



## UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS' UNION

### Emergency Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Trophy Ewila</b>	<b>President</b>
	<b>Jessica Moffatt</b>	<b>Director at Large (left 5.47 pm)</b>
	<b>Michael Gauld</b>	<b>Faculty Representative - Arts</b>
	<b>Shahd Shaker</b>	<b>Director at Large</b>
	<b>Djordje Kovacevic</b>	<b>Faculty Representative - Management</b>
	<b>Patience Okuku</b>	<b>VP Internal</b>
	<b>Amal Alhuwayshil</b>	<b>VP External</b>
	<b>Kristen Morgan</b>	<b>Senate Student Representative (Non-Voting)</b>
	<b>Zainah Azam</b>	<b>Director at Large</b>
	<b>Layne Richardson</b>	<b>Faculty Representative - Health &amp; Social Development (Via Phone)</b>

<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Dela Hini</b>	<b>Faculty Representative - Applied Science</b>
	<b>Alex Regular</b>	<b>Faculty Representative - Science</b>
	<b>Maher Al-Hawarneh</b>	<b>Faculty Representative - Graduate Students</b>
	<b>Mohamed Azzam</b>	<b>VP Services</b>

**9.1 The Meeting was Called to Order @ 5.12 pm**

**9.2 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.

**9.3 Speaker's Business**

Ewila requested a motion to appoint Morgan to be the Meeting Chair.

**Moved By: Gauld**

**Seconded By: Okuku**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**9.4 Approval of Agenda**

**9.4.1 BIRT:** the agenda be approved as amended.

The Agenda to be amended to include:

9.6 Presentations - SUP (3)

9.10 2. Discussions re SUP (2)

9.10 3. Finance Committee Structure



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Ewila did not feel the need for 9.10 - 3. to be added to the Agenda. Okuku did not want to discuss the Finance Committee in the absence of the VP Finance & Operations as this would be going behind his back. Gauld agreed with Alhuwayshil and stated he wished to see this on the Agenda as at present the Finance Committee was Executive heavy. Other members of the Committee chose to have this motion added to the agenda.

**Moved By: Alhuwayshil**

**Seconded By: Shaker**

**Vote: Yes - 7: No - 2 (Okuku & Ewila)**

**Carried**

#### 9.5 Approval of Minutes

- 9.5.1 BIRT:** the attached Minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be approved as amended (See attachments # 1 & 2).

Amendment was requested to the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - 8.9.2.2 where Alhuwayshil and Shaker both in fact abstained from the vote and did not vote yes. The Minutes were amended to reflect this.

Amendment was requested to the Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 - 7.10 Discussion - UBCSUO General Manager Hiring Committee - the following was asked "Moffatt directly asked Ewila do you believe this candidate to be qualified - Ewila confirmed his thought was maybe". Ewila stated he replied "Yes". The Minutes were amended to reflect this.

**Moved By: Morgan**

**Seconded By: Gauld**

**Vote: Unanimous**

#### 9.6 Presentations

- 1. Student Leadership Award** - Patience Okuku - There was no handout provided by Okuku in relation to this presentation. (Please see Phoenix News Facebook video for full dialogue - [Phoenix Video Part 1](#))

Okuku stated as highlighted last time, you might have had questions regarding the processes around selection - Okuku stated he had invited the Board to approach him regarding any questions or concerns they may have, no one had spoken with him. The awards were a recognition for students who did not seek recognition, he would still be seeking to continuing with these awards maybe trying 100 to still appreciate it, keeping the process the same as detailed at the previous Board of Directors meeting.

Alhuwayshil referred to the previous meeting Minutes where the constructive criticism stated \$8,000 split between 27 students was excessive with some organizations being approached and others, such as, the WRC who were not.



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Okuku acknowledged he wanted to appreciate everyone.

Moffatt stated she would like to see a more formal structure, providing all students with an equal chance and this structure could be used as a blueprint for coming years.

Alhuwayshil asked the Meeting Chair if Okuku's presentation was formal enough for the amount of money expended. The Meeting Chair requested maybe a budget could be circulated as she was not comfortable with Okuku's account, as a financial statement does not constitute a budget. Okuku disputed this as his words were a presentation.

The Meeting Chair proposed the following Motion:

**BIRT:** Okuku to provide a presentation at the next Board of Directors meeting to include the following:

- A budget to include
  - a line by line financial breakdown.
- How the nominees were chosen.
- A complete list of recipients (circulated or posted to website).
- Investigative research of how other institutions administer these types of awards.
- Proposed selection process.

**Moved By: Morgan**

**Seconded By: Okuku**

**Vote: Yes - 7: Abstained - 1 (Ewila)**

**Carried**

## 2. Boardroom to Resource Centre

Okuku introduced Jay Gaza to speak on behalf of the Resource Centres regarding the reasons why the centers need more space. (Please see Phoenix News Facebook video for full dialogue). [The Phoenix Video Part 1](#)

Overall the size of the space is hard to configure for so many groups plus this would also give Thirdspace more time to benefit students if they could remain in UNC109 on their own. Also, Thirdspace could release more of the workload from Health and Wellness.

Discussion took place regarding the amount of traffic using the Resource Centres. Alhuwayshil wanted to know if all other stakeholders had been consulted to see if they had any space available for the Resource Centres and what would happen if the Board of Directors were to expand their members. Okuku suggested UBCSUO use a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Boardroom that belonged to UBCO.

**Refer to 9.9.2.1 for Motion and voting - This vote did not take place due to time constraints.**



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Richardson asked if there were no motions to be voted on regarding SUP would they continue to operate as they were - Morgan replied in the positive.

