

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, April 28th, 2023, UNC 106

Called to order at 3:42 p.m. (This meeting was originally scheduled for April 19th.)

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Jakson Pashelka
Vice-President External	Cade Desjarlais
Vice President Finance and Administration	Vrushank Kekre
Vice-President Campus Life	Danial Asif
Director-at-Large	Aryam Dwivedi
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
Health & Social Development Representative	Grace Halpin Faculty of
Management Representative	Jes Mindi
Faculty of Science Representative	Maziar Matin Panah
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Salman Hafeez (Saami)
Director-at-Large	Megan Johnston

Directors Absent

Vice-President Internal	Dhruv Bihani
Director-at-Large	Berat Celik
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Akshata Pathak
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Hanna Donaldson
Faculty of Education Representative	Lindsay McGrail
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Tashia Kootenayoo

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Well Pub Manager	Michael Ouellet

Staff Absent

Executive Coordinator	Sarah Speier
Membership Outreach Coordinator	Izzy Rusch
Communications & Marketing Manager	Becca Evans
Student Advocate	Rachel Fortin
Food Security & Nutrition Manager	Stephanie Patterson
Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes
Governance Coordinator	Bri Fedoruk

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

23/04/28.01

Matin Panah/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/04/28.02

Dwivedi/Kekre

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on April 5th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

It was tabled for the next board meeting.

[Megan Johnston entered at 3:43 p.m.]

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

23/04/28.03

Desjarlais/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes of the emergency meeting held on March 31st, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

5.2 Finance Committee

23/04/28.04

Kekre/Mindi

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 16th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/04/28.05

Kekre/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on March 9th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/04/28.06

Kekre/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on April 11th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

5.3 Policy Committee

23/04/28.07

Asif/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on April 6th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/04/28.08

Ganesh/Asif

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:3]:

The Board of Directors shall establish Committees in accordance with the bylaws and regulations to carry out specific functions, study issues in greater detail and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors. Committee structure and membership shall be specified in this Regulation. All Committees shall meet at least once a month, unless otherwise specified in this Regulation. In accordance with the UBCSUO bylaws and regulations, the Board shall maintain the following Standing Committees:

- a. Campaigns Committee;
- b. Campus Life Committee;
- c. Finance Committee;
- d. Oversight Committee; and
- e. Policy Committee

be changed by adding the words "Graduate Student Committee." after the words, "e. Policy Committee," with a new point, to be renumbered as necessary, so that [Reg. 1:3] then reads:

The Board of Directors shall establish Committees in accordance with the bylaws and regulations to carry out specific functions, study issues in greater detail and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors. Committee structure and membership shall be specified in this Regulation. All Committees shall meet at least once a month, unless otherwise specified in this Regulation. In accordance with the UBCSUO bylaws and regulations, the Board shall maintain the following Standing Committees:

- a. Campaigns Committee;

- b. Campus Life Committee;
- c. Finance Committee;
- d. Oversight Committee;
- e. Policy Committee; and
- f. Graduate Student Committee.

Ganesh motivated that it reflected the Bylaws amendments at AGM to add the Graduate Student Committee to the list of standing committees.

Carried.

23/04/28.09

Kekre/Dwivedi

Be it resolved that a new section, called, "Graduate Student Committee," be added after [Regulation I:64].

Carried.

23/04/28.10

Kekre/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that under the new section in [Regulation I], the following new policy be added and renumbered as needed, reading as such:

The mandate of the Committee is to provide the Board of Directors with recommendations on various internal and external affairs based on graduate student input, and provide consultation to other Faculty representatives for strategies to engage with, and provide outreach for graduate students that they represent.

Carried.

23/04/28.11

Asif/Ganesh

Be it resolved that under the new section in [Regulation I], the following new policy be added and renumbered as needed, reading as such:

The Committee Members shall consist of:

- a) The College of Graduate Studies Faculty Representative;
- b) Governance Coordinator (or a staff member appointed by the Board in the absence of a coordinator);
- c) At least one (1) and up to nine (9) graduate Student(s)-at-Large, selected through a representation requirement, to reflect the following nine (9) faculties on campus:

1. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences;

2. Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies;
3. Faculty of Education;
4. Faculty of Engineering;
5. Faculty of Health and Social Development;
6. Faculty of Management;
7. Faculty of Science;
8. Faculty of Medicine; and
9. Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies.

