

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, March 8th at 1:30 pm, 2024, UNC 133C

Directors Present

President (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 1:32 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

24/03/08.01

Gnanasivam/Karnwal

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Desjarlais/Karnwal

Be it resolved that an in-camera session be added after Discussion.

Amendment carried.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/03/08.02

Gnanasivam/Karnwal

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

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Smart Meals MOU

Karnwal proposed an agreement between the SUO and the UBC Social Innovation Hub regarding the Smart Meals initiative and asked for feedback from Executives. He introduced the Social Innovation Hub and the agreement with a focus on the roles and responsibilities of each side. Through this partnership, Social Innovation Hub would provide research support on UBC food security programs and SUO Smart Meals initiative, and the Hub will supply SUO with documentation and strategies for the campaign. It would commit to an in-kind contribution of about \$20,000 in staff time, and any sponsorships secured by the Hub would be an 80%-20% revenue split in favor of the SUO. As to SUO responsibilities, SUO would provide an annual subsidy of \$45,000 for the Smart Meals Initiative and provide

operational implementation to ensure the success of the initiative.

Gnanasivam asked about the expense that the research would entail, and if the SUO has any event jurisdiction. Karnwal stated that the Hub would hire staff and student staff to do the research. It would be mainly the jurisdiction of the Hub in terms of research, and they would provide the research paper and decide how to facilitate the research process. Desjarlais asked about how the partnership would impact the current scope of Smart Meals. Karnwal stated that the research would create documents for the university to implement some strategies that could help them reduce the Scope 3 emissions and help the university and other community organization(s) understand the sustainable food options. Gnanasivam asked who would make decisions on campaign activities. Karnwal stated that the Hub would provide mentorship and guidance, but the SUO would be responsible for implementation decisions. The executives had some concerns in terms of management and administration and would continue the discussion during the in-camera session.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Reallocations

Gnanasivam explained in detail how much funding was unspent and how much could be reallocated. He introduced the initiatives and ideas of reallocation he received from the executives and board members. His recommendation for the reallocation would be:

1. Graduate Student Bursary, which would be matched by the university;
2. Undergraduate Student Bursary, considering the large population of undergraduate students and their monetary need;
3. Emergency First Response Team (EFRT), due to its important service to students on campus.

Desjarlais provided more context for those reallocations. He stated that he reached out to the Development UBC for the graduate student bursary and was told that they were willing to match the SUO graduate student bursary. With the match, endowment could be created, which would allow SUO to create this new bursary in perpetuity. For the undergraduate student bursary, they would also partner with UBC Development. UBC manages the fund and SUO could work on the scope of the bursary. For EFRT, he thought it would be important for the team to grow and expand as they save lives.

The meeting recessed for 2 minutes at 2:17 pm, and Desjarlais drafted four resolutions of reallocation. Gnanasivam moved to consider them as a whole .

24/03/08.03

Gnanasivam/Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that the following resolutions be considered as a whole.

Carried.

24/03/08.04

Gnanasivam/Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that \$20,000 be reallocated from Campus Life to Student Aid and Endowment Fund under Student Services.

Be it resolved that \$3,000 be reallocated from Staff Training to Student Aid and Endowment Fund under Student Services.

Be it resolved that \$4,000 be reallocated from Campus Relations to Student Aid and Endowment Fund under Student Services.

Be it resolved that \$15,000 be reallocated from Professional Fees to Student Aid and Endowment Fund under Student Services.

Carried.

6. IN CAMERA

24/03/08.05

Mehendiratta/Gill

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [2:25 p.m.]

Carried.

24/03/08.06

Gnanasivam/Mehendiratta

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [3:06 p.m.]

Carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.