#### UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS' UNION



## Emergency Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Present: Trophy Ewila Meeting Chair & President

Romil Jain VP Finance & Operations
Michael Gauld Faculty Representative - Arts

Layne Richardson Faculty Representative - Health & Social Development

Patience Okuku VP Internal
Jessica Moffatt Director at Large

Kristen Morgan Student Senate Representative (Non-Voting)

Amal Alhuwayshil VP External (Via Phone)

Alex Regular Faculty Representative - Science (Via Phone)

Djordje Kovacevic Faculty Representative - Management (Via Phone)

Absent: Mohamed Azzam VP Services

Zainah Azam Director at Large Shahd Shaker Director at Large

Dela Hini Faculty Representative - Applied Science)
Maher Al-Hawarneh Faculty Representative - Graduate Students)

#### 10.1 The Meeting was Called to Order @ (No time recorded)

#### 10.2 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.

#### 10.3 Speaker's Business

None.

#### 10.4 Approval of Agenda

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

Motion added to Agenda - 10.9.2.1

Moved By: Okuku Seconded By: Jain Vote: Unanimous

#### 10.5 Approval of Minutes

**10.5.1** As this is an emergency meeting the Minutes from the previous meeting will not

be presented (10th January 2018).

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#### 10.6 Presentations

None.

#### 10.7 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
Interim General Manager N/A

### Question Period

#### 10.9 General Orders

10.8

#### 10.9.1 Old Business

**10.9.1.1**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.

Morgan told of her disappointment with the method adopted by the Hiring Committee. This had nothing to do with the members of the Committee. A period of 12-month probation may be out of place and possibly scared off potential candidates. In her opinion, a 1 year contract with a 3-month probation would be more in line with employment standards.

Moffatt also shared her disappointment with the method and her expectations. She felt only maybe Hini was qualified out of the Hiring Committee.

Kovacevic requested what would happen if the motion failed? Morgan advised as the motion stands, the report, the hiring of the candidate and probationary period would become an omnibus. Kovacevic asked if they would then vote of the 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of candidate. Okuku stated the Hiring Committee had voted the 1<sup>st</sup> candidate as the best, therefore, this would not happen.

Kovacevic sought clarification as to whether the Bylaws stated the UBCSUO had to have a General Manager. Alhuwayshil responded in the negative.

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Richardson referred to the Hiring Committee Report where it stated there had been a lack of quality candidates and he commented there were ways to correct this by revisiting the whole hiring process.

Okuku sighted issues with BCGEU/potential candidates and the character of UBCSUO was at stake.

Jain suggested disregarding the whole process as it may be flawed and there was no way to know an improved process. Richardson said there were ways they could work through this.

Morgan stated UBCSUO may not have "Sunny Ways" but they should have a long-term goal. The short term may be favorable now, but in the long-term it is not. She suggested the process should be started again to provide longevity.

Jain commented this was a maybe and they could not know, where is the credibility in doing this? Ewila replied it was in the report and they should consider what had been said. Okuku advised this should be undertaken objectively.

A motion was made for the Board to vote.

Moved By: No Name Supplied Seconded By: No Name Supplied

Vote: Yes - 3 (Jain, Okuku & Ewila); No - 6

**Failed** 

A friendly amendment was made to table discussing the Hiring Committee set up to a later date.

#### 10.9.2 New Business

**10.9.2.1 BIRT:** UNC105 Boardroom to be used as a Resource Centre.

Richardson asked for a summary of this motion as he was not in attendance at the last meeting of the Board of Directors. Okuku stated there was a demand from the students to have these resource centers and the cost of this relocation would be circa \$8,000

Moved By: Okuku Seconded By: Jain Vote: Unanimous



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10.10 Discussion & Announcements

None.

10.11 Next Board Meeting Date

TBA

10.12 The Meeting Adjourned @ No time was recorded

Moved By: Moffatt Seconded By: Jain Vote: Unanimous