

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of
Students Board of Directors Meeting, March 18 at 5 pm, 2024, UNC 334

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Cade Desjarlais
Vice President Finance and Administration	Osho Gnanasivam
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 Science Representative	Sunish Grover
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Rishan Pfaender
College of Graduate Studies Representative	Anjali Desai
Faculty of Education Representative	Vacant
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Georgia Mayhew
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Salman Hafeez (Saami)
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Isabella Bravo

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator	Cecily Qiu
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

Staff Absent

1. CALL TO ORDER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/03/18.01

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/03/18.02

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 12, 2024 be adopted.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Medical Exploration Society

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

24/03/18.03

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 9th, 2024 be adopted.

24/03/18.04

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 16th, 2024 be adopted.

5.2 Finance Committee

24/03/18.05

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 29th, 2024 be adopted.

5.3 Policy Committee

24/03/18.06

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 8th, 2024 be adopted.

24/03/18.07 (Special Resolution)

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WHEREAS the Students' Union recognizes the need for robust oversight of club activities and efficient management of funding

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Association Funding Committee section under [Regulation I – Committees] be amended to reflect the establishment of the Student Association Funding and Clubs Oversight Committee with updated mandates, meeting schedules, composition, and powers as outlined in the revised document dated January 31, 2024. (See the attached document.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Association Grants section under [REGULATION III – FINANCE] be amended to align with the changes to the committee structure.

24/03/18.08 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation VIII:8], to be numbered as needed, which reads as follows:

A student may be a signing authority to a maximum of one student association per academic year.

24/03/18.09 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation VIII:19], to be numbered as needed, which reads as follows:

The Student Union shall refrain from considering or approving donations to charity organizations, including charitable organizations, public foundations, or private foundations unless they are duly registered with the Canada Revenue Agency.

5.4 Campus Life Committee

5.5 Campaigns Committee

24/03/18.10

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 29th, 2024 be adopted.

5.6 Graduate Student Committee

24/03/18.11

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 9th, 2024 be adopted.

24/03/18.12

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Be it resolved that the February 2024 Honoraria for GSC Students at Large be disbursed as follows:

GSC February		
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount(\$)
1	Akshta Sharma	50
2	Ammar Riyadh	50
3	Dina Khrabshesh	50
4	Fatima Canales	0
5	Hammad Ahmad	50
6	Nibirh Jawad	50
7	Omang Baheti	50
8	Satabdi Das	0
9	Yazdanmehr Gordanpour	50

5.7 Oversight Committee

5.8 Electoral Committee

24/03/18.13

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on

- February 8th, 2024
- February 15th, 2024
- February 16th, 2024
- February 27th, 2024
- February 28th, 2024
- February 29th, 2024

- March 1st, 2024
- March 5th, 2024
- March 6th, 2024
- March 7th, 2024
- March 8th, 2024

be adopted.

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Senate

6.2 Board of Governors

6.3 Other University Committees

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Student Association Ratification

24/03/18.14

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Be it resolved that Medical Exploration Society be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes of the society: To bring forth opportunities and knowledge that would aid in the pursuit of a diverse range of careers in the medical field.

24/03/18.15

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Be it resolved that Scientific Instruments club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes of the club: It aims to bring scientific instruments and their underlying concepts to students on campus, as well as to provide the opportunity for students to design, build, and test their own.

24/03/18.16

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Be it resolved that Caffeine & Cram Club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes of the club: It aims to create a productive and social environment, over two big things all students have in common: caffeine and cramming! To provide students with an alternative study space where they can enjoy a cup of coffee, relax, socialize, and study. Rather than a traditional library or

classroom setting, it is a more comfortable and a less rigid setting. To hopefully encourage and promote a healthy work and relaxation balance and to enhance students' overall well-being!

24/03/18.17

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Be it resolved that Iranian Culture Club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes of the club: The main purpose of this club is to demonstrate and share Iranian culture with everyone and enjoy the ceremonies and events, such as Iran new year. This club is also a play for Iranians to gather and communicate specially the newcomers to UBCO. Note that this club is not going to cover any political topics or events.

24/03/18.18

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Be it resolved that Badminton Club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes of the club: To promote health and wellness for students through the badminton sport. The club seeks to bolster a sense of sportsmanship, teamwork and inclusivity by allowing members to engage in friendly competitions and tournaments.

24/03/18.19

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Be it resolved that Lesbians for Liveable Futures club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes: This club strives to create a queer, feminist space for UBCO students to get involved in societal and political struggles that matter to them. Community support is incredibly important when exploring how to become actively involved in shaping our society; they want to learn, create, discuss and act together in queer ways!

24/03/18.20

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Be it resolved that Bodybuilding and Wellness club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes: Their mission is to empower UBCO students in bodybuilding by providing in-depth muscle building strategies, practical bodybuilding theory and

nutritional knowledge, fostering a community dedicated to personal growth and fitness excellence. This scientific approach to bodybuilding promotes physical wellness while helping people achieve their personal fitness goals.

24/03/18.21

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Be it resolved that Adults of Tomorrow club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes: To lead healthy lives, this will include group activities like sports and hikes, also education of nutrition. The club will also be about helping student adjust to living away from home.

24/03/18.22

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Be it resolved that Tune Titans Production club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes: Create a network for people to collaborate and produce music. Work closely with other music related clubs to give them a platform to create music.

24/03/18.23

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Be it resolved that Palliative Care club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes: To bring palliative care education and related opportunities to students. This will include events, volunteer, and research opportunities. This club will be formed with a partnership to the palliative and end of life care lab on campus.

24/03/18.24

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Be it resolved that Engineers in Action, Okanagan Chapter club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes: EIA, a nonprofit organization, focuses on constructing essential footbridges in Eswatini and Bolivia. These projects are led by university students and are lifelines for communities during rainy seasons, providing access to vital resources.

24/03/18.25

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Be it resolved that Okanagan Housing club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Aims and Purposes: Identify and provide access to affordable housing options for students of SUO. Create a supportive community for students dealing with housing-related challenges. Advocate for improved housing policies and practices for students of SUO.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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Guests

Touch Coffee Representatives
Fits N Bits Representatives

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:34 P.M.

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24/02/12.01

Gnanasivam/Pfaender

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Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/02/12.02

Grover/Hora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 17th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/02/12.03

Grover/Donaldson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the emergency meeting held on January 24th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Touch Coffee

Touch Coffee representatives mainly introduced how the coffee machine works as well as its dimensions, service, cost, maintenance. Gnanasivam asked about the current location of the coffee machine. They stated that they have coffee machines in Okanagan College and Big White. Pfaender asked about how they work with Okanagan College. Desjarlais asked about the level of usage? They provided some sales data at Okanagan College: about 50 cups a day in the main location, and about 100 cups on a busy day. Desjarlais asked if there is any cost at the beginning and any on-going cost, such as a monthly fee. They replied there would be no cost. Desjarlais inquired about the maintenance work. The representative stated that they would like to have someone come to check at least twice during the daytime and once in the evening. Desjarlais stated that they would follow up with them.

4.2 Fits n Bits Club

The representatives introduced the club and how they would work. This would be a content creation club. They would go to the community to ask what students are interested in and what they like to engage in. They post videos and would do some podcasting as well if they get ratified. They cater to the community and let the community guide them. The representatives also pointed out the difference between them and the fashion club, stating that fashion is only a small segment of the club. Board members had a better understanding of the club after the introduction. Halpin asked what benefit they would have to be a club rather than a student group. They replied that joining SUO would help them integrate into campus life and become a part of the community. Karnwal asked about the priority of the club. The representatives stated their priority would be to get input from the community, engage with students, and talk about what students are interested in. Gnanasivam asked about their funding expectation. They stated that they may charge a \$2 membership fee, but they were not motivated by the club funding, and they did not need funding. Pfaender stated that the way in which they would engage with students is awesome and may shake the culture. Halpin reminded them of the importance of communication with UBC and SUO, as UBC and SUO have their staff working on social media, and she did not want to see the club overstep the roles of staff.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

24/02/12.04

Pfaender/Halpin

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 17th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/02/12.05

Hora/Pfaender

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 29th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

5.2 Finance Committee

24/02/12.06

Gnanasivam/Grover

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

Carried.

24/02/12.07

Gnanasivam/A. Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 25th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

Halpin commended Gnanasivam for always considering the values and goals of students before making decisions.

5.3 Policy Committee

24/02/12.08

Mehendiratta/Desai

Be it resolved that Taran Bajaj be appointed to the Policy Committee as a Student at Large.

