

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Board of Directors Meeting, July 18th, 2023, Zoom

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**Called to order at 11:02 a.m.**

## **Directors Present**

President (meeting chair)  
Vice-President External  
Vice President Finance and Administration  
Vice-President Internal  
Vice-President Campus Life  
Director-at-Large  
Director-at-Large  
Director-at-Large  
Director-at-Large  
College of Graduate Studies Representative  
Faculty of Applied Science Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Education Representative  
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative  
Faculty of Management Representative  
Faculty of Science Representative

Cade Desjarlais  
Lakshay Karnwal  
Osho Gnanasivam  
Shreyansh Mehendiratta  
Uday Gill  
Aryan Arora  
Darsh Alamchandani  
Twinkle Hora  
Maziar Matin Panah  
Anjali Desai  
Rishan Pfaender  
Georgia Mayhew  
VACANT  
Grace Halpin  
Abby Newman  
Sunish Grover

## **Directors Absent**

Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative  
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)  
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Hanna Donaldson  
Isabella Bravo  
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

## **Staff Present**

General Manager  
Finance Manager  
Well Pub Manager  
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans  
Leanne Smailes  
Michael Ouellet  
Cecily Qiu

## **Staff Absent**

Executive Coordinator  
Membership Outreach Coordinator  
Communications & Marketing Manager  
Student Advocate  
Food Security & Nutrition Manager

Sarah Speier  
Izzy Rusch  
Becca Evans  
Rachel Fortin  
Stephanie Patterson

## **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. CONDOLENCES**

Desjarlais informed the Board of Directors that a UBCO student, Devyn Gale, lost her life battling a wildfire near Revelstoke last week. He expressed sincere condolences to her family.

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

23/07/18.01

Karnwal/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

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

23/07/18.02

Hora/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

## **6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Executive Committee**

23/07/18.03

Matin Panah/Halpin

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

[Abby Newman entered at 11:06 a.m.]

23/07/18.04

Halpin/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the minutes of the emergency meeting held on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/07/18.05

Mayhew/Halpin

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

## **6.2 Finance Committee**

23/07/18.06

Gnanasivam/Gill

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

## **6.3 Policy Committee**

23/07/18.07

Gnanasivam/Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that Abby Newman, Faculty of Management Representative, be appointed to Policy Committee.

Carried.

Newman introduced herself and expressed her interest in the committee. Desjarlais added that Newman has a lot of policy experience.

23/07/18.08

Mehendiratta/Halpin

Be it resolved that Dhruv Bihani be appointed as Student-at-Large to Policy Committee.

Carried.

Mehendiratta provided his motivation. He stated that Dhruv Bihani has a good background of policies due to his experience working as VP Internal in the previous year. His perspective on implementing some policies carried from last year made him think Bihani is an addition to Policy Committee. Desjarlais added that Policy Committee should be well-equipped with this appointment.

## **6.4 Campus Life Committee**

23/07/18.09

Gill/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that Rishan Pfaender, Faculty of Applied Sciences, be appointed to Campus Life Committee.

Carried.

Rishan Pfaender believed that joining Campus Life Committee is a great way to get him involved in campus events, and he could make best of this year. He was excited to get started.

23/07/18.10

Gill/Hora

Be it resolved that Anjali Desai, Graduate Student Representative, be appointed to Campus Life Committee.

Carried.

Desai explained that it is important for GSC member to sit on this committee. She volunteered to join the committee to assist the collaboration.

23/07/18.11

Gill/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that Myriam Su and Uday Wirk be appointed as Students-at-Large to Campus Life Committee.

Carried.

Gill stated that Su was a Campus Life Committee member last year and she has the experience in campus life events. Wirk is a first-year student moving to his second year at school. Through his first-year campus experience, he has some great insight on campus life.

## **6.5 Campaigns Committee**

23/07/18.12

Karnwal/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/07/18.13

Karnwal/Hora

Be it resolved that Rishan Pfaender, Faculty of Applied Science, be appointed to Campaigns Committee.

Carried.

Desjarlais stated that Rishan Pfaender spoke a lot about his initiatives. He cared about students' mental health. Desjarlais believed that Pfaender would work very well with Karnwal. Pfaender mentioned that he had done a lot of volunteer work and services. Joining the Campaigns Committee will be beneficial to him to advocate for students.

## **6.6 Graduate Student Committee**

23/07/18.14

Desai/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/07/18.15

Desai/Grover

Be it resolved that Hammad Ahmed be appointed as Student-at-Large to Graduate Student Committee.

Carried.

Desai stated that Hammad is a PhD student and is very active on campus. He is the president of Engineering Society. He is an addition to GSC. Desjarlais added that Hammad is also running the Cricket Tournament and the tennis club, and he is active on campus.

23/07/18.16

Desai/Karnwal

Be it resolved that Yazdanmehr Gordanpour be appointed to Campaigns Committee.  
Carried.

Desjarlais reminded the board of the amendment of Regulations made last year that graduate student would sit on each committee in an attempt to make the committees active for all students on campus.

23/07/18.17

Desai/Gill

Be it resolved that Satabdi Das be appointed to Campus Life Committee.  
Carried.

