

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, June 23rd, 2023, UNC 105 Boardroom/Team Online

Called to order 12:08 p.m.

Directors Present

President

Vice-President Campus Life

Vice-President External

Vice-President Finance and Administration

Vice-President Internal

Cade Desjarlais

Uday Gill

Lakshay Karnwal

Osho Gnanasivam

Shreyansh Mehendiratta

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager

Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans

Cecily Qiu

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

23/06/23.01

Gill/Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/06/23.02

Gnanasivam/Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 9th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Gym Pass Subsidy

Based on the communication with UBC Recreation, Desjarlais recommended that SUO continue the gym pass subsidy with a budget of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). Executives had a lot of discussion about the result of the gym pass subsidy last year, the gym space issue, the timeline for a new initiative and other alternatives for Health and Wellness initiatives. Gnanavisam suggested that they should consider the service quality and the promotion result from last year when making the decision. He thought this initiative did not benefit students much considering the gym crowding issue and the number of students engaged in the promotion. Karnwal did not think the gym pass subsidy was the best option. He was seeking other alternatives. He asked for the possibility to use this budget to expand the food pantry or partner with UBC on other food programs. Desjarlais mentioned that budget for food pantry expansion should be from the operation budget. Karnwal and Gill asked for the timeline of this budget decision. Desjarlais did not think they have enough time and resources to start a new initiative. He thought the free gym pass was a success last year, and there was no report of overcrowding in the gym. They can re-evaluate the initiative after this year. Jason commented that the gym pass initiative was new last year. A certain number of students were engaged and benefited. He thought fifteen thousand was a fair number.

Desjarlais made a motion: Be it resolved that SUO allocate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from Health and Dental Budget to the gym pass subsidy. No one seconded it. The motion was lost. The executives continued to deliberate the Health and Dental budget, and subsequently they decided to allocate a smaller number from Health and Dental budget to the gym pass subsidy.

23/06/23.03

Gnanasivam/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that SUO allocate twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) from Health and Dental Budget to the gym pass subsidy.

Carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Budget Review and Planning for July

Gnanasivam provided updates on the budget planning. He completed the operating budget and had 90% of the budget ready. He would contact Phoenix for their budget. Graduate Student Committee submitted their budget today. There may be potential amendments on the Well capital purchase. He planed to present the draft budget to the Finance Committee and Executive Committee before the next board meeting.

He asked Executives for their exact numbers of budget for promotion items such as swag. He asked Desjarlais about the rebranding budget. Desjarlais will discuss it with Becca Evans. Gnanasivam suggested that Executives provide the breakdown list of the promotion budget, attach quotes if possible, and indicate the timeline. The Expo Orientation budget from Mehendiratta looks good. Gnanasivam will have further discussion with Karnwal on his budget.

7. IN-CAMERA SESSION

23/06/23.04

Gnanasivam/ Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [12:53 p.m.]

Carried.

The meeting was moved out of camera at 2:06 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.