Mehendiratta stated that one of the Students at Large did not show up at the meetings this term and he needed another voice from students. He had a meeting with Taran and thought him a good fit for the policy committee. Desjarlais asked if that student at large who was not engaged in the committee was still a member. Qiu stated that if a member misses three committee meetings without sending regrets, he/she would be automatically removed from the committee. That student at large so far missed two meetings, so she was still a member.

Carried.

24/02/12.09

Mehendiratta/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 18th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/02/12.10 (Special Resolution)

Mehendiratta/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:1(e)]

e. "Student at Large" means any Member of the Union, as defined in Bylaw II (2), who is not already mandated to sit on a Committee.

be rephrased as:

e. "Student at Large" refers to any Member of the Students' Union who holds the position of a non-elected representative and participates in various committees within the Union.

Mehendiratta stated that the new definition was more concise in language. He also mentioned that the next policy proposal provided a new regulation/guidance for Students at Large to follow.

Carried.

24/02/12.11 (Special Resolution)

Mehendiratta/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that a new section named Student at Large Responsibilities and Code of Conduct be added after [Regulation I :25], which includes the following policies, to be numbered as needed:

Student at Large Responsibilities and Code of Conduct

26. Scope of responsibilities of Students at Large includes:

- a. Committee Participation: Students at Large are expected to actively participate in committees they are appointed to and contribute constructively to discussions and decision-making processes.
- b. Voting Rights: Students at Large have the privilege of voting on matters discussed within committees. This right is to be exercised responsibly and in alignment with the best interests of the Student Union.
- c. Advocacy: Students at Large are encouraged to advocate for the diverse needs and concerns of the student body within the scope of their committee assignments.
- d. Information Sharing: Students at Large should communicate relevant information and updates from committees back to the general student body, fostering transparency and inclusivity.

27. Code of conduct of Students at Large includes:

- a. Adherence to Policies: Students at Large are required to abide by all Student Union policies, regulations, bylaws and applicable laws.
- b. Professionalism: Students at Large are expected to conduct themselves with professionalism and respect towards fellow committee members, Student Union staff, and the wider student community.
- c. Confidentiality: Students at Large must maintain the confidentiality of sensitive information discussed within committee meetings and refrain from disclosing such information without proper authorization.

- d. Conflict of Interest: Students at Large must disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise in the course of their committee duties and recuse themselves from voting or influencing decisions where a conflict exists.
- e. Attendance: Regular attendance at committee meetings is crucial. In the event of unavoidable absences, Students at Large should communicate in advance to the chair of the committee and, when possible

28. Prior to assuming their responsibilities, Students at Large are required to sign a Code of Conduct acknowledgment, indicating their commitment to upholding the principles outlined in this regulation. Failure to adhere to the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to removal from committee assignments.

Desjarlais/Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:27 (e)] be amended by striking the words “and, when possible”, so [Regulation I:27 (e)] then reads:

e. Attendance: Regular attendance at committee meetings is crucial. In the event of unavoidable absences, Students at Large should communicate in advance to the chair of the committee.

Mehendiratta stated that the words “when possible” should be included in case of the emergency when members might not be able to inform the chair in advance. Failed.

Pfaender/Donaldson

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:27 (e)] be amended by striking the words “and”, so [Regulation I:27 (e)] then reads:

e. Attendance: Regular attendance at committee meetings is crucial. In the event of unavoidable absences, Students at Large should communicate in advance to the chair of the committee when possible.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

24/02/12.12 (Special Resolution)

Mehendiratta/R. Arora

Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation I- Committees:11], to be numbered as needed, which reads as:

The chair of a Committee shall serve notice of the date, time and location of Committee meetings to all Committee Members at least three (3) days in advance of each regularly scheduled meeting. The agenda shall be distributed to Committee Members at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of each meeting. For a non-regularly scheduled Committee meeting, the notice and the agenda shall be given to Committee Members at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

Desjarlais asked what a non-regularly scheduled meeting is. Mehendiratta replied that it refers to the emergency meeting. Desjarlais asked if committees need to have emergency meetings. Qiu stated that most committees do not need to have emergency meetings as the chair would consult with members to schedule a meeting. Some committees, such as the executive committee and electoral committee, have emergency meetings. She commended the president for always scheduling the executive meetings far in advance, but she confirmed that there was no policy in the current regulations regarding when to send the notice and agenda of committee meetings.

Carried.

24/02/12.13 (Special Resolution)

Mehendiratta/Pfaender

Be it resolved that [Bylaw IV-General Meetings:6 (d)]:

The following business shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting:

d. receiving the report of the President and/or the General Manager with respect to the activities of the Students' Union for the previous academic year of the University.

be amended by striking "\or" and adding "and the report of the trainings completed by the Directors, Executive Directors, and the SUO staff" after "the University" so that the Bylaw now reads:

receiving the report of the President and the General Manager with respect to the activities of the Students' Union for the previous academic year of the University and the report of the trainings completed by the Directors, Executive Directors, and the SUO staff.

Qiu confirmed this bylaw change proposal would be presented at the next AGM for approval from the membership.

Carried.

24/02/12.14 (Special Resolution)

Desjarlais/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that [Bylaw XIII:2]

The financial statements of the Students' Union shall be published annually, no later than the fifteenth (15th) of November of each year, in a Students' Union publication, or any other campus newspaper, and shall be made available at the main office of the Union.

be rephrased as:

The audited financial statements of the Students' Union and the auditor's report shall be published annually after they are approved by the Board of Directors, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, on the Students' Union website, and shall be made available at the main office of the Students' Union.

Desjarlais stated that it was a proposal following the AGM. The bylaw did not align with the date of the AGM. He moved to amend this motion by adding a subsidiary motion, so they could present this bylaw change to the membership as a referendum.

Desjarlais/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the motion be amended by adding the following subsidiary motion: Be it further resolved that this bylaw change be submitted to the CRO for consideration as a referendum as voted on by the membership.

Amendment carried.

Carried.

24/02/12.15 (Special Resolution)

Karnwal/Donaldson

Be it resolved that the Executive Liquor Policy be approved as attached.

Gnanasivam stated that it was the benefit of Executives, and he encouraged members to review the policy. Desjarlais stated that the Executives could use their funds to buy students alcohol in Well to increase the engagement of students in the events. That practice was poorly tracked in the past. This policy outlined a better process and provided a guideline for this expenditure. Dejarlais stated that with the new policy, this expenditure would be budgeted and would be shown in the budget line. Gnanasivam and Hora both thought that student funds should not be used on alcohol. They did not allow student associations to do this, and the executives should not have an exemption. Mehendiratta stated that he agreed with Gnanasivam, saying that this expenditure is not necessary for the executives except VP Campus Life. However, he thought that the executives could use it for socializing with people to promote events.

11 voted for the policy and 2 (Gnanasivam and Hora) voted against it.
Carried.

5.4 Campus Life Committee

24/02/12.16

Gill/Hora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 16th, 2024 be adopted.
Carried.

24/02/12.17

Gill/Desai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 31st, 2024 be adopted.
Carried.

5.5 Campaigns Committee

24/02/12.18

Karnwal/Donaldson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 31st, 2024 be adopted.
Carried.

5.6 Graduate Student Committee

24/02/12.19

Desai/Pfaender

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 19th, 2023 be adopted.
Carried.

24/02/12.20

Desai/Pfaender

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 19th, 2024 be adopted.
Carried.

24/02/12.21

Desai/Pfaender

Be it resolved that the December 2023 and January 2024 Honoraria for GSC Students at Large be disbursed as follows:

GSC: December		
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)
1	Akshta Sharma	50
2	Dina Khrabshesh	50
3	Fatima Canales	50
4	Nibirh Jawad	50
5	Satabdi Das	50
6	Yazdanmehr Gordanpour	50
7	Hammad Ahmad	50

GSC: January		
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)
1	Akshta Sharma	50
2	Dina Khrabshesh	50
3	Fatima Canales	0
4	Nibirh Jawad	50
5	Satabdi Das	50
6	Yazdanmehr Gordanpour	50
7	Hammad Ahmad	50

Carried.

5.7 Oversight Committee

24/02/12.22

Halpin/Pfaender

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 16th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/02/12.23

Halpin/Hora

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

Carried.

24/02/12.24

Halpin/Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2024 be adopted.

Halpin encouraged the members to read the reports. She stated that they had a discussion on January executive reviews at the meeting. Evaluation forms were sent to the executives and their staff partners. They would provide an overview report of executive reviews.

