

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of  
Students Board of Directors Meeting, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, UNC 106

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Called to Order at 18:09

## Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Jakson Pashelka
Vice-President External	Cade Desjarlais
Vice President Finance and Administration	Vrushank Kekre
Vice-President Internal	Dhruv Bihani
Vice-President Campus Life	Danial Asif
Director-at-Large	Aryam Dwivedi
Director-at-Large	Megan Johnston
Director-at-Large	Spandan Ghevriya
Graduate Studies Representative	Kirthana Ganesh
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Akshata Pathak
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Twinkle Hora
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Hanna Donaldson
Faculty of Education Representative	Lindsay McGrail
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Grace Halpin
Faculty of Management Representative	Jes Mindi
Faculty of Science Representative	Maziar Matin Panah
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Tashia Kootenayoo
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Salman Hafeez (Saami)

## Directors Absent

Director-at-Large	Berat Celik
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## Staff Present

Governance Coordinator	Bri Fedoruk
Well Manager	Michael Ouellet
Project Manager	Aaron White

## Guests Present

President of Marine Design Club	Zane Simmonds
Treasurer of Marine Design Club	Jared Boroheim
President of UBCO AquaTech	Dylan Mathew
President of UBCO Giddah Club	Noorat Gill
Vice-President of UBCO Giddah Club	Siya Momi
Representative of ASaferWalk	Trevor MacDonald

## **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**

23/03/13.01

Desjarlais/Johnston

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

23/03/13.02

Bihani/Mindi

Be it resolved the agenda be amended under "Presentations" by adding another called "Giddah Club."

Carried as amended

## **3. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **3.1 Senate**

Hafeez updated on two (2) items. One (1) 2023 Tri-Annual review of Okanagan Senate. Held every three (3) years, it concerns how the senate works, and how the community would like to see the senate improve. SUO Board of Directors feedback, he recommends the most important points to answer would be six (6) and seven (7), but appreciated if Board members would fill out the other questions as well. Two (2) was a reminder about the accommodations for the Religious and Cultural accommodations policy.

## **4. PRESENTATIONS**

### **4.1 Giddah Club**

Gill and Momi, the President and Vice-President, presented from the prospective Giddah Club.

### **4.2 ASaferWalk**

MacDonald presented his application, ASaferWalk, for people who identify as women, to the Board.

### **4.3 Marine Design**

Simmons, the President, presented from the prospective Marine Design Club.

### **4.4 AquaTech**

Mathew, the President, presented from the prospective AquaTech Club.

[White left at 18:56]

### **4.5 Okanagan Electric Motor Sport**

The prospective club did not show.

#### **4.6 Faculty of Education Presentation**

McGrail presented on her Faculty position, and the challenges it presents for students in her program, and their participation in the SUO. The Education program is charged fees on top of regular student fees. They must have reliable transportation, which does not include public transit. She pointed to the difficulty of the SUO to obtain a student for her position, and it had to do with the timeline of SUO Elections or Terms. Education Representatives must run in the By-Election, and they would not have a full term.

#### **4.7 Robert's Rules of Order**

Fedoruk presented the previously distributed PowerPoint on Robert's Rules of Order.

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

23/03/13.03

Mindi/Johnston

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Emergency meeting held February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Kootenayoo disagreed with the entire presentation, and the comments from the minutes contained psychologically unsafe material.

Desjarlais replied that the presentation was presented as fact, as asks the Board member to reconsider.

Ganesh replied that she felt that the transparency was necessary for this particular occasion.

Carried unanimously

23/03/13.04

Mindi/Bihani

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

### **6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **6.1 Executive Committee**

23/03/13.05

Bihani/Dwivedi

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, be adopted.

Kootenayoo wondered if the review of the General Manager would be brought up at any subsequent Board meetings?

Pashelka replied, yes, if it was requested, it could be presented at the next Board meeting in an in-camera session.

Johnston requested a presentation update.

Ouellet replied that in-camera sessions bring the Board business when they have it, if they have no updates, they do not have business to bring to the Board.

Mindi wanted to confirm if what Kootenayoo first asked had to do with the minutes on the table?

Bihani replied that there was a reason that things happened in-camera.

Johnston stated that the Board was able to operate with in-camera sessions separately and together, and as the Board, they were there to shape and guide what the Executives are doing.

Kootenayoo replied that it was the Board's job to ask questions, and if people wanted to have updates, they were within their rights. It was not a matter of executive's incompetency. It was a good idea to provide updates within a reasonable time.

Kekre replied that there was no action item to be had, but if there had been, there would be an update to the Board.

Carried

23/03/13.06

Desjarlais/McGrail

Be it resolved that five thousand (5,000) dollars be put forth towards the Multi-Spiritual space retrofitting for UBC Giving Day 2023.

Desjarlais motivated.

Carried

## **6.2 Finance Committee**

## **6.3 Policy Committee**

## **6.4 Campus Life Committee**

Asif provided an update.

[Rejourned at 20:23]

## **6.5 Campaigns Committee**

23/03/13.07

Bihani/Hora

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

Desjarlais provided an update.

