



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, January 29, 2025 at 6 PM, UNC105

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)
Vice President Finance and Administration
Vice-President External
Vice-President Internal
Vice-President Campus Life
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Faculty of Education Representative
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative
Faculty of Science Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Applied Science Representative
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)

Danial Asif
Aryan Arora
Abby Newman
Rajat Arora
Saa'im Imran
Sheela Mbogo
Ananya Bhattacharya
Aliasgar Sakarwala
Mariam Al Barazi
Elnaz Zamanzade
Amy Wang
Ali Wasti
Aman Waseem
Riko Otsuka
Olivia Lai
Sahar Sowdagar
Isabella Bravo

Directors Absent

College of Graduate Studies Representative
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Mhamoda Moli
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator
Pub and Events Manager

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu
Mike Ouellet

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15 P.M.**2. 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.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/01/29.01

Mbogo/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Mbogo/A.Arora

Be it resolved that a discussion on AGM be added.

Amendment carried.

A.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the presentations from Poker club and Echo club be added.

Amendment carried.

Mbogo/Asif

Be it resolved that the discussion on AGM be moved right after the adoption of the minutes.

Amendment carried.

Asif/Al Barazi

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding the approval of dates for the 2025 General Election under New Business.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25//01/29.02

Wasti/Waseem

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 3rd, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

5. DISCUSSION ON AGM

Directors discussed two resolutions (Resolution 8 and Resolution 1) that were reconsidered at the AGM (II). Mbogo expressed her concern as there was a smaller quorum at the AGM(II). She also doubted if the reconsideration process violated the BC Societies Act. Directors discussed the requirement for the motion of reconsideration, the quorum decided by their current bylaw and the impact on students. It was explained that the students who initially voted in favor of those resolutions received new information and suggested the membership reconsider the resolutions at the AGM (II) which was regarded as the same meeting. The executives stated that the process of the AGM was directed by the membership and the chair followed the Robert's Rule of Order as required by their bylaw. The membership at the AGM (I) chose to recess the meeting, and the board had no control of which students or student groups would attend the AGM (II). And AGM(II) did meet the quorum required by their bylaw. Directors agreed that it was a learning process for students and the board. Newman suggested they work on the quorum for the AGM as the total number of students had increased over the years. Directors also discussed the impact of Resolution 8 regarding UNC contracts.

25//01/29.03

Newman/Imran

Be it resolved that the Policy Committee be mandated by the Board to research and present their findings on strategies to increase the quorum for general meetings and provide recommendations on how to review of UNC contracts.

Carried.

Directors discussed the difference and impact of publishing the board meeting notice 7 days in advance compared with 3 days in advance. It was noted that some of the policies regarding the meeting notice were already in place, for example, the SUO Regulation states that the SUO committee meetings are open to membership.

6. PRESENTATION

25//01/29.04

R. Arora/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the presentations from Poker club and Echo club be moved after the AGM discussion.

Carried.

The representatives of Poker club and Echo club gave their presentations regarding the purpose and event planning of their clubs. They also answered questions from directors.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7.1 Executive Committee

25/01/29.05

A.Arora/Sowdagar

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

Carried.

25/01/29.06

Lai/Mbogo

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

Carried.

25/01/29.07

Otsuka/Bhattacharya

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 13th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

7.2 Finance Committee

25/01/29.08

A.Arora/Lai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on November 28th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

25/01/29.09

A.Arora/Newman

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

Carried.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.4 Campus Life Committee

25/01/29.10

Imran/Otsuka

Be it resolved that Isaiah Smith and Guransh Sandhu be appointed to Campus Life Committee as Students at Large.

Imran introduced those two students and provided reasons why he would like to appoint them as Students at Large at this time of the year.

Carried.

7.5 Campaigns Committee

25/01/29.11

Newman/Lai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

7.6 Graduate Student Committee

7.7 Oversight Committee

25/01/29.12

Sakarwala/Waseem

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 6th, 2024 be adopted.