Carried.

24/02/12.25

Halpin/Donaldson

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

Carried.

5.8 Electoral Committee

24/02/12.26

Grover/Pfaender

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 1st, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/02/12.27

Pfaender/Donaldson

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 5th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/02/12.28

Donaldson/Karnwal

Be it resolved that Oscar Munoz Campos and Chad Owens be appointed as Deputy Returning Officers for the 2024 General Election.

Evans stated that those two candidates were interviewed for the CRO position; however, their training and experience were not up to the requirement of the CRO. Campos worked for an information desk of the Election Canada before, and he was a UBC student. Owens worked in the IT industry. Based on their skillset and background, they were recommended for the DRO position. The CRO reviewed their resumes and the electoral committee ratified their appointment before it was brought to the board.

Carried.

5.9 Student Association Funding Committee

24/02/12.29

Gnanasivam/Gill

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 31st, 2024 be adopted.

Halpin stated that the meeting last two hours, but not much information was provided in the minutes. She would like to see the minutes tell what they were doing at the meeting.

Carried.

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Senate

Hafeez sent the link to the meeting agenda of the senate, and he stated that the meeting minutes had not been published yet. He highlighted the increase of minimum funding for PHD students and stated that the International Partial Tuition Award does not count towards a student's minimum funding package. He introduced some new awards. He mentioned that there was a discussion by the Ombuds Office regarding the challenges that students were facing navigating different policies and procedures. He also introduced the policy of providing academic accommodation for all students' religious Observances and for the Cultural Observances of Indigenous students. Additionally, he informed the board that a human right advisor was hired for Okanagan Campus. Desjarlais stated that the advocacy for a human right advisor from the students' union, from himself was successful. Hafeez stated that he could help connect the human right advisor with the board. At last, Hafeez asked the board for their view towards reading break as a professor told him that students thought having the reading break at the first term cause stress for them. Some members thought reading break was important and good for them.

6.2 Board of Governors

6.3 Other University Committees

Hafeez stated that he was the student representative in the committee finding the next chancellor. He provided some information regarding this role and some updates on their selection process.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Student Association Ratification

24/02/12.30

Mehendiratta/Pfaender

Be it resolved that Fits n Bits Club be ratified as a new Student Association.

Karnwal stated that the idea behind the club seemed good, but very broad. Hora liked the idea, but she was not sure how they could function as a club.

Mehendiratta mentioned that there was a growing culture of using the social media, and he thought the content creation was innovative. Hafeez echoed with Hora, saying that there were opportunities for content creation through UBCO, for example, the Voice Project where students could take pictures or videos to present how they perceive the campus. Pfaender stated that they wanted to engage with students without asking for much funding. He believed that they could be a reputable source of the SUO.

Carried.

8. INFORMATION

9. DISCUSSION

9.1 SUO's Current Legal Services

Desjarlais stated Bravo was not able to attend the meeting. He mentioned that the apartment where Bravo lived was flooded, and when she tried to look for legal service from the SUO, she found some gaps in the service. A meeting was set up between Bravo, Desjarlais, Evans and Students' Advocate to discuss legal services.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/09.01

Gill/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Gnanasivam/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding the honoraria disbursement of Board of Directors.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/02/09.02

Gnanasivam/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on January 29th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

24/02/09.03

Gnanasivam/Gill

Be it resolved that the January Honoraria for Board of Directors be disbursed as follows:

Name	Title	%
Alamchandani, Darsh	Director-at-Large	100
Arora, Aryan	Director-at-Large	100
Arora, Rajat	Faculty of Management Representative	100
Desai, Anjali	College of Graduate Studies Representative	100
Donaldson, Hanna	Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	100
Grover, Sunish	Faculty of Science Representative	100
Halpin, Grace	Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	100

Hora, Twinkle	Director-at-Large	100
Madaan, Japnit	Director-at-Large	100
Mayhew, Georgia	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	100
Pfaender, Rishan	Faculty of Applied Sciences Representative	100

Carried.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Budget Reallocation

Desjarlais stated they had some unspent funds, and he was looking to reallocating the budget. Executives discussed some potential expenditure lines where they could reallocate the funds. Desjarlais stated that Gnanasivam could work on the amount of unspent funds and in the meantime, Executives could submit their proposals and priorities for the budget reallocation. Gnanasivam reminded that Executives should consider the timeline of the proposals as they have only a few months left in their term.

5.2 President Serving Notice of Board Meetings to the Membership

Mehendiratta stated that at their policy committee, a graduate student representative suggested that the SUO serve the notice of board meetings to the general members. Desjarlais stated that the agenda was published on their website which included date, time and venue. He served the notice in accordance with the bylaws. Gnanasivam stated that he was working on the website, and they could publish a board meeting notice on the Events Calendar.

5.3 Open Committee Meetings to the Membership

Mehendiratta stated that at their policy committee, graduate students proposed the following bylaw amendment:

Be it resolved that [Bylaw XVIII-Committees] be amended to include two new Bylaws after [Bylaw XVIII:6], which shall read as such:

1. Meetings of all Committees shall be open to the membership unless the respective Committee resolves to move the meeting in camera.
2. The notice and agenda for Committee meetings shall be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting on the SUO website.

Desjarlais was opposed to opening the committee to the general members. He stated that the committee has the mandate to work for the students but it is not a touchpoint of the membership. Opening the committee meeting would impede their work. Karnwal expressed his understanding of the motivation behind this suggestion. He thought it could increase transparency and make the committee members accountable. However, he had a question about the staff capacity. Mehendiratta stated that this proposal would change the structure of the SUO; and all the committee meeting minutes are submitted to the board meeting, which is

open to the membership. Gnanasivam stated that he did not agree with opening all committees. The committee could invite guests and listen to the external opinions. If students have concerns, they could come to the committee meeting to present their proposal or express their concerns. He gave an example of the student representative, Yazdan Gordanpour, attending the policy meeting because they had some concerns and proposals to present. Gnanasivam stated that the board meeting is the most important meeting for the membership, and they should make the board meeting notice more accessible to the membership.

6. IN CAMERA

24/02/09.04

Gill/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [12:08 p.m.]

Carried.

24/02/09.05

Gnanasivam/Gill

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [12:52 p.m.]

Carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, February 16th at 1:30 pm, 2024, Team

Directors Present

Vice President Finance and Administration (chair)
Vice-President External
Vice-President Internal
Vice-President Campus Life

Osho Gnanasivam
Lakshay Karnwal
Shreyansh Mehendiratta
Uday Gill

Directors Absent

President

Cade Desjarlais

Staff Present

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:30 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/16.01

Gill/Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/02/16.02

Gill/Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on February 9th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

4. INFORMATION

4.1 Updates from Executives

Gnanasivam commended the Smart Showcase organized by Karnwal. He also updated members that he had sorted out the budget line, and he was waiting for the executives to submit their final proposals for budget reallocation. They could submit the proposals during the Reading Break. Mehendiratta stated that he had meetings with new clubs about ratification problems, and he would work on the handbook project with the help of Aaron. Karnwal stated that the Smart Showcase was reported by Global News, and he would start to focus on the mental health initiative. Gill provided updates on Carnival and the events planned for the next few months at Well.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students’ Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Finance Committee Meeting, February 29th, 2024, UNC 105 Boardroom

Called to Order at 02:00PM

Committee Members Present

Vice President Finance and Administration	Osho Gnanasivam
College of Graduate Students Representative	Anjali Desai

Committee Members Absent

President	Cade Desjarlais
Faculty of Health & Social Development Student Representative	Grace Halpin

Staff Present

Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes
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Staff Absent

General Manager	Jason Evans
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Guest

Erin Delfs

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/29.01

Desai/Smailes

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/02/29.02

Evans/Desai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 24/01/25 be adopted.

Carried.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Budget Reallocations – Osho

Gnanasivam brought up plans to reallocate funds from areas of the budget that were not spent to a large extent. The motivation behind the reallocation is to ensure that funds that have been planned for utilization are not left unused when we have the opportunity to create more services for the student population prior to the end of the academic year. Gnanasivam pointed out that large amounts of the budget in the Campus Life, Society Operations and Advocacy will likely remain underutilized. As such, Gnanasivam stated that he had reached out to the executives regarding any particular areas they are keen on funding more and expected proposals from them. Gnanasivam brought up one of the recommendations that being a UBC bursary for graduate students would be matched by UBC. Gnanasivam also stated that Desjarlais was working on a separate bursary for undergraduate students. Lastly, EFRT was another possible area to donate money to. The rest of the committee agreed that these were good options to reallocate funds to.