The representation requirement should be observed when possible, but should not limit the appointment of Student(s)-at-Large.

- d) One (1) member of the Executive Committee, to be decided by the chair

Ganesh provided the motivation on committee structure. She explained the requirement of Students-at-Large representation and the reason behind the legislation. She would encourage the engagement from all faculties on campus but she also recognized that some faculties may engage more than others. There would be also the possibility of a new faculty in the future.

Carried.

23/04/28.12

Ghevriya/Asif

Be it resolved that under the new section in [Regulation I], the following new policy be added and renumbered as needed, reading as such:

The Graduate Student Committee shall have the additional power to hold in- camera sessions.

Desjarlais did not agree with the nine volunteer students (SAL) being given the power to have meetings in-camera. He clarified that the discussions on land, labor and legal can be held in-camera, and not all the committees have the power to have in-camera sessions. Ganesh explained that GSC also handles the labor union business and the relationship with UBC and professors. She explained that it is just an option as needed. Desjarlais moved to amend the motion by adding the words "if at least one (1) executive is present".

Desjarlais/Asif

Be it resolved that under the new section in [Regulation I], the following new policy be added and renumbered as needed, reading as such:

The Graduate Student Committee shall have the additional power to hold in- camera

sessions if at least one (1) Executive is present.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

23/04/28.13

Desjarlais/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that under the new section in [Regulation I], the following new policy be added and renumbered as needed, reading as such:

The Graduate Student Committee shall have the additional duty to appoint a member from the Graduate Student Committee to be the liaison with the Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver. This member would be responsible for continuing the relationship between the two (2) societies.

Ganesh stated that there was a relationship re-establishment with the UBC Vancouver graduate student committee. They wanted to appoint a member as the main contact to streamline the communication between GSS and GSC. Kekre asked if the nine Students-at-Large could share this responsibility. Ganesh replied that one of the nine Students-at-Large would take the responsibility.

Carried.

23/04/28.14

Asif/Ganesh

Be it resolved that under the new section in [Regulation I], the following new policy be added and renumbered as needed, reading as such:

The College of Graduate Studies Faculty Representative shall serve as chair to the committee.

Carried.

23/04/28.15

Asif/Ganesh

Be it resolved that Regulation [I:28] (in reference to the Campaigns Committee):

The committee members shall consist of the:

- a) President
- b) Vice President External
- c) Advocacy and/or Governance Coordinator
- d) At least two (2) additional directors, and
- e) Up to five (5) students at large

be amended by adding the words “including one (1) Graduate Student-at-Large” after the words “Up to five (5) Students-at-Large” so that the Regulation the reads as:

The committee members shall consist of the:

- a) President
- b) Vice President External
- c) Advocacy and/or Governance Coordinator
- d) At least two (2) additional directors, and
- e) Up to five (5) Students-at-Large, including at least one (1) graduate Student-at-Large

Ganesh stated that the next few motions were about having more graduate students present at the committees. Committee chairs would need to make more efforts to find graduate Students-at-Large. Thus, graduate students have more engagement in the other standing committees.

Carried.

23/04/28.16

Desjarlais/Ganesh

Be it resolved that Regulation [I:33] (in reference to the Campus Life Committee):

The committee members shall consist of the:

- a) VP Campus Life
- b) VP Internal
- c) At least three (3) additional directors
- d) A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) students at large

be amended to by adding the words, “, including one (1) graduate student at large” after the words “A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) students at large,” so the Regulation then reads as:

The committee members shall consist of the:

- a) VP Campus Life
- b) VP Internal
- c) At least three (3) additional directors

- d) A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5) students at large, including at least one (1) graduate Student-at-Large

Asif/Ganesh

Asif moved to amend the Regulation [I:33 (d)] by striking the words “five (5) students at large” and replacing them with the words “nine (9) students at large, including at least one (1) graduate Student-at-Large”, so the Regulation [I:33] then reads as:

The committee members shall consist of the:

- a) VP Campus Life
- b) VP Internal
- c) At least three (3) additional directors
- d) A minimum of three (3) and a maximum of nine (9) students at large, including at least one (1) graduate Student-at-Large

Asif and Mindi explained the necessity of having more members to facilitate the campus events. They were also aware of the quorum requirement.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

