

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Board of Directors Meeting, September 12th, 2023, UNC105

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**Called to order at 4:08 p.m.**

## **Directors Present**

President (meeting chair)  
Vice-President External  
Vice President Finance and Administration  
Vice-President Internal  
Vice-President Campus Life  
Director-at-Large  
Director-at-Large  
Director-at-Large  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative  
Faculty of Management Representative  
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative  
Faculty of Science Representative  
College of Graduate Studies Representative  
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)  
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Cade Desjarlais  
Lakshay Karnwal  
Osho Gnanasivam  
Shreyansh Mehendiratta  
Uday Gill  
Aryan Arora  
Darsh Alamchandani  
Twinkle Hora  
Georgia Mayhew  
Grace Halpin  
Abby Newman  
Hanna Donaldson  
Sunish Grover  
Anjali Desai  
Isabella Bravo  
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

## **Directors Absent**

Faculty of Applied Science Representative  
Faculty of Education Representative

Rishan Pfaender  
Jeffrey Tookey

## **Staff Present**

General Manager  
Well Pub Manager

Jason Evans  
Michael Ouellet

## **Staff Absent**

Memership Outreach Coordinator  
Finance Manager  
Communications & Marketing Manager  
Student Advocate  
Food Security & Nutrition Manager  
Governance Coordinator

Izzy Rusch  
Leanne Smailes  
Becca Evans  
Rachel Fortin  
Stephanie Patterson  
Vacant

## **1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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

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

23/09/12.01

Mehendiratta/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Desjarlais/Arora

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding the appointment of Trophy Ewila as CRO under Electoral Committee business.

Amendment carried.

Gnanasivam/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding the appointment of Osho Gnanasivam to Policy Committee under Policy Committee business.

Halpin asked why Gnanasivam wanted to join Policy committee. Gnanasivam responded that many policies are related to finance and he would have better context into these policies when making finance decisions.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

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

23/09/12.02

Donaldson/Alamchandani

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

Carried.

23/09/12.03

Newman/Grover

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

Carried.

## **4. PRESENTATIONS**

### **4.1 \$5 Smart Meals Campaign**

Karnwal presented the \$5 Smart Meal Campaign detailing the healthy, sustainable, and affordable meals that would be offered at all on-campus restaurants in the UNC building.

Newman asked about when the meals would run out and how that process would work. Karnwal and Evans responded that each restaurant would provide maximum 70 meals in the given day. Gnanasivam asked for a cost breakdown and a breakdown of the total number of meals per semester within the meal campaign. Karnwal responded with the number breakdown. Newman asked if the marketing would show that tax is not included and the meals would likely work out to \$5.25. Karnwal responded that regularly a restaurant doesn't display taxes on items, but they could make this information explicit if it is important. Newman just wanted to ensure that the students have full transparency with this campaign. Arora asked what meals each restaurant would be providing. Karnwal responded that they had finalized menu items at each restaurant that would be under this campaign.

## **5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Executive Committee**

23/09/12.04

Gill/Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

### **5.2 Finance Committee**

### **5.3 Policy Committee**

23/09/12.05

Mehendiratta/Newman

Be it resolved that Gnanasivam be appointed to the policy committee.

Carried.

### **5.4 Campus Life Committee**

23/09/12.06

Gill/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

### **5.5 Campaigns Committee**

23/09/12.07

Karnwal/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

**5.6 Graduate Student Committee**

**5.7 Oversight Committee**

**5.8 Media Fund Committee**

23/09/12.08

Gill/Halpin

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

**5.9 Electoral Committee**

23/09/12.09

Donaldson/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/09/12.10

Halpin/Donaldson

Be it resolved that the By-election and the Referendum vote shall take place on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Halpin asked if the executive committee or electoral committee had any discussion about what they would provide for the yes campaign in terms of resources or marketing. Evans responded that the meeting was only held yesterday and these conversations hadn't happened yet but would be discussed soon.

Carried.

23/09/12.11

Donaldson/ Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that the Nomination period for the 2023 By-election be opened on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 8 am, and closed on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 4 pm.

Carried.

23/09/12.12

Hora/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the campaigning period begin on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 8 am, and close at 11:59 pm on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Halpin asked if Referendum and By-Election campaigning goes right through the voting period. Evans confirmed that in the regulations campaign is allowed to go through voting period.

Carried.

23/09/12.13

Donaldson/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the All Candidate Meeting be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5 pm.

Carried.

23/09/12.14

Donaldson/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that Trophy Ewila be appointed as CRO until the end of the By-Election.

Carried.

Evan stated that the current CRO resigned as she is taking a full time position at the university.