4.2 Investment Recommendations and Research Report Reviews – Osho

Gnanasivam reviewed the reports sent in by Kuan regarding the following companies suggested for diversification: Shell PLC, Pembina Pipeline, Canadian Natural Resources and EOG Resources. Upon reviewing these reports, Gnanasivam stated that Canadian Natural Resources and EOG Resources showed a lot more promise in terms of financial growth over the past few years and was much more active in terms of efforts towards addressing concerns of sustainability environmental. Delfs, however, dismissed the idea that any company in the energy sector could be driven by factors other than financial motivations. She believes that efforts by these companies are purely attempts of 'greenwashing'. While Canadian Natural Resources and EOG Resources were deemed good companies to consider diversifying into, Gnanasivam stated there lies a risk if these investments were to be withdrawn from in a shorter period of time. Considering the controversial nature of companies in the energy sector and the increasing level of activism among the student population, if future executives were to divest at an improper time

due to reasons not financially focused, it could result in SUO's investments being affected negatively. Moreover, with no current necessity to consider this diversification apart from our portfolio not being 'as diversified as possible', Gnanasivam recommended that the SUO avoid consideration of investment into any companies in the energy sector. The rest of the committee agreed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:58PM

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Policy Committee Meeting, February 08, 2024 @ 11 am, UNC 105 Boardroom

Committee Members Present

Vice-President Internal

Shreyansh Mehendiratta

Vice-President Finance

Osho Gnanasivam

Graduate Student Representative

Anjali Desai (via Team)

Director-at-Large

Darsh Alamchandani

Student-at-Large

Thanmay Gopal

Committee Members Absent with Regrets

Student-at-Large

Dhruv Bihani

Committee Members Absent without Regrets

Student-at-Large

Siya Gupta

Director-at-Large

Japnit Madaan

Staff Present

General Manager

Jason Evans

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

Membership Outreach Coordinator

Izzy Rusch

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 11:09 p.m.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/08.01

Alamchandani/Gopal

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

24/02/08.02

Alamchandani/Gopal

Be it resolved that Siya Gupta be removed from the Policy Committee.

Mehendiratta mentioned that it was the second time that Gupta missed the policy meeting without sending the regret. Evans moved to strike this agenda item as the regulation states that a committee member would be automatically disqualified if he/she misses three meetings without properly sending the regret. Rusch asked about the other member Dhruv Bihani, saying that he only attended half of the first policy meeting and did not show up at any meetings afterwards. Mehendiratta mentioned that Bihani sent regrets. This raised concerns from the other committee members. The committee agreed to work on the policy responding to the situation when a member is not engaged in the committee business.

Mehendiratta/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the motion above be struck.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/02/08.03

Gopal/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 18th, 2024, be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

24/02/08.04

Gopal/Alamchandani

WHEREAS the Student Association recognizes the need for robust oversight of club activities and efficient management of funding,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Association Funding Committee section under [Regulation I – Committees] be amended to reflect the establishment of the Student Association Funding and Clubs Oversight Committee with updated mandates, meeting schedules, composition, and powers as outlined in the revised document dated January 31, 2024. (Document attached.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Association Grants section under [REGULATION III – FINANCE] be amended to align with the changes to the committee structure.

Mehendiratta provided the motivation: The Students' Union recognizes the need for robust oversight of club activities and efficient management of funding and thus the rising need to ensure that student funds being allocated are being used effectively and efficiently.

Evans stated that if it is a standing committee, it should have monthly meetings. Mehendiratta stated that it is an ad-hoc committee, so they could meet at least five times a year. Mehendiratta suggested that they delete the word "standing" under #88. Evans wondered if the meeting schedule could fulfill the mandate of the committee, so members discussed the timeline for funding meetings to review the new club application and renewal application. Rusch stated that she submitted a proposal to shorten the time of accepting club applications, so they could have enough time to ratify the clubs within the timeline suggested in the regulations. Gnanasivam clarified that the mandate of funding allocation in the proposal policy would be just for the existing associations, and the mandate of oversight would apply for all student associations.

Evans/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that the new regulations be amended adding the words "for the existing Student Associations" after the words "determine the allocation of funding" under #81 Mandate.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

Evans asked when the policy would be effective. Gnanasivam stated that there needs to be phases. When they publish the policy, students need time to review. Evans added that it would be pending on the approval of the board as well.

24/02/08.05

Gopal/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that a new policy be added after [Regulation I:10], to be numbered as needed, which reads as:

For a non-regularly scheduled Committee meeting, the notice and the agenda shall be given to Committee Members at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

Qiu stated that it was to follow the new regulation proposed at the last policy meeting regarding the notice and the agenda of committee meetings. At the last policy meeting, they added a new policy in terms of regularly scheduled committee meetings, and Gnanasivam requested a specific wording for non-regularly scheduled meetings.

Carried.

24/02/08.06

Gnanasivam/Gopal

Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation VIII:8], and all the other regulations be renumbered as needed:

"[Regulation VIII:9] A student may be an executive/signing authority to a maximum of one student association per academic year."

Rusch asked if a student could be the signing authority for a course union and a club.

Mehendiratta and Gnanasivam disagree with it, and they thought the signing authority has more access to funding. They stated that it would be problematic if a student is the signing authority for more than one student association. Mehendiratta stated that a student could still be a member of more than one student association. Evans expressed the concern, stating that preventing students from being the executive of more than one club would limit the student leadership capacity as students may have different passions and interests. Gnanasivam stated the structure of student associations may vary, and some even do not have executives. The three signing authorities were the most important executives they recognized. He recommended they strike the executive role from this policy.

Gnanasivam/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the new policy be amended by striking the word "executive", to be numbered as needed, so the new policy reads as

[Regulation VIII:9] A student may be a signing authority to a maximum of one student association per academic year.

Carried.

Gnanasivam asked what they could do with the existing student associations. Mehendiratta stated that this policy should be effective from next term. Gnanasivam stated that they must make sure they keep track of all the signing authorities when new forms come in. Rusch thought it would make the renewal period insane. With new forms and orientation coming at the beginning of the term, she would have no capacity to keep track of this, and a member from the club oversight committee would need to take the responsibility. Evans stated that it would be the mandate of the club oversight committee.

24/02/08.07

Gopal/Evans

Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation VIII:19], to be numbered as needed, which reads as follows:

“The Student Union shall refrain from considering or approving donations to charity organizations, including charitable organizations, public foundations, or private foundations unless they are duly registered with the Canada Revenue Agency.”

Evans stated that the motion had been in the policy committee meeting for a year, and he recognized that some students do fund-raising for organizations that are not registered with the CRA. He expressed his concern, saying that with this policy, international students would not be allowed to send the funding for the cause overseas as the overseas organization would not be registered with CRA. Last year, a group of students raised funding through SUO and sent the money to Turkey for the earthquake. Mehendiratta stated that students may find some charities in Canada that have some connections with the overseas organization to transfer the funding. Rusch stated that they could add “under the circumstance of natural disasters, the board could approve the donation to a charity overseas.” Gnanasivam stated that this kind of case was rare, and it would be the jurisdiction of VP Finance. Mehendiratta and Gnanasivam thought adding the wording of “extreme circumstances” would be better. Gopal asked how to define the extreme circumstances. Gnanasivam stated that the only exemption they would make would be natural disasters. Members thought of tabling this motion so they could come up with the right wording. Rusch suggested that they start with adopting the motion and edit/amend the policy in the future.

Carried.

24/02/08.08

Gnanasivam/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that [Bylaw XIII-Finances] be amended to include a new Bylaw after [Bylaw XIII:6], which shall read as such:

“The signing of new contracts or renewing existing contracts pertaining to the leasing of Student’s Union spaces (the UNC or any new buildings) to external businesses shall be approved through an ordinary Resolution at the General Meeting, or with the calling of a Special General Meeting.”

Mehendiratta provided the motivation: This bylaw was proposed by students concerned with the SUO’s consideration of environmental and social issues in its business dealings. It would make signing contracts with businesses that use the UNC spaces subject to AGM approval. Considering that the SUO was reluctant to disclose information about their contracts with these businesses, making this issue something that needs to be discussed at the AGM to ensure that these public-facing businesses are chosen with more scrutiny.

