# **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students Board of Directors Meeting, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Zoom

## Called to order at 4:03 p.m.

#### **Directors Present**

President (meeting chair)

Vice-President External

Vice President Finance and Administration

Cade Desjarlais

Lakshay Karnwal

Osho Gnanasivam

Vice-President Internal Shreyansh Mehendiratta

Vice-President Campus Life Uday Gill
Director-at-Large Aryan Arora

Director-at-Large Darsh Alamchandani

Director-at-Large Twinkle Hora

Director-at-Large Maziar Matin Panah
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative Georgia Mayhew
Faculty of Education Representative Jeffrey Tookey
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative Grace Halpin
Faculty of Management Representative Abby Newman
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative Hanna Donaldson
Faculty of Science Representative Sunish Grover

### **Directors Absent**

Faculty of Applied Science Representative

College of Graduate Studies Representative

Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)

Rishan Pfaender

Anjali Desai

Isabella Bravo

Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Salman Hafeez (Saami)

### **Staff Present**

General Manager Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator Cecily Qiu

### Staff Absent

Finance Manager

Well Pub Manager

Michael Ouellet

Membership Outreach Coordinator

Communications & Marketing Manager

Student Advocate

Leanne Smailes

Michael Ouellet

Izzy Rusch

Becca Evans

Rachel Fortin

Food Security & Nutrition Manager 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.

Desjarlais also recognized that the Westbank First Nation were experiencing a wild fire. There were emergency fundings available from UBCO for students impacted by the wildfire to help cover some of the evacuation cost.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

23/08/17.01

Donaldson/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

23/08/17.02

Gill/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a new session: 5.8 Media Fund Committee and adding an agenda item under this session:

Be it resolved that allocation of funds in the amount of \$64,379 be allocated to the Phoenix News as recommended by the Media Fund Committee.

Amendments carried.

Carried as amended.

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/08/17.03

Matin Panah/Gill

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted. Carried.

### 4. PRESENTATIONS

#### 5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

#### 5.1 Executive Committee

23/08/17.04

Matin Panah/Hora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted. Carried.

23/08/17.05

Donaldson/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted. Carried.

### **5.2 Finance Committee**

23/08/17.06

Arora/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted. Carried.

23/08/17.07

Gill/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted. Carried.

# 5.3 Policy Committee

23/08/17.08

Mehendiratta/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that Siya Gupta and Thanmay Gopal be appointed as Students-at-Large to Policy Committee.

Mehendiratta stated that both candidates have experience in policy. Siya Gupta was an SUO policy committee member last year. Thanmay Gopal had policy background at his high school.

Carried.

#### 23/08/17.09

Mehendiratta/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:1]:

- a. "Club" means any organization ratified by the Student Union in accordance with this Regulation, except for a Course Union;
- b. "Council" means the governing body of a Course Union;
- c. "Course Union" means a Department-specific organization of Members, ratified by the Student Union in accordance with this Regulation;
- d. "Course Union President" means the senior-most Executive officer of a Course Union;
- e. "Department" means any academic field available for study at the University;
- f. "Executive Member" means any duty elected or appointed governing member of a Club or Course Union; and
- g. "Student Association, per Bylaw 1, shall mean clubs or, course unions groups ratified by the Student Union.

be amended by striking the point "d. 'Course Union President' means the senior-most Executive officer of a Course Union" and adding four new points, to be numbered as needed, so that [Regulation VIII:1] then reads:

- a. "Club" means any organization ratified by the Student Union in accordance with this Regulation, except for a Course Union;
- b. "Council" means the governing body of a Course Union;
- c. "Course Union" means a Department-specific organization of Members, ratified by the Student Union in accordance with this Regulation;
- d. "President" means the Executive Officer and primary contact of a Student Association;
- e. "VP Finance" means the Executive Officer responsible for the finances of the Student Association;
- f. "VP Events" means the Executive Officer who is the main contact for event planning;
- g. "Event" is any gathering of 2 members or more for the purpose of a meeting or social gathering in relation to the purpose of the specific Student Association;
- h. "Department" means any academic field available for study at the University;
- i. "Executive Member" means any duty elected or appointed governing member of a Club or Course Union; and
- j. "Student Association, per Bylaw 1, shall mean clubs or, course unions groups ratified by the Student Union.

Mehendiratta stated that these explanations defined the roles better for clubs and associations, and would make the executives more accountable for their jobs. Desjarlais was in favor of these amendments, and he thought these would help them differentiate between the job responsibilities of each club.

Carried.

