



## UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS' UNION

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

@ 6.30 pm

**Present:** Blake Edwards  
Shira Sneg (Non-Voting)  
Amy Park  
Akshay Sapra  
Layne Richardson  
Gage Crawford  
Kimberly Rutledge  
Taylor Sauder  
Daman Bual  
Adeet Haroon  
Luke Cooke  
Moein Ahmadipour  
Stella Mozin  
Joshua Fender  
Mohamed Azzam  
Fawaz Maher

**Absent:** Madison McCardell

**Minutes:** Deli Hini

**12.1 The meeting was Called to Order @ 6.34 pm**

#### **Point of motion:**

Layne Richardson why is Blake Edwards not meeting chair? As the President Chairs the meetings; we would need a 2/3 resolution to have someone else sit in as Chair Blake Edwards previously delegated Kristen Morgan to Chair the meeting Layne Richardson nominates Blake Edwards as meeting chair; rejected by Blake Edwards

#### **Discussion and Rationale:**

Blake Edwards does not feel that he is objective to this issue and would like to pass on the Chair to Kristen Morgan

Move to appoint Adeet as Chair  
10 in favour  
1 notable abstain (Stella)

#### **In Camera**

Blake motions to have the incoming board remain here for the discussion

Kim: We should have it only be the existing board

Shira: Have the incoming board remain and have someone external present



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#### 12.2 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.

#### 12.3 Speaker's Business

None.

#### 12.4 Approval of Agenda

##### 12.4.1 BIRT: the agenda be approved as presented.

Layne moves to amend minutes  
Seconded by Gage

7 in favour  
3 opposed  
2 abstain

##### 12.4.1.1 Blake Edwards presents the motion

**BIRT:** the board meeting out of camera

Friendly amendment to agenda approved

Kim motions to move Greek Council to present prior to Board discussion

Seconded by Gage  
All in favour

Approval of Agenda

Seconded by Amy  
All in favour

#### 12.5 Approval of Minutes

##### 12.5.1 BIRT the attached Minutes for 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be approved (See attachment #1)

Seconded by Amy  
All in favour



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#### 12.6 Presentations

Rob Einarson & Ian Cull

have concerns around the article by Ubysey concerns regarding the drop in SUO revenue; the trend relative to the budget is a concern for the university and for our own sustainability; the expectation of the campus at large is that the university provide advise and support to the SUO

Adeet: internally speaking we our trying to implement measures such as a board orientation program; we want the revenue to go back into our student services; we are working on fixing the trend; this has been a substantial situation; we will make sure that there is progress; we appreciate input from UBCO

Rob: UBCO financial matters must be public disclosed; it is important to provide access to students regarding financial matters when approached to provide such information; we (the SUO) should be as transparent as possible

Adeet: majority of the students are not business students and their understanding of the union is not comprehensive nor is it in depth, therefore we face a lot of student apathy; we hope that students do become more aware; is there anything that you (Rob) would like as an answer

Rob: meet with board once a month; it would provide comfort if we (SUO) break-even; in our department (UBCO) when we go under budget or reach a deficit there is an explanation; are these deficits structural?; UBCO does not have enough information in order to know whether this deficit is structural or one time; wages and benefits have notably gone up significantly, however the revenue has not, therefore it looks like a structural deficit

Shira: the fact that the student body may be apathetic does not mean that the student body would be comfortable with a certain level of apathy

Adeet: explanation of statement regarding apathy; student apathy means that we get less input

Daman: Rob and I had a good discussion about reassuring UBC; we have turned a corner since the years passed and we would like to showcase our progress in the years past; has brought finances and the budget to the board

Blake: regarding the wages and benefits: with the new additions to the Society's Act, we must disclose everyone who earns about \$75000

Daman: meeting with DVC: in years past there was not a fund for directors to pull out of; what we did this year is to have a budget allocated to each director, which is then approved by VP Finance; this way we can go directly to a director, portfolio or initiatives and figure out how money was spent; we look forward to disclosing how money was spent



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Adeet: allocations of student services this year compared to others

Daman: in order to look at fund allocated to student services, we must know how to define student services; I aim to show student directly what our financial position and how it is been broken down into student services

Adeet: have we allocated more money for student services such as club funding and events

Daman: we looked at everything in our budget that was not being used year to year to re-allocate for student services; with the Club Cloud and the Club initiates, we have seen a substantial increase in money for clubs and student services

More from Daman: Greek Council is a new council coming on to campus; usually the Greek Council would register as a club, however this is a unique situation as they have governing documents

Presentation: Greek Council

Nate: we began with basic principles of how the Greek Council would operate, including four pillars; we want to facilitate the growth and cooperation of Greek Life organization on council; we have gone through the process of making sure that the operation of such an organization would not conflict with the SUO governing documents

Kim: asking for more context for those who don't know what Greek Life is

Nate: 3; 1 fraternity and 2 sororities; the fraternity and one sorority are engineering based via an international organization; the other sorority is general

Kim: why is Greek life important to have at UBCO

Nate: depending on the organization, there are many services that the organization offers; both AOE and SPD have to exist as subordinates of the Engineering Society, which is limited when we would like to host events; The presence of Greek Life allows for more collaboration and cooperations

Daman: could you touch on finances

Nate: everything we do has to go through a reimbursement process; the Greek Council will seek to operation under the same manner as a faculty based student society

Blake: faculty based student societies are under the SUO; we need more discussion around finances, as that comes back to the SUO during our audits; why doesn't this become an organization that is recognized by the university

Nate: other universities operate their Greek Life Council as a sister organization to their Students Union



