

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of
Students Board of Directors Meeting, November 6th, 2023, Team

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Cade Desjarlais
Vice President Finance and Administration	Osho Gnanasivam
Vice-President Internal	Shreyansh Mehendiratta
Vice-President Campus Life	Uday Gill
Vice-President External	Lakshay Karnwal
Director-at-Large	Twinkle Hora
Director-at-Large	Darsh Alamchandani
Director-at-Large	Aryan Arora
Director-at-Large	Japnit Singh Madaan
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Grace Halpin
Faculty of Management Representative	Rajat Arora
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Hanna Donaldson
Faculty of Science Representative	Sunish Grover
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Rishan Pfaender
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Georgia Mayhew
College of Graduate Studies Representative	Anjali Desai
Faculty of Education Representative	Vacant
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Isabella Bravo
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes
Governance Coordinator	Cecily Qiu
Well Pub Manager	Michael Ouellet
Membership Outreach Coordinator	Izzy Rusch
Communications & Marketing Manager	Becca Evans
Student Advocate	Rachel Fortin
Food Security & Nutrition Manager	Stephanie Patterson

Staff Absent

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

23/11/06.01

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/11/06.02

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 23rd, 2023 be adopted.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Presentation by Erik Allas from Tompkins Wozny, LLP.

23/11/06.03

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Be it resolved that the Auditor's Report for the 2022/2023 fiscal year be approved as presented.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

23/11/06.04

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 23rd, 2023 be adopted.

5.2 Finance Committee

5.3 Policy Committee

23/11/06.05

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

23/11/06.06 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw V:9]:

A Referendum shall be called without delay by the President of the Students' Union upon:

- a. a Resolution of the Board of Directors; or
- b. receipt of a petition duly signed by ten (10) percent of the Members delivered to the President of the Students' Union requisitioning a Referendum on a particular question.

be amended by adding a new point (c) "the Chief Returning Officer receiving the duly signed petition and the Referendum question at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day that the Students' Union is required to give notice of Referendum or Election", so [Bylaw V:9] then reads:

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- a. a Resolution of the Board of Directors; or
- b. receipt of a petition duly signed by ten (10) percent of the Members delivered to the President of the Students' Union requisitioning a Referendum on a particular question;
- c. the Chief Returning Officer receiving the duly signed petition and the Referendum question at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day that the Students' Union is required to give notice of Referendum or Election.

23/11/06.07 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that [Regulation II:1(d)]:

- a. "Campaign Volunteer" means any Member that actively contributes to the candidate's campaign, including but not limited to: printing and putting up posters, assisting with tabling and assisting with social media advertising.

be amended by replacing the words "social media advertising" with the words "social media campaigning/awareness", so [Regulation II:1(d)] then reads:

d. "Campaign Volunteer" means any Member that actively contributes to the candidate's campaign, including but not limited to: printing and putting up posters, assisting with tabling and assisting with **social media campaigning/awareness.**

23/11/06.08 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that [Regulation II:7(a)]:

Wherever possible the schedule for General Elections shall be as follows:

- a. Nomination period will open at 8:00 am PST on the second Monday in February, and will run until 4:00 pm PST the Friday of that week;

be amended by replacing the word "second" with the word "first" and replacing the words "that week" with the words "the second week", so [Regulation II:7(a)] then reads:

- a. Nomination period will open at 8:00 am PST on the **first** Monday in February, and will run until 4:00 pm PST on the Friday of **the second week;**

23/11/06.09 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that [Regulation II:24(a)]

Candidates may campaign by any means except may not:

- a. Campaign

be amended by adding a new point (xviii) under "a. Campaign" which strictly states the guidelines for Candidates' use of the SUO Logo on campaign materials:

"xviii. while using campaign materials with any Students' Union logo other than the approved Students' Union Elections Logo."

23/11/06.10 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that the [Bylaw IX:2]:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration; and
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life.

be amended by adding a new point “ f. the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member”, so [Bylaw IX:2] then reads:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration;
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life; and
- f. the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.

23/11/06.11 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that the [Bylaw X:1] be amended by striking the point (K) “oversee the operation of the Pantry- a student food bank” from the roles and responsibilities of the President, and renumbering the consecutive points as necessary.

23/11/06.12 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:17] be amended by adding a new point (i) “lottery tickets and raffle tickets,” so [Regulation VIII:17] then reads:

Funding directly provided by SUO shall not be used for the following expenses:

- a. capital purchases;
- b. alcohol and illegal substances;
- c. wages such as but not limited to staff expenses and honorariums;
- d. fundraising purposes such as but not limited to donations, activities, raffles or events that require a gaming license;
- e. direct contributions to external organizations' activities, operations or fundraisers related to groups not registered under the SUO Student Associations policy;
- f. off-campus events held without prior approval through the Off-campus Event application request form; and/or
- g. events not insured through the SUO;
- h. pre-paid gift cards;
- i. lottery tickets and raffle tickets;

5.4 Campus Life Committee

23/11/06.13

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 24th, 2023 be adopted.

5.5 Campaigns Committee

23/11/06.14

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 26th, 2023 be adopted.

5.6 Graduate Student Committee

5.7 Oversight Committee

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Senate

Summary of the discussion of UBC budget and tuition expenditure at recent senate meeting.

6.2 Board of Governors

6.3 Other University Committees

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Student Association Ratification

23/11/06.15

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Be it resolved that the Visual Arts Course Union be renewed as a student association for the 2023-24 academic year.

7.2 Approval of the CRO Report

23/11/06.16

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Be it resolved that the SUO of UBC Board of Directors approve the 2023-2024 By-Election report as submitted by the Chief Returning Officer.

23/11/06.17

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Be it further resolved that the SUO of UBC Board of Directors approve the destruction of the nomination forms used in the 2023-2024 By-Election.

7.3 Calls for nominations from the Membership of the Student's Union of the University of British Columbia, Okanagan for:

- One (1) Faculty of Education Representative

23/11/06.18

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Be it resolved that the Students' Union of UBC Okanagan place a call for Faculty of Education Representative applicants to sit on the SUO Board of Directors.

7.4 Indigenous Student Representative

23/11/06.19

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Whereas the SUO of UBC is situated on the unceded, traditional territory and stolen lands of the Okanagan Sylix Nation, and whereas the SUO of UBC is committed to active Indigenous reconciliation and upholding the TRC's Calls to Action,

Be it resolved that the Policy Committee develop a framework to implement an Indigenous Student Representative Bylaw change for next year's Annual General Meeting, or a Special Annual General Meeting if one is called, and presented to the Board of Directors no later than April 1st, 2024.