Mehendiratta suggested tabling this motion as they were still waiting for the legal advice. Gnanasivam objected to the motion, stating that it would affect their decision in term of timing, and impact the businesses. He raised the concern on feasibility. He stated if they need to replace a business, with this policy, they would have to wait for the next AGM, which would delay the operation and waste their time. Evans stated that the board is the ultimately authorized decision maker for the society as Societies Act states. The board members rather than the general members are liable for the lawsuit. The membership is the ultimate decision maker in terms of changes of bylaws and regulations. The decision from the board could be overturned at the AGM by legal means, for example, by amending the bylaws.

All voted against this bylaw change proposal.
Failed.

24/02/08.09

Alamchandani/Gnanasivam

Be it resolved that [Bylaw XIII-Finances] be amended to include a new Bylaw after [Bylaw XIII:2], and the consecutive points be renumbered as necessary.

The new Bylaw shall read as such:

“The salary of the General Manager and their assistant(s) (if any) shall be publicly available on the Students’ Union website.

Any changes to the salary of the General Manager and their assistant(s) (if any) shall be notified to the general membership with the posting of:

- a. a notice not less than eleven (11) by seventeen (17) inches in size posted in a conspicuous location in the vicinity of the Students’ Union offices;
- b. a notice provided to the student newspaper or other newspaper publication normally available to all Members; and
- c. posted on the Students’ Union website.”

Evans stated that he had sent his employment document to the lawyer for advice as his contract includes confidential clause. Gnanasivam stated that most of the contracts have confidential clause, and it did not make sense to him that the information of this role should be published in posters. He would rather see all wages of staff positions be published on their website. Evans stated that the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) has a clause to protect the staff privacy, and they need to explore the CBA before they publish staff wage information. Evans stated that it was the first time that the auditor’s report did not disclose the GM’s salary. Instead, they gave a total of all staff who earn more than \$75,000. In the past, as the GM was the only staff earning more than \$75,000, so it was listed on the report. Qiu asked if the auditor could list the job titles and salary of those staff instead of giving a total amount of salary. In this way, by publishing the auditors’ report, they publish the salary of the GM and other positions with more than \$75,000 annual income. Rusch stated that staff may feel uncomfortable with their T4 information

published on the website, and she preferred the range of salary to be published. Gnanasivam stated that it was mandated that the salary of the top key management staff in a non-profit organization should be published. He thought the auditor should break down in positions to publish the salary. Evans stated that they could redefine the motion to include a clear disclosure of all positions earning more than \$75,000 on the auditors' report.

Failed.

24/02/08.10

Gopal/Evans

Be it resolved [Regulation XII – Resource Centres:1 (d)]

1. In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - d. “Resource Centre Advisor” refers to the part-time casual, student and most Executive Officer of the Resource Centre

Be amended by striking the word “Advisor” and adding the word “Facilitator”, so [Regulation XII – Resource Centres:1 (d)] then reads:

1. In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - d. “Resource Centre Facilitator” refers to the part-time casual, student and most Executive Officer of the Resource Centre

Rusch stated that they changed the structure of the resource center and the roles of student workers. Evans asked for clarification on the words “executive officer”. Rusch stated that those were existing wording, and the resource center facilitator has the decision-making power. Gnanasivam thought the words “most executive officer” means most powerful person. Gnanasivam also suggested removing “the part-time casual”. Evans stated that it indicated the tier of the job. Members discussed the wording of this definition.

Mehendiratta/Alamchandani

Be it resolved that the regulation amendment proposal be tabled.

Carried.

24/02/08.11

Be it resolved [Regulation XII – Resource Centres:15]

15 The Resource Centre Advisor of a Resource Centre must attend inclusivity training with the Membership Outreach Coordinator to qualify for funding.

Be rephrased as

15 The Resource Centre Facilitator and Resource Centre Volunteer Directors must attend inclusivity training.

Gnanasivam/Evans

Be it resolved that the regulation amendment be tabled.
Carried.

24/02/08.12

Be it resolved [Regulation XII – Resource Centres:25]

25. With the exception of the Resource Centre Advisor, positions within a Resource Centre Council must be on a voluntary basis and individuals must not receive salary or honoraria from the Resource Centre in their roles as Volunteer Council Members.

Be amended by striking the word “Advisor” and adding the word “Facilitator”, so [Regulation XII – Resource Centres:25] then reads:

25. With the exception of the Resource Centre Facilitator, positions within a Resource Centre Council must be on a voluntary basis and individuals must not receive salary or honoraria from the Resource Centre in their roles as Volunteer Council Members.

Gnanasivam/Qiu

Be it resolved that the regulation amendment be tabled.
Carried.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Club Waiver to Avoid Dangerous Activity

Evans stated that the document was recommended by Rusch and revised and approved by the lawyer. He also sent it to their insurance company to make sure any risk covered by the insurance would not be undermined by the document. He confirmed that having this waiver does not prevent students from accessing any insurance benefits. By signing the waiver, students indicate they agree to participate in those dangerous events, and they could not sue SUO for the injury they have. Rusch stated that other than lawyer’s advice, the document was from AMS website. She said it would be a part of renewal process, and all members would be required to sign the waiver to participate in any club activities. The waiver would be good for a whole academic year rather than a single event. Rusch asked if they need a policy to require members to sign the waiver before they attend the events. Evans and Mehendiratta thought it necessary to have such a policy. Evans reminded that they need to ensure students who sign the waiver are above 19 years old; otherwise, they should have their legal guardians to sign the waiver. Gnanasivam stated that it is a common practice at UBC.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Student Association Funding and Clubs Oversight Committee -- January 31, 2024

The original regulations

Regulation I – Committees

Student Association Funding Committee

81 The mandate of the Committee is to review submitted Student Association funding applications, determine the allocation of funding, and present these funding recommendations to the Board of Directors.

82 The Committee shall meet as necessary to make funding recommendations in a timely manner.

83 The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. Vice President Finance;
- b. Vice President Internal;
- c. Membership Outreach Coordinator;
- d. General Manager; and
- e. One (1) Director at Large

84 Pursuant to Bylaw X (5)(b), the Vice President Finance and Administration shall serve as the chair of the Committee.

85 The Committee shall have the additional power and duty to:

- a. review and evaluate submitted Student Association funding applications;
- b. consult with Student Associations on an as-needed basis;
- c. approve, reject, or modify Student Association funding requests up to and including two thousand dollars (\$2,000);
- d. make recommendations on all Student Association funding requests greater than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to the Board of Directors; and
- e. compile a report for the Board of Directors with details on how the Committee arrived at their decisions each semester.

86 The maximum amount of funding a Student Association can receive in a year is \$3,500. Under special circumstances, the Board of Directors may approve amounts larger than \$3,500 by two-third resolution.

87 The Vice President Finance shall be responsible for compiling the Student Association Funding report each semester.

88 The Committee shall meet as necessary in the beginning of each semester in order to fulfill the obligations set out in the Student Associations Regulation.

REGULATION III – FINANCE

Student Association Grants

31 The Ad-Hoc Student Association Funding Committee shall consider and approve Student Association funding requests of up to and including two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

32 The Board of Directors shall consider and approve Student Association funding requests over two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

BYLAW X – INDIVIDUAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

5 Vice-President Finance and Administration shall: b. chair the Finance and Club Funding Committees;

New Regulations - January 31, 2024

Regulation I – Committees

Student Association Funding and Clubs Oversight Committee

81 Mandate The mandate of the Committee is twofold: a. To review submitted Student Association funding applications, determine the allocation of funding for the existing Student Associations, and present these funding recommendations to the Board of Directors. b. To oversee club activities, ensuring compliance with SUO regulations and promoting accountability within Student Associations.

82 Meeting Schedule The Committee is required to: a. Meet at least five times annually to manage club compliance and address related issues. b. Convene as necessary to efficiently review and approve club funding.

83 Composition The Committee Members shall consist of the:

a. Vice President Finance (Chair); b. Vice President Internal (Club Oversight Officer) c. Membership Outreach Coordinator; d. General Manager; e. One (1) Director at Large;

84 Chair The Vice President Finance and Administration shall serve as the chair of the Committee, pursuant to Bylaw X (5)(b).

85 Powers and Duties The Committee shall have the power and duty to:

a. Review and evaluate submitted Student Association funding applications; b. Consult with Student Associations and clubs on an as-needed basis; c. Approve, reject, or modify Student Association and club funding requests up to and including two thousand dollars (\$2,000); d. Make recommendations on all Student Association and club funding requests greater than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to the Board of Directors; e. Compile a report for the Board of Directors with details on the Committee's decisions and club compliance status each semester; f. Conduct regular audits of club activities to ensure adherence to SUO regulations.

