



**UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS' UNION
LOCAL 3 CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS**

**Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 29th, 2012
4:30 pm**

Council Members Present:

Alnaar, Abdul
Baxter, Jesse
Campos, Melia
Chang, Sam
Smith, Sarah
Tikhomiroff, Sabrina
Tse, Curtis

Staff Members Present:

Tori Palynchuk

2.0 Call Meeting to Order at 4:36

2.1 Recognition of Okanagan Peoples Territory

2.2 Approval of Agenda

Alnaar/Tikhomiroff

2.2.1 BIRT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2.3 Approval of Minutes

Baxter/Tse

2.3.1 BIRT the minutes are to be tabled until the next council meeting

CARRIED

Discussion: Tse explained that because Norris was sick that the minutes from the last meeting were not yet finished, so they will be presented at the next council meeting.

2.4 Presentations

none

2.5 Clubs and Course Union Ratification

***Clubs and Course Unions looking to be ratified under the UBCSUO Club and Course Union policy must first be adopted by council. Documents must be filled in full. Clubs and Course Unions may not mimic another already existing Club or Course Union. Clubs and Course Unions may not be something that could be funded by the university or are for academic credit.**

none



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2.6 Club and Course Union Funding Requests

***Clubs and Course Unions are eligible to up to \$800 in funding but must fundraise half of the asking amount. Initial start up grants of \$30 for clubs and \$50 for Course Unions may not be used as fundraising amounts. Budgets and receipts must be presented in full for purposes of the annual audit.**

none

2.7 Committee Reports

***Finance Committee oversees the budget and financial statements and reports back from time to time on the financial health of the organization.**

2.7.1 Finance Committee - Chair Curtis Tse

none

***Policy Committee works to suggest new policy innovations to the council.**

2.7.2 Policy Committee - Chair Sabrina Tikhomiroff and Sarah Smith

None

***Service Committee works to make our services more efficient.**

2.7.3 Service Committee - Chair Jesse Baxter

none

***Campaigns Committee works to advance the values of the student union throughout the institution, community and world through events, campaigns and lobbying.**

2.7.4 Campaigns Committee- Chair Sam Chang

none

*** Student Life Committee works to advance the focus of the students union and the university to student life, well being, and welfare on campus.**

2.7.5 Student Life Committee- Chair

none

*** Community Outreach Committee is in place to have a group of student volunteers help and support our local communities in the Okanagan, by making links with non-profit organizations.**

2.7.6 Community Outreach Community- Chair

none

2.8 Executive Reports

Financial Coordinator, Executive Chair, Staffing Relations Officer – Curtis Tse
Services Coordinator – Jesse Baxter
Internal Coordinator – Sabrina Tikhomiroff
External Coordinator – Sam Chang



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Discussion: Tse explained that the executive reports are changing from the one page of previous years to a more in depth report. This new report will be able to be posted online.

Smith asked Baxter about well Wednesday and how it will be incorporated with Frosh week. Questions of how students will participate in this as it is the first day of class for upper year students. Baxter said that is hope is that if there isn't hype for this first day that the excitement will carry over to the following weeks. But it is important to include this in the events of the first week.

Tikhomiroff explained that Alnaar and Angel will be also included in the policy committee; they will also open this up to student applications. Alnaar called a Point of Information, and asked about how the Ombudsperson's pay will work, and Tikhomiroff explained that half will be paid by the union and half by the university. She also clarified that it will be a staff position, not student. Smith then asked about how this will affect the academic appeals, and Tikhomiroff said that they will work in collaboration.

2.9 Council Roundtable

Meeting Chair

Campos explained that she is getting settled into the position, sending emails, Sarah helped with Roberts Rules packages, helped with agendas with Norris, meetings on the 16th, trying to get account fixed with Norris, and helped Chang with the day planners in the office for a day.

Ad Reps

Smith said that she hadn't been up to much other than helping Campos with Roberts Rules.

Abdul spoke about his research on policy; he said that he was mostly looking into elections policy and that he wanted to look into revamping how campaigns look. He also was researching CFS BC, to see how they are structured. He said that he would be meeting with Berchowitz the next day to discuss his role as provincial rep.

Director At Large – none present

Discussion: Tse explained that at the end of every month we do council round table, which will come from the filled out work report. Each council member will explain what they have done and approve honorarium.

2.10 Old Business

- National AGM
- Collective Agreement Update

Discussion: Tse talked about how they were leaving for the AGM the next day, and said that the collective agreement second round negotiations are on June 20-21.

2.11 New Business

Tse/Chang

2.11.1



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Whereas most capital expenses that we are looking at making were planned for the surplus from the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

Whereas the expenditures are expected to take more time than expected.

BIRT an amount of \$9500 from the 2011/2012 fiscal year be allocated to the spending of a website update.

BIFRT an amount of \$150,000 from the 2011/2012 fiscal year be allocated to the spending of The Well renovations.