7.5 Approval of the 2023 SUO Annual General Meeting Agenda

23/11/06.20

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Be it resolved that the 2023 SUO Annual General Meeting Agenda be approved as attached.

8. DISCUSSION

8.1 Volunteers for AGM

- Registration Table List (at least 5 volunteers)
- Tear Down Team Preparations
- Mic Assistant Arrangements (2 volunteers)

9. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, October 23rd, 2023, UNC133C/Team

Directors Present

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

Cade Desjarlais
Osho Gnanasivam
Shreyansh Mehendiratta
Uday Gill
Lakshay Karnwal (via Team)
Twinkle Hora
Darsh Alamchandani
Grace Halpin (via Team)
Abby Newman
Hanna Donaldson
Sunish Grover
Rishan Pfaender
Anjali Desai

Directors Absent

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Director-at-Large
Faculty of Education Representative
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Georgia Mayhew
Aryan Arora
Jeffrey Tookey
Isabella Bravo
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu

Staff Absent

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

Michael Ouellet
Izzy Rusch
Becca Evans
Rachel Fortin
Stephanie Patterson

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:06 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

23/10/23.01

Gill/Desai

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/10/23.02

Newman/Desai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 10th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.1 Executive Committee

23/10/23.03

Gnanasivam/Pfaender

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

Carried.

4.2 Finance Committee

4.3 Policy Committee

23/10/23.04

Mehendiratta/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on August 15th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

Newman asked about reasons for the late submission. Desjarlais explained that Policy Committee is not required to have meetings as regularly as other committees.

4.4 Campus Life Committee

23/10/23.05

Gill/Pfaender

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on September 28th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/10/23.06

Gill/Hora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 12th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

4.5 Campaigns Committee

4.6 Graduate Student Committee

4.7 Oversight Committee

23/10/23.07

Halpin/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 10th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

Halpin expressed her thanks to Mayhew for taking the minutes. She stated that the Executive Reports were well done.

23/10/23.08

Halpin/Desai

Be it resolved that the September Executive Reports be adopted as attached.

Carried.

4.8 Electoral Committee

23/10/23.09

Gill/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 16th, 2023 be adopted.

Evans stated that during the meeting, the committee members looked over the election, and advised different departments of the results. He also mentioned that

a complaint during the election was solved and the Referendum was passed. Desjarlais added that they expected to see the report from CRO.

Carried.

5. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

5.1 Senate

5.2 Board of Governors

5.3 Other University Committees

Newman shared information from President's Advisory Committee, Search for Dean, Faculty of Management. She stated that in the following few weeks, they were going to host open forums, and students from Management Faculty were welcome to attend and provide their feedback. She and Ganansivam would meet the candidate and give feedback on student life and life as student leaders.

Desjarlais stated that the Student Demographic Data Project Advisory Committee was looking for a student representative. It was a duo Okanagan and Vancouver committee, and was in charge of the ongoing diversity census. The goal of the census was to gain a better insight into what students are on campus and how to best serve them. The responsibility of the student representative was to update the committee on the student perspectives. Donaldson motivated herself.

23/10/23.10

Desjarlais/Pfaender

Be it resolved that Hanna Donaldson, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies Representative, be appointed to the Student Demographic Data Project Advisory Committee.

Carried.

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Student Association Ratification

23/10/23.11

Mehendiratta/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the Vietnamese Student Association be ratified as a student association.

Carried.

Mehendiratta stated that it would be a culture club for students who are interested in their culture and social events. Gnanasivam reminded board members that every club they approve would be granted up to \$500 funding to start with, but they had limited funding allocated to student associations. He suggested board members consider the need for the club when ratifying a club. Desjarlais agreed that they were not in a financial position to hand out student money, and stated that clubs should change the expectations on the fundings . Grover inquired about the possibility of placing those Asian clubs under Asian Student Club as sub-clubs. Newman took the MSA course union for an example, stating that their sub-clubs follow the regulation of MSA, and they are not SUO clubs. Newman recommended a sponsorship system to connect student clubs with sponsors and finance resources. She suggested that SUO could provide workshops for club executives on how to gain sponsorship. Desjarlais was in favor of this idea and pointed out they were going to have the Career Fair, and they could help connect the club executives with sponsors. Meanwhile, he stated that finding sponsorship should be the responsibility of the club executives. Gnanasivam stated that planning workshops for clubs was under the profolio of him and Mehendiratta, and they had budget allocated for those workshops.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, October 23rd, 2023, UNC 133C

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)

Vice-President External

Vice President Finance and Administration

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Campus Life

Cade Desjarlais

Lakshay Karnwal

Osho Gnanasivam

Shreyansh Mehendiratta

Uday Gill

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager

Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans

Cecily Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:34 PM

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

23/10/23.01

Mehendiratta/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Desjarlais/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that a new discussion "Santa Bus" be added to the agenda.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/10/23.02

Gill/Karnwal

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

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Well Tab Policy

Desjarlais stated that he and Evans were working on a liquor policy for Well Pub. Evans had a draft, but it needed further amendments. Evans would send the revised document to all the executives, and they would have a discussion at the next meeting.

4.2 Updates on \$5 Smart Meal

Karnwal provided updates on the Smart Meal Plan. They were going to offer the Smart Meal once a week in November and twice a week in December. J's Café joined the Smart Meal Plan. Gnanasivam inquired about the funding information as they increased the number of meals. Karnwal would send the numbers to Gnanasivam afterwards. Executives also discussed the reason why Well did not sell out of the meals.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Coffee with Executives

Desjarlais stated that "Coffee with Executives" was a practice of student engagement at other Universities. With this event, students would be able to meet Executives and ask questions. Desjarlais recognized that they had their office hours, and he would be willing to give the budget if Executives need more engagement with students. Karnwal was in favor of this idea, stating that it would help address the concern of student engagement.

5.2 Santa Bus

Desjarlais stated that the Union of Transit had reached out, hoping to park the Santa Bus outside UNC building in December to engage students in the campaign for food security.

6. IN CAMERA (LEGAL)

23/10/23.03

Gill/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera at 3:51 p.m.

Carried.

23/10/23.04

Gill/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera at 4:25 p.m.

Carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Policy Committee Meeting, October 20th, 2023, UNC 133C

Committee Members Present

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Finance

Director-at-Large

Graduate Student Representative

Faculty of Management Representative

Student-at-Large

Student-at-Large

Shreyansh Mehendiratta

Osho Gnanasivam

[Left at 2 pm]

Darsh Alamchandani

Anjali Desai

Abby Newman

[Left at 2 pm]

Thanmay Gopal

Siya Gupta

Committee Members Absent

Student-at-Large

Dhruv Bihani

Staff Present

General Manager

Governance Coordinator

Membership Outreach Coordinator

Jason Evans

Cecily Qiu

Izzy Rusch

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:34 PM

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

23/10/20.01

Gnanasivam/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/10/20.02

Gnanasivam/Gopal

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on August 15th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

23/10/20.03

Desai/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that [Bylaw V:9]:

A Referendum shall be called without delay by the President of the Students' Union upon:

- a. a Resolution of the Board of Directors; or
- b. receipt of a petition duly signed by ten (10) percent of the Members delivered to the President of the Students' Union requisitioning a Referendum on a particular question.

be amended by adding a new point (c) "the Chief Returning Officer receiving the duly signed petition and the Referendum question at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day that the Students' Union is required to give notice of Referendum or Election" as according to [bylaw VI:1], so that [Bylaw V:9] then reads:

A Referendum shall be called without delay by the President of the Students' Union upon:

- a. a Resolution of the Board of Directors; or

- b. receipt of a petition duly signed by ten (10) percent of the Members delivered to the President of the Students' Union requisitioning a Referendum on a particular question;
- c. the Chief Returning Officer receiving the duly signed petition and the Referendum question at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day that the Students' Union is required to give notice of Referendum or Election.

*[Bylaw VI:1]

- 1. The students' Union shall give not less than fourteen (14) days' written notice of a General Meeting, Election, or Referenda.

Carried.

23/10/20.04

Desai/Gopal

Be it resolved that [Regulation II:1(d)]:

- d. "Campaign Volunteer" means any Member that actively contributes to the candidate's campaign, including but not limited to: printing and putting up posters, assisting with tabling and assisting with social media advertising.

be amended by replacing the words "social media advertising" with the words "social media campaigning/awareness", so that [Regulation II:1(d)] then reads:

- d. "Campaign Volunteer" means any Member that actively contributes to the candidate's campaign, including but not limited to: printing and putting up posters, assisting with tabling and assisting with **social media campaigning/awareness.**

Mehendiratta stated that that change would clear up the confusion on the means of social media advertising and clarify that the sponsorship is not permitted.

Carried.

23/10/20.05

Desai/Gupta

Be it resolved that [Regulation II:7(a)]:

Wherever possible the schedule for General Elections shall be as follows:

- a. Nomination period will open at 8:00 am PST on the second Monday in February, and will run until 4:00 pm PST the Friday of that week;

be amended by replacing the word "second" with the word "first" and replacing the words "that week" with the words "the second week", so [Regulation II:7(a)] then reads:

- a. Nomination period will open at 8:00 am PST on the **first** Monday in February, and will run until 4:00 pm PST on the Friday of **the second week**;

Mehendiratta stated that the previous Chief Returning Officer suggested they extend the nomination period by one week. Though it did not guarantee more students joining the Election, this change would at least leave more time for students to consider running the Election. Evans confirmed that this was recommended from Electoral Committee, and by extending the nomination period, students would be given a better opportunity to participate in the Election. Rusch advised that they should have an information meeting before All Candidates Meeting in order to make students aware of the responsibilities and the expectations for the roles.

Carried.

23/10/20.06

Desai/Gopal

Be it resolved that [Regulation II:24]:

Candidates may campaign by any means except may not:
be amended by adding a new point under "a. Campaign" which strictly states the guidelines for Candidates' use of the SUO Logo on campaign materials:
"xviii. while using campaign materials with any Students' Union logo other than the approved Students' Union Elections Logo."

Mehendiratta stated that they have SUO logo, SUO Election logo and SUO By-Election logo. This new policy would clear up the confusion from candidates regarding the use of logo.

Carried.

23/10/20.07

Desai/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the [Bylaw IX:2]:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration; and
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life.

be amended by adding a new point " f. the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member", so the [Bylaw IX:2] then reads:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration;
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life; and
- f. the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.

Mehendiratta explained that the new policy would recognize the involvement of General Manager. Evans stated that General Manager was always a member of the Executive Committee even though there had been no relevant policy in place. The involvement of General Manager as a non-voting and advisory member would not affect the committee dynamics. Rusch asked if General Manager would attend the in-camera session. Evans replied that he would attend the in-camera session unless it is related to him and he should be excluded.

Carried.

23/10/20.08

Desai/Gopal

Be it resolved that the [Bylaw X:1] be amended by striking the point K "oversee the operation of the Pantry- a student food bank" from the roles and responsibilities of the President, and renumbering the consecutive points as necessary.

Mehendiratta explained that SUO has a full time Food Security and Nutrition manager overseeing the Pantry.

Carried.

23/10/20.09

Gupta/Desai

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:1] be amended by adding a new point

"k. 'Student' means a person currently registered for classes and attending classes on campus for the designated academic year."

Rusch stated that the idea of providing a definition of students came from her conversation with UBC Ombudsperson. In their conversation, they discussed about the definition of students based on UBC Standard. As the policy of student associations establishment requires that 95% of the members should be UBC students, she was seeking for a definition of students under the Student Association Regulation. She pointed out that Co-Op students are still students based on UBC standard. Gupta and Desai raised their concerns on students doing online courses and the graduate students doing researches instead of attending classes. Alamchandani asked if students who just graduate are regarded as UBC students. Rusch said students who graduate within 6 months are still regarded as

UBC students. Members felt they still needed to work on the wording of the definition.

Mehendiratta/Gupta

Be it resolved that this motion be tabled.

Carried.

23/10/20.10

Alamchandani/Desai

Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation VIII:8], and all the other regulations be renumbered as needed:

"[Regulation VIII:9] A student may be an executive to a maximum of one student association per academic year."

Rusch stated that this amendment suggestion came from Gnanasivam regarding the situation where some clubs have same executives, and they could combine their fundings for one event. There was a discussion on the wording. Gupta raised her concern by taking herself for an example. As she was very passionate on student clubs, she was executive of a few clubs. She thought this policy would limit students' engagement. Evans agreed that it would be not good to restrict students' participation and engagement in their own student organization. Evans asked for the core issue behind this suggestion. Rusch provided an example, in which two clubs sharing the same executives drained both of their club bank accounts in order to attend an oversea event. The main purpose of the proposed amendment was to stop students from emptying the bank accounts of two clubs for one event that is not desired for the partnering club. Rusch mentioned that Gnanasivam could provide more information. Members agreed that they should find a way to address the issue and meanwhile not to limit students' engagement.

