

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, August 29th, 2023, Teams

Called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Directors Present

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

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

Directors Absent

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

Hanna Donaldson
Rishan Pfaender
Isabella Bravo
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

Staff Absent

General Manager
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

23/08/29.01

Hora/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Accommodations for Student Groups (Clubs etc.)

23/08/29.02

Mehendiratta/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the renewal deadline of student associations and clubs be extended until 11:59pm (PDT) of September 13th, 2023 due to the current wildfire situation in the Okanagan area.

Carried.

Mehendiratta explained that this motion was to ensure all students have an opportunity to renew their clubs and have a reasonable amount of time to do so. The wildfire had pushed SUO business back one week and this would help ensure SUO stay on a proper timeline. Grover asked about Create and Expo. Desjarlais stated that the dates of these would be known soon.

23/08/29.03

Mehendiratta/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the Visual Arts Course Union (VACU) be given temporary access to their course union funds to process the expense reimbursements related to their spendings from the 2022-23.

Carried.

Mehendiratta provided the context and the reason behind this motion. He shared that because the Treasurer was late with their expense reimbursements, an extension needed to be granted so club members could be rightfully reimbursed.

4.2 Referendum Business

23/08/29.04

Desjarlais/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the SUO of UBC and the Board of Directors campaign in favour of passing the Recreation Expansion Referendum question.
Carried.

Desjarlais shared that the SUO could determine whether or not they would like to support a particular referendum question. Desjarlais encouraged the directors to support the question and campaign in favour yet opened the floor for discussion highlighting that directors may take a neutral stance or opposing position.

Gnanasivam shared he would remain neutral in the matter.

Karnwal shared this sentiment but still wanted to support the motion.

Halpin advocated that the SUO support the referendum. She cited her work in recreation and the Hangar as experience in the matter agreeing there is a strong need for more recreation space.

Desjarlais further explained that any recreation projects must be driven by students.

Newman expressed this would be a good win for the SUO and believed we can target key stakeholders in the student population.

Gnanasivam asked about opting out of the fee if a student cannot afford the fee. Desjarlais pointed him a provision in the question outlining that an opt out is possible should a student face financial need.

Halpin reiterated that the gym facility was much too small for a campus of our size with sports team of high caliber.

23/08/29.05

Desjarlais/Halpin

Be it resolved that the referendum approved by the Board of Directors at the direction of the President and the CRO be held in conjunction with the Fall By-Elections as determined by the Electoral Committee.

Carried.

Desjarlais shared that he was not certain this motion was necessary yet wanted to cover all bases to ensure the referendum timeline can operate smoothly.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Wildfire Update and SUO Response

Desjarlais spoke of his work in response to the wildfire, sharing hundreds of students had applied for financial assistance from the UBC Emergency Fund. He highlighted that the Executive Committee had reallocated ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the fund. Students would be able to make their way back to campus when it is safe.

6. ADJOURNMENT AT 12:04 PM