#### 23/08/17.10

Mehendiratta/Tookey

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:9]:

An application for ratification of a proposed Student Association must include:

- a. the proposed name;
- b. the name of the first President;
- c. the name and signatures of three signing authorities;
- d. the purposes of the Student Association; and
- e. A petition of at least fifteen (15) Members in support of the proposed Student Association

be amended by adding the words "VP Finance and VP Events" after the point (b) "the name of the first President"; and replacing the words "fifteen (15) Members" under the point (e) with the words "thirty-two (32) Members who are currently attending UBCO", so that [Regulation VIII:9] then reads:

An application for ratification of a proposed Student Association must include:

- a. the proposed name;
- b. the name of the first President, VP Finance, and VP Events;
- c. the name and signatures of three signing authorities;
- d. the purposes of the Student Association; and
- e. A petition of at least thirty-two (32) Members who are currently attending UBCO in support of the proposed Student Association

Desjarlais stated that this motion updated the language in the regulations.

Carried.

### 23/08/17.11

Mehendiratta/Gill

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:17]:

The following Items are considered ineligible for purchase and reimbursement with SUO funding:

- 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. lottery tickets and raffle tickets

be amended by rephrasing the sentence "The following Items are considered ineligible for purchase and reimbursement with SUO funding" as follows to alleviate confusion: "Funding directly provided by SUO shall not be used for the following expenses";

and be amended by replacing the words under the point (h) "lottery tickets and raffle tickets" with the words "pre-paid gift cards."

So [Regulation VIII:17] then reads:

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

- a. capital purchses;
- 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;
- g. events not insured through the SUO; and/or
- h. pre-paid gift cards.

Desjarlais explained that it was a clarification and fixed the loophole for gift card use. Carried.

### 23/08/17.12

Mehendiratta/Matin Panah
Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:18]

Pre-paid gift cards are ineligible for reimbursement unless the receipts are submitted with an Expense Reimbursement form and a Pre-Paid Gift Card Purchasing Record Form.

be removed as the reference is given in the previous policy.

Carried.

#### 23/08/17.13

Mehendiratta/Matin Panah
Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:20]

Starting August 1st of every year, all student Associations shall cease to receive support from the Student Union until:

- a. notifying the Student Union of their intent to maintain their Student Association status;
- b. submitting a Student Association renewal form to renew this status after July 1st; and
- c. maintaining a membership of a minimum of fifteen (15) members, excluding executives:
- d. Course Union may submit their renewal form starting May 1, once the course Union annual election has been carried out and ratified during Term 2.

be amended by adding the word "application" after the words "b. submitting a Student Association renewal"; replacing the word "fifteen (15)" with the word "thirty-two (32)" under the point (c); and removing the point (d) and adding the new policies as follows, to be numbered as needed:

- d. Total membership is 95% current registered UBCO students;
- e. Course Unions ratified before April 1, 2023, can renew each academic year with a minimum membership of three (3) executives and fifteen (15) members;

f. Course unions may submit their renewal application form starting May 1, once the Course Union annual election has been carried out and results confirmed by VP Internal or Membership Outreach Coordinator during Term 2.

So [Regulation VIII:20] then reads:

Starting August 1st of every year, all student Associations shall cease to receive support from the Student Union until:

- a. notifying the Student Union of their intent to maintain their Student Association status;
- b. submitting a Student Association renewal application form to renew this status after July 1st; and
- c. maintaining a membership of a minimum of thirty-two (32) members, excluding executives;
- d. Total membership is 95% current registered UBCO students;
- e. Course Unions ratified before April 1, 2023, can renew each academic year with a minimum membership of three (3) executives and fifteen (15) members;
- f. Course unions may submit their renewal application form starting May 1, once the Course Union annual election has been carried out and results confirmed by VP Internal or Membership Outreach Coordinator during Term 2.

Mehendiratta stated that those were also language clarifications in the regulations regarding the policy amendments. In the past, they had members that were not with good standing and not from the UBCO. They wanted to make sure the majority of the members are from UBCO. Those policies also clarified the renewal date.

Carried.

23/08/17.14

Mehendiratta/Gill

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:24]

A minimum of one (1) executive from each Student Association must attend Student Association Orientation and the All student association meetings to retain active status.

be rephrased as follows:

A minimum of one (1) signing executive officer from each Student Association must attend Student Association Orientation meetings in Term 1 and Term 2 to retain active status.

Desjarlais stated that the motion was an update in the language. It made Term 2 Orientation meeting explicit in the regulations.

Carried.

