined the Board's responsibility to approve the 2022 financial statements (as at May 31<sup>st</sup>) at the AGM.

22/11/22.06

Desjarlais/Ganesh

Be it resolved that the auditors report of 2022 be approved as presented.

Carried

### **4.2 Referendum Process**

Ganesh wondered if there was a way to test or grade. She would suggest making a rubric.

Ouellet stated that it was common for some students' unions to use lawyers for their CROs.

McGrail wondered if references would be

Desjarlais wondered if the lawyer route was taken, that for general elections, we could hire a lawyer, and for by-elections, we could hire internally.

Evans stated that the CRO currently gets twenty-one dollars (\$21) per hour, whereas the lawyer is up to three hundred dollars (\$300) per hour.

Bihani stated that we should not wait for complaints, and that by-elections and general elections should be external.

Pashelka agreed that a student CRO was something he wanted to get away from.

Desjarlais wondered if the OMBUDS office could be utilized. He was thinking of public service workers, people in the chamber of commerce, but he struggled with where to find these people.

Kootenayoo replied that in the past when we asked for support with anything to do with hiring, we were told no because of a conflict of interest. There are niche areas where people are interested in this type of thing.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

*Whereas*, The mandate and the powers of the SUO Capital Project Steering Committee would remain the same, however, changes are being suggested to the membership of this committee to allow SUO business to be conducted without being held up by external organizations, and to maintain compliance with the Societies Act, as well as RONR. Changing the membership of the committee would hopefully allow meeting as a committee to become less difficult, and decreasing this barrier should let reporting to the Board happen more regularly. The mandate of the committee that was originally adopted was: "Be it resolved that an ad-hoc "SUO Capital Project Steering Committee" be struck with the mandate to advance the capital project and bring it to completion." The powers of the committee that was originally adopted was: "Be it further resolved that the committee have the power to make decisions related to the SUO capital building project." The original timeline of the committee was: "Be it further resolved the committee operate until its mandate has been fulfilled." And finally, in-camera sessions

were originally granted by the Board: "Be it further resolved that the committee have the authority to hold meetings in camera."

22/11/22.07

Pashelka/Bihani

Be it resolved that the Building Steering Committee membership [adopted at the BoD meeting April 28th 2021]:

The Building Steering Committee membership shall consist of:

- a) Capitol Planning and Infrastructure and Development
- b) AVP Finance and Administration
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- d) One UBC appointed representative
- e) SUO President
- f) One SUO Executive
- g) Two SUO Board members
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Be amended by striking the external positions of: a) Capitol Planning and Infrastructure and Development, b) AVP Finance and Administration, c) AVP Students, d) one UBC appointed representative, j) Alumni – specifically Ali Poostizadeh, and l) one SUO Contracted Building Project Manager;

Be it further resolved that the Building Steering Committee be amended by adding the position of "chair" to the mandated membership position of the currently serving president, as well as adding a position for other staff support by adding another position, to be renumbered as needed, named in membership as: "at least one additional staff member;"

Be it further resolved that the Building Steering Committee mandate be amended by striking the number of SUO executives needed, one (1), and replacing it with two (2), so that the new membership of the committee reads as follows:

The Building Steering Committee membership shall consist of:

- a) SUO President (chair)
- b) Two (2) SUO Executives
- c) Two (2) SUO Board members
- d) SUO Project Manager
- e) General Manager
- f) Alumni (who will serve for a 2-year minimum)
- g) At least one (1) additional staff member

22/11/22.08

Pashelka/Desjarlais

Pashelka moved to amend the motion by striking the words "c) Two (2) SUO Board

Members” and replacing them with the words “c) Up to three (3) non-executive Directors,”

Further by striking the words “who will serve for a 2-year minimum” and replacing them with the words “non-voting advisory member,”

Further by adding the words “h) Pub and Events Manager” after point g). so that the motion reads as such:

The Building Steering Committee membership shall consist of:

- a) SUO President (chair)
- b) Two (2) SUO Executives
- c) Up to three (3) non-executive Directors
- d) SUO Project Manager
- e) General Manager
- f) Alumni (non-voting advisory member)
- g) At least one (1) additional staff member
- h) Pub and Events Manager

Kootenayoo added that it felt strange to have this many staff with voting rights.

Desjarlais stated that he agreed with Kootenayoo, in that the committee should be filled by elected members.

Kekre wanted clarification on the SUO Project Manager title. He stated that he agreed with having the Pub Manager as well as the Paper and Supply Co. Manager on the committee.

Kootenayoo suggested that the Pub Manager be added to the committee as a non-voting member.

Amendment failed

22/11/22.09

Pashelka/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that the motion be amended by striking “c) Two (2) SUO Board Members” and replacing them with the words “c) Up to three (3) non-executive Directors,”

Further by striking the words “who will serve for a 2-year minimum” and replacing them with the words “non-voting advisory member,”

Ganesh suggested that the problem of too many staff with voting rights remains.

Bihani suggested that one staff member be given voting rights, and each staff member above one.

Amendment failed

22/11/22.10

Desjarlais/Johnston

Desjarlais moved to table this motion to a time after more research had been done.

Carried

## **6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **6.1 Executive Reports of the Vice Presidents**

22/11/22.11

Asif/McGrail

Be it resolved that the Executive Reports of October be adopted omnibus as attached.

Johnston let the Board know that she was not satisfied with the reports, and that there could be more specificity. She called for more accountability of these tasks actually being completed. How do we know they are being completed? She also noted that the president's report was missing.

McGrail replied that there was a process in motion to get the report procedure amended.

Halpin wanted to know about Asif's debriefing with UBC about the Frosh Concert.

Asif provided an update on the meeting, UBC's response was positive due to the lack of incidents.

Carried

## **6.2 The Board Calls for an Update Relating to the Capital Building Project**

Pashelka updated the Board on the most recent meetings of the 'working group.' There was a document sent to Mullings, and this was supposed to be sent to a director, whose position was at the moment, vacant, so we were waiting for a response from UBC for next steps.

Halpin replied that by her understanding there was quite a range with the numbers of the square footage, and she wanted to know if a decision had been made in that regard.

Pashelka replied that they were leaning towards the higher end of the estimates for footage.

Johnston wanted to know if the increase was per student?

McGrail wanted to know if it was a one-time fee?

Desjarlais wanted to know if the additional charge would be separate in the breakdown?

Pashelka replied, yes, this was what the referendum was for.

Johnston wanted to know what the necessity was for charging students early on. She understood that the building would be finished by 2040. She was not sure she understood the need to charge the current students for a building they would not be able to use.

Ouellet replied that the building project could break ground April 2024, and it could be finalized by 2027.

Halpin wondered if there could be a percentage reduced in the short term?

Pashelka replied that he had contacts that were suggesting that some funding could be used to offset the fees.

Halpin wanted to know whether we needed to have amounts decided for the students at the time of the referendum.

Pashelka replied, yes, we hoped to have as much information available to students as possible.

Ganesh included that she thought that perhaps a specific Graduate Student

Representative position mentioned in the membership of the committee, once it is struck.

Ouellet replied that as long as there is graduate space in the building, UBC would provide funding.

Ganesh replied that we should still have graduate students voices as input for the use of the space.

Ouellet replied that the referendum question must be very clear. It would include the fee breakdown, as well as clear language.

Halpin replied that the actual campaigning process could be less precise, but that it was important that the Board was clear in their understanding of what they were campaigning for.

