



## UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS' UNION

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017 @ 10.00 am

**Present:** Blake Edwards (Meeting Chair)  
Fawaz Maher  
Luke Cooke  
Stella Mozin  
Madison McCardell  
Daman Bual  
Mohammed Azzam  
Gage Crawford  
Amy Park  
Joshua Fender  
Layne Richardson  
Taylor Sauder (arrived @ 10.25 am)  
Moein Ahmadipour (arrived @ 10.32 am)  
Adeet Haroon (arrived @ 10.35 am)

**Absent:** Akshay Sapra  
Kimberly Rutledge (Exam)

**10.1 The Meeting was Called to Order @ 10.05 am**

**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**

No communication devices will be allowed during this meeting (no exceptions).

**10.4 Approval of Agenda**

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

**Moved By:** McCardell  
**Seconded By:** Azzam  
**Vote:** Unanimous

**10.5 Approval of Minutes**

**10.5.1 BIRT:** the attached Minutes for 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 be approved (See attachment #1)

**Moved By:** Fender  
**Seconded By:** Mozin  
**Vote:** Unanimous



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#### 10.6 General Manager – Oral Report

Drunkemolle had attended a FROSH debrief session and UBCO were completely satisfied with how the event had been run. If anyone has any questions regarding the debrief, Drunkemolle would be pleased to discuss this with them.

#### 10.7 Monthly Activity Reports from Executive Committee

##### President

Edwards had been working on the WUSC (World University Service of Canada) MoU. (See attachment #8) He also attended (with Park) the WUSC conference in Montreal which was a great learning opportunity. The Letter of Intent should be finalized during March with potential student profiles following shortly after that. There will be a local committee formed to undertake the task of studying these profiles. During his time in Montreal Edwards also visited Studentcare with Park, Bual and Drunkemolle.

Edwards is on the University Librarian hiring committee – this is a huge mandate with the role reporting to the Provost.

Edwards has also been involved with the Sexual Assault Policy Steering Committee.

##### VP Finance & Operations

Bual had spent a large proportion of his time dealing with the appeal funding for Theta Phi Sorority (see notes in discussion for further clarification).

Bual would like to see a more streamlined on-line approach to cheques issued to the Clubs and Course Unions. This would involve IT investment but would be well worth the financial outlay. Bual will be researching the options over the coming months.

Studentcare had extended an invitation to all Executives to visit their office in Montreal. Bual was very impressed with their new setup and to gain knowledge of how Studentcare operates.

Since January 2017 over 100 campus events had received financial support from the Club and Course Union funding. A clear indication that UBCSUO is involved significantly on campus.

##### VP External

Rutledge was absent from the meeting so Edwards gave a brief update of her efforts since the last Board of Directors meeting.

ABCS\* lobbying – Rutledge's involvement in this lobbying group has seen some excellent first steps regarding student loan interest relief.

Rutledge has also been working tirelessly for the affordable transit initiative which again has gained further traction with Mayor Basran indicating that UBER is not completely off the table.

(These documents may be viewed in Attachment #3)



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#### VP Internal

Awaiting report.

#### VP Services

The Well has seen an incredible increase in the number of events being hosted there. Through communications with Clubs and Course Unions early on in the semester Richardson was able to drive more bookings to The Well, and coordinate more successful club fundraisers in The Well.

Recess is rapidly approaching and there was a very successful and record breaking pre-sale for how fast tickets sold. Students are really showing that they enjoy these concerts. Drunkemolle and Richardson have been working with UBC to expedite the process to get these events approved, and this has been very successful. With the lineup being announced next week things are developing well and UBCSUO are looking forward to another great end to the year.

Richardson's other initiatives include planning a full week of events for the last week of class, helping with the St. Patrick's Day event coming to The Well and coordinating with Clubs to ensure better turnouts to their events on campus.

#### 10.8 Question Period

#### 10.9 General Orders

##### 10.10.1 Old Business

None

##### 10.10.2 New Business

- 10.10.2.1 **BIRT:** The Memorandum of Agreement and Understanding between Quebec Student Health Alliance Inc "ASEQ" DBA "Studentcare.net/works" and Student Union of UBC Okanagan "UBCSUO" be endorsed authorizing the Agreement to be in effect until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. (See Attachment #2)

Discussion took place and it was agreed the \$2 increase from \$8 to \$10 per student for the broking of this account by Studentcare was acceptable. Studentcare also provide sponsorship to the UBCSUO on an ongoing basis.

**Moved By: Bual**  
**Seconded By: Maher**  
**Vote: Unanimous**



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- 10.10.2.2      **BIRT:** The Board of Directors rule in favour of Theta Phi's appeal for club funding and they shall receive the sum of \$700.

**Moved By: Crawford**

**Seconded By: Maher**

**Vote: Yes (9); No (1) Bual; Abstain (2) – Park & Haroon**

#### 10.10      Discussion & Announcements

1.    StudentCare Survey Results (See attachment #7)
2.    Theta Phi Funding Appeal (See attachment #4, #5 & #6)

Theta Phi wanted to appeal their funding application (\$9,000) which was rejected by the VP Finance & Operations earlier this year. There had been an issue with the club withholding funds from UBCSUO – this is against the Club & Course Union policy.

This discrepancy has since been corrected and a budget breakdown provided – they acknowledged they need to be more transparent with their monies.

They are wishing to leave the UBCSUO Club and Course Union network and become colonized by transitioning to Kappa Beta Gamma in the USA later this year which would give them international standing. For this they require extra funding if they are to undertake the “pillars” of their Sorority which include events for their members. Once they become colonized they will no longer receive any funding via the UBCSUO Club and Course Union.

Much discussion took place with regard to how much or if any monies at all should be awarded to the Sorority in view of their past. It was decided the meeting would go “in camera” for discussions to take place. It was also agreed; a motion would be added to the Agenda in order for Theta Phi to receive any funding directly from this meeting.

Please see Agenda item 10.10.2.2 for motion.

3.    Lobbying (See attachments #3)
  - a.    Provincial Lobby Document (See attachment #3)
  - b.    ABCS: Student Loan Interest Rate Reduction (See attachment #3)
  - c.    Riding Sharing Lobby Document – this document will be prepared shortly.
4.    WUSC MOU (See attachment #7)
5.    Teaching and Learning Centre

Edwards appealed to members of the Board to attend the Teaching and Learning Centre meetings that they were invited to periodically.



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6. Sculpture – Joshua Fender

Fender showed a graphic on his laptop of a sculpture he will be creating for his course work and wanted the Board of Directors to approve its installation at the beer garden.

The Board of Directors were excited to view the sculpture once it has been created.

7. Student Senate Caucus

Bual recognized he had been remiss in not forming the Student Senate Caucus Committee and would be doing this as soon as possible. Bual also pointed out that any expenses incurred from the Student Senate Caucus had been paid so the students concerned were not out of pocket.

Bual will send around an email to the Board of Directors shortly regarding the Committee.

**10.11 Next Board Meeting Date**

**TBA**

**10.12 The Meeting Adjourned @ 11.44 am**

**Moved By: McCardell**

**Seconded By: Azzam**

**Vote: Unanimous**