



UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS' UNION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 22nd, 2012
4:00 pm

10.0 Call Meeting to Order

Called to order at 4 pm

10.1 Recognition of Okanagan Peoples Territory

10.2 Speaker's Business

BIRT that Abdul Alnaar will be the temporary Meeting Chair

10.3 Approval of Agenda

10.3.1 BIRT the agenda be approved as presented. S. Smith/Tikhomiroff
CARRIES

10.4 Approval of Minutes

10.4.1 BIRT the attached minutes be approved as presented August 13, 2012.
Tikhomiroff/Angel
CARRIES

10.4.2 BIRT the attached minutes be approved as presented August 23, 2012. S.
Smith/Chan
CARRIES

10.4.3 BIRT the attached minutes be approved as presented September 10, 2012.
Tikhomiroff/Fujii
CARRIES

10.4.4 BIRT the attached minutes be approved as presented September 24, 2012.
Tikhomiroff/S. Smith
CARRIES

10.5 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.**

10.5.1 BIRT the UBCO South Asian Student Association gets ratified with in the UBCSUO Club and Course Union Structure. Chan/Angel
CARRIES

10.5.2 BIRT the UBCO Law Club: Student Involvement Association gets ratified with in the UBCSUO Club and Course Union Structure. Tikhomiroff/Fujii
CARRIES

10.5.3 BIRT the Clean Up Campus Club gets ratified with in the UBCSUO Club and Course Union Structure. T. Smith/Tikhomiroff
CARRIES

10.5.4 BIRT the UBC Animation Club gets ratified with in the UBCSUO Club and Course Union Structure. Chang/Tikhomiroff
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10.5.5 BIRT the Ball Hockey Club gets ratified with in the UBCSUO Club and Course Union Structure. Angel/Chang
CARRIES

10.5.6 BIRT the UBCO Quidditch Club gets ratified with in the UBCSUO Club and Course Union Structure. Angel/Tikhomiroff
CARRIES

10.5.7 BIRT the UBCO Robotics Club gets ratified with in the UBCSUO Club and Course Union Structure. Chan/Fujii
CARRIES

10.5.8 BIRT the International Justice Mission UBCO Campus Chapter gets ratified with in the UBCSUO Club and Course Union Structure. Tikhomiroff/Angel
CARRIES

10.6 Presentations

None

10.7 Executive Reports

None

10.8 General Manager Report

PST Re-Implementation: General Transitional Rules for the Re-Implementation of the PST which will take effect on April 1, 2013. For most items, the 'new' PST will be administered as it was in the

past. Students will not be required to pay tax on food items, movies, haircuts, etc. but will, once again, pay a 10% liquor tax.

UBCSUO, on the other hand, will not receive a full tax credit for all its expenditures. In most cases, UBCSUO will only receive a 5% input tax credit representing the GST portion of the sale. Certain things, such as our food orders will remain tax exempt while most of our other spending will increase by 7%.

Since we are aware of the new effective date, it would behoove us to plan any large expenditures in March so as to receive a full 100% input tax credit and thus save at least 7%.

Health and Safety Committee: The Health and Safety Committee has been struck and will hold its first meeting this week.

Job Descriptions: The first draft of job descriptions for all full-time staff have been issued. Staff is currently reviewing these, as is the Executive Committee.

Insurance: participated with our insurance carrier in a conference call regarding the need of various Club and Course Unions in obtaining extra or additional insurance coverage for off-campus events.

One of the participant's was the head underwriter who basically pointed out insurance companies are very concerned when physical activity is involved. Claims from physical activities are now higher than those involving alcohol. Clubs such as Mountain Biking, Kayaking, Concrete Toboggans, etc. are very scary for them because of the huge potential for liability and the resulting claims. He pointed out that in many cases risk management had never been addressed and this puts UBC and UBCSUO assets at risk.

He recommended we try and transfer these athletic type activities to the Athletic Department. Or, we should create a separate "Special Events" policy for these physical activities. This might also cover international travel another area of great concern.

