

# EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Board of Directors Meeting, January 24 at 1pm, 2024, Team

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## Directors Present

President (meeting chair)  
Vice-President Internal  
Vice-President Campus Life  
Vice-President External  
Director-at-Large  
Director-at-Large  
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Director-at-Large  
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative  
Faculty of Management Representative  
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative  
College of Graduate Studies Representative  
Faculty of Education Representative

Cade Desjarlais  
Shreyansh Mehendiratta  
Uday Gill  
Lakshay Karnwal  
Aryan Arora  
Twinkle Hora  
Darsh Alamchandani  
Japnit Singh Madaan  
Grace Halpin  
Rajat Arora  
Hanna Donaldson  
Georgia Mayhew  
Anjali Desai  
Vacant

## Directors Absent

Vice President Finance and Administration  
Faculty of Science Representative  
Faculty of Applied Science Representative  
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)  
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Osho Gnanasivam  
Sunish Grover  
Rishan Pfaender  
Isabella Bravo  
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

## Staff Present

General Manager  
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans  
Cecily Qiu

## Staff Absent

Finance Manager  
Well Pub Manager  
Membership Outreach Coordinator  
Communications & Marketing Manager  
Student Advocate  
Food Security & Nutrition Manager

Leanne Smailes  
Michael Ouellet  
Izzy Rusch  
Becca Evans  
Rachel Fortin  
Stephanie Patterson

## **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**

24/01/24.01

Halpin/Hora

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Desai/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding the appointment of Omang Baheti and Ammar Riyadh to Graduate Student Committee.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

## **3. NEW BUSINESS**

### **3.1 Appointment of the SUO Chief Returning Officer (CRO)**

24/01/24.02

Alamchandani/Karnwal

Be it resolved that Tashia Kootenayoo be appointed as the SUO Chief Returning Officer until the end of 2024.

Desjarlais provided the motivation and background. He stated that the term of the CRO should be 2 years; however, they had difficulty retaining a CRO for 2 years' term as it was not a full-time position. The previous CRO could not work for this election due to the work conflict. They posted the job last term and received about ten applications. Some did not meet their criteria. J. Evans and C. Qiu interviewed a few and the offer was declined by a potential candidate. Due to the timeline, they reached out to T. Kootenayoo and she agreed to serve as the CRO. She was the SUO President and VP Internal a few years ago, and she also worked as a secretary treasurer at BCFS, and a student Governor at UBC Board of Governor in the past. She had a variety of roles at postgraduation, indigenous outreach and programs for EDI and so on. She had excessive training and had experience working with policies and regulations. Considering the lack of candidates and her strength in this role, they proposed her as the CRO for this election. Mehendiratta asked if her work experience and relationship with staff at SUO would cause any concern of

bias during the election. Desjarlais stated that there is a whole committee in charge of decision making, and the previous CRO was also a former president of the SUO. Desjarlais also pointed out T. Kootenayoo had left the SUO for more than two years. Halpin was in favor of this appointment considering the fact that the candidate had been involved in various responsibilities and she left the SUO for a long enough time.

Carried.

### **3.2 Appointment of Students at Large**

24/01/24.03

Desai/Hora

Be it resolved that Omang Baheti and Ammar Riyadh be appointed to Graduate Student Committee as Students at Large.

Carried.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.