Morgan explained the Board are able to annulate any decision the Executive Committee makes, if this should happen a Motion will be required.

The meeting took a 10-minute break from 6.20 pm to 6.30 pm

Richardson requested a Motion be added to the agenda. Morgan asked the Board if they wished to discuss this Motion now or later in the meeting. Debate ensued and it was decided these Motions would be better left until after the presentations by the Finance Committee and Student Union Productions.

#### **3. Finance Committee**

Okuku presented on behalf of the Finance Committee regarding SUP Structure. (Please see Phoenix News Facebook video for full dialogue) [The Phoenix Video Part 2](#)

Directly following the Finance Committee presentation Morgan asked if there were any questions specific to this presentation only, they could be expressed now otherwise, questions would be permitted after the next presentation by Student Union Productions. There being no questions, the meeting moved to the next topic.

Azzam arrived at 6.39 pm.

#### **4. Student Union Productions**

Loomer and Vajed presented to the members space. (Please see Phoenix News Facebook video for full dialogue) [The Phoenix Video Part 2](#)

#### **Jain joined the meeting via video 7.26 pm**

Morgan proposed to stop the presentation with only 25 minutes remaining as there were other time sensitive topics to be heard. The Speakers List would be maintained and be revisited in Discussion & Announcements.

Alhuwayshil proposed a Point of Information which Morgan asked to be considered in Discussion & Announcements instead.

**Richardson proposed the following Motions be added to the Agenda - in consequence of the vote pertaining to 9.1.1.2 these Motions were null and void.**

**BIRT:** The Board of Directors retract the decision made at the Executive Committee Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January (11.9.2.1).



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**BIFRT:** A Student Union Products Policy Committee be struck containing 3 members from Student Union Productions and 3 members of the Board of Directors to address all outstanding issues.

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

President	Not Received
VP Finance & Operations	Not Received
VP External	Not Received
VP Internal	Not Received
VP Services	Not Received
Interim General Manager	Not Received

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

#### 9.8 Question Period

None.

#### 9.9 General Orders

##### 9.9.1 Old Business

- 9.9.1.1** **BIRT:** The UBCSUO Board of Directors accept the report of the Hiring Committee and UBCSUO hire \_\_\_\_\_ as the new General Manager, with a probationary period of 12 months.

Due to time constraints, this Motion was reintroduced following which it was tabled\*\*.

**Moved By: Morgan**

**Seconded By: No Name Supplied**

**Vote: Unanimous**

Alhuwayshil asked for this Motion to be tabled due to time constraints. Ewila stated he was against this as the appointment was time sensitive. Moffatt thought this was too an important issue to be hurried and that UBCSUO staff were happy to remain without a General Manager in the interim. Okuku felt there was really not much discussion to be held around this matter as the Committee had unanimously chosen the candidate.

Morgan stated she was of the opinion the Hiring Committee were going to supply further reporting information on how the candidate was chosen and she did not see any evidence of this i.e. no report attached to the agenda or handout at the meeting.



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Alhuwayshil asked to move to a vote to table this motion to an Emergency Board Meeting.

**Moved By: Alhuwayshil**

**Seconded By: Moffatt**

**Vote: Yes - 4: No - 4: Abstained - 2 (Azam & Kovacevic)**

**Failed**

**See notes above \*\* regarding a second Motion to table 9.1.1.1**

Shaker left the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Morgan proposed the meeting moved to 9.9.2.1 before discussing 9.9.1.1 in order to complete the live streaming of the meeting before going In-Camera.

Okuku chose to leave at this point and was advised by Morgan if he did so quorum would be lost therefore, the meeting would be adjourned. Okuku remained.

Alhuwayshil spoke to Richardson's Motions that were still to be voted on (see earlier proposed Motions) and read out Bylaw XVII - Student Media Fund point c. "under no circumstances may the Student Union dictate to, restrict, censor or impose any conditions not directly relating to financial management on a media outlet funded by the Student Union. Thereby making the decision of the Executive Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> January 11.9.2.1 Out of Order.

Okuku said if this Motion was not allowed to stand Student Union Productions would collapse financially. Morgan pointed out the Societies Act defines financial distress as not having the funds to continue operations and Student Union Products currently have a positive balance and have the financial capacity to continue operations. Okuku spoke to unpaid wages, Morgan explained these were outstanding and not unpaid.

#### **9.9.2 New Business**

**9.9.2.1** The UBCSUO Boardroom (UNC106) be utilized as a Resource Centre room.

**A vote for this Motion did not take place and was tabled.**

**9.9.2.2** **BIRT:** The Board of Directors retract the decision of the Executive Committee's motion 11.9.2.1. (see [Executive Committee Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018](#)) be overruled by the Board of Directors as it is Out of Order according to Bylaw XVII (point c.)



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**Moved By:** Alhuwayshil

**Seconded By:** Moffatt

**Vote:** Yes - 6: No - 2 (Okuku & Jain): Abstain - Ewila

**In consequence of this vote being carried Richardson's earlier requested Motions were declared Null and Void.**

#### **9.10 Discussion & Announcements**

1. SUP - See Notes Above.
2. Policy Committee Membership - Tabled
3. Structure of Finance Committee - Tabled

#### **9.11 Next Board Meeting Date**

TBA

#### **9.12 The Meeting Adjourned @ 8.14 pm**

**Moved By:** Morgan

**Seconded By:** Moffatt

**Vote:** Unanimous