

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, February 27th, 2023, UNC 105

Called to Order at 18:04

Directors Present

President	Jakson Pashelka
Vice-President External (meeting chair)	Cade Desjarlais
Vice President Finance and Administration	Vrushank Kekre
Vice-President Internal	Dhruv Bihani
Vice-President Campus Life	Danial Asif
Director-at-Large	Spandan Ghevriya
Graduate Studies Representative	Kirthana Ganesh
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 (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Tashia Kootenayoo

Directors Absent

Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Akshata Pathak
Director-at-Large	Berat Celik
Director-at-Large	Aryam Dwivedi
Director-at-Large	Megan Johnston
Student Senate Caucus Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

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

Guests

Students Against Violence Everywhere President	Joban Sohd
United Youth for Human Rights Communications Executive	Nikki Rai
United Youth for Human Rights President and Founder	Frank Marchesan
Fempowered President	Sharfenaz Mahabub

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded, traditional, ancestral territory of the Okanagan Nation. We would like to recognize that learning happened in this place long before this institution was established. It is important to understand the privilege we hold to be living, working, and learning on Syilx territory.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

23/02/27.01

Bihani/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

23/02/27.02

Bihani/Ghevriya

Bihani moved to amend the agenda by adding a club ratification under “New Business:

Be it resolved the Hinduism Club be ratified.”

23/02/27.03

Kekre/Asif

Kekre moved to amend the agenda by adding an item under “Discussion Items” called “RFP Survey Results.”

Carried as amended

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/02/27.04

Ghevriya/Mindi

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held January 30th, 2023 be adopted.

23/02/27.05

Ganesh/Bihani

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held January 30th, 2023, be amended by adding Elizabeth Houghton’s honoraria to the motion on GSC Honoraria which was previously adopted.

Carried as amended

23/02/27.06

Mindi/Donaldson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Emergency meeting held February 13th, 2023 be adopted.

Kootenayoo wanted to bring forward a concern of the minutes in their entirety. She was not present for this meeting, so she relied heavily on the minutes to know what happened. The way the minutes were recorded could be problematic. What was written in the minutes was a little harsh, and she while this may be verbatim what was said, she found this concerning that we were not creating a clear narrative of what was happening instead, she felt that certain things were not okay to be recorded. She asked for a revised copy resubmitted for the next Board package meeting. She did not feel that this was

professional in the current state for the Membership to be reading.

Desjarlais asked if she was seeking a motion.

Kootenayoo stated she could not seek a motion.

Fedoruk noted that she had sought a motion, which she can do and any student can do, but she would need a voting member to second for the motion to be considered.

Desjarlais stated that since Kootenayoo was an ex-officio member, was there anyone on the Board to second Kootenayoo's point?

McGrail raised her hand, and mentioned she also was not at the meeting. She understood that they were meant to be a transcription to show what happened, and she sought a motion to revise the minutes. She asked if it were possible for there to be internal SUO minutes and external minutes?

Desjarlais reminded both absent directors that the meeting that they had missed was almost four (4) hours long. He felt that considering the importance of the meeting, and the subject matter, the minutes would reflect that.

Fedoruk responded that she was asked to keep a close transcription of the minutes by multiple Directors, and reminded directors that she still needed to know what they would like amended, if they would like to seek amendments, as per Robert's Rules of Order.

Kootenayoo replied that she would still like a motion to change the previous minutes because there was in-camera discussion held.

23/02/27.07

McGrail/Mindi

Be it resolved that the minutes of the emergency meeting held February 13th, 2023, be revised to provide a summary for the members, and to maintain an internal copy for the SUO Board of Directors.

Desjarlais stated that it was within Robert's Rule of Order for the Board to decide what they would like to disclose to their Members. While he did recognize that there were elements of in-camera topics being discussed, it was meant to be transparent because they were discussing the Referendum question, and the process behind the Referendum question, which was clearly stated. It was not about legal ramifications, labour discussions, or discussion about land. It would be up to the Board to decide what we should share with the membership.

Pashelka agreed with a summarized version being drafted, not because the detail was not important, but because of the names that were mentioned. He felt that it would be a poor reflection of the organization with some of the language used.

Amendment carried

Original motion tabled

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Presentation from the Faculty of Education Representative

23/02/27.08

McGrail/Kekre

McGrail moved to table the presentation

Carried

4.2 FemPowered

23/02/27.09

Bihani/Asif

Bihani moved to table the presentation.

Carried

4.3 SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere)

Sohd, the Students Against Violence Everywhere President, presented a Powerpoint to the Board.

Ganesh asked for some contact information for the club.

Sohd provided his email: joban25sohd@gmail.com

4.4 United Youth for Human Rights

Marchesan and Rai presented a Powerpoint to the Board on the differences between their organization and an already ratified club, Amnesty International.

[Sharfenaz and Matin Panah entered at 18:51]

Ganesh wanted to know if they anticipated sticking with Education or expanding their topics?

Marchesan replied that they would be mostly focused on Education, but if they planned to expand, it would be something different from what was already being offered.

McGrail thanked them for coming out, and appreciated them making the differences between their work and Amnesty International's known.