During this conversation it was also pointed out our maximum liability coverage is only \$5 million. This is woefully inadequate and should be increased. I am presently working on obtaining such a quote.

CineSnax: The CineSnax Bar now offers upwards of 30 grocery items for sale. More will be added soon.

10.13 New Business

Whereas the UBCSUO Board of Directors Meetings is currently inaccessible to members of the organization who are not able to make it to the physical location of the council meeting; and

Whereas there are mechanisms (such as USTREAM) to broadcast meetings live on different platforms including but not limited to PC's, laptops, and mobile apps;

Whereas if the UBCSUO Board of Directors Meetings going online and will make the Board of Directors meetings more accessible and by extension more accountable;

Board member stepped out of the room, didn't meet quorum

Return to quorum at 4:35 pm

10.13.1 BIRT the UBCSUO ensures that following Board of Directors meetings be broadcasted live Tikhomiroff/Chan

Discussion: Alnaar, we campaigned on platforms of being more transparent. We can broadcast live and archive for students to listen to in the future. T.Smith, this is a good idea but the only difficulty would be getting the hardware. Tikhomiroff, another other issue is the budget, this would be very expensive. Angel, agrees that budget would be too high for this and things are currently tight. This is a want and not a needed item. S. Smith, keep in mind this is only research, but who is going to do it. T. Smith, up until today we have been behind with our traditional communications method, lets make sure that is working first. Chang, this is a far-fetched goal right now, why don't we set up Skype and see if that works. This is going to cost too much.

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Whereas international students deserve the same rights as domestic students; and

Whereas the voices of international students are often missing from discussions about improving education in British Columbia; and

Whereas the British Columbia government has proposed a strategy for international education in BC without broadly consulting International Students; and

Whereas International Students have important contributions to make to public policy; and

Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students-British Columbia has struck the Task Force on the Needs of International Students; and

10.13.2 BIRT the CFS-BC's Task Force on the Needs of International Students be endorsed; and Tikhomiroff/Angel

BIFRT the University of British Columbia Students Union Okanagan – the UBCSUO holds an open forum in January for International Students to contribute to the Task Force process;

BIFRT the Task Force on the Needs of International Students be promoted and advertised through the mechanisms available to the University of British Columbia Students Union Okanagan – the UBCSUO, and its affiliated International Students Clubs;

Discussion: Alnaar, we need a mechanism for International Students to put forward ideas about funding, culture, tuition fees etc. The information gathered will be put forward to the Province for consideration. Chang, sounds good, but the CFS has a lot of campaigns we don't want to be involved in. We don't know what there are going to do long term with this program. Tikhomiroff,

can't we just do this ourselves? Alnaar, this isn't a campaign, it is more of a fact-finding program for International Students. Angel, this is a good idea, but must be controlled and not in your face, must be monitored. T. Smith, would be wise to trust what Alnaar is saying as he is the one that has done the research. Maybe we can do a trial period? Chang, there are no guidelines and no goals?? Alnaar, No it is strictly a fact-finding program.

CARRIES

S Chang Objects

Whereas Policy 92 of the Nominations and Elections Policy is conflict with Policy 93, and Policy 93 will be renamed as Policy 92,

10.13.3 BIRT Policy 92 (of the Nominations and Elections Policy) be deleted, Policy 93 be renumbered as approved as edited, and Policy 94 be approved as presented, as recommended by the Policy Committee S.Smith/Tikhomiroff

92. A by-election must be held for the purpose of filling any vacancies on the UBCSUO Board of Directors, with the exception of the role of Meeting Chair.

93. The following exceptions shall be made to the Elections Policy for the purpose of a by-election:

- a. The Nomination Period for a by-election shall last 5 business days;
- b. Campaigning shall last 4 business days, and shall begin the business day following the end of the Nomination Period
- c. Voting shall take place the business day following the end of the Campaign period, and shall be open for a minimum of 10 hours. The voting period will last only one business day.

For reference:

Policy 92: The Students' Union shall hold a by-election if deemed necessary by the Union.