[Akshata left at 19:07]

## **7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Executive Committee**

22/11/22.12

Desjarlais/Johnston

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

### **7.2 Finance Committee**

22/11/22.13

Bihani/McGrail

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

### **7.3 Policy Committee**

22/11/22.14

Ghevriya/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/11/22.15

Asif/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

### **7.4 Campus Life Committee**

22/11/22.16

Asif/Bihani

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Halpin updated the Board on massages offered at UBC Rec. because of the mention of them in the minutes.

Carried

22/11/22.17

Asif/Johnston

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

### **7.5 Campaigns Committee**

22/11/22.18

Desjarlais/Halpin

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

### **7.6 Oversight Committee**

22/11/22.19

McGrail/Bihani

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Johnston pointed the Board's attention to section 4.6, which spoke to the Oversight Committee giving verbal updates to the Board.

Carried

22/11/22.20

McGrail/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

### **7.7 Graduate Student Committee**

22/11/22.21

Ganesh/Bihani

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/11/22.22

Ganesh/Asif

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/11/22.23

Ganesh/Johnston

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/11/22.24

Ganesh/Johnston

Be it resolved that honoraria for GSC students-at-large be disbursed as follows:

Dina Khrabsheh	Student-at-Large	\$150
Morgan King	Student-at-Large	\$150
Fatima Canales	Student-at-Large	\$100
Nibirh Jawad	Student-at-Large	\$100

Emily Comeau	Student-at-Large	\$100
Elizabeth Houghton	Student-at-Large	\$100
Vikas Kumar	Student-at-Large	\$50
Anne Claret	Student-at-Large	\$50

Carried

### **7.8 Media Fund Committee**

Vice-President Campus Life calls for nominations for a director to sit on the Media Fund Committee.

Asif recommended Hora to sit on the committee.

Ganesh asked about the time commitment and the duties of the committee.

22/11/22.25

Asif/Johnston

Be it resolved that Twinkle Hora be appointed to the Media Fund Committee.

Carried

## **8. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **8.1 Board of Governors**

Kootenayoo updated that the meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, possible discussion about having the budget and discussion split into two (2) meetings, and she would be providing an update when she knew more.

Desjarlais noted to the Board that he would be flying to Vancouver for that BoG meeting to discuss tuition increase, as well as the approval of the budget. He wanted to be in person to represent the Okanagan.

Kootenayoo let the Board know that the Policy Section Seventeen (17) Advisory Committee would be looking for an SUO representative to take her place.

[Kootenayoo left 19:22]

### **8.2 Senate**

- ❖ Requirements for Applicants Following the American Secondary School Curriculum – SAT/ACT Test Optional Policy

Hafeez provided an update on the admission requirements changes.

Ganesh wanted to know what the specific policy number was to refer to this.

Hafeez replied that he could email her with the information.

### **8.3 Other University Committees**

- ❖ Reappointment of Chancellors Steven Point – seeking student feedback

Hafeez provided an update.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Student Association and Club Ratification**

22/11/22.26

Bihani/Asif

Be it resolved that the following student association be ratified:

❖ MFA Student Association

❖ Dev Volleyball Club

Matin Panah wanted to know what the difference between the gym and the club volleyball clubs?

Ghevriya replied that they wanted their own volleyball club.

Ganesh replied that the VP Internal should know that these items are on the agenda.

Bihani replied that he agreed, and he moved to table the motion.

22/11/22.27

Bihani/Johnston

Be it resolved that this motion be tabled to next meeting.

Carried

## **9.2 CRO Hiring Committee**

*Whereas*, That SUO policies dictated that ad-hoc committees be struck by meeting these requirements: an outline of the membership of the committee, whether those members are simply advising members or voting members; the powers and duties of the committee; the mandate of the committee, the timeline of the committee, and whether or not the committee would be granted the powers of in-camera sessions, an ad-hoc committee for the purposes of hiring a new CRO, for the term of two (2) years, shall be moved below.

22/11/22.28

Pashelka/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that an ad-hoc committee be struck named the "CRO Hiring Committee."

Be it further resolved that the membership of the committee consist of:

- a) President
- b) One (1) other Executive Director
- c) One (1) other Director of the Board
- d) General Manager
- e) Governance Coordinator

Be it further resolved that the mandate of this committee be to find a Chief Returning Officer (CRO), as well as suggest candidates to the CRO for their selection of the positions of Deputy Returning Officers (DROs).

Be it further resolved that the powers of the committee are to hire a CRO.

Be it further resolved that the duties of the committee are to abide by SUO policies in their search for a neutral individual, as per Bylaw V:29.

Be it further resolved that the committee be dissolved when the CRO and DROs have been hired as approved by the Board.

22/11/22.29

Pashelka/Johnston

Pashelka moved to amend the motion by striking the words "c) One (1) other Director of the Board," and replacing them with the words "c) Up to two (2) non-executive Directors," so that the motion then reads as such:

Be it further resolved that the membership of the committee consist of:

- a) President
- b) One (1) other Executive Director
- c) Up to two (2) non-Executive Directors of the Board
- d) General Manager
- e) Governance Coordinator

Amendment carried

Johnston wanted to know if there would be a benefit to having a Student-at-Large on the committee.

Carried as amended

### **9.3 BCFS Representation**

*Whereas*, the VP External is the designated Local 12 representative to the BCFS, and;  
*Whereas*, the VP External is unable to attend the upcoming BCFS Executive meeting, 22/11/22.30

Desjarlais/Halpin

Be it resolved that Lindsay McGrail be approved as an observing member and representative for the December BCFS Executive Meeting.

Desjarlais updated that this was a procedural meeting coming up with the BCFS. McGrail would be sitting in for him as a delegate.

Carried

## **10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **10.1 Holiday Gathering**

Pashelka asked the Board for input on having a holiday party, and opened the floor for ideas.

Halpin suggested a wine tour.

Desjarlais replied that going for dinner as a Board would be wonderful. Similar to last year.

Pashelka stated that last year the Board went to Summerhill Winery.

Desjarlais wanted to task the president with planning the event.

Pashelka wanted to know if the Board preferred before or after exams.

The Board replied that before was better.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 19:39

# EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Executive Meeting, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, UNC 133C

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Called to Order at 14:07

## Directors Present

President (meeting chair)  
Vice-President External  
Vice President Finance and Administration  
Vice-President Internal  
Vice-President Campus Life

Jakson Pashelka  
Cade Desjarlais  
Vrushank Kekre  
Dhruv Bihani  
Danial Asif

## Directors Absent

## Staff Present

General Manager  
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans  
Bri Fedoruk

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

22/11/22.01

Asif/Kekre

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

22/11/22.02

Bihani/Asif

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

22/11/22.03

Asif/Kekre

Be it resolved that minutes of the emergency meeting held October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Update on UBC 75k Donation**

Desjarlais provided the committee with an update. The breakdown of the money, from the office of the president (Santa Ono) was given for assisting students with food security. The head of Health and Wellness laid out that thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34000) would be going into Meal Share – a low barrier opportunity for students to access funds. There are low restrictions for students, one hundred to two hundred dollars (\$100 - \$200) would be uploaded to the student's card. The rest of that seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75000) was being dispersed to the student facing offices, like SVPro, the Students' Advocate, and other student facing offices, to provide students with discrete food assistance, right away. There would be monthly checks to ensure that the money was used correctly. Money would be set aside to keep this program going.