Mehendiratta/Desai

Be it resolved that this motion be tabled.

Carried.

23/10/20.11

Desai/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:17] be amended by adding a new point "i. lottery tickets and raffle tickets," so [Regulation VIII:17] then reads:

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- a. capital purchases;
- b. alcohol and illegal substances;

- c. wages such as but not limited to staff expenses and honorariums;
- d. fundraising purposes such as but not limited to donations, activities, raffles or events that require a gaming license;
- e. direct contributions to external organizations' activities, operations or fundraisers related to groups not registered under the SUO Student Associations policy;
- f. off-campus events held without prior approval through the Off-campus Event application request form; and/or
- g. events not insured through the SUO;
- h. pre-paid gift cards;
- i. **lottery tickets and raffle tickets;**

Rusch explained that the point (i) “lottery tickets and raffle tickets” was in the regulations until last policy meeting, they removed it by mistake when adding “pre-paid gift cards”.

Carried.

23/10/20.12

Alamchandani/Gopal

Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation VIII:19], to be numbered as needed, which reads as follows:

“The Student Union shall not consider and approve donations for charity organizations that are charitable organizations, public foundations, or private foundations registered with the Canada Revenue Agency.”

Rusch mentioned that this motion was tabled from last policy meeting, and stated that Leanne Smailes, SUO Finance Manager, was once concerned about the donations for the charity organizations that are not registered with CRA. Evans stated that he had no chance yet talking with Smailes about this. Desai suggested a wording correction by adding “not” before “registered”.

Mehendiratta/Desai

Be it resolved that this motion be tabled.

Carried.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Indigenous Board Representative

Mehendiratta shared a draft regarding the responsibilities of the Indigenous Board Representative. Gnanasivam asked about the voting procedure for this position. Mehendiratta replied all the students who identify themselves as indigenous people and have the documentation to prove their indigenous

identities can vote for the Indigenous Representative. Evans stated that University does not identify indigenous students and SUO would need to create a document internally on how to verify the indigenous identity. Newman proposed SUO connect with UBC Vancouver for more information, as AMS has an Indigenous representative. She stated that UBC IPS department has the information of indigenous students, and students who can enter the IPS system could vote for the Indigenous Representative. Gnanasivam recognized that there was still a lot of work that needs to be done regarding the voting procedure. Gnanasivam pointed out that Directors-at-Large have the responsibility to provide the perspectives of marginalized groups and asked about where the position would fall in the existing and well-functioning SUO structure. Newman recommended two solutions. They can either add a new position to the existing 17 designated positions, or they can remove one Director-at-Large, and add this new position. Gnanasivam was in favor of the latter. He stated that in the future, if they would support other marginalized groups, they could potentially remove the Director-at-Large positions. Evans raised a concern about the definition of indigenous students. He mentioned that during the BCFS meeting last week, a university which has indigenous representative shared their struggle in identifying the indigenous students, as a student from International community claimed that he was indigenous in his country. Therefore, he suggested that they should look into the definition of indigenous people. Rusch also mentioned that the SUO Indigenous Resource Center had hard time to find volunteers to facilitate the service. Members also discussed about what marginalized groups they had on campus and the duties of Directors-at-Large.

Mehendiratta set up an action plan:

By next Friday, they shall

1. Consult UBC Professor Jeanette Armstrong for definition of indigenous people and the philosophy of this position.
2. Discuss more among team on the position. Mehendiratta preferred to remove one Director-at-Large position and add the Indigenous Representative.

5.2 Creating a Student Association Philosophy/Purpose

Rusch stated that the idea was to make sure student associations meet the philosophy in order to be ratified. The purpose was to streamline the purpose of student associations. She believed that student associations should have their specific and clear focus, and should think about their purpose and directives. Rusch suggested brainstorming and discussion outside the meeting or via Team.

5.3 Creating a tiered club system for clubs that compete

Rusch was thinking about creating a tiered club system, so that they could have competitive clubs and self-interested clubs. She stated that the competitive clubs, such as Innovate Design, JDC West, Concrete Toboggan, attend competitions, bring positive reinforcement to campus and benefit UBCO.

5.4 Add resource centres to the student association classification and remove regulations

Rusch stated that she had talked with Evans about the Resource Centre and she intended to bring the Resource Centre under the club system. In this way, students could have their own executives to operate the Resource Center and book space for events just like other student associations. Members agreed with the idea.

5.5 Q-pay

Mehendiratta provided background of Q-pay. It was a new system they invested this year for all clubs to book events, and it had been introduced to clubs during the Orientation. Rusch gave an introduction of Q-pay and its multiple functions, and she stated that she would send an email to all student associations to re-introduce the Q-pay.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campus Life Committee Meeting, October 24th, 2023, UNC 133 Conference Room

Called to order at 2:08 pm

Directors Present

Vice-President Campus Life
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Science Representative
Faculty of Applied Science Representative
College of Graduate Student Representative
Student-at-Large
Student-at-Large

Uday Gill
Aryan Arora
Darsh Alamchandani
Twinkle Hora
Georgia Mayhew
Sunish Grover
Rishan Pfaender
Anjali Desai
Myrium Su
Uday Wirk

Directors Absent (With Regrets)

Vice-President Finance & Administration
Student-at-Large

Osho Gnanasivam
Satabdi Das

Directors Absent (Without Regrets)

Vice-President Internal

Shreyansh Mehendiratta

Staff Present

Well Pub & Events Manager
Communications CO-OP Assistant

Michael Ouellet
Kelly Yuste

Staff Absent

General Manager
Membership & Outreach Coordinator
Communications Manager

Jason Evans
Izzy Rusch
Becca Evans

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

23/10/24.01

Alamchandani/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/10/24.02

Grover/Pfaender

Be it resolved that the Campus Life Committee Meeting minutes from October 12th, 2023 be adopted

Carried

4. OLD BUSINESS

- 4.1 Well Events (Mike) : Ouellet mentioned that the office trivia last week went really well. The events have had a great turnout. Well attended and bar/kitchen sales are increasing for those nights. All ages sendszn party went well.

