



UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STUDENTS' UNION

Executive Meeting Minutes
20th January 2016
@ 2.00 pm

Present: Tom Macauley
Romey Jaswal
Kelly Taverner
Ryan Kaila
Layne Richardson
Bob Drunkemolle (Non-voting)

16.1 The meeting was Called to Order @ 2.06 pm

16.2 Official Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded, traditional territory of the Okanagan Nation. What unceded means, is that there was no treaty signed between the two governing bodies; therefore we are all visitors on this land. In addition, 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.

16.3 Speaker's Business

None.

16.4 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda be approved as amended

Moved By: Kaila
Seconded By: Taverner
Vote: Unanimous

16.5 Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of 4th January 2016.

Moved By: Jaswal
Seconded By: Richardson
Vote: Unanimous

16.6 Presentations

None.

16.7 General Manager's Report (Refer to Discussion & Announcements)

16.8 President's Report (Refer to Discussion & Announcements)



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16.9 General Orders

Old Business

None

New Business

- 16.9.1 BIRT:** UBCSUO Executive Committee support UVSS rally for student debt on 3rd February 2016. Taverner to send out details.

Moved By: Taverner
Seconded By: Jaswal
Vote: Unanimous

- 16.9.2 BIRT:** The Syrian Refugee medical campaign to receive an additional \$1,000 from UBCSUO.

Moved By: Jaswal
Seconded By: Kaila
Vote: Unanimous

- 16.9.3 WHEREAS:** tuition fee increases continue to make education less accessible while allowing governments to abdicate their responsibilities to adequately fund post-secondary education; and,

WHEREAS: fully-funded public post-secondary education is vital for a strong democratic society, for advancements in science, research and technology, for a healthy, vibrant, and diverse economy, and for a more sustainable and just future; and,

WHEREAS: tuition fees are a regressive user fee that has created the most indebted generation in Canadian history, and which is already having deeply negative impacts on the economy; therefore,

BIRT: UBCSUO support the February 3rd 2016; rally being planned by the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) aiming to put pressure on the BC government to immediately freeze tuition and progressively eliminate tuition fees over the next 10 years, and to put pressure on the Canadian government to implement a federal Post-Secondary Education Act.

Moved By: Taverner
Seconded By: Jaswal
Vote: Unanimous



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16.10 Discussion & Announcements

1. Fall Reading Break

The deadline for discussing Fall reading break 2017 with Okanagan Senate is fast approaching and it was decided to speak with other institutions that have implemented this break.

2. Elections

The timeline for the elections will be decided by the end of this week (22nd January 2016).

3. Recess – 8th April 2016

Richardson gave an update – artist contracts will be signed shortly, teasers will be launched on 2nd February, pre sale of tickets will be 4th February with the launch being on 15th February.

4. International Women's Day Dinner

Taverner gave an update on the preparations for the above event. She reminded the Executive Committee they are able to attend although this was primarily a female/anyone that identifies as a female, event.

5. ABCS

Taverner spoke about the above, which was a 6-hour teleconference. April 3rd to 6th were the dates for the lobby days and representatives from the Executive were sought. Amongst the topics chosen were Advanced Housing and Sexual Assault.

6. Poverty Simulation – 1st March 2016

Taverner encourage everyone to attend the above event being held in the Ballroom between 8.30 am and 12.30 pm.

7. Suicide Prevention Day – 27th January 2016

Taverner asked for everyone to engage in this event by wearing orange.

8. Club Appreciation BBQ/Beer Garden

Kaila outlined his idea for the above event:

- 1200 tickets maximum
- Outdoor event to be held during the day
- Free tickets to Clubs (300)



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- Hire an artist to perform
- To be held 26th February 2016 (tentative)
- \$10 tickets for students (650)
- \$20 tickets for non-students (250)
- \$40 tickets for "meet and greet"
- All ages event

Discussion around the event followed and the Executive were split 50/50. The main objection being this is too close to the International Women's Day and Recess events where students' budgets would already be stretched. Macauley said he needed to give this careful consideration and would let his decision be known as soon as possible.

Macauley presented his decision to the Executive Committee on 21st January 2016 as follows:

The decision was made to move forward with the event with multiple provisions and amendments.

9. Special General Meeting

Jaswal expressed he wanted to organize a Special General Meeting regarding Bylaw amendments. He will be bringing this to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

16.12 The Meeting Adjourned @ 3.10 pm

Moved By: Jaswal

Seconded By: Taverner

Vote: Unanimous