## **6.6 Graduate Student Committee**

23/03/13.08

Ganesh/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

23/03/13.09

Ganesh/Bihani

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adopted.

Carried



23/03/13.10

Ganesh/Bihani

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

23/03/13.11

Ganesh/Bihani

Be it resolved that the honoraria for GSC students-at-large be disbursed as follows:

Dina Khrabsheh	Student-at-Large	\$100
Elizabeth Houghton	Student-at-Large	\$150
Nibirh Jawad	Student-at-Large	\$150
Anne Claret	Student-at-Large	\$150
Emily Comeau	Student-at-Large	\$150
Morgan King	Student-at-Large	\$150
Fatima Canales	Student-at-Large	\$150
Vikas Kumar	Student-at-Large	\$100

Carried

Kirthana provided an update

## **6.7 Oversight Committee**

23/03/13.12

McGrail/Asif

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

23/03/13.13

McGrail/Asif

Be it resolved that the Executive Reports of January 2023 be adopted as attached.

Carried

McGrail provided an update.

## **7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **7.1 Board of Governors**

### **7.2 Other University Committees**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Club Ratifications**

23/03/13.14

Bihani/Kekre

Be it resolved that the Marine Design Club be ratified.

McGrail was in the support of the club and stated they were passionate.

Johnston stated that in terms of a person in the Student Association Funding Committee she was not in support of this as a design club.

Bihani responded that funding had been spoken about.

The club themselves replied that they were receiving outside funding.

Kekre agreed with Bihani.

Carried

23/03/13.15

Bihani/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that the AquaTech Club be ratified.

Cade observed that this sounded less like a club and more like a start-up.

Meghan stated that this club would not have the support as the club was aimed at a small demographic of people.

Bihani agreed, and advised that this club reach out to the Marine Club.

Motion failed

23/03/13.16

Bihani/Kekre

Be it resolved that Okanagan Electric Motorsport be ratified.

Aryam stated that this club was very similar to UBCO Motorsport and did not show up for a presentation.

Johnston agreed.

Desjarlais stated that we should motivate UBCO Motor Sports to take this club under their wing.

Kirthana questioned that by the name, just the name, was funding the reason they were starting another club?

Desjarlais stated that the Motor Sport was a big event that happened once or twice a year as they built a car which was very expensive and needed funding.

Motion failed

23/03/13.17

Bihani/Ghevriya

Be it resolved that the KDT (Kpop Dance Team) be ratified.

Johnston stated that four (4) clubs have to do with dance and UBCO Rec had dance clubs as well.

Ghevriya determined that ratifying this club would not be a problem as they just wanted to dance in a particular genre, and wanted space.

Kootenayoo supported Ghevriya.

Bihani stated that this dance club was not funding to teach students and agreed with the previous points about the eligibility of different clubs for different dances.

Carried

23/03/13.18

Bihani/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the Book Club be ratified.

Desjarlais stated that book clubs were common and that there was an English Course

Union which had a book club already.

McGrail stated that this Book Club might not be specific to English Literature, as the English Course Union would be.

Ghevriya asked if there was currently an SUO Book Club?

The Board determined there currently was no SUO Book Club.

Carried

23/03/13.19

Bihani/Kekre

Be it resolved that the Film Club be ratified.

Bihani motivated the club

McGrail fully supported the club and stated that it would be a good counterpart here, as we have the Okangan Flim Festival.

Hanna agreed with McGrail.

Carried

23/03/13.20

Bihani/Kekre

Be it resolved that the Southern Medical Club be ratified.

Bihani motivated this club

Matin Panah asked about this club and the Premed Club.

Bihani stated that this club contained doctors while pre-med did not, and for funding purposes they were funded by UBC Vancouver, and not us.

Carried

23/03/13.21

Bihani/Kekre

Be it resolved that the Street Art Association be ratified.

Bihani reiterated that they were not doing anything on campus as it came to street art unless it had been put through UBC SUO.

Johnston wondered if they could run in conjunction with another art club or drawing club. She also questioned the legality as this club might do this art outside the campus and accidentally stamp the SUO brand.

Johnston and McGrail opposed.

Carried

Bihani/Asif

Be it resolved the agenda be amended under "New Discussion" by adding another motion "Be it resolved that the Giddah Club be ratified."

Carried as amended

23/03/13.22

Bihani/Danial

Be it resolved that the Giddah Club be ratified.

Carried

## **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Transition Documents**

Desjarlais stated that as part of the transition of this Board to the new Board, there were documents that were being created to establish a connection between those in the roles currently, and those moving into them. They were thinking to create documents in a file that would be shared with everyone.

McGrail added that maybe the Vice-Presidents should start connecting with the next Board's Vice-Presidents and perhaps inviting them to sit in their committee meetings as guests, and as a layout of the how the meetings occur.

Ganesh also wanted the Board to keep in mind the mini details about little networking events.

Pashelka supported McGrail's idea to ease the transition for the next year.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 21:08