



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, April 11, 2025 at 4 PM, UNC334/Zoom

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)
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

Danial Asif
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

Directors Absent

Vice President Finance and Administration
College of Graduate Studies Representative
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Aryan Arora
Mhamoda Moli
Isabella Bravo
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator
Well Pub Manager

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu
Mike Ouellet

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:18 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

25/04/11.01

Mbogo/Lai

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

R.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that a new regulation amendment be added under the Policy Committee.
Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25//04/11.02

Waseem/Otsuka

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

Asif/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the motion be amended by adding the words “ and the in-camera resolution be public”, so that it reads

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 26th , 2025 be adopted and the in-camera resolution be public.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

The resolution adopted in camera at the board meeting held March 26th was:

Be it resolved that the restructuring plan be approved as presented.

Carried.

4. IN CAMERA (LEGAL)

25/04/11.03

Newman/Zamanzade

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

Carried. [4:25 p.m.]

25/04/11.04

Otsuka/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera.

Carried. [5:18 p.m.]

[Elnaz Zamanzade left at 5:10 p.m.]

25/04/11.05

Mbogo/R. Arora

Whereas RBC is the top financier of fossil fuels in Canada, the 5th largest financier in the world and the lead financier of the Coastal GasLink Pipeline which does not have Free, Prior, and Informed Consent from Indigenous Peoples;

Whereas the SUO has divested its own funds from fossil fuels and has commitments to environmental and socially-responsible investments in their bylaws;

Whereas by partnering with and being a client of RBC, the student union directly supports RBC's business model and enhances RBC's reputation among students and youth;

Be it resolved that the SUO signs onto a national statement from Change Course calling on big banks to stop fossil financing and respect Indigenous rights.

Carried.

5. STUDENT CONCERNS

A group of students were granted speaking right by the president.

The students voiced strong opposition to the proposed restructuring plan that would replace three experienced managers, respectively the Well Pub Manager, Food and Nutrition Manager and the Paper & Supply Co. Manager, with one operational manager and three team leads across the departments. They shared how those managers supported them in life and work, and how valuable they are to the community and how knowledgeable they are. They highlighted that these managers had consistently gone above and beyond their job descriptions, providing not only professional support but also personal guidance to students navigating all sorts of

challenges. For students, those managers were not just employees but also pillars of the community, trusted friends and irreplaceable parts of their lives.

Also, the students emphasized that those roles require deep institutional knowledge, years of operational experience and a sincere, long-term commitment to student service and student success. The current managers embody all of this. They had been working in their field for a long time, and they had their unique understanding of both the operations and the culture of student service, which could not be quickly or easily replaced.

The students urged the SUO board not to view this decision solely through a financial lens, but to take into consideration how to preserve a community of care, trust and continuity. The students called on the board to stand up for students' needs, voices and their vision of what this community should be.

Asif, the president, shared that he worked with the Well Pub Manager two years ago as the VP Campus life, and that Ouellet's (Well Pub Manager) guidance and support played a significant role in shaping the person he is today. He promised that none of those services would be impacted.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Executive Committee

25/04/11.06

Asif/R.Arora

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

Carried.

25/04/11.07

Asif/Newman

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held April 7th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

6.2 Finance Committee

6.3 Policy Committee

25/04/11.08

R. Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:19]

19 Funding directly provided by SUO shall not be used for the following expenses:

- a. alcohol and illegal substances;
- b. wages such as but not limited to staff expenses and honorariums;
- c. fundraising purposes such as but not limited to donations, activities, raffles or events that require a gaming license;
- d. direct contributions to external organizations activities, operations or fundraisers related to groups not registered under the SUO Student Associations policy;
- e. off campus events held without prior approval through the Off-Campus Event Application request form;
- f. events not Insured through the SUO;
- g. lottery tickets and raffle tickets; and/or
- h. pre-paid gift cards.

be amended by adding point (i) "entry tickets to the night club/pub, excluding the SUO Well pub", so [Regulation VIII:19] then reads:

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- d. direct contributions to external organizations activities, operations or fundraisers related to groups not registered under the SUO Student Associations policy;
- e. off campus events held without prior approval through the Off-Campus Event Application request form;
- f. events not Insured through the SUO;
- g. lottery tickets and raffle tickets; and/or
- h. pre-paid gift cards.
- i. entry tickets to the night club/pub, excluding the SUO Well Pub

R.Arora motivated that SUO funding cannot be used for entry to night clubs, and that students under 19 were excluded from night clubs.