5. COALITION EVENTS

- 5.1 ASA Haunted House : Gill, Pfaender and Gnanasivam will set up a table around 5:30pm to give out snacks to students.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Well Events

- Boos & Brushes Oct 25th 2023 : Ouellet stated that the wine and paint night sold out in a day. The plan is to do it once a month because demand is so huge.
- Taylor Swift Party Oct 26th 2023 : Evans and Yuste will be a part of the listening party and people will make friendship bracelets at the event.
- Halloween x 2 Oct 27th and 28th 2023 : Friday is all ages party which sold out months ago and Saturday is the 19+ party.
- Beats Open Mic Oct 31st 2023 : Ouellet mentioned that the beats club will be doing an open mic on Halloween night. This will be their first event in the well

after a very long time.

- Taylor Swift Trivia Nov 1st 2023 : Ouellet mentioned the trivia sold out quickly and he got lots of Taylor Swfit prizes.
- Okanagan Music Club Nov 3rd 2023 : The Okanagan Music Club will host an event with the Beats Club.
- Friends Trivia Nov 8th 2023 : 50% sold out as of now.
- Trivia Nov 22nd 2023 : Leaning towards marvel.
- Next Events : Working on karaoke and music bingo.
- Su asked Ouellet if SUO can help out with the Kpop event on November 17th or 24th 2023. They are still figuring out the date. Ouellet said we have some coalition money and we can figure something out.
- Ouellet stated there is also an ASA event happening on November 24th 2023.
- Ouellet mentioned there is a huge demand for more Bollywood events. He suggested Gill to talk to ISA. Alamchandani mentioned the SUO should host our own Diwali event. Arora said residence life is hosting a Diwali night for all ages on Friday, November 3rd. Ouellet said that students approached him to express interest in starting monthly Bollywood nights. We will have to look into this.
- Mayhew asked if the committee can be sent a calendar or list of dates for all events. Ouellet replied that he can send a list out on the teams channel every Monday about upcoming events.

6.2 General Events

- Pumpkin Carving Oct 27th 2023 : Hora, Grover and Newman will pick up pumpkins tomorrow at 9 am. Ouellet mentioned that other committee members should come out early by 10 am to help set up. The event goes till 3pm or till pumpkins run out. There will also be 200 little cookies to give out.
- Thrive Month (Anjali) : Desai showed the thrive calendar by Melissa and said we can help out with any of the thrive events. She suggested that we can give out breakfast. Ouellet said we can do this at one of the thrive events and plan something soon. Mayhew said she talked to Evans and we could do cookie decorating at one of the events as well. Ouellet stated we will look into this.
- Thrift Shop (Rishan) : Pfaender sent a list of vendors and submitted safe plan event. He said we can host it on November 10th outside the UNC. Ouellet said students leave early for reading week so doing it after the break is better.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm

CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campaigns Committee Meeting, October 26th, 2023, Zoom

Called to Order at 11:04 AM.

Committee Members Present

Director-at-Large Candidate	Twinkle Hora
Faculty of Applied Science Student Representative Candidate	Rishan Pfaender
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Student Representative Candidate	Hanna Donaldson
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Student Representative Candidate	Georgia Mayhew
Student-At-Large	Amalthea Schutt
Student-At-Large	Norimasa Musashi
Student-At-Large (Graduate Student Representative)	Yazdanmehr Gordoanpur
Student-At-Large	Mehak Parihar

Committee Members Absent

President	Cade Desjarlais
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Staff Present

Students' Advocate	Rachel Fortin
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Invited

Faculty of Management Representative	Abby Newman
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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

23/10/26.01

Gordoanpur/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

23/10/26.02

Karnwal/Donaldson

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding 6.1 Educational Education about how the University of British Columbia (UBC) Runs.

Amendment carried.

23/10/26.03

Gordoanpur/Donaldson

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding 6.2 ADHOC Committee Update.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/10/26.04

Musashi/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on September 27th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

[Rishan Pfaender entered at 11:09AM]

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 \$5 Smart Meals Campaign Updates

- Review of Day 3 tabling
 - Karnwal gave committee an update on the \$5 Smart Meals Campaign and tabling efforts. Karnwal expresses that engagement seemed to be increasing and that was good to see the community involved and enhanced in bridging the gap between students and Students' Union Okanagan (SUO). Overall, Karnwal indicated that the campaign was heading in a positive direction.
- Student Engagement ideas
 - Karnwal had the white boarded (with information, and question) set up in hopes to provide an secondary source in engaging

students in conversation, data collecting, and feedback. Karnwal indicated that the survey had collected one hundred and sixty-eight student responses. Karnwal indicated that the survey had indicated that these meals were helpful for students. Karnwal mentioned to get more student engagement they could collaborate with the student food hub. Karnwal indicated that they did a give away (\$50 grocery gift card) this past week (October 25).

- Musashi indicated concerns with student engagement, and provided the recent By-Election as an example.
- Donaldson mentioned for there to be a business card or sticker that restaurants hand out with meals to get more feedback.
- Karnwal responded and wondered if there is a more sustainable way to pursue this.
- Newman suggested table takers as promotional material.
- Karnwal responded that the table takers would be a great cross between business cards, and that we should look into it.

4.2 #RewriteTheRules campaign

- Postponing the idea for more research and involving the right teams
 - Karnwal gave an explanation of what the campaign is and provided the committee with a link (<https://bchumanrights.ca/rewrite-the-rules/>). Karnwal indicated Thirdspace was interested in helping, but we need to push this campaign into second semester in order to execute it better.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Introduction of invited guest

- Newman gave a brief introduction, and expressed her excitement in contributing to the committee; more specifically being a promotional asset to the \$5 Smart Meal campaign.

5.2 Exam period Mental health related events

- Ideas – Shout Box for students
 - Karnwal explained that this would be a box where people can release stress, frustrations, and feedback, via writing on a note and submitting it to a box (anonymously).
 - Fortin expressed that this was a great idea, and would be available to support in any way needed.
 - Karnwal recognized Fortin for all she did to support students.
- Ideas – Exam Care Package
 - Karnwal mentioned that the committee did this last year, and the idea is to form a package (with stressball, candy, affirmation note, etc.) to hand out to students during the exam period.

- Hora mentioned being involved last year, and was passionate about doing it again this year.
- Mayhew provided ideas for the exam care package (gum, cookies, lip balm, tissues, affirmation card, pens, etc.)