86 Funding Cap The maximum amount of funding a Student Association can receive in a fiscal year is \$3,500. Under special circumstances, the Board of Directors may approve amounts larger than \$3,500 by two-thirds resolution.

87 Reporting:

a. The Vice President Finance shall be responsible for compiling the Student Association Funding report each semester;

b. The Vice President Internal (Club Oversight Officer) shall be responsible for providing a Club Compliance and Activities report at the end of each semester.

88 Committee Meetings The Committee shall: a. Meet as necessary at the beginning of each semester to fulfill the obligations set out in the Student Associations Regulation; b. Hold additional meetings as required to maintain ongoing oversight of club activities.

REGULATION III – FINANCE Student Association and Club Grants

31 The Student Association Funding and Clubs Oversight Committee shall consider and approve Student Association and club funding requests of up to and including two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

32 The Board of Directors shall consider and approve Student Association and club funding requests over two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

BYLAW X – INDIVIDUAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTORS 5 Vice-President Finance and Administration shall: b. Chair the Finance and Club Funding Committees;

CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campaigns Committee Meeting, February 29th , 2024, SUO 133 Conference Room

Called to Order at 1:08PM

Committee Members Present

Director-at-Large Candidate	Twinkle Hora
Faculty of Applied Science Student Representative Candidate	Rishan Pfaender
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences Student Representative Candidate	Georgia Mayhew
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Student Representative Candidate	Hanna Donaldson
Faculty of Science Student Representative Canaidate	Sunish Grover
Student-At-Large	Amalthea Schutt
Student-At-Large (Graduate Student Representative)	Yazdanmehr Gordoanpur

Committee Members Absent (With Regrets)

President	Cade Desjarlais
Student-At-Large	Abby Newman
Student-At-Large	Norimasa Musashi
Student-At-Large	Mehak Parihar

Committee Members Absent (Without Regrets)

Faculty of Management Student Representative	Rajat Arora
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Staff Present

Students' Advocate	Rachel Fortin
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1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/29.01

Mayhew/Fortin

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/02/29.02

Mayhew/Fortin

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 31st 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 \$5 Smart Meals Campaign Updates

- Smart Showcase reflection
 - Karnwal was happy to share that the showcase was a success, Karnwal expressed that the event had a multitude of external media sources (i.e., Castinent) attend and show our Smart Meal program. Karnwal went on to share that there are not many spots for students to show their sustainable projects and initiatives, therefore, there was great appreciation from students. Karnwal gave gratitude to the showcase team, for organizing the event. Karnwal shared some feedback from the communications team, and encouraged the committee to finish the term off strong.
- Student Engagement /Advocacy Plans
 - Karnwal stated that this will be put in the transition report, for future executives want to continue initiative.
 - Hora expressed that it was a great event to have on campus and that the giveaway was a great incentive.

4.2 Educational Campaign about how SUO and UBC runs

- Election timeline and research to create content
 - Mayhew gave a reminder of what the initiative entails, and indicated that she went around to students and staff to see what questions students want and need answers to. Mayhew has been working collaboratively with the communications team to seek ways that we

can present this information to members.

- Karnwal asked the committee to connect with the communication team to help with the production of the information. Karnwal stated that the information will be seen on Instagram, the SUO website, and marketing materials that can be distributed.

4.3 Research on Mental Health Resources

- Reporting the findings for the year
 - Karnwal indicated that all the data collected will be made into a report and forwarded to the next committee. Karnwal gave appreciation to Mayhew for all the work put into this project.

4.4 “Chatter Room” / Human Library

- Update on the last meeting and next steps
 - Karnwal stated that the logistics of this project are not of concern, however, reiterated that we need to have enough time to ensure all people involved are reputable and trained. Karnwal suggested that this project should be passed onto the next Board of Directors (BOD) as this project should not be rushed.
 - Mayhew agreed with moving this initiative to the next BOD, and suggested that we put the rest of our energy and time into other initiatives in action.
 - Fortin expressed excitement about this initiative, but agreed that there are some complexities that need to be abided by and we should wait and do the project once really well instead of producing a rushed project that will end up not being as effective.

[Sunish Grover entered at 1:34PM]

4.5 Friendship Bench

- Application for Friendship Bench Approved
 - Karnwal explained that this is an initiative that he collaborated with Fortin on. Karnwal stated that they have submitted an application for this initiative and have received acceptance from Friendship Bench.
 - Fortin gave information to what the Friendship Bench is. Fortin explained that the idea came from a psychiatrist in Zimbabwe, to bring mental health assistance outside of clinics into communities. The project requires community involvement, and provides a training program, the UBCO community would have access to trained people and it would act as a safe place to talk. Fortin expressed the importance that this is not a replacement to any resources rather an additional resource that we can bring on campus.

- Karnwal expressed that this would be a great addition.

5. DISCUSSION ITEM

5.1 Exam Survival Kit Hand for term 2

- Term 2 timeline and possibility
 - Karnwal provided a brief reflection of what we did in term 1 and what we can improve on in term 2. Karnwal expressed that Desjarlais wants to take the lead on this project this term, and put out the invitation for the committee to also be involved.
 - Mayhew put out tentative dates and stated that there may be some conflict with carnival happening.

5.2 Final Rush for the term

- Term 2 timeline and initiative discussion
 - Karnwal asked committee if there was any final things that they wanted to accomplish before end of term. Karnwal gave a brief overview of final things the committee should accomplish, and gave encouraging words to finish off strong. Karnwal gave appreciation to the committee for all the hard work this term.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Donaldson/Mayhew

Be it resolved the meeting be adjourned at 2:11 PM

Carried.

GRADUATE STUDENT Committee Meeting Agenda

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Graduate Committee Meeting, February 9, 2024, Teams

Called to Order at 9:05Am

Committee Members Present

Graduate Student Representative

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Anjali Desai

Nibirh Jawad

Dina Khrabsheh

Yazdanmehr Gordanpour

Hammad Ahmad

Akshta Sharma

Ammar Riyadh

Omang Baheti

Committee Members Absent

Executive

Student at Large

Student at Large

Uday Gill

Fatima Canales

Satabdi Das

Staff Present

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/9.01

Jawad/ Gordanpour

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/02/9.02

Gordanpour/ Jawad

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 19, 2024 to be adopted.

Carried.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 New members

Desai welcomed Ammar Riyadh and Omang Baheti to the committee. The Team conducted 4 interviews off which 2 were on boarded.

4.2 Well Events- Wine and Paint Night

The event was organized on the 8th of February with around 50 students attending. The cost of the event will be around 500 dollars. In line with the SUO regulations, no wine was purchased with the GSC funds and non-alcoholic beverages were served instead.

4.3 Family friendly events

Khrabsheh shared that the family friendly event is to take place on the 14th of February from 5-7pm in the EME lobby. Desai reminded to ensure that the parents sign a waiver regarding their children's presence at the event and also complete the Safe event planning form. Khrabsheh requested GSC members to come volunteer at the event.

4.4 Winter outdoor event

Desai updated the group that while the transportation details have been finalized, there is difficulty in purchasing bulk tickets. Jawad suggested reaching out to UBCO Recreation for assistance. Ahmad relayed EGSS's message about possibly moving the event to SilverStar. Desai to follow up.

4.5 Course Union Networking Event

Gordanpour shared that the networking event turned out to be a success with Executives of all invited Course Union except one turning up. Desai promoted the continuation of this event and suggested that the Graduate Course Unions be

engaged from the start of the term next cycle to increase involvement.

4.6 Graduate Cultural night

Sharma informed the group that the Student Experience Office will be organizing the Grad Cultural Night on the 8th of March at UNC Ball room. Desai mentioned she is in contact with Cassidy and the GSC has allocated a budget of 1500\$ for the event. Desai asked the members to let the group know if they wish to perform at the event.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Graduate Student Workspace

Jawad mentioned that as a common grievance arising from the conversation at the Course Union Networking Event, the allocation of graduate space based on faculty is not a practical approach and that we should look at advocating for better management of the scarce resource on campus through BCGS. He further mentioned that while Engineering School has enough space allocated being a bigger department, other schools are facing issues because of the current allocation system. Gordanpour agreed with Jawad.

