



## UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS' UNION

### Emergency Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> November 2017

**Present:** Trophy Ewila (Meeting Chair)  
Mike Ouellet (Non-Voting)  
Dela Hini  
Mohamed Azzam  
Shahd Shaker  
Amal Alhuwayshil  
Kristen Morgan  
Caitlyn Mackie  
Jessica Moffatt  
Patience Okuku

**Absent:** Alex Regular  
Layne Richardson

**Guests:** Romil Jain  
Jaclyn Slater  
Daniel Kandie  
Michael Gauld

#### **4.1 The Meeting was Called to Order @ 5.05pm**

#### **4.2 Official Territory Acknowledgement**

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's important that we understand that we are very privileged to be living, working, and learning in these territories that are not our own.

#### **4.3 Speaker's Business**

None.

#### **4.4 Approval of Agenda**

**4.4.1 BIRT:** The agenda be approved as amended.

Alhuwayshil asked for the MNP survey being conducted by UBCSUO be added to Discussion.

**Moved By:** Shaker

**Seconded By:** Alhuwayshil

**Vote:** Unanimous



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#### 4.5 Approval of Minutes

- 4.5.1 As this was an Emergency meeting the minutes from the previous meeting were not required.

#### 4.6 Presentations

Kandie presented his report regarding the UBCSUO election:

- Gives overview of nominations period.
- We had 5 candidates for VP Finance & Operations, 1 for the Faculty of Management representative, 1 for Graduate representative, 2 for Faculty of Arts representative.
- Opened campaign period on the following Tuesday at midnight.
- During the campaign period complaints were received, which were dealt with before the election began.
- The complaints ranged from one concerning unfair advantage of administrators of Classes of 2020 Facebook pages (in particular against Romil Jain), however we could not find enough evidence against the candidate; another complaint was filed against Jain regarding posters that did not have CRO approval and Facebook posts containing defamatory statements, it was found that the CRO was guilty of passing on information that was incomplete.

The consequences included an apology letter to all SUO staff (from Jain), an apology to the students, and campaign was suspended once allegations were received.

- There was a concern filed against Robert McDonald for defamatory statements toward SUO members, upon investigation no evidence was found against the candidate; a second complaint was filed against McDonald regarding overspending; McDonald later approached Kandie to confess that he had indeed overspend, the candidate later decided to withdraw from the election before an offence could be administered; voting was suspended for VP Finance & Operations due to the election being compromised (as in, the Snapchat filter from McDonald may have swayed votes in his favour, thus giving him an unfair advantage over his opponents who were told that they could not use Snapchat filters due to the cost).



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- We are asking the Board to not ratify votes for the Management Representative candidate, because the candidate confessed to overspending with 4 hours left in the election. However, the candidate was not running against anyone so we open discussion to the Board regarding whether or not the candidate should be ratified.

#### 4.7 Monthly Written Activity Reports from Executive Committee

President	Not Required
VP Finance & Operations	Not Required
VP External	Not Required
VP Internal	Not Required
VP Services	Not Required

#### 4.8 Question Period

Alhuwayshil asked if there was a way to specify Azam and Azzam as these two names are very similar. The outcome of this was for care to be taken when using these surnames.

#### 4.9 General Orders

##### 4.9.1 Old Business

None.

##### 4.9.2 New Business

**4.9.2.1 BIRT:** The By-Election report from the Chief Returning Officer be approved and the results of the October 2017 by-election be recognized.

In accordance with Bylaw VII - Board of Directors (19.) the newly elected members of the Board will commence their term on 1st November 2017

**Moved By: Okuku**

**Seconded By: Moffatt**

**Vote: Yes: 4 No: 2**

**Carried**

Ewila suggested we bring a motion to amend and not accept the Faculty of Management vote, this was moved by Azzam, but there was no seconder - the Faculty of Management vote stands.



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**4.9.2.2 BIRT:** Romil Jain be granted signing authority for all bank accounts of the UBCSUO namely Royal Bank of Canada, Interior Savings and Valley First Credit Union as of 1 November 2017.

**Moved By:** Alhuwayshil

**Seconded By:** Moffatt

**Vote:** Unanimous

#### **4.10 Discussion & Announcements**

##### **Proposed date for the AGM**

November 29th for the AGM was suggested; however, this does not fit within the bylaw that states a 45-day notice is needed to host an AGM. Trophy would like to prioritize attendance, because if we adhere to the 45-day notice rule then we will hold the AGM during exams

However, we could hold the AGM in January, in which we will be breaching the Bylaw to have an AGM in the first semester.

What supersedes what? To have the AGM date announced 45 days prior or to have the AGM in the first semester?

Discussion was held around which date is best; Board of Directors members feels most comfortable with hosting the meeting in January, as we do not breach 45-day notice and we are in alignment with the Societies Act

##### **MNP Survey**

This was not discussed.

#### **4.11 Next Board Meeting Date**

8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 5.00 pm



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#### 4.12 Adjournment (no time given)

Moved By: Okuku  
Seconded By: Azzam  
Vote: Unanimous