## **6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **6.1 Senate**

#### **6.1.1 Important policies that student leaders should know about**

Hafeez provided information about various UBCO and UBC Senate resources that pertain to policies around academic misconduct, appeal procedures, and accommodations.

### **6.2 Board of Governors**

Bravo introduced herself and gave insight as to what the BOG had been doing this summer and what was going to happen.

[Karnwal left at 4:55pm]

### **6.3 Other University Committees**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Resignation of Director**

Desjarlais stated that Matin Panah had to resign because he was not a student at UBCO anymore. There is an open position for Director at Large to be filled through By-Election.

## **7.2 Student Association Ratification**

23/09/12.15

Mehendiratta/Arora

Be it resolved that the Philosophy, Politics and Economics Course Union be ratified as a student association.

Mehendiratta stated that this course union was inactive for more than 12 months and that was why they had to be re-ratified.

Carried.

23/09/12.16

Mehendiratta /Newman

Be it resolved that the Sustainability Course Union be ratified as a student association.

Carried.

23/09/12.17

Mehendiratta /Newman

Be it resolved that the Enactus Club be ratified as a student association.

Mehendiratta commented that this club had been under the MSA before but was seeking to be re-ratified. Newman confirmed that they removed themselves from the MSA to receive SUO funding and it is an organization that competes with other Universities.

Carried.

23/09/12.18

Mehendiratta/Alamchandani

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

Gnanasivam said that many of the students in this club were residence advisors and they had run extremely successful events and this club would be successful.

Carried.

23/09/12.19

Mehendiratta/Arora

Be it resolved that the Coding Club be ratified as a student association.  
Carried.

23/09/12.20

Mehendiratta/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the Disc Golf Club be ratified as a student association.

Desjarlais provided an in-depth explanation of Disc Golf for the Board of Directors for clarification and stated that “disc golf is coming back”.

Newman asked if UBCO recreation would support this club like they do with other recreational activities. Halpin responded that Disc Golf is an accessible sport and UBCO Recreation would be likely to support this club. As there is no equipment or course on campus, it would have to be an off-campus collaboration.  
Carried.

23/09/12.21

Mehendiratta/Donaldson

Be it resolved that the IP1 Social Club be ratified as a student association.

Mehendiratta stated that this club did not provide a clear statement on what they do and what IP1 means. Halpin suggested a presentation from the club before they become ratified.

Mehendiratta/Newman

Be it resolved that the ratification of IP1 Social Club as a student association be tabled.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

23/09/12.22

Mehendiratta/Grover

Be it resolved that the Badminton Club be ratified as a student association.

Newman asked if we could have 1 on 1 onboarding with them. Desjarlais said a presentation to the board might be ideal for this club. Halpin asked how much the club would get prior to the \$25 membership fee. Gnanasivam gave the breakdown as to how much they would receive prior to the membership fee and stated that any student association receiving an additional student fee more than \$30 must be

brought to the board. Desjarlais requested a presentation from the club before they become ratified.

Desjarlais /Newman

Be it resolved that the ratification of Badminton Club as a student association be tabled.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

23/09/12.23

Mehendiratta/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the Coffees for Charity Club be ratified as a student association.

Newman asked to define what the club refers to as orphans. Hafeez asked if this club would be relevant because their club is using SUO funds to potentially do off-campus work. Desjarlais said their application was not clear as to what their goals are. The description does not line up with the name of their club. The conversation got into the SUO clubs that are within the charity domain and use SUO funds to put on student events and raise awareness, but SUO student association funding should not be used directly for charities or external things to the SUO or UBCO.

Failed.

23/09/12.24

Mehendiratta/Newman

Be it resolved that the Parindey Dance Club be ratified as a student association.

Mehendiratta expressed concerns with this renewal form as there were members who were not in good standing, and there were more than ten members who were not students at UBCO anymore. Desjarlais and Mehendiratta clarified that in order to be ratified, the club should have at least 32 members and 95% of those members should be UBCO students. From the information that Mehendiratta provided, Desjarlais decided to rule the motion "out of order" as the application did not meet the requirements of SUO Regulations.

## **8. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Volunteering Expo/Frosh**



Desjarlais said that the SUO Board of Directors need to volunteer where they can. Expo would be from 10am-3pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September and setup begins at 9am. Gill stated that many of the volunteers from the Campus Life Committee would be volunteering at Expo and Frosh. Desjarlais asked all members of the SUO to help out with Frosh and promote it to students as it is a great opportunity to connect.

#### **9. IN CAMERA SESSION (LABOR)**

Halpin/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved into in-camera. [5:38 p.m.]

Carried.

Gnanasivam/Desai

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera. [5:54 p.m.]

Carried.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.