

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.

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

23/10/23.01

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.