Kekre wanted to know how the allocation of the money was decided, was it just Pashelka and Desjarlais?

Desjarlais replied that the donation was received from the office of the president, and their office wanted to ask us how they felt about their spending plan. For example, UBC Vancouver put their donation right into meal plans – which was not targeting low-income students at the most risk. Their office felt that it would be best to get the money into the hands of the students who are in the most need as soon as possible.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 Lease Agreement

Kekre introduced that the proposal had been rolled out for the new space. Two (2) from UBC and one (1) from an internal business. They posted ads in multiple avenues.

Pashelka wondered if there were three (3) in total?

Evans replied, yes, but we were hoping to get more applicants before a decision.

### 5.2 Honoraria

22/11/22.04

Asif/Bihani

Be it resolved that September honoraria be approved as follows:

Kirthana Ganesh	Faculty of Graduate Studies Representative	100%
Akshata Pathak	Faculty of Applied Science Representative	100%
Hanna Donaldson	Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies Representative	100%
Lindsay McGrail	Faculty of Education Representative	100%
Grace Halpin	Faculty of Health and Social Development Representative	100%
Jes Mindi	Faculty of Management Representative	100%
Maziar Matin Panah	Faculty of Science Representative	100%
Aryam Dwivedi	Director-at-Large	100%
Berat Celik	Director-at-Large	100%
Megan Johnston	Director-at-Large	100%
Spandan Ghevriya	Director-at-Large	100%

Pashelka noted that Celik was late but had provided a doctor's note.

Carried

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 6.1 Capital Building Project

Pashelka updated the committee. He spoke with Mullings yesterday about the plans for the project. Mullings told him that the person in charge of the development of the project resigned, so we are waiting on UBC Development to get back to us, before we can move forward. At tonight's Board meeting, we will be striking a committee.

Desjarlais met with the new President of UBC, Debra Buzzard, and she expressed her support of the new building project for an SUO building. She was aware of the struggles that the Okanagan faces, so he wanted to underscore that this support was important for us.

Pashelka added that he had originally drafted a letter to send to Buzzard, but he rescinded it to rework the letter. He continued that UBC wanted to build a field house, and he requested that Mullings put us in contact with the donors.

Asif wanted to know what the field house was.

Pashelka replied that this building was to address the spacing issues that UBC was facing.

## **7. IN-CAMERA SESSION**

### **7.1 In-Camera**

22/11/22.05

Bihani/Desjarlais

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

Carried

### **7.2 In-Camera: Executives Only**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 15:13

# EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Executive Meeting, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, UNC 133C

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Called to Order at 14:06

## Directors Present

Vice-President External  
Vice-President Internal (meeting chair)  
Vice-President Campus Life  
Vice President Finance and Administration

Cade Desjarlais  
Dhruv Bihani  
Danial Asif  
Vrushank Kekre

## Directors Absent

President

Jakson Pashelka

## Staff Present

General Manager  
Governance Coordinator  
Students' Advocate

Jason Evans  
Bri Fedoruk  
Rachel Fortin

## Guests Present

StudentCare Representative  
StudentCare Representative

Robyn Paches  
Sophia Haque

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

22/11/29.01

Desjarlais/Asif

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

22/11/29.02

Kekre/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding an item under discussion items called "Executive Tabs."

Carried as amended

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

22/11/29.03

Kekre/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

## **4. PRESENTATIONS**

### **4.1 StudentCare Half Year Update**

Haque presented the update of the Health and Dental Plan to the Executive Committee. This included the Annual Claims Report September 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 – August 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. They walked the executives through the planned premiums, inherited from the Okanagan College days, which created an awkward adjustment in new enrollment in January, not common in most institutions. Peak utilization of the health plan for students happened in term two (2). Plan premiums came down this year, even with inflation rates. Planned enrollment was up this year. The Mental Health coverage category was increased, and the data showed that the students took advantage of this.

Desjarlais asked what the current pharmaceutical coverage was?

Haque replied that the coverage was currently at eighty percent (80%) for pharmaceuticals.

Evans wanted to know if there was data concerning what students would like to have covered? Rather than just the drugs they are currently covered for?

Haque replied that they currently did not have that data, but she would get back to us with that information.

Fortin asked in relation to the biologics annual cap, and whether the cap was the same as the other pharmaceuticals at two thousand dollars (\$2000)?

Evans confirmed that the repatriation benefit was now included in the StudentCare plan?

Haque replied that, yes. It would be in the new plan, this report was for the past year where it was not included.

#### **4.2 Change of Coverage Report**

Paches presented the most current Change of Coverage Report. The purpose of the report was to give a snapshot of how students interacted with the plan. How many students enrolled, how many opted out, how many engaged with StudentCare with questions.

### **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **5.1 AGM Debrief**

Fedoruk asked for feedback on how the AGM went, and how we could be better prepared for next year.

Desjarlais replied overall it went well, quorum was met. The theatre was filled, and there were lots of people on zoom. We perhaps should have emphasized to the Board that the Bylaws were already approved by the Board. While questions could be asked, we should have shown up as a team, presenting the adoption of the Bylaws all together. The presentation part, he understood was a review of the year, but he wondered if we could add a portion to the presentation to reflect the work that had been done under that appointed director's time in office.

Fedoruk replied that this could be achieved by having a separate agenda item for student member engagement, a small presentation on the current work and a question period, to help manage appropriate questions at the same time, since there seemed to be some confusion there.

Evans replied that it was a decision of how we would be carrying it out. There could be a combination of the presentations of the last year and the current time in office.

Bihani thanked the staff and the Board for their work towards the AGM.

#### **5.2 Executive Tabs**

Kekre wanted to update where we stood with tabs. In the next executive meeting, we would come up with an amount that we were all comfortable with making a cap.

Desjarlais replied that we needed to have a process, and a Regulation.

### **6. IN-CAMERA**

22/11/29.04

Asif/Desjarlais

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

Carried

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 15:20

# **POLICY MEETING MINUTES**

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Policy Meeting, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, UNC 105 & Zoom

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Called to Order at 19:30

## **Directors Present**

Vice-President Internal (meeting chair)  
Director at Large  
Faculty of Education Representative  
Student-at-Large  
Student-at-Large

Dhruv Bihani  
Spandan Ghevriya  
Lindsay McGrail  
Aishwarya Manish  
Siya Gupta

## **Directors Absent**

Faculty of Science Representative

Maziar Matin Panah

## **Staff Present**

General Manager  
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans  
Bri Fedoruk

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

22/12/01.01

Manish/Gupta

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

22/12/01.02

McGrail/Gupta

McGrail moved to amend the agenda by adding a Discussion Item "Discussion on the interpretation of regulations (IV) 4 Governance, ss. 15-18."

Carried as amended

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

22/12/01.03

Ghevriya/Manish

Be it resolved that minutes of the emergency meeting held October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

22/12/01.04

Evans/McGrail

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:2]:

There shall be two types of Committees: Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. These bodies shall serve to facilitate the work of the Board; provide a venue for further study of complex issues; gather input from and facilitate communication with Members; and execute functions as directed by the UBCSUO bylaws, collective agreement, and other statutes.

Shall be changed to by striking "Board" and adding "Board of Directors,"

Further, by striking "UBCSUO" and adding "Students' Union" so that the Regulation then reads:

There shall be two types of Committees: Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. These bodies shall serve to facilitate the work of the Board of Directors; provide a venue for further study of complex issues; gather input from and facilitate communication with Members; and execute functions as directed by the Students' Union bylaws, collective agreement, and other statutes.

