

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Executive Committee Meeting, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am, 2024, UNC 105 Boardroom

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## Directors Present

President (meeting chair)

Vice President Finance and Administration

Vice-President External

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Campus Life

Cade Desjarlais

Osho Gnanasivam

Lakshay Karnwal

Shreyansh Mehendiratta

Uday Gill

## Directors Absent

## Staff Present

General Manager

Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans

Cecily Qiu

## 1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:38 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

24/02/09.01

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.