23/08/17.15

Mehendiratta/Newman

Be it resolved that the following new policy be added after [Regulation VIII:24] and numbered as needed, reading as such:

A Student Association must operate with a minimum financial balance of Zero (0) to have access to SUO Student Association Services.

Desjarlais explained that they had had student associations run in deficit or spent money outside of what they were allocated. The motion ensured that student associations would follow the guideline.

Carried.

23/08/17.16

Mehendiratta/Gill

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:33]

Signing authorities shall not be recognized until their name and information has been submitted to the Membership Outreach Coordinator. A Student association shall not receive funding until the Membership Outreach Coordinator confirms they have received a list of signing authorities.

be rephrased as follows:

Only current UBCO students with confirmed student numbers, whose names and information have been submitted to the Membership Outreach Coordinator, shall be recognized as signing authorities. Student Associations will only be eligible for funding once the Membership Outreach Coordinator confirms the receipt of the list of signing authorities.

Desjarlais explained that this was a clarification on the signing authorities.

Carried.

23/08/17.17

Mehendiratta/Tookey

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:38]

Every Member is eligible for, and entitled to, membership and participation in the activities of every Club, subject to this Regulation.

be amended by adding the word "SUO" after the word "Every" and before the word "Member", so [Regulation VIII:38] then reads:

Every SUO Member is eligible for, and entitled to, membership and participation in the activities of every Club, subject to this Regulation.

Carried.

23/08/17.18

Mehendiratta/Donaldson

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:39]

Clubs may require a membership fee of up to thirty dollars (\$30). Any amount exceeding \$30 in membership must first be approved by the Executive Committee.

be rephrased as follows:

Clubs may require a membership fee of up to forty dollars (\$40). Any amount exceeding \$40 in membership must first be approved by motion in an SUO Executive Committee Meeting.

Desjarlais stated that they increased the fee that student associations and clubs could charge their members. Therefore, student associations and clubs could have extra funds for holding larger events.

Carried.

### 23/08/17.19

Mehendiratta/Newman

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:48] be amended by striking the word "to" after the word "shall" and before the word "advertise", and bracketing the number "10" and adding the word "ten" before the number "10", so [Regulation VIII:48] then reads:

Course Unions shall be required to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) once every Winter Term, and executives shall advertise to members at least ten (10) days in advance the location, date, agenda and time of this meeting.

Carried.

23/08/17.20

Mehendiratta/Newman

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:56]

A candidate may only run for one position within the Course Union executive team.

be rephrased as follows:

Each candidate must be a voting member under #46 of this regulation and may only run for one position within the Course Union Executive Council.

## \*[Regulation VIII:46]

Voting membership of a Course Union shall be available exclusively to every member undergraduate and graduate registered in a major and/or minor of the affiliated Department

Carried.

23/08/17.21

Mehendiratta/Newman

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:59]

"Every Course Union must elect a Course Union President, Treasurer, Secretary, and any other Executive Member listed in the governing documents, from amongst the members of the Course Union."

be amended by striking the words "Treasurer, Secretary" and adding the words" VP Finance, VP Events", so [Regulation VIII:59] then reads:

Every Course Union must elect a Course Union President, VP Finance, VP Events, and any other Executive Member listed in the governing documents, from amongst the members of the Course Union.

Desjarlais stated this motion was an update on terms in the regulations.

Carried.

23/08/17.22

Mehendiratta/Newman
Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:60]

Executive members shall serve a twelve (12) month term.

be amended by adding the words "starting May 1 to April 30 for each year" after the word "term", so [Regulation VIII:60] then reads:

Executive members shall serve a twelve (12) month term starting May 1 to April 30 for each year.

Mehendiratta confirmed that the Executive members refer to the executive officers of student clubs and associations.

Carried.

23/08/17.23

Mehendiratta/Newman
Be it resolved that [Regulation III:36]

A credit card can be issued to one permanent Student Union staff member withstanding clause thirty-seven (37) of these regulations and in accordance with procedures established by the finance Manager and Executive Committee in consultation with the General Manager.

be amended by striking the word "one" and adding the word "two", so [Regulation III:36] then reads:

A credit card can be issued to two permanent Student Union staff members withstanding clause thirty-seven (37) of these regulations and in accordance with procedures established by the finance Manager and Executive Committee in consultation with the General Manager.

Desjarlais explained that last year they re-introduced an SUO credit card so that staff and student associations did not need to put SUO or student association expenses under their personal credit cards. That SUO credit card was limited to one staff member. Due to the changing circumstance of that staff member, and considering the flexibility of accessing the credit card, they decided to provide two staff members with the SUO credit card.

Carried.