5.2 Workshop: Dealing with Imposter Syndrome

Jawad mentioned that Satabdi and her colleagues attended a seminar which benefited them greatly and it will be good to organize the same for Graduate students through the GSC.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 GSS GSC

Ahmad mentioned that he would be sending out a meeting invite soon for the monthly connect with GSS and GSC

6.2 Campus planning meeting

Jawad shared that at the Campus planning meeting the lack of basic food options after the close of the outlets on campus was brought up and having a graduate coffee vending machine will be a good idea. Desai to look at the limitations of space and the regulation regarding the purchase of such items.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:35am

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, February 8th at 2 pm, 2024, Team

Committee Members Present

General Manager (Chair)
Chief Returning Officer
Deputy Returning Officer
Deputy Returning Officer
Governance Coordinator
Students' Advocate
Project Manager

Jason Evans
Tashia Kootenayoo
Oscar Munoz Campos
Chad Owens
Cecily Qiu
Rachel Fortin
Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:05 PM.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/08.01

Owens/Fortin

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Owens/Fortin

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a motion under Discussion:

Be it resolved that the CRO act as the chair of the Electoral Committee Meeting in the absence of the General Manager.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Nomination Requirement for the Faculty Representative

Kootenayoo stated that she received two inquiries related to the faculty representative position. She reiterated that the faculty representative position is elected by the student in the respective faculty but as to the nomination, the regulation and the nomination packages had not specifically listed any requirements. A good practice for the faculty representative in the past was that five signatures in the nomination form would be from their respective faculty. In 2018, the electoral committee allowed the indigenous/aboriginal access study students, who were taking one-year general program prior to applying to a specific faculty, to vote in their respective faculty where they were going to study. And an in-person polling station was provided for those individuals. Kootenayoo thought it was a good example of the electoral committee making decisions based on the specific situation where the bylaws may not provide them the handbook. At the meeting, she would like the electoral committee to consider if they would allow the faculty representative candidates to have their fifteen signatures validated against the student list from the respective faculty. She also raised a concern on the situation if the faculty representative is allowed to submit 15 general signatures. A student can only nominate one position as per the bylaws. If the student nominates the representative for another faculty, he/she would not be able to nominate their own faculty representative.

Evans mentioned that the board would not be able to amend any election policy during that period. It would be a discussion guided by the Chief Returning Office. Evans stated that it is practiced with every jurisdiction that the nomination should be from the same area. For example, a person in Toronto could not nominate a person for a position in BC. Kootenayoo asked for institutional knowledge from White to see if they validated the nomination against the faculty list in the past. White replied that they tried to validate the faculty information, but it depended on when they received the list from the UBC. For this election, as they received the faculty list before the nomination, they would be able to verify the information. Kootenayoo stated that she would encourage candidates to get nomination from their respective faculty, and meanwhile they should communicate with students that they could only nominate one person for the faculty representative position.

[Meeting was moved to a recess for 5 minutes and reconvened at 2:26 p.m.]

24/02/08.02

Fortin/Qiu

Whereas, the Student Union Okanagan (SUO) aims to ensure fair representation and participation from all faculties in its general elections,

Whereas, historically, faculty representatives have been nominated from members within their respective faculties, fostering a sense of community and understanding of faculty-specific needs,

Whereas, to maintain the integrity and fairness of the SUO general election process, it has been a longstanding practice that nominators may only sign for one candidate per position,

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. Faculty representatives for the SUO general elections shall be nominated from members within their respective faculties.
2. Nominators in the SUO general elections may only sign for one candidate per position.
3. The SUO Election Committee shall ensure that this decision is communicated clearly and consistently.

Kootenayoo/Owens

Be it resolved that the motion be amended as follows:

Whereas, the Student Union Okanagan (SUO) aims to ensure fair representation and participation from all faculties in its general elections,

Whereas, historically, faculty representatives have been nominated from members within their respective faculties, fostering a sense of community and understanding of faculty-specific needs,

Whereas, to maintain the integrity and fairness of the SUO general election process, it has been a longstanding practice that nominators for faculty representative must be members of that faculty as they may only sign for one candidate per position;

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. Faculty representatives for the SUO general elections shall be nominated from members within their respective faculties.
2. The SUO Election Committee shall ensure that this decision is communicated clearly and consistently.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3.2 CRO Chairing the Meeting in the Absence of the GM

24/02/08.03

Evans/Fortin

Be it resolved that the CRO act as the chair of the Electoral Committee Meeting in the absence of the General Manager.

Carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, February 15th at 11 am, 2024, Zoom

Committee Members Present

General Manager (Chair)
Chief Returning Officer
Deputy Returning Officer
Deputy Returning Officer
Governance Coordinator
Students' Advocate
Project Manager

Jason Evans
Tashia Kootenayoo
Oscar Munoz Campos
Chad Owens
Cecily Qiu
Rachel Fortin
Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:05 A.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/12.01

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Qiu/Owens

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding an in-camera session.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Nomination Period Update

Kootenayoo provided an update on the nomination. She had received 9 nomination forms, but no nominations for the President, VP Finance and VP External. She asked the committee to think if they need to extend the nomination period. White stated that historically they extended the nomination once when they had only one week nomination period, and they had not exceeded two weeks for the nomination period. Kootenayoo asked B. Evans if she received any questions via social media. B. Evans replied that the only question she received was to ask where All Candidates meeting would be held. B. Evans asked when they need to make a decision on the extension, and she stated that in the past, some candidates submitted the nomination at the last minute. Fortin asked how they addressed this issue in the past. White mentioned historically they had one executive position unfilled but had never had a couple executive position vacancies. He could discuss with Qiu about how it would impact the governance. Qiu expressed her concerns about the vacancy of the President and VP Finance. She stated the VP Finance would need to work on budget right after the term starts. She would like to see the extension of nomination period if there are no nominations for the President and VP Finance. Fortin doubted if the extension to the reading break would bring more nominations. Kootenayoo suggested they re-evaluate the situation tomorrow at 11 am to decide if they need to extend the nomination period. J. Evans asked about email communication with students to

promote the nomination. White stated that the nomination would end tomorrow, the time left for students to respond and get nominators would be very tight and challenging. B. Evans stated that she added the link to the nomination in the newsletter.

3.2 All Candidates Meeting

It would be a regular zoom meeting and the link would be sent to the nominees. Kootenayoo and two DRO would attend the meeting.

3.3 Elections promotion & campaigning

B. Evans updated the promotion they had done and the promotion plan for campaigning. Kootenayoo commended the plan and confirmed that she and DROs would like to see some tabling.

3.4 In Camera (Complaint & Investigation)

24/02/12.02

Qiu/Campos

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [11:34 p.m.]

Carried.

24/02/12.03

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [12:04 p.m.]

Carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, February 16th at 11 am, 2024, Team

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer
Deputy Returning Officer
Deputy Returning Officer
Governance Coordinator
Students' Advocate
Project Manager

Tashia Kootenayoo
Oscar Munoz Campos
Chad Owens
Cecily Qiu
Rachel Fortin
Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

General Manager

Jason Evans

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:04 A.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/16.01

Fortin/Owens

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Investigation Findings

Kootenayoo stated that she sent the letter to both candidates and received one response. She asked the members if she needed to publish the letter. Qiu stated that the investigation could be reflected in the CRO's report. White stated that as per regulations, it needs to be reported to the electoral committee. If it is an appeal, she may need to publish it.

3.2 All-Candidates Meeting/Nomination Period

Kootenayoo updated with members on the nomination received. She stated that some positions, especially the Executive positions, were not contested. Considering students were busy with their mid-term exams those days, she would suggest extending the nomination period. White stated that if they decide to extend the nomination, they need to communicate the information with students; and he could record the All-Candidates Meeting for the candidates who would not be available. Campos agreed that they may get more interests by extending the nomination period; however, he also had concerns on the outcome due to Reading break. Owens agreed that it would be good to see many positions contested; however, it was the last day to get the communication out, he was concerned about the logistical constraints. Members discussed the extension, and they understood it could give students more time and more opportunities to engage, especially those who were busy with midterms. However, they also understood the challenge from Reading break as many students may leave the campus and town the next week. The committee decided to extend the nomination with the hope of receiving more nominations.

24/02/16.02

Fortin/Owens

Be it resolved that the nomination period be extended to 4:00 pm PST on Thursday February 22, 2024 and be it further resolved that the all candidates meeting be scheduled for Thursday February 22, 2024 at 5:00 pm PST on zoom.

Carried.

Kootenayoo stated that she would contact B. Evans, asking her to communicate the extension of the nomination period to students through social media. She suggested they contact Phoenix to see if they could help circulate the information. She stated that the information could also be communicated through SUO newsletters if possible.

4. IN CAMERA (Complaint & Investigation)

24/02/16.03

Fortin/Owens

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [11:22 a.m.]

