

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Meeting, February 10th, 2023, UNC 133C

Called to Order at 11:03

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)

Vice-President External

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Campus Life

Vice President Finance and Administration

Jakson Pashelka

Cade Desjarlais

Dhruv Bihani

Danial Asif

Vrushank Kekre

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager

Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans

Bri Fedoruk

Guests Present

Treasurer of the Fencing Club

Alex Katalinic

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

23/02/10.01

Desjarlais/Bihani

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

23/02/10.02

Desjarlais/Bihani

Desjarlais moved to amend the agenda to add an item called "Update" under "Presentations," to do with his portfolio and committee.

23/02/10.03

Bihani/Desjarlais

Bihani moved to amend the agenda by adding a section called "Presentations" and an item called "Club Presentation – Fencing Club," as well as adding an item called "Badminton Club" under "Discussion Items."

23/02/10.04

Evans/Desjarlais

Evans moved to amend the agenda by adding an item called "Fusion" under "New Business."

Carried as amended

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/02/10.05

Desjarlais/Bihani

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held January 20th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Club Presentation – Fencing Club

Katalinic provided some context for their asks being above what was outlined in the policies. From a student perspective, this fee would be to cover gear, the service, and the rental space. He wanted to gain approval to charge thirty (30) dollars for this semester, and perhaps increase from there after they had established their club to charge for a full fee.

Bihani reminded Katalinic that the Clubs were allowed to charge up to thirty (30) dollars per semester without asking for permission.

Katalinic asked if they could use SUO funds to rent equipment?

Bihani and Desjarlais replied, yes.

Desjarlais asked the club to return when they had a more fleshed out budget for fees when they had made up their mind on the next semester's fees.

Kekre asked the club to come back for approval before the next semester if they planned to increase once they had a clearer picture. He directed him to look into the Regulations as well.

Katalinic wanted to know if they could use student fees to make Capital Purchases?

Kekre replied, yes.

4.2 Update from VP External

Desjarlais updated on advocacy, such as the parking petition. First, he wanted to update on the tuition letter increase and the response they had been getting from that. He spoke with the Board of Governors Representative, and there was discussion happening at the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors have come to the solution that it was no longer feasible to rely on tuition increases to fund their budget. Kootenayoo would be updating after a February 16th meeting. He would be having discussions with Cormack and Executives next week. The parking petition received over eighteen hundred (1800) signatures. There was a proposed multi-year tuition framework from the Student Affordability Taskforce, so that students had a better understanding of what they could expect in the years to come. His next update was that he had was on his parking petition, and that eighteen hundred (1800) community members believe there was a parking issue on campus. The next steps would be for the General Manager and the President, and Parking Services, Mullings, and any other involved party, to have a meeting to reiterate this was a community issue. He had an email drafted, talking about the future of parking, getting some data from them, and the ability to have a sit-down meeting with others from the SUO present. He continued that Public Transit, the Project Manager, the General Manager, and the city had a meeting. BC Transit would now be organizing a four (4) way meeting with those important stakeholders to discuss the issues with transit and to discuss the upcoming year. He asked for interest in taking these subsequent meetings. He updated on the media release for the earthquake in Turkey. There was some confusion on whether the Turkish Student Association could run fundraising, as there were some conflicts with our policies that needed to be sorted out, but have been. There was a Harmandeep Memorial Fund set up, he and his committee felt it appropriate. There was going to be a memorial event near the end of the month, and the family would be in attendance.

Kekre asked about the memorial fund.

Desjarlais replied that the purpose was a fund to allow for a scholarship for international students which would be merit based, for students with outstanding academic performance, since that was what the family wanted.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Discussion on Green Bean Space

Kekre updated on the three (3) proposals they had received. There would be something in the space for September.

The committee discussed, and spoke to their best options.

5.2 Badminton Club

Bihani updated on the meeting he held with the Badminton Club, and outlined the options they had in order to move forward.

Kekre updated on his meeting with them as well. He had three (3) options to offer the Executive team.

Desjarlais wanted to know if the Membership Outreach Coordinator had the details of the club?

Bihani replied, yes, we had the application forms.

The executives would reach out to the club with their decision.

5.3 A Note from a Student-at-Large on the Syrian/Turkish Earthquake

Fedoruk presented the statement from the Student-at-Large to the VP External and the rest of the Executive Committee.

Desjarlais replied that there had been updates to the social media with mention of Syria in their statement. He apologized for the appearance of support being mostly given to Turkish people experiencing the tragedy. There was a huge show of support from the Turkish Student Association, who had a quick access to the SUO, and they had those previously mentioned policy infractions that needed to be dealt with. He continued that he would be happy to speak with the student about opportunities to support Syrians through a trusted and reputable donation stream, if she could link him with that, he would be happy to look further into that with her. He also asked the Student-at-Large to look at his office hours, if she would like to come speak with him directly.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Fusion

Kekre updated on the reviews, and the next steps.

[Bihani left at 11:54]

23/02/10.06

Kekre/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that Fusion be given a renewed three (3) year contract with the SUO.

Carried

6.2 Board Honoraria

23/02/10.07

Desjarlais/Asif

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

Name	Title	January
Kirthana Ganesh	Graduate Studies	100%
Akshata Pathak	Faculty of Applied Science	100%
Twinkle Hora	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	100%
Hanna Donaldson	Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies	100%
Lindsay McGrail	Faculty of Education	100%
Grace Halpin	Faculty of Health and Social Development	100%
Jes Mindi	Faculty of Management	100%
Maziar Matin Panah	Faculty of Science	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%

Carried

7. IN-CAMERA

7.1 In-Camera Session 1

23/02/10.08

Desjarlais/Asif

Be it resolved the meeting be moved in-camera.

Carried

7.2 In-Camera Session 2

23/02/10.09

Asif/Desjarlais

Be it resolved the meeting be moved in-camera.

Carried

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 12:07