



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, March 26, 2025 at 5 PM, UNC334/Zoom

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)
Vice President Finance and Administration
Vice-President External
Vice-President Internal
Vice-President Campus Life
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Faculty of Education Representative
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative
Faculty of Science Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative
Faculty of Applied Science Representative
College of Graduate Studies Representative

Danial Asif
Aryan Arora
Abby Newman
Rajat Arora
Saa'im Imran
Sheela Mbogo
Aliasgar Sakarwala
Mariam Al Barazi
Ananya Bhattacharya
Elnaz Zamanzade
Ali Wasti
Aman Waseem
Riko Otsuka
Olivia Lai
Amy Wang
Sahar Sowdagar
Mhamoda Moli

Directors Absent

Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Isabella Bravo
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu

Guests

BCFS
HR Consultant

Arielle
Deborah Fox

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:13 P.M.**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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 is important to understand the privilege we hold to be living, working, and learning on Syilx territory.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/03/26.01

Moli/Lai

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Asif/R.Arora

Be it resolved an in-camera session (labor) be added after the presentation.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

25/03/26.02

Mbogo/Moli

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held February 28th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.03

Mbogo/Lai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the emergency meeting held March 13rd, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.**4. PRESENTATION****4.1 RBC Off Campus Student Group Presentation**

The RBC Off Campus student group gave a presentation, highlighting their concerns about RBC funding fossil fuel projects. They suggested a Credit Union as an alternative and expressed their expectations on the role of Students' Union in supporting their movement.

[Imran entered at 5:24 p.m.]

[Otsuko entered at 5:29 p.m.]

4.2 BCFS Presentation on History of Political Party Clubs

Arielle from BCFS addressed the challenges faced by student unions and activism on campuses. She took "Student Choice Initiative" in Ontario as an example, stating that making student fees optional was an attempt to undermine student advocacy power. She shared tools and resources to help the directors navigate the situation.

[Sowdagar left at 5:48 p.m.]

[A.Arora entered at 5:53 p.m.]

5. IN CAMERA (LABOR)

25/03/26.04

Waseem/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera. [5:58 p.m.]

Carried.

25/03/26.05

Newman/Imran

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera. [7:55 p.m.]

Carried.

The board had a recess, and the meeting was called back to order at 8 p.m.

[Bhattacharya left at 7:55 p.m.]

25/03/26.06

Asif/Newman

Be it resolved that the meeting be extended for two hours.

Carried.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Executive Committee

25/03/26.07

Asif/Imran

Be it resolved that the minutes of the emergency meeting held February 27th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.08

Asif/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 10th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

6.2 Finance Committee

25/03/26.09

A.Arora/Lai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held January 29th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.10

A.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held February 28th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.11

A.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 25th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

6.3 Policy Committee

25/03/26.12

R.Arora/Moli

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 6th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.13

Lai/Imran

Be it resolved that the SUO remove the Executive Liquor Policy and that the Executives cannot purchase alcohol with SUO funding.

Carried.

A. Arora and Imran provided a review of the liquor policy. Due to potential budget cuts next year, A.Arora recommended they remove the policy and use this funding to fund the activities of student associations. Qiu clarified that the motion banned the Executives from using taps at Well Pub to purchase alcohol with SUO funding. For some events, i.e. the beer garden, they would use SUO funding to purchase alcohol, which was allowed.

6.4 Campus Life Committee

February meeting minutes were not submitted.

6.5 Campaigns Committee

25/03/26.14

Newman/Moli

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held February 27th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

Qiu corrected an error in the attendance, stating that Bhattacharya had attended the meeting.

25/03/26.15

Newman/Moli

Be it resolved that the BC3 Memorandum of Understanding (BC3 MOU)-3_20_2025 be approved as attached.

Carried.

Newman updated that the new BC3 MOU allowed the SUO to have the voting right along with three other large universities in BC. She clarified the difference in the advocacy work between BCFS and BC3. BCFS lobbies government while BC3 lobbies universities.

6.6 Graduate Student Committee

The January monthly meeting was not scheduled due to a medical emergency of the chair.

25/03/26.16

Moli/Newman

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held February 14th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.17

Moli/Newman

Be it resolved that the February GSC SAL honoraria be disbursed as follows:

GSC December			
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)	Note
1	Rohit Dandamodi	0	
2	Dina Khrabshesh	0	
3	Fatima Canales	50	
4	Nibirh Jawad	50	
5	Satabdi Das	0	
6	Yazdanmehr Gordanpour	50	
7	Hammad Ahmad	50	
8	Omang Baheti	0	
9	Ghulam Hussain	50	

Carried.

6.7 Oversight Committee

25/03/26.18

Sakarwala/Waseem

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held December 06th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.19

Sakarwala /Otsuka

Be it resolved that the November Executive Reports be adopted as attached.

Carried.

25/03/26.20

Sakarwala /Mbogo

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held January 30th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.21

Sakarwala /Moli

Be it resolved that the December Executive Reports be adopted as attached.

Carried.

25/03/26.22

Sakarwala /Waseem

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held February 26th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.23

Sakarwala /Wasti

Be it resolved that the January Executive Reports be adopted as attached.

Carried.

6.8 Resource Center Review Committee

25/03/26.24

Newman/Imran

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 21st, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

6.9 Electoral Committee

25/03/26.25

Moli/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held February 24th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.26

Otsuka/Moli

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held February 27th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.27

Wasti/Lai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held February 28th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.28

Newman/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 3rd, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/03/26.29

Newman/Moli

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 6th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

Qiu updated that they had placed a call for the three vacant positions of directors. Two applications were received for the Creative & Critical Studies Representative. For the Graduate student representative, Moli volunteered to continue with the position until the referendum of graduate student association gets sorted out.

7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

7.1 Senate

Discussion: Letter for CR-D-F Policy (attached)

25/03/26.30

Asif/Lai

Be it resolved the letter be tabled for next board meeting.

Carried. Tabled.

7.2 Board of Governors

7.3 Other University Committees

Newman provided updates on Gold Apple award and funding approved by Food Safety Committee.

8. DISCUSSION

8.1 Referendum Debrief

Asif expressed his gratitude to the board of directors who were engaged actively in tabling and promoting the referendum. The board had a debriefing on the referendum question. Asif stated that the main concern of students was financial affordability. Meanwhile, there was lots of misinformation on social media. He also mentioned that the funding modeling could be improved so that students who have no chance to use the building could pay less contribution. Newman suggested more preparation for Yes Campaigns. She also thought it important to bring alumni to connect with the community to address students' concerns. Imran suggested an awareness raising on the difference between the SUO building and UNC. Otsuka suggested an official social media to provide information and answer questions to prevent misinformation. Mbogo recommended a separate voting page in the system for the referendum. She also suggested they have a separate time for the referendum to avoid confusion in the elections. The board would pass on the feedback to the next team to ensure success of the building referendum in the future.

9. IN CAMERA (LEGAL)

25/03/26.31

Otsuka/Lai

Be it resolved the meeting be moved in-camera.

Carried. [8:43 p.m.]

[Moli left at 8:43 p.m.]

25/03/26.32

Lai/Otsuka

Be it resolved the meeting be moved out of camera.

Carried. [8:57 p.m.]

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 RBC Contract Review

25/03/26.33

Mbogo/Lai

Be it resolved that Sheela Mbogo be granted the right by the board to review the RBC contract, with the understanding that the contents of the contract will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to any third party without prior approval from the board.

Asif/Sakarwala

Be it resolved that the previous motion be amended as "Be it resolved that SUO legal team review the RBC contract and provide the board with an opinion."

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.