Carried.

6.4 Campus Life Committee

*February committee meeting minutes were not submitted.

Qiu requested for the February meeting minutes. Imran responded that he would send it to her soon.

25/04/11.09

Imran/Lai

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

Carried.

6.5 Campaigns Committee

25/04/11.10

Newman/R.Arora

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

Carried.

25/04/11.11

Newman/Mbogo

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

Carried.

6.6 Graduate Student Committee

25/04/11.12

Mbogo/Newman

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

Carried.

25/04/11.13

Newman/Mbogo

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

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

Carried.

6.7 Oversight Committee

25/04/11.14

Waseem/Wasti

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 31st, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/04/11.15

Bhattacharya/Wasti

Be it resolved that the February Executive Reports be adopted.

Carried.

25/04/11.16

Presentation of the Executive Summary Report.

Oversight Committee members presented the executive summary report, highlighting the accomplishment that executives achieved during their term as well as feedback from staff and their peers. (The report was attached to the minutes.)

Oversight Committee member Qually also expressed his frustration over the chair's insufficient preparation for their committee meeting as well as the lack of communication regarding the change in the format of his presentation.

6.8 Student Association Oversight Committee

25/04/11.17

Mbogo/Lai

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

Carried.

6.9 Resource Center Review Committee

25/04/11.18

Newman/Mbogo

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

Carried.

25/04/11.19

Newman/Otsuka

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held April 4th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/04/11.20

Newman/R.Arora

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:33]

The Committee Members shall consist of:

- a. President;
- b. Vice President External;
- c. Advocacy and/or Governance Coordinator;
- d. at least two (2) additional directors; and
- e. up to five (5) Students at Large, including at least one (1) graduate Student-at-Large.

be amended by adding a point " e. One (1) Resource Center Director; and " after point d and renumbering the following point, so that [Regulation I:33] now reads:

The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. President;
- b. Vice-President External;
- c. Advocacy and/or Governance Coordinator;
- d. at least two (2) additional directors;
- e. One (1) Resource Center Director;** and
- f. up to five (5) Students at Large, including at least one (1) graduate Student-at-Large.

Carried.

[Wang left at 6 p.m.]

25/04/11.21

Newman/Otsuka

Be it resolved that [Regulation XII-Resource Centres] be amended to incorporate updated provisions regarding the composition, structure and responsibilities of Resource centres, as well as guidelines for the grant of the honorarium, as set forth in the attached document dated April 7, 2025.

*The updated regulation was approved by a majority vote via Email from Resource Centre Review Committee.

Newman went through all the amendments and provided motivation. There were two discussions on the regulation regarding the establishment of minimum honoraria and the responsibility of volunteers to report violations. Al Barazi highlighted the importance of the role held by Resource Center Directors and Vice Directors, and consequently suggested setting a minimum amount. Qiu noted that the matter was more operational in nature. In addition, a policy was added, stating the SUO discloses the honoraria either at the interview or in the job offer, which was a standard recruitment practice and was agreed upon by the resource center representatives.

For the second concern, Al Barazi felt it too harsh to hold volunteers personally responsible for failing to report violations. She highlighted the power imbalance between Resource Center Directors and the volunteers, and the possibility that the volunteer may not be fully familiar with the regulations.