# 5.4 Campus Life Committee

23/08/17.24

Gill/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that Shaurya Pachisia and Japnit Singh be appointed as Students-at-Large to Campus Life Committee.

Gill provided the motivation that Japnit Singh had involved in many events on campus and had executive experience in event planning; and Shaurya Pachisia had engaged in many clubs and also had experience in event planning.

Carried.

23/08/17.25

Gill/Hora

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

Carried.

# 5.5 Campaigns Committee

23/08/17.26

Karnwal/Hora

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

Carried.

23/08/17.27

Karnwal/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that Amalthea Schutt and Norimasa Musashi be appointed as Students-at-Large to Campaigns Committee.

Karnwal provided the motivation. Amalthea was passionate about the community building on campus and she wanted to get involved in the SUO. Norimasa Musashi had a lot of experience in clubs. He had led the Japanese Culture Club and he was also the president of Karate club. He was passionate about working on the food security and sustainability initiatives which were aligned with the goal of Campaigns Committee. Karnwal was glad to have them on board.

Carried.

23/08/17.28

Karnwal/Donaldson

Be it resolved that Jeffrey Tookey, Faculty of Education Representative, be appointed to Campaigns Committee.

Tookey introduced himself and stated that his goal was to get the Education Faculty more involved in the SUO. He saw the value of SUO and he believed that this position was important.

Carried.

# 5.6 Graduate Student Committee

23/08/17.29

Hora/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/08/17.30

Matin Panah/Newman

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

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

Carried.

# 5.7 Oversight Committee

23/08/17.31

Halpin/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on August 14th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/08/17.32

Halpin/Matin Panah

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

Halpin stated that all the Executives submitted their reports on time and the reports were all well-done. They commended Karnwal for some of the work he had done, such as the sustainability and the \$4.99 Smart Meal.

Carried.

### 5.8 Media Fund Committee

23/08/17.33

Gill/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that allocation of funds in the amount of \$64,379 be allocated to the Phoenix News as recommended by the Media Fund Committee.

Gnanasivam stated that SUO collects a fee from students separately for the media fund and allocate the fund to any media organizations under the SUO. Phoenix News was the only media organization that they had at the moment. They decided to allocate this

amount to Phoenix News after many discussions with Madeline Grove, the Editor-in-Chief of the Phoenix. The allocation number this year was similar to the amount allocated last year. The Phoenix News had surplus from last year as well. During the Media Fund Committee meeting on July 14, Grove gave a presentation on how to use this fund and the allocation got approved at the meeting.

Desjarlais added that the reason why this allocation was not approved in the budget was that this was a separate fee and the recommendation on the allocation came through from the Media Fund Committee.

Carried.

### 6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

- 6.1 Senate
- 6.2 Board of Governors
- 6.3 Other University Committees

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

# 7.1 SUO 2023 Building Terms of Reference

23/08/17.34

Desjarlais/Grover

Be it resolved that the SUO 2023 Building Terms of Reference be adopted as attached.

Desjarlais provided the context and background for striking the Building Steering Committee. There was a Building Steering Committee last year; however, the recommendation from the committee did not get approved by the Board due to a variety of reasons. With the growth of student population these years, SUO and the entire campus of UBCO have been facing the space issue. They optimized the SUO space, and was looking for a sustainable way to address the space challenge. The purpose of this committee was to investigate the possible solutions for the SUO space concern. The solutions can be building a new building, renovating or extending current space. The committee was tasked with providing recommendations to the board after five months. At the meantime, the chair of the committee would provide the board members with monthly updates and meeting minutes to align with what were outlined in Objectives, Committee Composition, Responsibilities and Timeline.

The Terms of Reference outlined the committee composition. SUO President and General Manager would co-chair the meeting. There would be four other board members including the Executives selected by the board of directors to provide valuable insights. There would be three staff representatives, namely, Finance Manager, Project Manager and Communication Manager. The committee composition reflected a balance of students and staff in terms of voting and information seeking.

Carried.

# 7.2 Building Steering Committee

# a. Striking the Building Steering Committee

### 23/08/17.35

Desjarlais/Gill

Be it resolved that the Building Steering Committee be struck for the SUO Board 2023-2024.

Desjarlais stated that as it was outlined under the Timeline, the committee would cease to exist after they provide the board with recommendations. The board could choose to restrike the committee as needed in the future. Regarding the Terms of Reference, Desjarlais added that those terms could be changed through the recommendations from the committee or the board.

Carried.

## b. Calls for nominations from the Board of Directors for:

o Four (4) additional Directors of the Board, including Executives.