5.3 Research on Mental Health Resources for students

- Gather data from resources
 - Karnwal wanted to go around to campus resource centers (example: Studentcare, Third Space, Picnic, PhD Students private clinic, etc.) to gather information, based on questions that indicate how impactful they were to students and the volume of student use.
- Analyse data and find out gaps
 - Mayhew provided an idea to bring more traction to resource centres. Mayhew expressed that having a “mental health fair” where resource centres could come together to provide information to students would be helpful.
 - Karnwal supported this idea and suggested that Mayhew work closely with Fortin to start collecting information.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM

6.1 Educational Education about how UBC Runs

- Karnwal gave a brief introduction on how this initiative could spread information to students on how UBC works (example: Board of Governors, Senate, etc.). Karnwal gave recognition to Desjarlais for bringing this idea to the committee. Karnwal expressed that there are sometimes questions and voices that target the SUO, however, the questions should be directed elsewhere as the SUO and UBC are separate entities.
- Mayhew encouraged the committee to contribute two to three questions they want answers to and to answer questions they know in the google document provided. The remaining questions left unanswered would be answered through research conducted at a later date.
- Gordoanpur emphasized the importance of being specific in these questions (example: who deals with and makes the decisions about tuition increase?). Gordoanpur questioned how the committee can better engage with new and incoming students and how the committee can make this accessible and not overwhelming.
- Mayhew suggested the committee makes a work summary of things that they were not able to complete, for next terms committee; similar to what the executive reports do.

6.2 ADHOC Committee Update

- Gordoanpur gave a brief update in terms of establishing an ADHOC committee for students employed by UBC; this would be a way to advocate for students needs to UBC and BCGEU. Gordoanpur was waiting to hear more, and would update committee when more information comes.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Gordoanpur/Hora

Be it resolved the meeting be adjourned at 11:58 AM.

Carried.

SUO BY-ELECTION OCT 2023/24

ELECTION REPORT

Chief Returning Officer – Trophy Ewila
Deputy Returning Officer – Sheza Shahzad

Dear Chairperson of the SUO of UBC Board of Directors,

Every year the Board is responsible for ratifying the elections report. Approval of this report makes the election results final. I submit this report as the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) with the following motions that I ask the Board to approve:

1. Be it resolved that the SUO of UBC Board of Directors approve the 2023-2024 By-Election report as submitted by the Chief Returning Officer.
2. Be it further resolved that the SUO of UBC Board of Directors approve the destruction of the nomination forms used in the 2023-2024 By-Election.

This report is to be accepted as an all or nothing package and without amendments. If the Board sees changes should be made, the report will need to be taken off the table for changes and further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Trophy Ewila

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ELECTION RESULTS

APOLOGY LETTER

OVERVIEW:

This report serves as the official documentation for the 2023-24 SUO By-Election. It shall contain details of the procedures followed, a timeline of events, the referendum question, candidates and positions contested for, summary of events during the campaign and voting period including the announcement of the results.

Candidates were provided with a comprehensive Nomination Package that included information on the Board positions contested, oath of office, and important instructions for candidates. This package was identical to the one used in the previous general election. The SUO elections webpage provided the electorates information about the elections, the timeline, bylaws and regulations. The page also included the Candidates Picture, Bio and Platform points. The Instagram page @suo_elections was also used as a platform to release all official election materials and news. Furthermore, the Instagram page featured Candidate Platform points: each candidate provided a headshot to be displayed on the Elections page. The page's posts and stories provided the opportunity for candidates, volunteers, and general members to reshare and engage with this content. The election attracted nine participants contesting for three of the four available positions

Voting occurred through the UBC WebVote system. The WebVote system was utilized because it is easy to use, highly secure by design, based on the SSC Platform, and administered by the university. Any attempt to interfere with the system and influence the results would be met with serious repercussions such as expulsion from the university for non-academic misconduct (Student Code of Conduct 4.1). There was no evidence of system interference or malfunction.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Nomination Period

Opened September 19th at 8:00 am

Closed September 29th at 4:00 pm

All Candidates Meeting

September 29th at 5:00 pm, UNC Building 105 Boardroom

Campaigning Period

Opened October 3th at 8:00 am

Closed October 13th at 11:59 pm (midnight)

Voting Period

Opened October 11th at 8:00 am

Closed October 13th at 11:59 pm (midnight)

LIST OF POSITIONS AND CANDIDATES**Candidates for Faculty of Applied Science Representative (1):**

Rishan Pfaender

Candidates for Faculty of Management Student Representative (1):

Abby Newman

Rajat Arora

Candidates for Director-at-Large Student Representative (1):

Japnit Singh Madaan

Kithe Kisia

Norimasa Musashi

Quinlin Osadczuk

Soumil Chhabra

Olivia Lai

Candidates for Faculty of Education Representative (1):

VACANT

Election Officials

Chief Returning Officer – Trophy Ewila

Deputy Returning Officer – Sheza Shahzad

REFERENDUM QUESTION: UBC Okanagan students were asked to vote on the referendum question. The question was brought forward to the Students' Union by students with a signed petition of 10% of the student body, reviewed by the Chief Returning Officer, and approved by the Board of Directors.

The question read as follows: *Do you support the Student Union of UBC Okanagan ("SUO of UBC") establishing a fee ("The Fee") to be used to pay for one-third of the cost of a student recreation facility at UBC Okanagan (the "Building"), plus the amount of financing those costs? This cost will be \$7,000,000. With borrowing costs included, the total cost to students for the Building is estimated to be \$8,418,471. The Building will provide gymnasiums, physical recreation and studio space to the campus. Details of the amount, collection and payment of the Fee are as follows:*

- 1. Beginning in the 2024/2025 academic year, students will pay \$20.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Winter Session, for a total of \$40.00 per academic year.*

- 2. Beginning when the building is open, no earlier than the 2025/2026 academic year, students will pay an additional fee of \$16.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Winter Session, for a total of \$36.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Winter Session (for a total of \$72.00 each Winter Session), and \$9.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Summer Session (for a total of \$18.00 each Summer Session). Students will pay this fee for approximately eight years (until 2033/2034) or until The Fee is paid in full.*

Yes_____ No_____

If approved:

o The fees are anticipated to occur between 2024/2025 and 2033/2034 academic years, and will be used to repay the amount borrowed from UBC, which will be equivalent to one third of the cost of the design, construction, furnishing, and outfitting with equipment of the Building.

o The same fees will pay the interest charges assessed by and payable to UBC during the period it is repaid. These fees will also pay for the administrative charges assessed by UBC for managing the collection and remittance of the Fee.

o These fees will continue to be levied until the SUO of UBC has repaid the loan and interest on the loan.

o The loan is anticipated to be paid by 2033/2034.

o It is anticipated that breaking ground will occur no sooner than fall 2024 and the project will be completed no sooner than fall 2025.

o The SUO of UBC Board of Directors will establish a process and criteria for active members demonstrating financial need to apply for a full or partial refund of the new student society fee.