BIFRT an amount of \$20,000 from the 2011/2012 fiscal year be allocated to capital improvements of The Well services

BIFRT an amount of \$20,000 from the 2011/2012 fiscal year be allocated to capital improvement of The Green Bean Coffee House

BIFRT an amount of \$20,000 from the 2011/2012 fiscal year be allocated to capital improvements of the Student Union Office space

Discussion: Tse explained that the fiscal year ends tomorrow, so if we don't approve these motions we can't spend the money. So the council needed to approve these amounts, but do not intend to spend the full amounts. The numbers are so much higher because Tse did not want to be caught in a position where there wasn't enough, and didn't want to have to take the money out of the incoming budgets. This is only for capital improvements. Wages will be retroactively taken from the previous fiscal year, due to the fact that union negotiations there may or may not be retroactivity set. This does not approve the spending of the money, but it allocates it for that purpose. Smith called a POI and asked about a clarification of the process. She asked when the approval for the amounts would come back to council. Tse explained that anything below \$10,000 executives will approve. Anything above \$10,000 needs to go to council. Any money that is not spent from here goes to term deposits. Tse explained that this allows the UBCSUO to spend out of the surplus.

CARRIED

Tse/Baxter

2.11.2

Whereas the renovations to The Well are developing in a developing process

Whereas different parts of the project taking place at different times.

BIRT an amount of \$90,000 be budgeted and controlled by the executive for the project of The Well renovations.

Tse/Smith

Motion as amended: **BIRT** an amount of \$90,000 be budgeted and controlled by the executive for the project of The Well renovations. Any purchase above \$10,000 must be approved by an executive meeting.



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Alnaar/Baxter

Amendment to the amended motion: **BIRT** an amount of \$90,000 be budgeted and controlled by the executive for the project of The Well renovations. Any purchase above \$10,000 must be approved by the executive as a whole.

CARRIED

Discussion: Curtis said because of the short timeline that we have to complete the renovations that every decision can be brought back to council, as these decisions will need to happen quickly. Jesse clarified by explaining that after their meeting with the interior designer earlier in the day, that he anticipated that decision would need to be made often and quickly and that he was concerned about the ability of the project to be completed in time if every decision needed to wait for a council vote. Sarah called POI, and asked if she could then assume that all of the decisions would be made through a executive vote. Jesse clarified by saying yes, all decisions would be taken to the executive. Abdul asked for POI, and asked about the earlier talks of a committee being stricken for the well renovations. Curtis explained that by the nature of working in the office the executive and staff would all be involved in making the decisions about the design. Sam said that he did not agree with this, and that he thought that there should be a clear process of voting. Abdul said that he felt that the motion didn't clearly state that there would be consensus from the executive as a whole. Sabrina said that it would not be a formal meeting, but it would be a collective decision, just not a formal vote. Jesse agreed with Sabrina and said that he would never make a decision without the rest of the executive's consideration. Sarah said that she was nervous about the issue of accountability. She felt that there needed to be some formal documentation of the decisions being made.

Tse explained that he felt that the amendment would delay the process. Alnaar asked if the work meeting was removed, that the executive would just need to discuss the decisions and make sure that the reasoning behind the decisions would be put in the executive meeting agenda as well as the executive reports.

Tse/Alnaar

2.11.3

Whereas we are missing documentation for club funding for the Young Liberals club funding request.

BIRT an amount of \$800 from the 2011/2012 fiscal year be allocated to funding of the Young Liberals, upon council approval with appropriate documentation.

CARRIED

Discussion: Tse explained that the board is currently missing some documentation from the past executive, the past board refused to put this motion for this club on the agenda. Tse explained that his concern was that if the board move into the next fiscal year and the funds are not approved the club could not get their grant. Tse proposed that upon receiving the correct documentation the funds are allocated to this club. Alnaar clarified that because the fiscal year ended the next day, that the funds would be set aside for them, and would only be given to them through a council vote



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once the documents are retrieved. Alnaar motioned to move into camera, the board passed the motion. The board moved out of camera.

Tse/Tikhomiroff

2.11.4

Whereas the Students' Union has taken a lead on the purchasing on the Water Fills Machine
Whereas the Sustainability and Facilities Management have agreed to pay for the other 3 Water Stops

BIRT the Students' Union pays for 4 Water Stops at the price of \$33,824.

Smith/Baxter

Amendment to the motion: **BIRT** the Students' Union pays for 4 Water Stops at the price of \$33,824, with the cost of 3 water stops to be reimbursed by Sustainability and Facilities Management offices.

CARRIED

Discussion: Tse explained that the Students' Union has taken the lead on the water stop process. Tse said that the Students' Union will purchase all four units, but we will be billing the partners for the cost of three. Tse further explained that the final cost of the one water stop is going to be \$8,500. \$23,520 will be paid back to us, so our expense is \$10,304. Tse explained that this number is higher because the UBCSUO is going to be paying for the media packages for signage.

2.12 Discussion and Question Period

- AGM Motions
- Council Honoraria

Discussion: Tse said that the motions are submitted by other schools. It is up to the delegation to vote on these. The board then moved into camera. The board moved out of camera.

2.13 Notices of Motion

None

2.14 Items for Next Agenda

2.15 Adjournment

Tikhomiroff/Chang

2.15.1. **BIRT** the meeting adjourn. Next meeting Thursday, June 7th, 2012 at 11:00AM in UNC