

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, May 15 at 1 pm, UNC133C

Executives Present

President (meeting chair)

Peter Idoko

Vice President Finance and Administration

Rajat Arora

Vice-President External

Olivia Lai

Vice-President Internal

Shreya Patnaik

Vice-President Campus Life

Ashley Kyei-Badu

Executives Absent

Staff Present

General Manager

Jason Evans

Operations and Service Manager

Mike Ouellet

Governance Coordinator

Lijie (Cecily) Qiu

Guest

StudentCare

Robyn Paches (Zoom)

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:05 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

25/05/15.01

Lai/A.Arora

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/05/15.02

Kyei-Badu/Patnaik

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

Carried.

4. PRESENTATION (STUDENTCARE)

Mr. Paches from Studentcare introduced the health and dental plan and the roles of StudentCare and the SUO in the plan. Evans asked for updates on their negotiation with the insurance company. Paches replied that the insurance premium they received was not satisfying and the negotiation was still going on.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Conferences & Travel

Arora encouraged the executives to plan their conferences strategically and carefully, emphasizing that the funding for these trips comes from students' fees. He noted that in previous years, the executives collectively assessed and prioritized which conferences to attend based on the relevance. He also added that this year would involve negotiations for Health and Dental plan so it would be helpful for Idoko to attend the StudentCare (Montreal) conference and gather more information. Lai asked for Idoko's motivation to attend the COCA (Canadian Organization of Campus Activities) conference. Idoko explained that he would like to support Kyei-Badu (VP Campus Life) on campus life events this year and he wanted to know what other universities are doing for their campus life activities through this conference. That was the reason he opted for the COCA conference over SUDS (Students' Union Development Summit). Arora thought it was more important for Idoko to attend the SUDS instead of the COCA. Lai shared her plan for the SUDS this year. She planned to collaborate with Cade Desjarlais (former SUO president and current UBC Board of Governor Student Rep) on students' concern about the tuition increase. She pointed out that usually the president and

the VP External work together to represent students' needs/concerns in discussions with UBC. She respected Idoko's choice; however, she suggested they use the money conservatively. Evans emphasized the importance and values of conferences, which could bring different perspectives and broaden their horizons. He did not want to see the budget line limit their participation in the conference. He suggested Idoko go for the SUDS in addition to the COCA if going to those conferences benefit him and the SUO. Arora disagreed with the suggestion, stressing that it was not about budget line but exercising prudence when using students' money. Lai stated that the COCA sounded like a chance for them to meet many external businesses for campus life. As VP External, Lai stated she typically manages sponsorship (for Expo and Frosh) communication via email. She agreed with Evans that those conferences are important; however, those experiences, in her mind, come at a cost. Ouellet acknowledged Idoko's interest in campus life activities, stating that the trip to the COCA would benefit the SUO and campus life events. Qiu confirmed that as per their bylaws, the president's primary responsibility lies in student advocacy rather than Campus Life events. Since VP Campus Life was already going to the COCA, Qiu advised against Idoko giving up the chance to work with VP External and Board of Governor on the tuition concern. Idoko explained that he was not aware of Lai's plan for the SUDS and would reconsider his decision. He proposed that the discussion regarding conference attendance continue at the next executive meeting.

5.2 Sponsorship Package

Lai recommended they review their sponsorship packages and brainstorm which sponsors to invite. Ouellet suggested they could get more ideas for sponsors through StudentCare Network section. Idoko suggested the Deals App from BCFS.

5.3 2026 Provincial Budget Consultation

Lai informed that on June 10 she was going to Vernon to meet with provincial government and gave a presentation on their advocacy topics: 1) to restore provincial funding on the BC public institutions; 2) to complete the post-secondary funding formula review and implement a new funding model that provides a long-term financial sustainability; 3) to strengthen the tuition limit policy to maintain 2% cap on the domestic tuition fee increase; 4) to advocate for student transit, especially the Bus Line 84.

6. IN CAMERA (LEGAL)

25/05/15.03

Kyei-Badu/Lai

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

Carried. [1:50 p.m.]

25/05/15.04

Patnaik/lai

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera.
Carried. [2:12 p.m.]

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.