23/08/17.36

Desjarlais/Halpin

Be it resolved that Gnanasivam, Mehendiratta, Hora and Newman be appointed to the Building Steering Committee for 2023-2024.

Carried.

# 7.3 Referendum-New Student Recreation Facility Fee

23/08/17.37

Matin Panah/Halpin

Be it resolved that the following referendum question be adopted.

[Revision Date: March 28, 2023 (v.4)]

Do you support the Student Union of UBC Okanagan ("SUO") 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 2023/2024 academic year, students will pay \$20.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Winter Session, for a total of \$40.00 one academic year.
- 2. Beginning when the building is open in 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 eight years (until 2032/2033).

Yes	No	

If approved:

The Fee will not be levied until the UBC Board of Governors has given Board 1 capital project approval for the building project.

- The fees collected between 2023/2024 and 2032/2033 academic years 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. They will also pay for the administrative charges assessed by UBC for managing the collection and remittance of the Fee.
- o The fees collected from academic year 2027/2028 to onwards will be used to finance a loan from UBC. These fees will continue to be levied until the SUO of UBC Okanagan has repaid the loan and interest on the loan.
- o The loan is anticipated to be paid by 2032/2033.
- o It is anticipated that breaking ground will happen fall 2024 and the project completed in fall 2025.
- In the event the SUO Student Building project does not proceed for any reason, any fees already collected will be held with the SUO of UBC Okanagan until such delay is reconciled. The money already collected would go towards identifying students' physical and recreational health needs and constructing spaces to meet those needs. In this event, The Fee would halt after the 2024/2025 fee is collected. The fee would not proceed to the 2025/2026 increase.
- o The SUO of UBC Okanagan Board of Directors will establish a process and criteria for active members demonstrating financial need to apply for a full or partial refund on the new student society fee.

Desjarlais stated that last year SUO received the petition from students which met the petition process to hold a referendum. The petition asked them to charge students a fee to pay a portion of the new recreation building. Desjarlais provided a brief introduction on the location and facilities of the new building. The referendum had been activated. And this motion was asking for an approval on the referendum question as SUO was legally obligated to hold the referendum. The date for the referendum would be decided at a later time, and should be aligned with the SUO By-Election. In the future board meetings, they could decide whether or not SUO would support this campaign. Evans added that SUO had been petitioned by a percentage of student population, which automatically triggered the referendum. SUO membership had mandated them to run the referendum and they were doing the formality to ensure they follow the SUO procedure.

Gnanasivam asked if the building details such as models and dimension are available to students by the time of referendum. Desjarlais explained that the details regarding the dimension and size would not be ready until students commit. As far as Desjarlais was aware, the new building would include two courts, which would double the size of the current gymnasium space. The studio space in the gym would be moved to the new building so that the space in Hanger could be expanded. The building would also include the team room and locker room to support athletic department. There would be more space for recreational use. Halpin expressed her support to the new building. She believed that there were some pictures and data available to students and she could look into this information. Halpin also pointed out that Vancouver campus has a separate athletic recreational center; and with the new building on the Okanagan campus, it would allow athletes to move out of the current recreational facilities and bring changes to the current recreational facilities. Karnwal asked if the amount of cost was decided by SUO or it came from the UBCO communication. Desjarlais replied that they were consulted last year for

the contribution amount, and also this number (\$7,000,000) was provided in the petition. Karnwal wondered that the amount of cost would change in the future. Desjarlais stated that the number might change but it could only get lower. Desjarlais also mentioned that the recreational space does not get any fundings from the government. Halpin explained the tiered fees students would be charged. Evans added that the fee would not be collected until the UBC Board of Governors proves the project.

Carried.

#### 7.4 Electoral Committee

## a. Striking the Electoral Committee

23/08/17.38

Gill/Halpin

Be it resolved that the Electoral Committee be struck for the SUO Board 2023-2024.

[Regulation I: 85]

The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. Chief Returning Officer;
- b. Up to two Deputy Returning Officers;
- c. General Manager; and
- d. Advocacy Governance Coordinator; and
- e. Project Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.

Carried.

### 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting was recessed at 5:29 p.m. It was called back to order at 5:32 p.m. to discuss the amended agenda item: 5.8 Media Fund Committee. Nine board of directors remained at the meeting, which reached the quorum of the meeting. The nine members were Cade Desjarlais, Lakshay Karnwal, Osho Gnanasivam, Shreyansh Mehendiratta, Uday Gill, Maziar Matin Panah, Abby Newman, Grace Halpin and Hanna Donaldson. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.