



EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Board of Directors Meeting, February 12th 2025 at 6:30 PM, Team

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
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
College of Graduate Studies Representative

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

Directors Absent

Director-at-Large
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Ananya Bhattacharya
Isabella Bravo
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator
Receptionist and Service Assistant

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu
Kishan Reid

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35 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

25/02/12.01

Imran/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Referendum Question

Asif gave a presentation regarding the referendum question. He introduced the context of the question and the need for more space from students. He presented the result from Student Engagement feedback in 2022, the summary of feedback from students regarding space and the SUO building in 2024-2025, the result of UBC Voice 6 survey and the voice for more space from their membership at 2024 AGM. Those results reflected a need for more space and support from majority students for the SUO building. Asif provided a financial overview to build a SUO building and the timeline for collecting the capital fee. At last, he presented the action the board could take and concluded that the SUO building would be a long-term investment, and it would provide space needed on campus and a better future for students. Other executives and directors expressed their support for the SUO building.

25/02/12.02

Asif/Newman

Be it resolved that the following referendum question be adopted.

Carried.

Referendum Question:

Do you support the Student Union of UBC Okanagan ("SUO of UBC") establishing a new capital fee (the "Capital Fee") to be used to pay for the construction (including financing costs) of a new SUO Student Building (the "Building"), and a new operational fee (the "Operational Fee") to cover associated operational and maintenance costs?

Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2028, with the project completed by 2030. The Building will be occupied by the SUO of UBC and used to provide informal learning, study, and

club spaces, as well as other services for students. The total cost of constructing the Building is estimated to be \$55.7 million, not including the cost of financing. UBC is expected to contribute an amount equal to 23% of the project cost, up to a limit of \$12.875 million. The balance of the project costs will be covered by the Capital Fee and any amounts required for the project costs that exceed the amount of the Capital Fee already collected will be financed through a loan and the Capital Fee will be used to repay the loan and to pay any interest and other financing costs. The Operational Fee will cover the costs of operating and maintaining the Building to ensure its sustainability and functionality. Details of the amount, collection, and payment of the Capital Fee and the Operational Fee are as follows:

1. **In the 2025/2026, 2026/2027, and 2027/2028 academic years** students will pay a Capital Fee of \$75.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Winter Session (for a total of \$150.00 per academic year) and \$37.50 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Summer Session (for a total of \$75.00 per Summer Session).
2. **Beginning in the 2028/2029 academic year**, students will pay a Capital Fee of \$100.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Winter Session (for a total of \$200.00 per academic year) and \$50.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Summer Session (for a total of \$100.00 per Summer Session).
3. **Beginning in the term during which the Building is opened**, students will also pay an Operational Fee of \$20.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Winter Session (for a total of \$40.00 per academic year) and \$10.00 per term during the Summer Session (for a total of \$20.00 per Summer Session). The Building is anticipated to open in March 2030. The Operational Fee will be indexed annually to the BC Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The SUO of UBC Board of Directors will establish a process and criteria for SUO members demonstrating financial need to apply for a full or partial refund on the new Capital Fee and Operational Fee.

Students will pay the Capital Fee until the project costs, including any loan, interest, and other financing costs are fully repaid. Students will pay the Operational Fee until the Building is no longer leased to the SUO of UBC.

The design, construction, and financing of the Building is subject to approval by UBC's Board of Governors and the Building project will require the negotiation of several agreements between UBC and the SUO of UBC. In the event the project does not proceed as scheduled for any reason, any fees already collected will be held with the SUO of UBC until the situation is resolved. In the event the UBC Board of Governors determines that the Building will not be built, the Capital Fee will cease to be collected and the Operational Fee will not be collected. In such event, the Board of Directors of the SUO of UBC may allocate any collected Capital Fees in such manner as may be approved by a future student referendum.

The SUO of UBC will pay administrative charges assessed by UBC from the Capital Fee and Operational Fee for managing the collection and remittance of the Capital Fee and Operational Fee.

Yes___No ___

25/02/12.03

Asif/Imran

Be it resolved that the board adopt the Yes Campaign for the referendum question.

Carried.

Asif introduced his plan on how to engage with students. Newman informed directors of the tabling dates for Yes Campaign and stated that Yes Campaign would be a collective effort from the whole board.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.