COMPLAINTS

Though this election was smooth in general, there was one complaint raised. Candidates were informed that in order to raise a complaint, they must provide *Description of complaint and section(s) of regulations alleged to have been violated.*

Below is a summary:

Complaint filed against: Olivia Lai

Statement: *Just wanted to inform you about an unfair practice by one of the candidates “ Olivia Lai” standing for the director at large position. I would like to raise an objection of her having an unfair advantage by putting up her campaigning poster in Pritchard dining hall which is a part of the residence building Nechako. This identifies as selective campaigning that according to me is not fair at all. I would like to raise this issue as a candidate for the same position as her.*

Hope my concern is heard and some action is taken as this is not fair by any means.

- Supporting evidence was provided in the form of short videos documenting the allegations raised.

**The candidate did not provide section(s) of regulations alleged to have been violated.*

After investigation and given the evidence, the complaint raised was deemed to have merit. The allegations were presented to Olivia Lai to provide a response

The response:

Hello, thank you for your concern. I was unaware that Pritchard Dining hall was affiliated with the Nechako residence building regarding its boundaries. They will be taken down immediately as of tomorrow. Thank you for letting me know!

Determination: Though the candidate may have genuinely been unaware, it is the responsibility of the candidate to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations. Also, the locations (designated spaces to place campaign materials) were explained during the All-Candidates meeting.

This was deemed a minor offense in violation of Regulation II - 26. An apology letter was requested from the candidate directed to the student body.

*On further analysis, there was a procedural error with the complaint raised. The complainant was asked to submit *section(s) of regulations alleged to have been violated* to fulfill the required conditions of raising a complaint. This was not completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on the complaint raised, the only recommendation I would make is to create a comprehensive list of permitted and non permitted areas of campaigning to be provided with the Campaign Information package. This could be an infographic with a map and list clearly outlining designated spaces. This will provide more clarity to prevent candidates claiming they were not clear on the designated spaces for campaigning.

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Trophy Ewila
Chief Returning Officer, UBCSUO

RE: 2023 SUO By-Election and Referendum – Results

Dear Trophy,

Set out below are the count of votes in the 2023 SUO By-Election and Referendum held from 11 October to 13 October 2023. Winning candidates/options are indicated in bold.

Faculty of Applied Science Representative

Yes, Rishan Pfaender	40
No, Rishan Pfaender	19

Total	59 (2.7% of voters)
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Faculty of Management Representative

Rajat Arora	75
Abby Newman	47

Total	122 (12.5% of voters)
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Director-at-Large

Japnit Singh Madaan	315
Olivia Lai	165
Norimasa Musashi	74
Soumil Chhabra	61
Quinlin Osadczuk	29
Kithe Kisia	16

Total	661* (5.5% of voters)
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*Includes spoiled ballots

Referendum – Fieldhouse Recreation Facility

Yes, I support	632
No, I do not support	258

Total	890 (7.5% of voters)
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Results will be posted on WebVote when instructed by the SUO. Please contact UBC Elections with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Iverson
UBC Returning Officer

Dear Student Body,

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, I recognize that I had an unfair advantage during the campaigning period of the 2023-2024 elections. Thus, my unfair advantage entailed placing posters in Pritchard Dining Hall. This was deemed a minor offence in violation of Regulation II - 26 that states "candidates may display posters and other campaign materials at the locations designated by the C.R.O." Though I was unaware that Pritchard dining hall was affiliated with the undesignated locations, I take full responsibility to this action, and I admit fault.

Therefore, I sincerely apologize to all the student body for violating Regulation II – 26. I deeply regret my actions and am willing to face consequences. However, please understand that my intentions to place the posters up in Pritchard Dining hall were merely to promote my campaign in a positive way. Thus, I hope you can consider having an open mind towards this situation and allow me to demonstrate clearer and more genuine actions in the future. I will continue serving as a candidate and working collaboratively with the SUO, in hopes of uplifting our student body and school community.

Sincere regards, Olivia Lai

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Olivia Lai', with a large, stylized initial 'O' and a smaller 'L'.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Annual General Meeting, November 23rd, 2023, ADM 026 & Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

23/11/23.01

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Be it resolved that Michael Gauld serve meeting chair.

23/11/23.02

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/11/23.03

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on November 24th, 2022 be adopted as attached.

4. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Presented by Tompkins Wozny, LLP.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

23/11/23.04

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Be it resolved that the Auditor's Report for the 2022/2023 fiscal year be approved as presented.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

23/11/23.05

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Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny, LLP be appointed as auditors for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

7. PRESENTATION OF 2023/2024 BUDGET

Presented by Vice-President Finance and Administration, Osho Gnanavisam.

8. PRESENTATION OF BYLAWS

Presented by Vice-President Internal, Shreyansh Mehendiratta.

9. ADOPTION OF NEW BYLAWS

23/11/23.06 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that the changes to the Bylaws be adopted as presented to the members of the Society.

10. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM THE 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Presented by President, Cade Desjarlais.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

11.1 Campus Life Committee

Presented by Vice-President Campus Life, Uday Gill.

11.2 Campaigns Committee

Presented by Vice-President External, Lakshay Karnwal.

11.3 Graduate Student Committee

Presented by College of Graduate Studies Faculty Representative, Anjali Desai.

11.4 Oversight Committee

Presented by Faculty of Health and Social Development Representative, Grace Halpin.

11.5 Policy Committee

Presented by Vice-President Internal, Shreyansh Mehendiratta.

12. QUESTION PERIOD

13. ADJOURNMENT

Proposed Policy Changes for the Term 1 November 2023 SUO AGM

PREFACE FOR RECOMMENDED BYLAW CHANGES

Over the last few years, the SUO of UBC has been internally reorganizing itself to better serve the needs of our students. Our aim is to continue to rebuild and improve our policies to reinforce structures of accountability and transparency. As our membership continues to grow, we as your Students' Union must develop and improve our model of representation. As was the case last year, the Board of Directors recommends the following outlined bylaw amendments be ratified to better align the internal guiding principles with the future development of the organization. Many of these changes reflect the continued efforts of the SUO to maintain good governance, as well as attempts to better align our organization with important relevant local law, such as the Societies Act, and BC Labour Law.