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Daman: the Greek Life organizations have external bank accounts that are regulated by the Engineering Society or the Students Union; with the Greek Life Council, Greek Life funds will be regulated through them; brings all of Greek Life to have their funds regulated in one place; Daman will be a sitting member of the Greek Council board, in order to act as an external critic as Greek Life Council enters their trial year

Blake: in what way has the portfolio shifted, because Amy Park was previously working on this project; we want to affirm our status as a not for profit; with the engineering Greek Life's, faculty is liable, with this shift we have less parties liable

Nate: we want to involve the SUO more in the Greek Life Council in order to affirm legitimacy; each of these organizations cannot legally hold public events, so this Greek Life Council can hold these events through the SUO

Blake: what is the structure of the Greek Council; how many reps from the organizations

Nate: each organization has a representative (3 votes), being executive members

Blake: what is the membership, how many in each organization

Nate: 30 in frat, Kappa has 26, AOE has 20; we have a board of directors to play an administrative role in the Greek Council

Blake: there are more details that must be discussed, so a meeting is needed to look over governing documents

Amy: would like to discuss further details

#### 12.7

#### Monthly Written Activity Reports from Executive Committee

Blake: WUSC: we have one student coming and three dossiers here; it is not an easy decision to make; we will know by Tuesday which students have been selected; memorandum of understanding by the university is ready to be signed; Daman and I will sign off on it, then pass it on to the other bodies to sign; and agreement between SUO, UBCO and World University Services of Canada; the university library and search committee has interviewed our 3 candidates; a big deal for incorporating more innovation with faculty and librarian; we are meeting next week on Tuesday to have our final debrief and select one of the three candidates; for provost international search committee, it is an internal search, there are a lot of complexities to who reports to what, so this will align the reports; changes of the intersectionality of how student services operations are dealt with on campus; will affect students in some regard; learning centre: was good to get feedback on some of the progress that has been made; some changes have been made to the layout; engineering has had a little scruffel that has been amended



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Daman: this was a big month with the elections getting approved, so we did a lot to make sure that everyone gets paid; the article is a call for me to reflect and make sure that everything is approved and looked into; I have looked into our new business (like Asian Express) to monitor our revenue stream; meal plan, Koi and Asian Express are very similar; will refrain from an exact number; the Well is doing well; after talking with Mike, we are looking at our future goals and how we sustain events and sustain a crowd; looking into the executives and how much they are paid, and why they don't have anything changed with CPI and why there aren't things being changed year to year, as compared to other schools

Luke: clarification on what you mean about getting paid in the elections

Daman: getting paid of their campaigns (reimbursements); building toward a legacy document, with finance reports, governing documents, make sure that we always have this on hand; the transition period is the hardest, with legacy documents we want something that the incoming board can look back on

Adeet: (to Daman) did you look back and look at the numbers to look at the potential areas of the deficit

Daman: yes I have looked at where these large numbers could have been overlooked: self-reflection of has this been done right; striving toward the goal of a budget that is kept up well

Kim: a big role of external is to communicate with our sponsors, so this is what I did at the start of the month want to continue these relations; many have come back to say that they would like to continue their work with us; cards will be going out to the city of Kelowna and our sponsors to thank them; creating a transition document to go with the greater SUO transition document; on the committee side, I am making a brief description of what goes into each; most of the non-academic and academic misconducts are soon to be closed, and if they are not resolved before my time is over I will continue the conversation

Amy: worked on the Safe Space tent at Recess, a collaboration with the WRC and SARA; we had a record turnout for volunteers; had De-Stress today; the policy book that I have been working on is at its final stage and I have to go over it with the incoming and outgoing resource coordinators to make sure that everything that they do is covered in this book; has been in the conversation on choosing one of the three incoming student refugees; I am chairing as the OMBUS person office, but do not have the formal training (so cannot sign off as the OMBUS person office) and I am working to make sure that the incoming Internal has that training so that there is someone who can sign off on that in the future

Layne: Recess has been a main focus this past month; from the police and ambulance viewpoint, this was uneventful; the addition of the Safe Space and the Red Frog Tent all went very well; still discussing ticket numbers and waiting for invoices to come in; I have been working on multiple Well events

### 12.8

#### Question Period

Luke: to all execs, since the election is over have you been able to transition with the incoming execs



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Blake: have been transitioning, have met with Trophy and Spino and Amal

Daman: the transition documents that I have with me (hold up binder that he has with him in the meeting) will be a big part of it

Kim: I have a transition document that I will pass on soon, however we have not yet met

Layne: have been working with Mo as he comes into the office to ask questions

Amy: a transition package is important, as well as hands on opportunities to shadow. Had a conversation with Spino and we agreed to meet after finals.

Trophy: Blake and I have met a substantial amount and has had very good conversations

Amy: had a conversation and agreed to meet after finals.

## 12.9

### General Orders

#### 12.9.1 Old Business

None.

#### 12.9.2 New Business

##### 12.9.12.1 **BIRT:** The Board meeting move "in camera" to discuss contract and external review.

First by Layne  
Seconded by Josh

Discussion:

Blake: make sure that we extend the invite to the incoming board and sign confidentiality with the incoming board

Adeet: we are board that is going into camera for a particular reason, so we the existing board should resolve this matter before involving the incoming board

Kim: there is no need to involve the incoming board in the conversation

10 in favour of moving into camera without the new board  
2 abstain



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#### **12.9.12.2 BIRT the Board meeting move out of camera**

First by Blake  
Seconded by Mo  
All in favour

#### **12.10 Discussion & Announcements**

Deferred until next meeting

#### **12.11 Next Board Meeting Date**

Next Board meeting will take place in 2 weeks time.

#### **12.12 Adjournment**

First by Daman  
Second by Layne  
All in favour