Kootenayoo thanked them for their presentation, and wondered if in the future they could root their purpose in a more localized place.

Matin Panah asked for more detail on the collaboration between Amnesty International currently.

23/02/27.10

Asif/Mindi

Asif moved to reconsider the motion previously tabled: A presentation from FemPowered

Carried

4.5 FemPowered

Sharfenaz presented about the club, FemPowered.

Kootenayoo thanked the Member for their presentation, and wanted for further clarification on 'broad' or 'further.' From the Sex Positivity Club and Advocacy Centre, as

well as the Women's Resource Centre, are also board initiatives. She wanted in her own words, clarification on this.

Sharfenaz replied that by broad, it would cover anyone who identifies as a woman, and it would differ from a resource centre providing resources, but holding events.

Kootenayoo replied that the Member sounded passionate, and urged them to reach out to the Womens Resource Centre coordinator.

Kekre asked for further detail on the survey, and wondered if those being asked knew about the Women's Resource Centre as well.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

23/02/27.11

Bihani/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held February 10th, 2023, be adopted.

23/02/27.12

Ganesh/Asif

Ganesh moved to amend the minutes by adding "of the Fencing Club" next to the words "treasurer."

Carried as amended

5.2 Finance Committee

No updates at this time.

5.3 Policy Committee

No updates at this time.

5.4 Campus Life Committee

23/02/27.13

Asif/Mindi

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held December 1st, 2022, be adopted.

Carried

23/02/27.14

Asif/Bihani

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held January 27th, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

Asif provided an update on the events that had occurred:

- February 1st The Office Trivia in the Well
- February 3rd Pajama Party in the Well
- February 10th All Ages Beach Party in the Well
- February 14th Valentines Cookie Event in Picnic
- February 15th Star Wars Trivia in the Well
- February 17th LASO presented their Brazilian Carnivale theme night at the Well

He continued that coming up:

- March 1st BCCU Bingo Night
- March 3rd March Madness Theme Party at the Well
- March 4th Neon Holi Party at the Well hosted by the ISA
- March 8th Comedy Hypnotist in the Well
- March 9th the Sexiest Game Show at the Well hosted by the Sex Positivity Centre
- March 10th ASA is hosting an event at the Well
- March 11th an All-Ages Party at the Well

Bigger events still under planning:

- Recess
- Concert and Carnival
- SHAG was now being done through the Campaigns Committee

5.5 Campaigns Committee

23/02/27.15

Desjarlais/Hora

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held January 24th, 2023, be adopted.

Ganesh wondered about 4.1 Mental Health Passport, she wanted to add the walk-in clinic.

Desjarlais asked what the contact should be?

Ganesh replied that she would be, as well as the UBC InterProfessional Clinic, ASC 167.

Carried

Desjarlais updated on the Parking Petition, there was a meeting set up with the VP Finance of UBCO, AVP Students, the Students' Advocate, as well as other stakeholders, to show the level of community support they had received. He continued on Asif's point, that the Campaigns Committee had taken over the planning of SHAG.

5.6 Oversight Committee

23/02/27.16

Mindi/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held January 24th, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

McGrail provided a verbal update on the Oversight Committee. She mentioned that for all of the Executives, meeting the requirements during exam periods was difficult, and they were looking for ways to support the Executives during these periods. They were thinking of having the finalized Trimester Reports for the next Board of Directors meeting.

23/02/27.17

McGrail/Bihani

Be it resolved that the Executive Reports of December, be adopted as attached.

Desjarlais reiterated that the end of December was a busy time, and office hours were not well attended at that time of the year.

Carried

5.7 Graduate Student Committee

23/02/27.18

Desjarlais/Ganesh

Be it resolved that the adoption of minutes from the meeting held February 2nd, 2023, be tabled.

Carried

Ganesh provided a verbal update on the Graduate Student Committee. They were back doing office hours once a week, in ASC 460, as well as on zoom virtually. The schedule would be up on Instagram soon. March 4th at 5:00pm in the Ballroom there would be an event for Graduate Student Cultural Night to showcase their cultures, and she invited Board Members to attend to meet with Graduate Students in their faculties. They were working with the GSS, the Graduate Student Experience Office, and other offices, and would probably be the largest event the GSC would be hosting. She asked for students to come dressed up and have some fun.

5.8 Student Association Funding Committee

23/02/27.19

Kekre/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held January 26th, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

23/02/27.20

Kekre/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held February 3rd, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

Kekre updated the Board on the business of the committee thus far.

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Board of Governors

Kootenayoo updated that there was a second call for the Board of Governors Representative, her position, as she would not be running again.

McGrail wanted to know if a student graduated in December, would a student be able to serve a full term?

Kootenayoo replied yes, that student would be fine.

Matin Panah reiterated Kootenayoo's point, both the Senate and the Board of Governors were looking for candidates, and for the Board to consider participating, or getting other students involved in participating.

6.2 Senate

6.3 Other University Committees: Presidential Search Committee

Pashelka was asked to provide an update on the Presidential Search Committee. He was bound by confidentiality to abstain from letting out any more information than he had already given out, but he had recently received an email from their office and asked directors to fill it out.