Carried

22/12/01.05

Ghevriya/Gupta

Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation I:2] (to be renumbered as needed):

The Standing Committees of the Students' Union shall be those set out in the Students' Union's bylaws.

Carried

22/12/01.06

McGrail/Manish

Be it resolved that the following gets added as a new point to [Regulation I:5]:

All Committees shall meet at least once a month, unless otherwise specified in this Regulation.

Manish wondered if we should add more context by adding "standing committees"

22/12/01.07

Manish/McGrail

Manish moved to amend the motion by including the word "Standing" before the word committees, so that the motion reads as such:

Be it resolved that the following gets added as a new point to [Regulation I:5]:

All Standing Committees shall meet at least once a month, unless otherwise specified in this Regulation.

Carried as amended

22/12/01.08

Manish/McGrail

Be it resolved that the [Regulation I:25(b)]:

Prepare and provide the minutes of meetings of the Committee to the Board of Directors;

Shall be changed by adding the words, "so that the minutes are included in the agenda package at the next regular Board of Directors meeting," so that the regulation reads:

Prepare and provide the minutes of meetings of the Committee to the Board of Directors so that the minutes are included in the agenda package at the next regular Board of Directors meeting;

Carried

22/12/01.09

Manish/Evans

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:49]:

The Oversight Committee shall facilitate a final executive summary report to the Board. This report shall be presented at the last board meeting in the month of April.

Shall be changed by adding "of Directors," after the word "Board," so that the regulation then reads:

The Oversight Committee shall facilitate a final executive summary report to the Board of Directors. This report shall be presented at the last board meeting in the month of April.

Evans wondered if to increase transparency, if these reports should be posted

somewhere on the website?

22/12/01.10

Evans/McGrail

Evans moved to amend the motion by adding the words "and shall be published on the official SUO website," so that the motion then reads:

The Oversight Committee shall facilitate a final executive summary report to the Board of Directors. This report shall be presented at the last board meeting in the month of April, and shall be published on the official Students' Union website."

Carried as amended

22/12/01.11

Bihani/Ghevriya

Bihani moved to recess for five minutes.

Carried

22/12/01.12

Manish/Gupta

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:83]:

The mandate of the Committee is to administer all elections of the Students' Union, and to ensure that all elections occur in the manner prescribed by the UBCSUO Bylaws and Election Regulations.

Shall be changed by striking "UBCSUO" and adding "Students' Union" so that the regulation then reads:

The mandate of the Committee is to administer all elections of the Students' Union, and to ensure that all elections occur in the manner prescribed by the Students' Union Bylaws and Election Regulations.

Carried

22/12/01.13

Manish/Gupta

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:84]:

All Committee Members shall study and remain familiar with the UBCSUO Election Regulations in order to properly exercise their duties and judgements.

Shall be changed to by striking the word, "UBCSUO" and adding the words, "Students' Union," so that the Regulation then reads:

All Committee Members shall study and remain familiar with the Students' Union Election Regulations in order to properly exercise their duties and judgements.

Carried

22/12/01.14

Ghevriya/Manish

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:87(d)]:

- d. determine what penalty or penalties shall apply to a candidate who has committed a minor offence;

Shall be changed by adding the words, "following an investigation by the CRO, or the appeal of any such decision," after the word, "offence" so that the regulation then reads:

- d. determine what penalty or penalties shall apply to a candidate who has committed a minor offence following an investigation by the CRO, or the appeal of any such decision;

McGrail wondered what it meant by "any such."

Bihani replied that this was any decision made by the electoral committee.

Ghevriya wondered if there was a list in the policies of these minor and major offenses?

Bihani replied, yes.

Evans replied that some of the Covid clauses had sunset clauses, so when the province declares the Covid guidelines are not required anymore, they would no longer be in effect.

Carried

22/12/01.15

Manish/Gupta

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:87(e)]:

- e. rule an election invalid for any violation of the Election Regulations or other UBCSUO Bylaws or Regulations.

Shall be changed to by striking the word, "UBCSUO" and adding the words, "Students' Union;"

Further by adding "following an investigation by the CRO, or the appeal of any such decision" after the word "Regulations" so that the regulation then reads:

- e. rule an election invalid for any violation of the Election Regulations or other Students' Union Bylaws or Regulations following an investigation by the CRO, or the appeal of any such decision;

Gupta asked if this was to improve clarity?

Bihani replied, yes.

Carried

22/12/01.16

Ghevriya/Manish

Be it resolved that [Regulation II:1(a)]:

- a. "Ballot" means an official ballot for use in an Election or Referendum

Be stricken from the Regulations.

Carried

22/12/01.17

Manish/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that [Regulation II:1(g)]:

- g. "DRO" means a Deputy Returning Officer appointed by the CRO to assist in the conduct of an Election or Referendum

Shall be changed by removing "CRO to assist in the conduct of an Election or Referendum" and adding "General Manager, in consultation with the CRO, to assist in the conduct of an Election or Referendum" so that the regulation then reads:

- g. "DRO" means a Deputy Returning Officer appointed by the General Manager, in

consultation with the CRO, to assist in the conduct of an Election or Referendum  
Ghevriya asked what the technicality of this was?

Bihani explained that because of the removal of the GM upcoming, there becomes a conflict of interest with the CRO hiring the DROs.

Evans replied that this added an additional layer of security to allow the general manager to have a hand in the hiring of the DROs.

Carried

22/12/01.18

Manish/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that [Regulation II:2(e)]:

- e. Appoint and direct one or more DROs, as required;

Shall be changed by removing the words, "Appoint and direct one or more DROs, as required" and replacing them with the words, "Consult with the General Manager with respect to the appointment of DROs, and direct one or more DROs, as required" so that the regulation reads:

- e. Consult with the General Manager with respect to the appointment of DROs, and direct one or more DROs, as required;

McGrail replied that when the General Manager was being hired, she was on the Board, and there was a hiring committee which presented to the Board.

Carried

22/12/01.19

Fedoruk/Manish

Be it resolved that the following two (2) new Regulations be added after [Regulation II:69] (to be renumbered as necessary) and to be considered omnibus:

[First New Regulation] In the course of its deliberations, the Electoral Committee may consider the CRO's written reasons, the evidence considered by the CRO, and any additional submissions provided by the subject of the ruling and the complainant.

[Second New Regulation] The CRO must abstain from the vote on all appeals. The CRO must not be present for the discussion and deliberation of the Electoral Committee on the appeal, or attempt to influence those deliberations in any way.

Ghevriya asked for further explanation.

Bihani motivated.

Evans replied that when a complaint comes, the CRO makes a ruling. It would be the same CRO who had the power to hear ones' appeal, and make a decision. They may already have a ruling in their mind. The CRO would still be responsible for investigating, and making the recommendation, but the Director would have the ability to appeal to the committee without the CRO present.

Carried

22/12/01.20

Fedoruk/Evans

Be it resolved that the following motion be considered by seriatim.