Policy 93: A by-election must be held for the purpose of filling any vacancies on the UBCSUO Board of Directors.

Discussion: Chang, the phrase is worded strange and is not clear. Do both policies exist? S. Smith, there is no reason for policy 92

10.13.4 BIRT An interim Services Coordinator be appointed immediately, to be in place until the results of the pending by-election. Tikhomiroff/Chang

Discussion: Angel, which Honoraria does this person receive?

Amendment: An interim Services Coordinator be appointed from *the Board of Directors* immediately, to be in place until the results of the pending by-election. Tikhomiroff/Chan

CARRIES

BIFRT The interim Services Coordinator shall receive the associated honorarium for the duration of the role.

BIFRT The interim Services Coordinator shall still receive their regular honorarium they receive as a Board member.

Amendment: Remove **BIFRT** The interim Services Coordinator shall still receive their regular honorarium they receive as a Board member. S. Smith/Chang
CARRIES

BIFRT The interim Services Coordinator shall not be expected to start any new projects.

BIFRT The interim Services Coordinator shall receive direction from the Executive and the General Manager.

BIFRT The interim Services Coordinator shall not hold a voting position on the Executive Committee, except in cases when quorum cannot be achieved.

BIFRT The interim Services Coordinator shall not hold signing authority.

CARRIES

VOTE Results: Abdul Alnaar will be the Interim Services Coordinator

10.13.5 BIRT The General Manager of the UBCSUO be tasked with the hiring of a Chief Returning Officer and two Deputy Returning Officers. The term of these positions shall be held until April 30, 2013. S.Smith/Tikhomiroff

Whereas the UBCSUO Nominations and Elections Policy, under the sub heading By-elections and section 92 (if Motion 1 passes, 93 if it does not) states: "A by-election must be held for the purpose of filling any vacancies on the UBCSUO Board of Directors (with the exception of the role of Meeting Chair.)" and;

Whereas Jesse Baxter has resigned from his position as Services Coordinator of the UBCSUO;

10.13.6 BIRT A by-election for the position of Services Coordinator be opened effective immediately.
(Tikhomiroff, S., Alnaar, A.)

WHEREAS Policy 1 regarding course load shall be effective May 1, 2013, and Policies 2 and 3 regarding resignation shall be effective immediately,

10.13.7 BIRT The Policy Regarding Executives be approved, as recommended by the Policy Committee: (Smith, T., Alnaar, A.)

Policy Regarding Executives Course Load

1. An Executive Officer shall take no more than 3 courses (9 credits) per fall/winter semester and no more than 1 course (3 credits) per spring/summer term.

Resignation

2. Resignation of an Executive Officer shall:
 - a. Be submitted in written format, addressed to the Board of Directors
 - b. Be submitted to the Board of Directors a minimum of three days prior to the next Board of Directors meeting;
 - c. Take effect 10 business days following the first Board of Directors meeting after the submission of resignation papers.

Upon submitting resignation papers, the resigning Executive must relinquish signing authority for the duration of their appointment

10.10 Committee Reports

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

10.10.1 Finance Committee - Chair Curtis Tse

Had the first meeting the statement of operations was reviewed and things are very tight right now. We must be very careful.

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

10.10.2 Service Committee – Chair: Vacant

None

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

10.10.3 Student Affairs Committee- Chair: Sam Chang

Committee has met a few times. Water bottles were successful. We are looking at a Pay it Forward day. Planning Women's Day and World Water Day.

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

10.10.4 Student Life Committee- Chair: Vacant

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.**

10.10.5 Community Outreach Committee: Chair: Sam Chang

This has been on pause due to exams, but we are just getting back into it. We have been in touch with United Way.

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

10.10.6 Policy Committee: Co-Chair: Sabrina Tikhomiroff and Sarah Smith

Everything that has been worked on has been presented. Currently working on a new mission statement.

10.12 Old Business

None

10.14 Discussion and Question Period

10.14.1 Communication among board members

10.15 Notices of Motion

10.16 Items for Next Agenda

10.17 Adjournment