

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, August 9th, 2023, UNC 105 Boardroom

Called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Directors Present

President

Cade Desjarlais

Vice-President Campus Life

Uday Gill

Vice-President External

Lakshay Karnwal

Vice-President Finance and Administration

Osho Gnanasivam

Vice-President Internal

Shreyansh Mehendiratta

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager

Jason Evans

Governance Coordinator

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

23/08/09.01

Gnanasivam/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/08/09.02

Mehendiratta/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 17th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 SUO/UNC Renovation

Desjarlais provided the background information on the SUO building proposal which did not get approved last year. Considering the increasing number of students and the space problem that SUO has, Desjarlais set his goal to find a solution to this issue. He was going to strike the Building Steering Committee at the next board meeting to explore the alternatives to solve this issue. He was seeking to expand the building instead of having a new building, and meanwhile renovate other space in SUO such as Pantry, Resource Center and Theatre. He approached UBCO to seek the feasibility of the expansion proposal. UBCO seconded it and agreed that it is cheaper and faster to build an addition. He asked for the feedback from other executives. Gnanasivam thought it was a great idea and he inquired about the committee structure and budgetline. Evans explained that the committee may consist of President, two other Executives, at least two Board of Directors, and two staff; and he also explained that the budget for the building is separate from the operating budget.

[Gill entered at 11:42 a.m.]

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Create Showcase

UBCO Create new student orientation will be held on September 4th. SUO will do some tabling to introduce the services SUO provides and touch base with new

students. Executives decided to take turns to help with tabling. Their shifts were scheduled as follows:

2:00-3:30 pm: Gill & Mehendiratta

3:30-5:00 pm: Desjarlais

Karnwal will inform Desjarlais of his time availability later; Gnanasivam will be busy with the moving day for students.

[Mike Ouellet entered at 11:50 a.m.]

5.2 UBC Fall Retreat

UBC fall retreat for executives is on September 6th. Gnansivam, Gill, and Mehendiratta confirmed their availability for the event. Desjarlais explained that this event, similar to the AMS Orientation, consists of meetings and presentations. Executives from AMS and SUO as well as Graduate Student Society from Vancouver were invited. Desjarlais will forward more information after contacting the organizer.

5.3 Frosh Update

Ouellet explained the preparation and negotiation process. He stated that the security, police, ambulance and city permit are all ready. There were two delays: the selection and the cost of artists. He requested better direction from executives regarding the artists they decide to choose and the cost they decide on. The Executives discussed about the potential artists and cost. Desjarlais suggested that they finalize all the details by the last week of August. Ouellet recommended the team channel for an effective communication. Karnwal asked about the Frosh sponsors. Executives and Ouellet shared the information on sponsors. Ouellet recommended that Executives should have an agreement in writing with sponsors.

[Mike Ouellet left at 12:07 p.m.]

5.4 Expo Sponsors

Executives shared the information on Expo sponsors. Gill mentioned that many companies had their sponsorship locked in early in the year, usually in January. He also pointed out that summer is not a good time to look for the sponsorship as it is a vacation season for executives or managers of many companies. It was challenging to get hold of the persons in charge. He suggested that executives should start planning for Frosh early in the year. Mehendiratta agreed with Gill. He suggested, for the future reference, that the sponsorship planning for Frosh and Expo should start in January. Karnwal recommended that the executives can reach out to some of the UBCO departments, for example, the Student Experience Office, to look for contacts of sponsors, as some of the departments have experience in the sponsorship. Karnwal also added that as the Executives were looking for sponsors separately, they need update the list with the whole team for an effective communication.

[Mehendiratta left at 12:15.]

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Three (3) goals to Oversight

Desjarlais and Evans informed the other Executives that Oversight Committee would reach out soon to review the performance of the Executives and assess the progress of their established goals. There will be three reviews in their term.

7. IN-CAMERA SESSION

23/08/09.03

Gill/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera at 12:20 p.m.

Carried.

23/08/09.04

Gill/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera at 12:38 p.m.

Carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.