Carried

22/12/01.21

Evans/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that the Building Steering Committee membership [adopted at the BoD meeting April 28th 2021] shall consist of:

- a) Capitol Planning and Infrastructure and Development
- b) AVP Finance and Administration
- c) AVP Students
- d) One UBC appointed representative
- e) SUO President
- f) One SUO Executive
- g) Two SUO Board members
- h) SUO Project Manager
- i) General Manager
- j) Alumni – specifically Ali Poostizadeh
- k) Alumni (who will serve for a 2 year minimum)
- l) One SUO Contracted Building Project Manager

Be amended by striking the external positions of: “a) Capitol Planning and Infrastructure and Development, b) AVP Finance and Administration, c) AVP Students, d) one UBC appointed representative, j) Alumni – specifically Ali Poostizadeh, and l) one SUO Contracted Building Project Manager;”

Be it further resolved that the motion be amended by adding the position, “Pub and Events Manager,” to be renumbered as needed;

Be it further resolved that the motion be amended by adding another position, to be renumbered as needed, named in membership as: “at least one additional staff member;”

Be it further resolved that the Building Steering Committee be amended by adding the position of “chair” to the mandated membership position of the currently serving president;

Be it further resolved that the Building Steering Committee membership be amended by striking the words “one (1) [SUO Executive],” and replacing them with the words “two (2) [SUO Executives],”

Further by striking the words “c) Two (2) SUO Board Members” and replacing them with the words “c) Up to three (3) non-executive Directors,”

Further by striking the words “who will serve for a 2-year minimum” and replacing them with the words “non-voting advisory member,” so that the motion reads as such:

Be it resolved that the Building Steering Committee membership shall consist of:

- a) SUO President (chair)
- b) Two (2) SUO Executives
- c) Up to three (3) non-executive Directors
- d) SUO Project Manager
- e) General Manager
- f) Alumni (non-voting advisory member)
- g) At least one (1) additional staff member

h) Pub and Events Manager

Evans replied that he was unsure if this committee would like to name the Pub and Events Manager on the membership of the committee.

Bihani agreed with Evans, but that the Board should agreed which staff should sit on the committee.

Evans replied sure, but if the Board was new, how would they know which staff to rely on?

Bihani suggested that the point g) would satisfy this point.

Evans replied that because of the nature of this committee, he was not sure he wanted staff to steer this committee. This was the students' building.

McGrail agreed with not listing a specific position. Additionally, would there be benefit of having Student-at-Larges on this committee?

Bihani agreed that Student-at-Large could be a great source to hear from, but there was a financial privacy issue, since they are not accountable to the Board like the directors are.

Evans suggested up to two (2) non-executive directors and up to two (2) Student-at-Larges. He continued that perhaps the VP Finance and VP internal should be mandated to sit on the committee.

Bihani suggested that the VP Finance should be mandated, and then up to one (1) other executive director.

Ghevriya replied that she was not sure if we should remove any of the number of non-executive directors in favour of Student-at-Larges.

The resulting motion for the membership of the Building Steering Committee after consideration by seriatim reads as such:

- a) SUO President (chair)
- b) VP Finance
- c) One (1) SUO Executive
- d) Up to two (2) non-executive Directors
- e) SUO Project Manager
- f) General Manager
- g) Alumni (non-voting advisory member)
- h) At least one (1) additional staff member
- i) Up to two (2) Student-at-Larges

Carried

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 5.1 Removing the General Manager from the Electoral Committee: Who will chair in their place?

These two motions depend on each other;

We cannot move this motion:

[Proposed Motion #1]

Be it resolved that the [Regulation I:85]:

The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. Chief Returning Officer;
- b. Up to two Deputy Returning Officers;
- c. General Manager; and
- d. Advocacy Governance Coordinator; and
- e. Project Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.

Shall be changed to by striking point c. "General Manager" so that the regulation then reads:

The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. Chief Returning Officer;
- b. Up to two Deputy Returning Officers;
- c. Governance Coordinator; and
- d. Project Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.

Until the next motion has been considered, then these two policies can be changed at the same time:

### **[Proposed Motion #2]**

#### Currently proposed motion:

Be it resolved that the following be removed from [Regulation I:86]:

The General Manager shall serve as the chair of the Committee

#### Motion that abides by SUO policy and RONR:

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:86]:

The General Manager shall serve as the chair of the Committee

Be changed by striking the words "General Manager" and adding the words "[a specific position – like most committees]."

#### Or

Be changed by striking the words "General Manager" and adding the words "[a specific outline of *how* a chair would be chosen and appointed – like the oversight committee]."

Discussion ensued.

Evans had done some preliminary research, and some Students' Unions do not vote in their Electoral Committees. Last year, Evans allowed the CRO to be the chair of the committee. He suggested that the CRO be mandated to become the chair, and in the absence of the CRO, the Governance Coordinator assumes the position of chair for the electoral committee.

Bihani replied that perhaps we could allow the DRO to be the chair for the appeals.

Manish stated that last year, the DROs and CROs were students.

Evans suggested that the chair would either have to be the DROs or the Governance Coordinator by default. There could also be times when there was only one (1) DRO.

Fedoruk suggested having the Students' Advocate on the committee to avoid a Robert's Rule of Order issue with voting and quorum, since she was technically on the committee due to the roles of the Students' Advocate and the Governance Coordinator being teased apart. There were issues in having the Governance Coordinator as chair to this committee, not excluding the same reason that the General Manager was being rationalized as to not being the chair anymore. On top of this, the Governance Coordinator would not have the ability to fulfill her duties *and* act as chair at the same time. Her role was concerned with assisting the chairs of the committees, as well as looking into policies in real time during Electoral Committee meetings – this was the same reason that she could not currently take minutes while sitting in the Electoral Committee meetings. It was also inconsistent with the other structures of the organization, as no other committee had unionized staff acting as chair to any committee.

Bihani suggested that the Students' Advocate would be more impartial than most because of their particular role representing students.

Evans tasked the committee to do research concerning other institutions' processes.

## **5.2 Discussion on the interpretation of Regulation IV (4) Governance, ss. 15-18 [Regulation IV:15-18]**

- 15** Each Executive Committee Director must provide reports as required in these regulations. These reports must include all significant information which may affect the Student Union's operations or membership.
- 16** Pay shall automatically be withheld at a rate of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day to a maximum reduction of the value of one complete pay period when a report or document is found to be late or incomplete.
- 17** Pay will automatically be withheld at a rate of hundred dollars (\$100.00) a day with maximum reduction of the value of one complete pay period where a Transition report is late and withhold all pay until the report is submitted.
- 18** In cases where a report is late due to extenuating circumstances an Executive Director may appeal to the Chair of the Oversight Committee no later than twenty-four (24) hours of the missed due date, the chair has the discretion to waive the automatic reduction of pay.

Evans replied that this particular regulation was replaced this year, they were in violation with the Society's Act.

Fedoruk replied that these policies had not been removed, but that Regulation IV:38-39 do outline what Evans was referring to, and pointed McGrail's attention to them.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 11:45

# **CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE MINTUES**

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Campus Life Committee Meeting, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, UNC 105

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Called to Order 16:09

## **Directors Present**

Vice-President Internal  
Vice-President Campus Life  
Faculty of Applied Science Representative  
Student at Large  
Director at Large  
Director at Large  
Student at Large

Dhruv Bihani  
Danial Asif  
Akshata Pathak  
Myriam Su  
Berat Celik  
Aryam Dwivedi  
James Achuli

## **Directors Absent**

Faculty of Management Representative  
Student at Large

Jes Mindi  
Ruwaida Rashid

## **Staff Present**

Well Pub & Events Manager

Michael Ouellet

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

22/11/15.01

Dwivedi/Pathak

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted

Carried

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

22/11/15.02

Bihani/Pathak

Be it resolved that the Campus Life Committee Meeting minutes from November 03<sup>rd</sup> 2022 be adopted.