Sakarwala pointed out the concern from the VP External that the other executives were not involved in her campaign events and her frustration with the quorum within her committee. Asif encouraged the executives and directors to actively involve in the campaign events and campaigns committee. Directors thought the minutes were poor written and recommended the chair to make some edits.

25/01/29.13

Asif/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the oversight committee meeting be tabled until the next meeting.

Carried. Tabled.

7.8 Student Association Oversight Club

Asif introduced the new committee and its responsibilities, and informed them that two Directors at large were needed to sit on the committee. Al Barazi and Mbogo nominated themselves.

25/01/29.14

R.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that Mariam Al Barazi and Sheela Mbogo be appointed to Student Association Oversight Club.

Carried.

8. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

8.1 Senate

8.2 Board of Governors

Bravo provided updates on their recent Board of Governors meeting. Directors requested more information regarding how to advocate for students on tuition and the new immigration policy. Newman expressed her frustration with the Board of Governor UBCO student representative not speaking against the tuition increase at the Board of Governors meeting. Mbogo was frustrated that the decision on the tuition increase did not reflect the result of the tuition increase survey.

25/01/29.15

Asif/Al Barazi

Be it resolved that the SUO pen a letter to the UBC Board of Governors to oppose the tuition increase.

Newman thought it an ineffective way as they had done it before but received no response. Al Barazi and Newman were in favor of an email campaign. Directors discussed methods to advocate students against the tuition increase.

Asif/Lai

Be it resolved that the resolution of sending a letter to oppose the tuition increase be tabled.

Carried. Tabled.

8.3 Other University Committees

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 CRO Appointment

25/01/29.16

Asif/Imran

Be it resolved that Grace Halpin be appointed as the SUO Chief Returning Officer for 2 years.

Motion carried outside of a board meeting. President Danial Asif sent the resolution to the board via email on January 7th. By January 8th, 9 Directors had voted in favor of the motion.

9.2 Student Association Ratification

25/01/29.17

R.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that International Student Association be ratified.

Directors thought there were many International student associations under the SUO. Students may feel more comfortable joining their own group with their specific culture. Directors wondered how this student association could differentiate itself from the Global Engagement office in terms of information and service they could provide.

Asif/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the ratification of International Student Association be tabled.

Carried. Tabled.

25/01/29.18

R.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that Dermatology Club be ratified.

Directors discussed the purpose of the club, wondering if it is more focused on skin care or career development. Directors mentioned that they had a medical student association to invite guest speakers to educate students.

R.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the ratification of the Dermatology club be tabled.

Carried. Tabled.

25/01/29.19

R.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that Political Science Student Association be ratified.

Carried.

25/01/29.20

R.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that Poker club be ratified.

Directors showed their concern about the potential gambling it may promote, and they thought the club would need plans for safeguarding and oversight.

Failed.

25/01/29.21

R.Arora/Sakarwala

Be it resolved that Dine and Dialogue Student Association be ratified.

Directors thought its purpose was similar to Food for Thoughts Club.

Failed.

25/01/29.22

R.Arora/Otsuko

Be it resolved that ECHO Student Association be ratified.

Carried.

25/01/29.23

R.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that Okanagan latter-day Saint Student Association be ratified.

Carried.

9.3 General Election Dates

25/01/29.24

Wasti/Lai

Be it resolved that the following dates for the 2025 General Election be approved:

1) Nomination Period: February 3, 8:00 a.m.PST– February 14, 4:00 p.m. PST

- 2) **All-Candidates Meeting:** February 14, 5:00 p.m. PST
- 3) **Campaigning Period:** February 24, 8:00 a.m. PST – March 5, 11:59 p.m. PST
- 4) **Voting Period:** March 3, 8:00 a.m. PST – March 5, 11:59 p.m. PST

*During the voting period, in-person campaigning is not allowed.

*The election notice will be sent on Friday, February 14th.

Carried.

10. INFORMATION

10.1 SUO Advocacy Update

Newman provided updates on the upcoming advocacy campaigns for the term.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.