23/11/23.06 (1)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw V:9]:

A Referendum shall be called without delay by the President of the Students' Union upon:

- a. a Resolution of the Board of Directors; or
- b. receipt of a petition duly signed by ten (10) percent of the Members delivered to the President of the Students' Union requisitioning a Referendum on a particular question.

be amended by adding a new point (c) "the Chief Returning Officer receiving the duly signed petition and the Referendum question at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day that the Students' Union is required to give notice of Referendum or Election", so [Bylaw V:9] then reads:

A Referendum shall be called without delay by the President of the Students' Union upon:

- a. a Resolution of the Board of Directors; or
- b. receipt of a petition duly signed by ten (10) percent of the Members delivered to the President of the Students' Union requisitioning a Referendum on a particular question;
- c. the Chief Returning Officer receiving the duly signed petition and the Referendum question at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day that the Students' Union is required to give notice of Referendum or Election.

23/11/23.06 (2)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw IX:2]:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration; and
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life.

be amended by adding a new point (f) “ the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member”, so [Bylaw IX:2] then reads:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration;
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life; and
- f. the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.

23/11/23.06 (3)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw X:1] be amended by striking the point (k) “oversee the operation of the Pantry- a student food bank” from the roles and responsibilities of the President, and renumbering the consecutive points as needed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Annual General Meeting, November 24th, 2023, ADM 026 & Zoom

Called to Order at 6:30 p.m.

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

22/11/24.01

Mindi/Johnston

Be it resolved that Joey Hansen serve meeting chair.

Carried.

22/11/24.02

Johnston/Dwivedi

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Kekre/Pashelka

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a point called adopting auditor's report with a motion which reads "Be it resolved that the auditor's report of 2022 be approved as presented."

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/11/24.03

Donaldson/Halpin

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held November 25th, 2021 be adopted.

Carried.

4. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Erik Allas from Tompkins Wozny, LLP. presented the annual audit report. As independent accountants from Tompkins Wozny, they concluded that those financial statements did present fairly for the May 31st, 2022 fiscal year end in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Gordanpour asked where they could access the audit report. Kekre responded that the audit report would be posted on the SUO website after being adopted.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

22/11/24.04

Ghevriya/Mindi

Be it resolved that the auditor's report of 2022 be approved as presented.

Carried.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

22/11/24.05

Pashelka/Mindi

Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny, LLP be appointed as auditors for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Carried.

7. PRESENTATION OF 2022/2023 BUDGET

Vice-President Finance and Administration, Vrushank Kekre, presented the budget for the 2022/2023 academic year. He compared the 2022/2023 budget with those from 2021/2022 and 2020/2021, and provided the revenue summary and expenditure summary. For the 2022/2023 academic year, they expected a negative net revenue at about \$120,000.00 as they planed to increase services to students. Kekre also explained in detail the budget of the pillars, the services that students would benefit from.

Kekre answered questions from members about the budget and operation.

8. PRESENTATION OF BYLAWS

Vice-President Internal, Dhruv Bihani, presented Bylaw amendments recommended by the SUO Board of Directors, and explained the reasons for those changes.

Bihani answered questions from members about the Bylaw amendments.

9. ADOPTION OF NEW BYLAWS

22/11/24.06

Putwa/Dossani

Be it resolved that the changes to the Bylaws be adopted as presented to the members of the Society.

Gordanpour/Stephen

Be it resolved that the motion 12 be removed.

Motion 12:

Be it resolved that the following be added to Bylaw IV-General Meetings, following the Bylaw it mentions as S. 19:

20. Despite s.19, the Board is not required to add a Special Resolution or Ordinary Resolution of members requested by a petition of Members to the agenda of an annual general meeting if the same proposal was considered within the past two

calenda years, unless the Directors determine, by Ordinary Resolution of the Directors, that it is appropriate for the Members of the Student Union to consider the resolution.

Gordanpour stated that as membership changes every year, a motion that did not pass in the past two years would not be by default unpopular the next year.

Desjarlais explained that it requires a lot of manpower to facilitate a motion, and it would waste students' money to add a resolution that has been rejected for two years. He believed that in this situation, the student group should consider changing the direction and finding a better solution. Bihani and Desjarlais also explained that this situation had never happened before, and they were being proactive in making new policies.

Amendment defeated by a vote of 18 to 34.

Johnston/Mindi

Be it resolved that the motion 16 be amended by striking the point (e) from Bylaw VIII(76).

[Bylaw VIII:76(e)]

In addition to the duties as directors under the Societies Act and these bylaws, the Faculty Representative shall:

e. submit a written report at the end of each term to the board of directors summarizing their interactions with graduate students in their faculty.

Johnston and Mindi raised their concern for the faculties which have a big population and/or low engagement of graduate students. They stated that it would be better to encourage Faculty Representatives rather than mandate them to submit a report of interactions with graduate students. Ganesh stated that SUO had no data showing how graduate students were presented, and it is the responsibility of the Faculty Representative to interact with graduate students. This amendment would show the accountability and transparency of the SUO.

Desjarlais called the question under Robert's Rules of Order, and members voted for the amendment.

Amendment defeated.

The package of Bylaw amendments was adopted.

Carried.

10.REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER FROM THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

Jason Evans presented a report on the progress that the SUO had made these years.

11.REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR.

President, Jakson Pashelka, presented a report on the activities of the SUO from the 2021/2022 academic year.

12.COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

12.1 CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE

Vice-President Campus Life, Danial Asif, presented a report on the events held by the Campus Life Committee from the 2021/2022 academic year.

12.2 CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE

Vice-President External, Cade Desjarlais, presented a report on the accomplishments and focuses of the Campaigns Committee from the 2021/2022 academic year.

12.3 GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE

College of Graduate Studies Faculty Representative, Kirthana Ganesh, presented a report on the committee business from the 2021/2022 academic year as well as the roles that graduate students played on campus and at the SUO.

12.4 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Faculty of Education Representative, Lindsay McGrail, presented a report on the committee business from the 2021/2022 academic year as well as the responsibilities of the Oversight Committee.

12.5 POLICY COMMITTEE

Vice-President Internal, Dhruv Bihani presented a report on the policy amendments and implementation from the 2021/2022 academic year.

13.QUESTION PERIOD

Membership asked questions about the advocacy for International students, U-Pass, food insecurity, mental health support etc. Executives answered the questions on the SUO business. Joshua Milliken added that many issues that students were concerned about, like housing, funding, or food services, were under the jurisdiction of the UBC Senate.

14.ADJOURNMENT

22/11/24.07

Ghevriya/Johnston

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.