Carried

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Past events**

Ouellet mentioned that the Pumpkin Carving event was a big success. He said that next year he would recommend the committee to do a bigger one, because of the high demand. MSA also had an event featuring Trent Kitsch in the Well.

Pathak recommended increasing the scale of the event as Well.

Dwivedi suggested doing the event in a bigger area, preferably the ballroom.

Bihani provided his thoughts on how the SUO could have offered a prize for the best pumpkin carved.

Pathak also suggested a special drink for the day in the well.

### **4.2 Upcoming events**

### **4.3 Updates on**

#### **❖ Bark**

Asif mentioned that Mindi was working on it and we cannot do it at this time due to bark's schedule and would be possible in January-February.

#### **❖ Gingerbread event**

Ouellet informed the committee that the gingerbread kits were expensive and the committee should look into doing a free hot chocolate event mixed with the decorations of gingerbread. This would be outside with a tent and heater.

Pathak suggested only decorations would be insufficient and maybe combining it with a trivia was a good idea.

Myriam agreed with doing free hot chocolate with gingerbread decorations.

Asif said that putting a tent in the UNC laneway and have a firepit for students to sit around would be amazing.

#### ❖ **Massage**

Asif mentioned that RBC was trying to get someone to come to campus on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November and we would be collaborating with them as soon as David from RBC confirmed the party.

Pathak suggested that it should be during exams season.

Ouellet replied that it depended on the availability of the Massage company that RBC chose to work with.

Asif said that Pathak should look at other companies and see if any of them are willing to come to campus during exams season.

#### ❖ **End of semester party**

Asif asked the committee if they thought the end of semester party should be a cheap night club styled party and do the Silent Disco Party in January.

Everyone in the committee agreed that this should be the procedure.

The committee talked about what the party should be named.

Ouellet mentioned that there used to be a party called BFP a few years ago which used to be a huge thing.

Asif mentioned that he would talk with B. Evans and figure out a name for the party. He also informed the team that the last day of classes had been reserved in the Well for the party.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 January events**

Asif asked the committee what events they would like to see in January. He also stated that Su had come up with an idea to do a night market which included different student associations setting up stalls and selling things which were common in their culture.

Ouellet mentioned that Harmony was a very similar event to the event suggested by Su and maybe it would be a good idea to look for a way to merge the two. He also said that the Harry Potter Trivia would be going live in January.

Asif told the committee that he would work with the company that did silent disco parties and figure out a date in January which would be an ideal time to throw the silent disco party.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 16:55

# **CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Campaigns Committee Meeting, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, UNC 133 & Zoom

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Called to Order at 10:09

## **Directors Present**

Vice-President External (meeting chair)  
Director at Large  
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative  
Faculty of Science Representative  
Student-at-Large  
Student-at-Large

Cade Desjarlais  
Megan Johnston  
Hanna Donaldson  
Maziar Matin Panah  
Georgia Mayhew  
Twinkle Hora

## **Directors Absent**

Student-at-Large  
Faculty of Health and Social Development Representative

Ash Marin  
Grace Halpin

## **Staff Present**

Governance Coordinator

Bri Fedoruk

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

22/10/24.01

Johnston/Donaldson

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

22/10/24.02

Donaldson/Hora

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

### **4.1 BCFS Tabling**

Desjarlais updated the committee on what he would like to do – another tabling event. He was open to doing “Fairness for International Students.” He had swag and supplies. He wanted to set a date for tabling, in the UNC perhaps, rather than in Commons. It would be a good opportunity to connect with students during exam time.

Johnston wanted to know what happened with this campaigning last year. There had not been any talk on the campaigning we had done last year. If we were sitting at a table campaigning for a couple of hours, she would like to show the students what came out of it last year.

Desjarlais replied that the BCFS campaign was a campaign run throughout the province, so any progress would be made at the provincial level or parliamentary level. It had been brought to legislature several times. His goal would be to have the tabling day and put out a press release, as well as address a letter to our MPs, stating that we have not seen much movement. He could not speak for his predecessor.

Johnston was unimpressed with this answer. She wanted to know how we would provide proof of the work that we have done?

Desjarlais replied that tabling is for awareness – it was an awareness campaign. The provincial lobbying would be done at the provincial level at the BCFS. The goal of the tabling is to be present on campus and give back to students. The “Fairness for International Students” campaign was still an issue that students could be more aware of. He asked the committee for a suggested date for tabling?

Johnston stated that we should aim for pre-exams.

Mayhew agreed with Johnston.

Desjarlais suggested Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, or Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> won.

Desjarlais asked about the time?

Desjarlais overruled, Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> had it, due to school being closed on Friday. He asked if the morning would work?

Mayhew had class from 12:30pm-2pm. Hora had a lab from 2pm-3pm. Donaldson had class from 11am-12:30pm. Johnston had class from 11am-3:30pm. Matin Panah had class 9:30am-11am. Fedoruk was free as needed.

In summary: tabling at 10am, set up at 9:30am, then we could have shifts.

Desjarlais stated he would work with B. Evans, perhaps there could be a draw prize. He would be creating a sheet with facts for FAQs from students. He could ask the BCFS as well for an update on the movement that "Fairness for International Students" campaigning has made across the board.

Johnston wanted to know what kind of prizes were being offered.

Desjarlais replied that we could give gift cards; advertise on Instagram.

Johnston wanted to know how to get volunteers more information about getting involved.

Desjarlais replied that there was a big call out for volunteers at the beginning of the year, there was an orientation, and his email was available if they would like to contact him directly.

## **4.2 Update on Petition**

Desjarlais updated the committee on the petition. We spoke of a petition about Parking Services last meeting. He had developed a proposal for parking services:

- ❖ Lower parking fees across the board
- ❖ Parking ticket forgiveness period
- ❖ UPass subsidy increase without an increase in overall fees
- ❖ End Day Parking in H lot, and then make the rest of the parking on campus Day Parking

He also included explanations for each, and was ready to go with a petition, he had spoken with Mullings – AVP students – but before getting a petition going, he thought, 'why don't we make a proposal, and see what the reaction is.' It needed to go to the budget committee as well. He had written a formal email to parking services, they have acknowledged receipt of this email, and they were going to be getting back to him. Petitioning would be on pause until he heard an update. Desjarlais was assuming that it may not be sooner than a month before they hear anything.

Johnston replied that in the last meeting he told us about offices which were saying parking fees were and other offices which were stating that parking fees are not huge revenue streams.

[Marin entered the meeting 10:37]

Desjarlais stated that upper level stated that it was not an important revenue stream,

lover level stated that it was an important revenue stream (Shannon Dunn).

Desjarlais updated on a secondary petition, circulated by some students from a Sociology Class. This petition is one we are supporting, they are pushing for increased bus services to and from Quail and campus, later into the evening. There was some push for this in the local media as well. UBCO was the largest ridership in the Okanagan. They had the data, statistics, and everything they need to show where the areas that need more coverage and support were.

#### **4.3 Re: Discussion on Tuition**

Desjarlais spoke about the OC walk-out. He did not think that this was the best course of action. Students themselves were difficult to get to participate due to their schedules. December 4<sup>th</sup> he would be flying to the Board of Governors meeting, held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, to advocate on behalf of students why we are against the increase in tuition.