25/04/11.22

Newman/Mbogo

Be it resolved that [Regulation XII:20]

20 All Resource Centre Directors and Vice Directors have a fiduciary duty to report to the Students' Union any activities by fellow Resource Centre Directors, Vice Directors or volunteers which violate any part of this Regulation. Volunteers shall be held personally accountable if it is revealed that they had knowledge of such an activity and chose not to report it to the Students' Union, or if they were unfamiliar with this Regulation.

be amended by replacing the words "Volunteers shall be held personally accountable if it is revealed that they had knowledge of such an activity and chose not to report it to the Students' Union, or if they were unfamiliar with this Regulation" with the words "Volunteers shall report any resource center activities they are aware of that violate the regulations", so [Regulation XII:20] then reads:

20 All Resource Centre Directors and Vice Directors have a fiduciary duty to report to the Students' Union any activities by fellow Resource Centre Directors, Vice Directors or volunteers which violate any part of this Regulation. **Volunteers shall report any resource center activities they are aware of that violate the regulations.**

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

[Bhattacharya left at 6:13 p.m.]

[Sowdagar entered at 6:15 p.m.]

6.10 Student Association Funding Committee

25/04/11.23

R.Arora/Sakarwala

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held October 18th, 2024 be adopted.

*Previously Student Association Funding and Oversight Committee.

Carried.

25/04/11.24

Asif/Newman

Be it resolved the following motions be adopted as a whole:

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

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held February 5th, 2025 be adopted.

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

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

Carried.

7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

7.1 Senate

7.2 Board of Governors

7.3 Other University Committees

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of CRO Report

25/04/11.25

Otsuka/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the SUO of UBC Board of Directors approve the 2025/2026 General Election Report as submitted by the Chief Returning Officer.

Be it further resolved that the SUO of UBC Board of Directors approve the destruction of the nomination forms used in the 2025/2026 General Election.

Carried.

8.2 Change of signors

25/04/11.26

Lai/Mbogo

Be it resolved that Danial Asif, Aryan Arora and Saaim Imran be removed as signing authorities on all bank accounts held by the Students' Union of UBC Okanagan, namely the Valley First Credit Union , the Royal Bank of Canada and RBC Dominion Securities as of May 1, 2025.

Be it further resolved that Peter Idoko, Rajat Arora and Ashley Kyei-Badu be added as signing authorities on all bank accounts held by the Students' Union of UBC Okanagan, namely the Valley First Credit Union , the Royal Bank of Canada and RBC Dominion Securities as of May 1, 2025.

Carried.

8.3 Resource Centre Ratification – Disability United Collective Okanagan

25/04/11.27

Newman/Wasti

Be it resolved that the Disability United Collective Okanagan (DUCO) Resource Center be ratified.

Newman presented the background for creating this resource center, its difference from the DRC, and what DUCO would bring to the campus community. She had conversations with UBCO Picnic staff, and they were willing to incorporate this resource center into their Picnic program. Newman called on the board to take action to bring DUCO to the campus community and support students with disabilities.

Carried.

8.4 Engagement Report Review

Attached:

Faculty of Arts & Social Science Rep. Engagement Reports (2 reports)_Olivia Lai

Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Rep. Engagement Reports (2 reports) _ Amy Wang

Faculty of Sciences Rep. Engagement Reports (2 reports)_Aman Waseem

Graduate Students Rep. (1 report) _ Mhamoda Moli

Faculty of Education Student Rep. Engagement Reports (2 reports)_ Elnaz Zamanzade

Faculty of Health & Social Development Rep. Engagement Reports (2 reports)_Ali Wasti

Director at Large Engagement Report (1 report) _Mariam Al Barazi

Director at Large Engagement Report (1 report) _Ananya Bhattacharya

Faculty of Applied Sciences Rep. Engagement Reports (2 reports)_Sahar Sowdagar

Faculty of Management Rep. Engagement Reports (2 reports)_Riko Otsuka

Director at Large Engagement Report (1 report) _Sheela Mbogo

Director at Large Engagement Report (1 report) _Aliasgar Sakarwala

9. IN CAMERA (LABOR)

Asif moved to amend the agenda by adding an in-camera session related to labor. The motion was passed unanimously.

25/04/11.28

Asif/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera. [6:46 p.m.]

Carried.

25/04/11.29

Wasti/ Otsuka

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera. [6:57 p.m.]

Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.