23/04/28.17

Mindi/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation VIII:17], to be renumbered as necessary, which reads as follows:

A capital purchase is defined as a purchase of a tangible asset (equipment or inventory). A Student Association may make a purchase of a tangible asset up to three hundred and fifty (350) dollars, per item, without requiring authorization from the Membership Outreach Coordinator, Vice-President Internal, or Vice-President Finance and Administration. A Student Association shall clarify their intent of purchase of a tangible item priced higher than three hundred and fifty (350) dollars on their Student Association term funding application to be considered for the authorization of purchase by the Membership Outreach Coordinator, Vice-President Internal, or Vice-President Finance and Administration with the Student Association required to provide a detailed written description of the item, need of the item for the Student Association, cost, storage plans, along with any other information requested by the Membership Outreach Coordinator and Vice-President Internal, or Vice-President Finance and Administration.

Kekre stated that this motion was tabled at the previous board meeting. They had a

discussion at Policy committee meeting and Izzy Rusch, Membership Outreach Coordinator, had a presentation. They recognized that usually a high-value item costs more than \$350. They concluded that a capital purchase of \$350 per term for each student club was such a small amount. Considering the increasing number of student clubs, 171 that year, it would be challenging for Rusch to keep track of the small purchases and keep up with the purchase requests. With this regulation, an item valued under \$350 does not require permission.

Carried.

23/04/28.18

Asif/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:17]:

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

a. capital purchases;”

be changed by striking the words “a. capital purchases;” and renumbering the consecutive points as necessary.

Kekre explained that this motion reflected the previous motion as capital purchases are allowed with SUO funding.

Carried.

5.4 Campus Life Committee

5.5 Campaigns Committee

Desjarlais summarized the accomplishments that the Campaigns Committee had achieved in the past year.

5.6 Graduate Student Committee

23/04/28.19

Ganesh/ Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 30th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/04/28.20

Ganesh/Desjarlais

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

Elizabeth Houghton	Student-at-Large	\$50
Dina Khrabsheh	Student-at-Large	\$50
Anne Claret	Student-at-Large	\$50
Nibirh Jawad	Student-at-Large	\$50

Morgan King	Student-at-Large	\$50
Emily Comeau	Student-at-Large	\$50
Fatima Canales	Student-at-Large	\$0
Vikas Kumar	Student-at-Large	\$0

Carried.

23/04/28.21

Ganesh/Asif

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held April 13th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

5.7 Oversight Committee

23/04/28.22

Mindi/Johnston

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 30th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

23/04/28.23

Desjarlais/ Ghevriya

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

Desjarlais stated that Evans had all the copies of Executive Reports collected, which could help with the incoming executives so there would be point of reference, as well as for executives who have no experience.

Carried.

5.8 Electoral Committee

23/04/28.24

Mindi/Matin Panah

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meetings held:

- February 2nd, 2023;
- February 6th, 2023;
- February 16th, 2023;
- February 28th, 2023;
- March 2nd, 2023;
- March 3rd, 2023
- March 6th, 2023;

- March 7th, 2023 in the morning;
- March 7th, 2023 in the evening;
- March 8th, 2023;
- March 9th, 2023 in the morning;
- March 9th, 2023 in the evening;
- March 14th, 2023;
- March 27th, 2023;

be adopted.

Ganesh stated that this election ran smoothly compared with the election last year.

Carried.

23/04/28.25

Asif/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the CRO Report of the 2023-2024 SUO General Elections be adopted as attached.

Carried

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Senate

6.2 Board of Governors

6.3 Other University Committees

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Adoption of Letter: Awards and Financial Aid for UBCO Students with Disabilities

23/04/28.26

Johnston/Desjarlais

Be it resolved that the letter be adopted as attached.

Hafeez motivated that there were limited availabilities for students with disabilities within the current system. Ganesh supported it, stating that there should be more availabilities of awards for disabilities and diversities on campus.

Carried

7.2 Adoption of Letter: Impact of not having UBCO-based human rights EIO Advisor

23/04/28.27

Asif/Johnston

Be it resolved that the letter be adopted as attached.

Hafeez motivated that they needed a human rights advisor for the campus as it would include legal and many more things for the campus and students.

Desjarlais stated that UBC did not have fundings for human rights advisors , but he wanted to fight with it. They would recommend that two (2) advisors should be hired.

Carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.