Johnston replied with a point of information, about the twenty-six hundred (2600) students primarily rely on bus services. She wanted to know how many of the passes were not being used.

Desjarlais stated he would provide the Board and the committee an update on his time in Vancouver.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Period Promise**

Desjarlais wanted the committee's feedback on running a tabling or information campaign for Period Promise in the new year. The point of this campaign was to provide free menstrual products for residents of British Columbia. He asked the committee for their thoughts on this issue.

Johnston replied that we could collaborate with SVPro and the Women's Resource Centre.

Desjarlais replied that the Women's Resource Centre and the Sex Positivity Resource Centre would be good resources to pair with. He wondered if we would be helpful to invite them to upcoming meetings to discuss. He continued that perhaps having more products in more buildings would be helpful as well.

#### **5.2 Student Activist Fund**

Desjarlais stated that this fund was something he set up this year, a fund of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). We have full control over this money, and how we want to use it. He focused on students experiencing undue crisis, as something to be able to use at our disposal, to fund different things. He had already dispensed five hundred dollars to the MSA Eng. Soc. Movember, he was also looking at partially funding, about two thousand dollars (\$2,000), towards a memorial for Harmandeep Kuar. We then have (\$7,500) to spend on whatever we would like. He wanted to know if we were looking at donating to charity, to student initiatives, should we send out a call for proposals for student ideas?

Johnston wanted to know if this was reallocated from Plant Forward.

Desjarlais replied, no, this was kind of his response to Plant Forward.

Johnston moved to table the discussion, and requested more information. She tasked the committee with coming to the next meeting with ideas and suggestions. She would also like to add that she would like to see the money go to students.

Desjarlais asked the committee to come back with an area of priority.

Johnston replied that if we would like to do some sort of charity, we could reinvest into our own charities, or resource centres, like the Pantry, or the clothing drive.

Desjarlais tabled the discussion for later.

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Campaigns Submission Form**

Desjarlais pointed the committee's attention to the Campaigns Submission Form that he had previously circulated. If a student had an idea, they could use this, submit it to him, then we could review applications as a committee. He also wanted to distribute this on a larger scale, to students overall.

### **6.2 Update on Food Security**

Desjarlais updated on student food insecurity. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, he presented at the Board of Governors meeting. A common theme arose among all leadership there, which inspired Santa Ono to make a donation to Health and Wellness, with the understanding that they would work with the SUO President and the SUO VP External, to develop a spending plan. Thirty-five thousand dollar (\$35,000) was being allocated to Mealshare which opens December 1<sup>st</sup>, students can apply, the maximum is two hundred dollars (\$200) a semester, on a student card to use where student cards are accepted, or in the form of a gift card for groceries. A small portion of that seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) would be used to help with Picnic. The rest of the money would be distributed to student-facing offices which support students facing immediate crisis.

Mayhew wanted to know if the gift cards were being solely allocated to Health and Wellness? Or if there were other offices receiving them?

Desjarlais replied that a portion was going to the Students' Advocate's Office, a portion was going to SVPro, and they were still deciding on how this should be divided up amongst resource centres.

Mayhew wanted to know as a volunteer at the peer support network, how would she be able to gain access to distributing these cards?

Desjarlais replied that he was hesitant to promote this right at the moment as Health and Wellness was still organizing this. We could provide an information email to the resource centres.

Mayhew replied that the information email could contain information for the Resource Centres which also receive students in crisis, so that they are helping the students in a trauma informed way.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Call for Student-at-Large**

Desjarlais stated that there was an opening for one more Student-at-Large positions.

### **7.2 Mental Health Campaign**

Desjarlais stated that he had met with Melissa Feddersen, who had given him a bunch of ideas for Mental Health campaigns. He wanted to make a list of the health resources on campus to have a "passport" of sorts, which students hold onto, they go to resource centres, and they receive a stamp. When they have received all of the stamps, they submit their passport to the SUO front desk, and we could put them in a raffle. He also thought that there could be student submissions, voted on by a panel of judges, as an event to draw interest, as well as to decide where to spend some funding money. He also thought that focusing a little more internally may be helpful to be more informed and trained.

Mayhew agreed that internal training would be helpful.

### **7.3 SWAG Items**

Desjarlais stated that he needed to put in another SWAG order, and wanted to know which items worked, what items did not, and he wanted to know what the committee thoughts students want.

Mayhew stated that a portable charger would be useful, and bags: fanny packs, tote bags.

Johnston stated that water bottles and stickers.

Fedoruk added that the coolers were a hit.

Matin Panah wanted a formal SUO pin.

Desjarlais gave the committee homework: go onto the website 4imprint, and look through their lists of items.

Desjarlais replied that bottle opener keychains, or lanyards. He asked for feedback on gum.

The gum was well received.

Matin Panah wanted SUO jackets with names on them.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 11:31

# OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Oversight Committee Meeting, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Virtual

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Called to Order at 15:32

## Committee Members Present

Faculty of Education Representative (chair)  
Director at Large  
General Manager

Lindsay McGrail  
Spandan Ghevriya  
Jason Evans

## Committee Members Absent

Student At Large  
Board of Governors Representative

Osho Gnanasivam  
Tashia Kootenayoo

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

22/11/14.01

Evans/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

## **3. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **3.1 Executive monthly reports**

The committee discussed the efficacy of the current reporting sheet, they would be consulting with Kootenayoo.

Evans agreed to speak with the Governance Coordinator to determine the timeline for the executive monthly reports.

The committee agreed to allow the four (4) submitted reports to be considered "on time," and would be sent in for Board approval.

The committee had not yet received the monthly summary from Pashelka.

### **3.2 AGM Oversight committee report**

The committee finalized the AGM presentation. McGrail would be sending the presentation the Communications Coordination.

### **3.3 Executive office hours**

The committee would continue monitoring office hours.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 13:56

# GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Graduate Student Committee Meeting, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Zoom

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Called to Order at 17:03

## Directors Present

Graduate Studies Representative  
Student at Large  
Student at Large  
Student at Large  
Student at Large  
Student at Large  
Student at Large  
Vice-President Internal

Kirthana Ganesh  
Dina Alkharabsheh  
Fátima Canales  
Anne Claret  
Elizabeth Houghton  
Nibirh Jawad  
Morgan King  
Vikas Kumar  
Dhruv Bihani

## Directors Absent

Student at Large

Emily Comeau

## Staff Present

Governance Coordinator

Bri Fedoruk

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## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

22/12/01.01

Bihani/Jawad

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

22/12/01.02

Ganesh/Bihani

Ganesh moved to amend the agenda to add an item called SAAM events under Discussion Items.

Carried as amended

## **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

22/12/01.03

Bihani/Jawad

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

## **4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **4.1 Course Union Introductions + Discussion**

Jawad updated on the email being sent out late.

Ganesh confirmed, the email went out this date, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 3pm. The links are on there. All the course unions have to opt in to receive SUO-wide update emails.

[Canales entered 17:06]

[King entered 17:07]

Jawad updated the Qualtrics survey as well in the email, and they will be at the next meeting from 5pm – 6pm, for an hour, they could introduce themselves, and we could go from there.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Debrief: World Cup Event**

Ganesh wondered how it went?

Jawad said Sunday there were some students. The previous day there were six or seven (6 or 7) students. Students were interested, went alright overall.