6.4 Other University Committees: Graduate Student Advisory Committee

Ganesh provided an update concerning another university committee, the Graduate Student Advisory Committee, currently tasked with providing input for the ICI Building. They were looking for expressions of interest from different Graduate student labs, and she would be sharing more information about the search with the Board.

[Kootenayoo left at 19:35]

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Snow Policy SC5 Committee Nomination

Pashelka updated that the committee was looking for a student to sit on this committee.

Desjarlais called for nominations from the Board.

Halpin nominated herself for the position, she was interested in working with UBC Legal.

23/02/27.21

Desjarlais/Halpin

Be it resolved that Grace Halpin be selected for appointment to the Snow Policy SC5 Committee.

Carried

7.2 Club Ratifications

23/02/27.22

Bihani/Mindi

Be it resolved that the Needy Feelers & Associates be ratified.

Desjarlais asked for clarification and a brief description.

Bihani replied that this club was to cultivate connections between people and to embody psychological safety.

Ganesh asked what their qualifications were to discuss things like psychological safety? It would be unethical to administer things like this without appropriate training. She felt that faculty support like a course union would be beneficial.

Bihani replied this was a fair question, and that he would follow up with the club.

Desjarlais felt that the name and mission statements were unclear, and slightly troublesome, and he wondered if the club should return to the drawing board. He welcomed them returning next year with a more fleshed-out idea.

Motion failed

23/02/27.23

Bihani/Pashelka

Be it resolved that the Space Exploration Student Association be ratified.

Carried

23/02/27.24

Bihani/Mindi

Be it resolved that the Marine Biology Club be ratified.

Carried

23/02/27.25

Bihani/Asif

Be it resolved that the Marine Design Club be ratified.

Matin Panah wanted to know why this was being proposed as two (2) separate clubs?

Bihani replied that he mentioned this to the clubs, but they wanted to propose separate groups to let the Board decide.

Pashelka agreed, it seemed too similar, and the club description they provided seemed too vague to make a decision to ratify separately.

Ganesh asked for further clarification, such as technology, biology, conservation, indigenous studies, before the Board made a decision on funding,

Motion tabled

23/02/27.26

Bihani/Pashelka

Bihani moved to table the motion of the ratification of the Marine Design club to the next meeting.

Carried

23/02/27.27

Bihani/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the Student Association of the Right to a Third Skin be ratified.

The Board asked for further clarification on the name chosen for the club.

McGrail added that a Street Art Club should be made aware that they would not be given permission to tag on campus.

Bihani replied that they would need to ask for permission prior to holding their events, and he and the Membership Outreach Coordinator would determine if the event being held was appropriate.

Desjarlais was concerned about the club purchasing spray paint, and this being traced back to the SUO.

Motion tabled

23/02/27.28

Ganesh/Mindi

Ganesh moved to table the ratification of the Student Association of the Right to a Third Skin until they address concerns regarding their current name.

Carried

23/02/27.29

Bihani/Asif

Be it resolved that the FemPowered Club be ratified.

Kekre felt this club was too close to a Resource Centre mandate. He also felt that the survey they provided did not allow students to know about the Women's Resource Centre.

Mindi agreed and felt that if the student was still passionate, she could return next year.

Ganesh replied that she was on board ratifying them for a couple of reasons, as much as

their goals seemed similar to our current Women's Resource Centre, it was more aimed at community building and creating more feminist spaces, which would be helpful. She also felt that if this was a club that students felt they needed, then a feminism club should be something that the students are allowed to pursue.

Evans replied that the Women's Resource Centre had been inactive for the past two (2) years, and there was a recent resignation. It would not be unique to have a Women's Resource Centre, as well as a club which could feed off of each other. He felt it would be beneficial to make up for the gaps present.

Asif replied that after hearing Evans' point, the club should be ratified. The statistics shared were alarming.

Carried

23/02/27.30

Bihani/Pashelka

Be it resolved that SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) be ratified.

Carried

23/02/27.31

Bihani/Pashelka

Be it resolved that the United Youth for Human Rights Club be ratified

Carried

23/02/27.32

Bihani/Pashelka

Be it resolved that the Hinduism Club be ratified.

Carried

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 ASaferWalk

Pashelka updated that before the Reading Break he had a meeting concerning the current SafeWalk program. He wanted to bring this forward because there was some interest in the boundaries, and being limited to campus. The aim of this program was specifically targeted at those who identified as women. He saw value in this and wanted to bring it to the attention of the Board.

Ganesh wanted to know what the service would be?

Pashelka replied that it was an app, and it would allow people to connect with one another. It was an alternative to SafeWalk. Those who identified as male were disallowed from using the service.

Ganesh would like to see a presentation from the organization.

8.2 Transition Documents from Directors Transitioning Out of the SUO

Fedoruk asked the Directors to begin thinking about their transition documents, as it was part of the peaceful transition of power within a democratic organization.

Ganesh updated that things like roles and expectations, a list of projects, and contact information, would be helpful.

8.3 RPF Survey Results

Kekre discussed the survey results.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 20:36