Carried.

24/02/16.04

Fortin/Owens

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [11:27 a.m.]

Carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, February 27 at 1pm, 2024, Team/UNC 105

Committee Members Present

General Manager

Chief Returning Officer

Deputy Returning Officer

Deputy Returning Officer

Governance Coordinator

Students' Advocate

Project Manager

Jason Evans

Tashia Kootenayoo

Oscar Munoz Campos

Chad Owens

Cecily Qiu

Rachel Fortin

Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:14 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/27.01

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 BOG &SUO Candidacy

Kootenayoo stated that one candidate who was running for the SUO VP External was also running for the Board of Governor (BOG) representative. She introduced those two ex-officio positions on the SUO board as well as the BOG selection process. She pointed out that UBC Vancouver has two BOG representatives; however, Okanagan campus has only one representative who would also sit on the SUO board. She raised a concern on the impact if that candidate wins both elections. White stated that it would impact the number of seats on the board. If the candidate chooses the BOG position, they would need to appoint someone for the VP external and hold the by-election to fill the position. If the candidate chooses the SUO position, UBC may need to run the election again. Kootenayoo stated that the BOG representative would remain in the position until a new candidate is elected. Evans stated that it is problematic for the candidate to run for two positions on the same board. The BOG representative is equal to any of the other board of directors except for the voting right. The BOG election result is linked to the position of the SUO. He would discourage the candidate from doing so as it violates the regulations. Qiu stated that their bylaws do not allow a board of director hold two positions including the ex-officio positions; however, the regulation only states that a member could not run for more than one position in the Election and those two elections are different elections. Kootenayoo read aloud the relevant bylaws and regulations:

[Bylaw VII:9]

No Member of the Students' Union shall hold more than one (1) position on the Board of Directors, including non-voting positions.

[Regulation II:18]

A Member may be nominated to run for only one (1) position in an Election.

White stated that from his understanding of the policies, a member could not run for more than one voting position. Kootenayoo deferred to the AMS bylaws, and received confirmation from the AMS that they allow the candidate to run for their board and the BOG at the same time. She stated that if the candidate wins both elections, as per the bylaws, the candidate would need to choose one position.

3.2 In-Camera

24/02/27.02

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [1:39 p.m.]

Carried.

- Complaint & Investigation 1
- Poster Approval
- Potential Slate

24/02/27.03

Fortin/Qiu

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [2:01 p.m.]

Carried.

3.3 Debates Update

Kootenayoo updated with members about the schedules and questions for the upcoming debates.

Tuesday 6 pm: Director-at-Large Debate

Wednesday 6 pm: Faculty Representative Debate

Thursday 6 pm: Executive Debate

She also mentioned that Phoenix Newspaper had reached out to schedule interviews with executive candidates.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, February 28 at 1pm, 2024, Team/UNC 105

Committee Members Present

General Manager

Chief Returning Officer

Deputy Returning Officer

Deputy Returning Officer

Governance Coordinator

Students' Advocate

Project Manager

Jason Evans

Tashia Kootenayoo

Oscar Munoz Campos

Chad Owens

Cecily Qiu

Rachel Fortin

Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:08 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/28.01

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. IN-CAMERA

24/02/28.02

Fortin/Qiu

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [1:09 p.m.]

Carried.

- Complaint & Investigation 1
- Complaint & Investigation 2
- Complaint & Investigation 3
- Complaint & Investigation 4

24/02/28.03

Fortin/Qiu

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [1:55 p.m.]

Carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, February 29 at 9 am, 2024, Team

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer
Deputy Returning Officer
Governance Coordinator
Students' Advocate
Project Manager

Tashia Kootenayoo
Oscar Munoz Campos
Cecily Qiu
Rachel Fortin
Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

General Manager
Deputy Returning Officer

Jason Evans
Chad Owens

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:09 A.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/02/29.01

Qiu/Fortin

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. IN-CAMERA

24/02/29.02

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [9:10 a.m.]

Carried.

- Complaint & Investigation 1
- Complaint & Investigation 2
- Complaint & Investigation 3

24/02/29.03

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [9:53 a.m.]

Carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, March 1 at 1:30 pm, 2024, Team

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer
Deputy Returning Officer
Governance Coordinator
Students' Advocate
Project Manager

Tashia Kootenayoo
Oscar Munoz Campos
Cecily Qiu
Rachel Fortin
Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

General Manager
Deputy Returning Officer

Jason Evans
Chad Owens

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:35 P.M.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/03/01.01

Evans/Fortin

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. IN-CAMERA (COMPLAINT & INVESTIGATION)

24/03/01.02

Fortin/Evans

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [1:35 p.m.]

Carried.

24/03/01.03

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [1:42 p.m.]

Carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, March 5 at 1pm, 2024, Team

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer

General Manager

Deputy Returning Officer

Deputy Returning Officer

Governance Coordinator

Students' Advocate

Project Manager

Tashia Kootenayoo

Jason Evans

Oscar Munoz Campos

Chad Owens

Cecily Qiu

Rachel Fortin

Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:02 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/03/05.01

Campos/Fortin

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Finances

Kootenayoo talked about the reimbursement policy and the procedure she was taking.

3.2 Campaigning and Voting Booths

Kootenayoo stated that she sent an email to all candidates to remind them not to bully and not to litter campaign materials; and remind them that they could provide food during campaigns but could not bribe students. She would inform candidates that all the campaign materials should be taken down by noon of March 7, the next day after the voting closes. She also mentioned that a polling station was set up at Sawchuk Family Theatre and candidates should remain far away from the polling area.

3.3 Post-mortem Meeting

Kootenayoo would like to set up a meeting to discuss all opinions from committee members to address the gaps or issues in the election procedure. The committee decided to have the post-mortem meeting on Thursday, March 14th, at 1-3 p.m.

3.4 In Camera

Fortin/Qiu

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [1:16 p.m.]

Carried.

- Complaint and Investigation 1
- Complaint and Investigation 2

- Complaint and Investigation 3
- Complaint and Investigation 4
- Complaint and Investigation 5
- Complaint and Investigation 6
- Complaint and Investigation 7
- Complaint and Investigation 8
- Complaint and Investigation 9

Owens/Fortin

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [2:08 p.m.]

Carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, March 6 at 1pm, 2024, Team

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer

General Manager

Deputy Returning Officer

Deputy Returning Officer

Governance Coordinator

Students' Advocate

Project Manager

Tashia Kootenayoo

Jason Evans

Oscar Munoz Campos

Chad Owens

Cecily Qiu

Rachel Fortin

Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER 1:04 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

24/03/06.01

Qiu/White

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. IN CAMERA

Qiu/White

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [1:04 p.m.]

Carried.

- Appeal and Investigation

Meeting was moved ex-camera at 1:32 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, March 7 at 10 am, 2024, Team

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer

General Manager

Deputy Returning Officer

Deputy Returning Officer

Governance Coordinator

Students' Advocate

Project Manager

Tashia Kootenayoo

Jason Evans

Oscar Munoz Campos

Chad Owens

Cecily Qiu

Rachel Fortin

Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:09 A.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

24/03/07.01

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Deadline for Poster Removal

24/03/07.02

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that candidates with extenuating circumstances be permitted a 24-hour extension to remove their posters by noon Friday March 8.

Evans moved to amend the motion by giving a general extension to all candidates so that the candidates would not have confusion and complaints regarding extenuating circumstances.

Evans/Kootenayoo

Be it resolved that all candidates be permitted a 24-hour extension to remove their posters by noon Friday March 8.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3.2 In-Camera

24/03/07.03

Campos/White

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [10:16 a.m.]

Carried.

- Complaint and Investigation 1
- Complaint and Investigation 2
- Complaint and Investigation 3

- Complaint and Investigation 4

24/03/07.04

Campos/Owens

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [10:43 a.m.]

Carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Evans expressed his appreciation to committee members. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, March 8 at 10 am, 2024, Team

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer

General Manager

Deputy Returning Officer

Deputy Returning Officer

Governance Coordinator

Students' Advocate

Project Manager

Tashia Kootenayoo

Jason Evans

Oscar Munoz Campos

Chad Owens

Cecily Qiu

Rachel Fortin

Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:04 A.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

24/03/08.01

Fortin/Owens

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 General Election Results

24/03/08.02

Fortin/Campos

Be it resolved that the 2024 UBCSUO General Election Results be published.

Carried.

Kootenayoo stated that there was no outstanding investigation or appeal, so they could publish the election result. She would send the document to White to publish after the meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.