Ganesh replied to a student with an email, the message she sent an email to the student with apologies, but that the ultimate goal was for community building. Watching the world cup was not the goal, but to come together and share in something

that people had in common. She did not want to *not* have the event because she could see the value in holding the event for community building purposes. She had added an agenda item to the next Board meeting to bring this up and gather the opinions of the Board. She wanted to hear everyone's thoughts on the committee as well, because of the delicacy of the situation, as well as the time crunch. She asked the committee for thoughts and suggestions.

[Alkharabsheh entered 17:13]

Jawad updated the committee that he would be away for the remainder of the World Cup Events, so another committee member would have to take on the organization of the event moving forward if anyone was interested in continuing.

Claret stated that she did not have a stake in holding the event or not, as damage would have already been done if it has already happened. She did think that it would be important for the committee to make a statement in response. She did think that in the future it may be important to think about holding future events like this which could come across as political. In particular she thought that political events should be spoken about at length before they were planned.

Ganesh replied that she believed that if someone on the committee had known about this event and the political controversies, they would have let everyone else know prior, but everyone had been tired through the semester, and it was possible for these points not to have been connected until too late. She conceded that it may have been a mistake, but it happened, and it was not done with ill intent, but for positive reasons. No one on this committee was inadvertently supporting the issue at hand, and to further that, she thought that it was important for our student body to know that this [meaning the issues concerning human rights and advocacy/equality] was not what we stand for.

Alkharabsheh agreed with Ganesh that all those present were all on the same page, but she wondered if the student's opinion was shared with other students on campus. In her experience she had heard that some students found this as a progressive thing, some controversial. We should be clear in what our message addresses, what are we apologizing for, what does it mean for a queer student not to have a safe space? Is it the viewing space? Is it the situation in Qatar?

Ganesh agreed: a) are we apologizing? b) what are we apologizing for? As students of the union who say they stand with queer students and other minoritized groups, while supporting events that do not stand for these ethics, what are we saying? At the same time, should we stop holding events like this at all? She wanted to apologize for not thinking about this prior to holding the event. She did not want to apologize for holding the event, because she still saw value in having the event, but she wanted to hear what other committee members thought about this.

Claret replied that the apology should contain where we stand with human rights, and how we missed including this in our broadcasting of this event.

Ganesh wanted to know if there were any additions to these thoughts?

Canales replied that perhaps we should check the political situations of any event we hold, as it could be difficult to know what controversies exist.

Ganesh agreed, perhaps we discuss events more prior to hosting them.

King wanted to know if there was anyone interested in continuing to hold the events?

Ganesh wanted to know what constituted holding the event?

Jawad replied that it was simple, hooking up wires.

Alkharabsheh replied that to make it more queer friendly, we could state what we previously agreed upon, but to state this in a clear way: rainbow posters, bands.

## **5.2 Debrief: AGM, Future Plans**

Ganesh updated on the past AGM. The Bylaw change was to show how representatives were engaging with graduate students. The change was written to be broad so that there was an ease to engage with these students. She also complimented the committee in getting graduate students to show up at the AGM, to confirm their engagement and support. It gave us the opportunity to show the Board how much we cared, but it was respectful.

Bihani added that it was important to have that policy, and he was glad that graduate students showed up in numbers to support.

Ganesh stated that future plans included attending policy meetings, adding regulations for graduate Student-at-Large for each committee, and other changes.

## **5.3 Grad with Families Event**

Alkharabsheh updated that she met with Global Engagement, and they booked the EME international student collegium, for December 9<sup>th</sup>. For Grads and their Families', but more focused at international students because of the Global Engagement office, but it was up for discussion as to whether it should be open to Canadians as well, as a combination event.

## **5.4 Updates on Childcare Advocacy**

Alkharabsheh updated on a meeting held Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. The Global Engagement office sent their Graduate Student Specialist (Nora Lambrecht), the director of Business Operations of UBCO also attended (Shannon Dunn), as well as the SUO's Students' Advocate (Rachel Fortin), and few from the Vancouver campus: a PhD student (Cassidy Wallis) and VP External for the GSS (Violeta Fabiani).

The meeting concluded that this was a provincial issue, so perhaps the government could be asked to funnel some childcare money to students.

# **6. NEW BUSINESS**

## **6.1 Brainstorming for Joint GSC/GSS Event**

Claret wanted the committee to come up with some ideas to present to the GSS as to what we want out of the event, and she asked for suggestions.

Ganesh asked if we wanted this to be social or educational?

Claret replied that if it was just hardcore advocacy, people would be less motivated than with social/food happening. At the very least, we may want to have some kind of understanding for Grad students on what GSS has been doing and what we have been doing.

Ganesh wondered if we should have a panel?

Claret replied that she like this idea, but GSS was much older than us, so it may look disproportionate.

Ganesh cycled back to ask what the goal of the event should be then?

King replied she was slightly confused, were some students from Vancouver coming? Were just people from the GSS coming?

Alkharabsheh and King both thought that students were coming as well.

Claret replied that we could offer a hybrid option so that students from Vancouver could zoom in.

King wondered what our goal was as well? Are we looking to learn more from the GSS? Are we socializing? If so, we should get rid of a panel.

Alkharabsheh replied that there should be a presentation each, but match them to show how we are working together, and then the rest of the event could be social.

Claret replied that she liked the social angle, that this could be something that is signature of the GSC. Further, she thought that the presentations could be helpful to get Grad students to know what we are working on.

Ganesh summarized that perhaps we do a joint presentation, a hybrid event for Van and Okanagan to join in, and we could have some kind of ice-breaker, then the social part could be a dinner with the GSS and the GSC.

Claret replied that this would help up reinforce the relationship between the GSS, and to show Grad students what we are doing – to increase our visibility.

Ganesh added that we could open the end up for questions to the student body.

Claret added that we could ask students for what they thought and what they wanted.

Alkharabsheh replied that it depended on whether it was remote or in person. If remote there could be different break-out rooms with different discussion topics.

Claret replied that we perhaps do not want it to be mostly online, but more entirely in-person – which would limit Vancouver Graduate students from attending – but we could offer it hybrid so that people could drop in if they wanted to.

Ganesh summarized: a hybrid situation with a formal presentation with points on progress, then questions, then a social event with snacks + chatting, then maybe a separate social context where all of us hang out with the GSS, to form that relationship. She asked when this was being planned for?

Claret replied end of February beginning of March, but not into April because it would be too late in the year.

[Alkharabsheh left at 18:24]

## **6.2 University Committee Graduate Student Representation**

Jawad told the committee that while he was attending the AGM, he thought that there were many questions that showed him students were confused as to where to direct them. He wanted to know where our student senate representatives were? He also wanted to know about the GSAC?

Claret wanted to know if there was a briefing that could be sent out something like twice a year with a newsletter. She emphasized that a newsletter in general would be helpful.

Ganesh stated that a directory may be helpful to connect students to their

representatives. She thought that it may be helpful to invite Hafeez to a GSC meeting.

### **6.3 SAAM – January is Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Ganesh told the committee that SVPro holds month long events. This year the SAAM theme would be to do with climate and social justice. Consent, exploitation, and healing as a community, as the broad picture – rest as resistance, indigenous elders holding talks about healing from trauma and knowledge keeping. They were looking for volunteer support in terms of planning and input. It was a flexible experience for Ganesh in the past, and she understood the triggering nature of the events as well.

King asked when the event was being held?

Ganesh replied that it would be held throughout January. COGS, the resource centres, indigenous programs and services, the Global Engagement Office, were all participating in these events.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 18:45