23/07/18.18

Desai/Halpin

Be it resolved that the May and June Honoraria for GSC Students-at-Large be disbursed as follows:

GSC: May		
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount
1	Emily Comeau	50
2	Nibirh Jawad	50

GSC: June		
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount
1	Alanna Shwed	50
2	Dina Khrabshesh	50
3	Emily Comeau	50
4	Fatima Canales	0
5	Naeem Nadaee	0
6	Nibirh Jawad	50
7	Satabdi Das	50
8	Yazdanmehr Gordanpour	50

Carried.

## **6.7 Oversight Committee**

23/07/18.19

Halpin/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the minutes\* of the meeting held on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted. (\* Note: Executive Monthly Reports are attached for review.)

Carried.

Halpin expressed her appreciation for Executives to submit the reports on time and in good quality.

23/07/18.20

Halpin/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that Shreya Saxena be appointed as Student-at-Large to Oversight Committee.

Carried.

Halpin stated that they interviewed two applicants. Both are awesome. Shreya Saxena has more knowledge of policies, regulations, and bylaws. The transition for her will be easier.

## **7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **7.1 Senate**

### **7.2 Board of Governors**

### **7.3 Other University Committees**

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Presentation and Adoption of the Annual Operating Budget for 2023-2024**

[As Desjarlais requested, Halpin started to chair the meeting at 11:36 p.m.]

Gnanasivam presented the draft budget. The allocations for the pillars are almost the same as what were indicated in the previous board meeting except for Campus Life. The allocation for student services and advocacy is more than the amount allocated last year. The allocation numbers are decided mainly based on the 2022-2023 Year-to-Date numbers. This budget achieves the goal of non-deficit revenue before amortization.

Gnanasivam went through the SUO Operating Budget and the Student Health and Dental Budget. Those two budgets are separate entities as SUO collects the fees separately for each budget.

Regarding the Operating Budget, there is a slight increase in the revenue and a slight decrease in the expenditure. There are some reallocations of wages and budget. With smaller operating expenses, they maintain the main allocations for student services, advocacy and campus life. Gnanasivam explained some small changes among the

breakdown list. Campus life budget is a bit smaller than that from last year, which he believed accurately reflects the expense. Conference and travel budget is reduced. More allocation goes to Pantry as Pantry worked very well last year. Some allocation is moved from mental health initiative to campus sustainability. The general expense budget is similar. There is a significant increase in wages and benefit expense, but some other general expenses have been cut down.

In terms of the Student Health and Dental Budget, the fee collected from student health and dental plan is mainly reserved for the premium. This budget also covers some health-related initiatives such as the free gym membership and the food hub SUO and UBC have been collaborating on. An audit for health and dental plan is planned this year, which is also an expense under the Student Health and Dental Budget.

Gnanasivam mentioned that the two budget drafts would be posted on SUO website for students to review.

Desjarlais thanked Gnanasivam for his great job on the budget and presentation. Karnwal noticed that the total budget for the advocacy was the same, however the allocations for the breakdown items were different from what he requested. Gnanasivam explained that the total allocation would remain the same while there would be adjustments among the breakdown list over the year. Alamchandani asked if it affects the mental health resources on campus by moving some funds from the mental health initiative to campus sustainability. Gnanasivam confirmed that there would be no impact on the current mental health resources. This budget is specifically planned for the initiatives from Karnwal.

Alamchandani/Grover

Be it resolved that the Annual Operating Budget for 2023-2024 be adopted.  
Carried.

23/07/18.22

Desjarlais/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the Student Health and Dental Budget for 2023-2024 be adopted.  
Carried.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Faculty Representative Appointment**

23/07/18.23

Mayhew/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that Jeffrey Tookey be appointed as Faculty of Education Representative.  
Carried.

Desjarlais provided the motivation. Jeffrey Tookey is a mature student, and he is the only applicant for this position. Evans, Qiu and he conducted the interview. The goal of Tookey

is to stay in the position until By-Election and encourage students from Education Faculty to take on the role.

## **9.2 Presentation and Adoption of the SUO Action Plan for 2023-2024**

Jason Evans stated that the document was attached for review. The action plan covered all the pillars and objectives of all Executives. This fulfilled the mandate in the Bylaws that executives should present an annual action plan to the board for adoption. Evans encouraged the Board of Directors to ask the executives any questions regarding the pillars and the plan.

23/07/18.24

Gill/ Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that the SUO Action Plan for 2023-2024 be adopted as attached.

Carried.

## **9.3 SUO Leadership Training Notice (attached)**

Jason Evans provided the information on the annual Leadership Training and encouraged the Board of Directors to make efforts to attend the training. Halpin asked if there would be a possibility to join the training online. Evans explained that it all depends on the technology the venue could facilitate. He and Mike Ouellet will work on the logistics and reply to the question later. Halpin also asked about the travel subsidy for directors to attend the training. Evans stated that they could explore the possibility and feasibility of this suggestion. Newman asked for the name of the training company and the bio of the trainer. Evans replied that they were using the old HR company that facilitated the Orientation, and the bio of the trainer would be sent later. Mayhew asked if students-at-large from various committees were invited. Evans explained that the invitation will be extended to the students-at-large as well as student leaders from large course unions after the Board of Directors finalizes the training at this meeting.

## **10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

23/07/18.25

Matin Panah/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at 12:05 p.m.

Carried.