

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, January 17th at 1 pm, 2024, Team

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Cade Desjarlais
Vice-President Internal	Shreyansh Mehendiratta
Vice-President Campus Life	Uday Gill
Vice-President External	Lakshay Karnwal
Director-at-Large	Twinkle Hora
Director-at-Large	Darsh Alamchandani
Director-at-Large	Aryan Arora
Director-at-Large	Japnit Singh Madaan
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Grace Halpin
Faculty of Management Representative	Rajat Arora
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Hanna Donaldson
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Georgia Mayhew
College of Graduate Studies Representative	Anjali Desai
Faculty of Education Representative	Vacant
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Isabella Bravo

Directors Absent

Vice President Finance and Administration	Osho Gnanasivam
Faculty of Science Representative	Sunish Grover
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Rishan Pfaender
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator	Cecily Qiu

Staff Absent

Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes
Well Pub Manager	Michael Ouellet
Membership Outreach Coordinator	Izzy Rusch
Communications & Marketing Manager	Becca Evans
Student Advocate	Rachel Fortin
Food Security & Nutrition Manager	Stephanie Patterson

Guests Present

Manager, Engagement (UBC)	Madeleine, Zammar
Director, Campus Planning (UBCO)	Benjamin Johnson
Associate Director, Campus Planning (UBCO)	Abigail Riley

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:03 PM

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

24/01/17.01

Desai/Gill

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/01/17.02

Desai/Mayhew

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 15th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 OKANAGAN CAMPUS PLAN UPDATE

B. Johnson and A. Riley from UBC Okanagan Campus Planning, and M. Zammar from UBC Engagement joined the meeting and gave a presentation on UBC Okanagan Campus Plan Update. B. Johnson introduced the Campus Plan in terms of the background, timeline, emerging themes and areas of focus. He pointed out the first round of the engagement would run from January 22, 2024 until February 9, 2024. As to the emerging themes, Johnson mentioned that they would like to address the academic space needs as the campus grows. They would like to honor place and protocols and make campus a welcoming place to Indigenous people. They would like to implement the Climate Action plan and make sure sustainability is embedded. They would like to look closely at the landscapes and ecology. They would like to make the campus inclusive and accessible. The last emerging theme is connectivity and transportation. B. Johnson shared with the board the engagement survey overview, hoping the SUO could share among students so that they could receive more feedback. M. Zammar shared the link of the timeline of the community engagement and stated that they would like to connect with any specific student group that may have valuable insight. The link is <https://campusplanning.ok.ubc.ca/projects/cpu/>.

Desjarlais asked about what those buildings would be used for, what services the buildings would provide. B. Johnson clarified that the development of the buildings and the services the buildings provide, such as internal study space, are not within the scope of the plan, but they could share the feedback with colleagues in different departments. A. Riley also gave an example of “the Main Street” they are planning. Mayhew asked about how to structure the conversations with students in terms of physical space. B. Johnson replied that physical space could embody other objectives and values. There are a number of ways that Campus Plan can reference things like that. They could create the space that embodies the priorities, such as accessibility, creating safe and comfortable space for Indigenous students. Karnwal asked about how they would integrate and implement the Climate Plan other than the idea of green buildings. B. Johnson replied they would think of the efficient and sensible use of the land, and he provided some examples. Karnwal also asked about the process of planning regarding the space for students with disabilities. B. Johnson replied that it was out of the scope of the Campus Plan but would pass on the information to colleagues. Desjarlais talked about the challenge of distance between buildings students must travel in a spacious community. B. Johnson stated those were rationales in Campus Plan to intensify the campus and develop new academic buildings close to the campus core.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

24/01/17/03

Donaldson/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 21st, 2023 be adopted.

Carried.

5.2 Finance Committee

5.3 Policy Committee

5.4 Campus Life Committee

23/01/17.04

Gill/Karnwal

Be it resolved that Georgia Goerz be appointed to the Campus Life Committee as a Student at Large.

Gill stated that Goerz was recommended by Ouellet, the Well Pub Manager. She was a first-year student and was working at Well. She had experience in event planning.

5.5 Campaigns Committee

5.6 Graduate Student Committee

5.7 Oversight Committee

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Senate

6.2 Board of Governors

Bravo stated that the next Board of Governors meeting was going to be held on January 31st.

6.3 Other University Committees

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Term 1 Faculty Representative Engagement Report

Attachment

Report from Graduate Student Representative – Anjali Desai

Desjarlais encouraged all board members to review the engagement report and pointed out the importance of engagement with graduate students.

8. INFORMATION

8.1 TOWN HALL

Desjarlais stated that the first annual Students' Union President Town Hall would be held on February 6th, 12 pm, at Ballroom. The door would be open at 12 pm and the event would start at 12:30 pm. Pizza would be provided. The event would end at about 1:30 pm. Dale Mullings, Associate Vice-President, Students at UBCO and Desjarlais himself would give short remarks at the beginning of the Townhall before the meeting moves to the question session. Desjarlais stated that based on the feedback of the last AGM, he planned this town hall for students to ask questions and to increase the engagement. They would produce an informal document for questions and answers; and for any questions that have not been answered at the town hall, they would provide the answers in the document.

In addition, the VP Student from UBC Vancouver would come to campus on February 14th to do an additional town hall. Desjarlais stated that it would be a good opportunity for them to ask questions to UBC leadership. He would circulate the details later. Last, Desjarlais mentioned that they need volunteers for the town hall to help with the setup, the event and the cleanup.

Mayhew asked about the distribution of the agenda. Desjarlais answered that the Communications Manager would circulate the agenda through social media and the agenda would be also projected at the town hall.

8.2 ELECTION & INFORMATION SESSION

Desjarlais stated that the Election would come soon. Qiu provided the suggested timeline from Bylaws for the Election and mentioned that they were thinking of having an information session before the Election to increase the engagement of students and to make sure the candidates aware of the roles and responsibilities of the positions they are running for. Desjarlais stated that the Communications Manager and her assistant were also working on the promotion.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm