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EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Board of Directors Meeting, June 27, 2025 at 4:30 PM, ZOOM/UNC105

Directors 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
Director-at-Large	Aaditya Golash
Director-at-Large	Jessica Goel
Director-at-Large	Naden Qually
Director-at-Large	Saadia Awais
Faculty of Education Representative	Elnaz Zamanzade
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Ali Wasti
Faculty of Science Representative	Yasmine Trabelsi
Faculty of Management Representative	Tejas Bhatia
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Quinlin Osadczuk
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Kiki Akinlade
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri
College of Graduate Studies Representative	Ghulam Hussain
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	

Directors Absent without Regrets

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator	Lijie (Cecily) Qiu
Operations & Service Manager	Michael Ouellet
Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes
Membership Outreach Coordinator	Izzy Rusch
Students' Advocate	Rachel Fortin
Project Manager	Aaron White

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

25/06/27.01

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/06/27.02

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

25/06/27.03

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Be it resolved that the summary of board meeting 2025-05-29 be adopted.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 SUO Draft Budget 2025-2026 Presentation & Discussion

25/06/27.04

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Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

25/06/27.05

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

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

25/06/27.06

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

25/06/27.07

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 17th, 2025 be adopted.

5.2 Oversight Committee

25/06/27.08

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 23rd, 2025 be adopted.

25/06/27.09

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Be it resolved that the Executive May reports for Shreya Patnaik ,Rajat Arora and Olivia Lai be approved.

5.3 Finance Committee

5.4 Policy Committee

25/06/27.10

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Be it resolved that Elnaz Zamanzade be appointed to the Policy Committee.

25/06/27.11

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 19th, 2025 be adopted.

25/06/27.12 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that [Regulation I-Committees:43]

Finance Committee

The Committee Members shall consist of:

- a. President;*
- b. Vice President Finance and Administration;*
- c. General Manager;*
- d. Finance Manager; and*
- e. up to two (2) additional directors*

be amended by adding *Point f. Operations and Service Manager as a non-voting, advisory member to the Finance Committee*; and adding the word "non-executive" before the word "directors" in Point e,

So that [Regulation I-Committees:43] then reads:

The Committee Members shall consist of:

- a. President;*
- b. Vice President Finance and Administration;*
- c. General Manager;*
- d. Finance Manager; and*
- e. up to two (2) additional **non-executive** directors*
- f. Operations and Service Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.***

25/06/27.13 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that [Regulation XII-Resource Centers:13] be amended by adding a new resource center and its responsibility in brief, which reads:

f.Disability United Collective – Okanagan (DUCO)

DUCO is committed to advocating for accessibility and providing emotional and practical support for students with both visible and invisible disabilities. The collective seeks to foster a welcoming, inclusive, and empowering space where neurodivergent and disabled students feel seen, heard, and valued.

25/06/27.14

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Be it resolved that Ella Kundwa, Prashaant Mudgala and Luna Li be appointed to the Policy Committee as Students at Large.

5.5 Campus Life Committee

25/06/27.15

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

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Be it resolved that Kiki Akinlade be appointed to the Campus Life Committee.

5.6 Campaigns Committee

25/06/27.17

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

25/06/27.18

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the emergency meeting held June 9th, 2025 be adopted.

5.7 Graduate Student Committee

25/06/27.19

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

25/06/27.20

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

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Be it resolved that the April & June GSC SAL honoraria be disbursed as follows:

GSC April 2025			
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)	Note
1	Rohit Dandamodi	0	
2	Dina Khrabshesh	0	
3	Fatima Canales	50	
4	Nibirh Jawad	0	
5	Satabdi Das	0	
6	Yazdanmehr Gordanpour	50	
7	Hammad Ahmad	50	
8	Omang Baheti	0	
9	Ghulam Hussain	0	

GSC June 2025			
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)	Note
1	Ahmad, Hammad	50	
2	Gordanpour, Yazdanmehr	50	
3	Jelassi, Joud	0	
4	Khrabshesh, Dina	50	
5	MacPherson, Scarlett	0	
6	Moli, Mhamoda Akter	50	
7	Ruman, Pronob Das	50	
8	Thind, Shavneet	0	

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Senate

6.2 Board of Governors

6.3 Other University Committees

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Resource Center Regulation Amendment Proposal

25/06/27.22 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that the SUO Board of Directors approve Amendments 1–4 to Regulation XII – Resource Centres as outlined in this proposal.

Amendment 1: Removal of the Vice Director Position

Reference: Regulation XII, Sections 1(d), 15, 20, 24, 26–28

Proposal:

Remove all references to the "Vice Director" role from the SUO Regulations, eliminating the position across all SUO Resource Centres.

Rationale:

This amendment is proposed to streamline leadership structures within Resource Centres. Presently, both the Director and Vice Director receive honoraria, while the volunteers remain unpaid. Eliminating the Vice Director position and retaining one lead Facilitator (formerly Director) for each Centre, who receives an honorarium, promotes greater fairness and aligns compensation with responsibility. It also resolves confusion and potential animosity related to compensation disparities among leadership and volunteers.

Amendment 2: Change of Title from "Director" to "Facilitator"

Reference: Regulation XII, Sections 1(c), 3, 13–28

Proposal:

All references to "Resource Centre Director" in Regulation XII shall be amended to "Resource Centre Facilitator."

Rationale:

The term "Director" causes confusion due to its overlap with the elected Board of Directors, who hold fiduciary duties within the SUO. Since Resource Centre leadership positions are hired through a selection process and not elected, the term "Facilitator" more accurately reflects their role as student leaders coordinating advocacy efforts without governance authority. This distinction preserves institutional clarity and integrity.

Amendment 3: Honoraria Disbursed to One Individual Per Resource Centre

Reference: Regulation XII, Sections 24, 27–28

Proposal:

Revise honoraria policy to allow only one honorarium per Resource Centre, designated to the sole Facilitator.

Rationale:

With the proposed removal of the Vice Director role (Amendment 1), honoraria distribution should reflect this streamlined structure. Concentrating the honorarium on the Facilitator acknowledges their leadership responsibility while maintaining equitable treatment for all other contributors who serve as volunteers. This also simplifies budget planning and maintains fairness across all centres.

Amendment 4: De-activation of Sex Positivity Centre and transfer of resources to Women's Resource Centre and Pride Resource Centre.

Reference: Regulation XII, Sections 6–7, 13(e), 14(a–e), 18–21

Proposal:

Begin deactivation of the Sex Positivity Centre (SPC) as a Resource Centre but maintain and continue support for sexual health and education by delegating responsibilities to Pride Resource Centre (PRC), and Women's Resource Centre (WRC).

The process shall include:

1. Issuing a formal notice of deactivation to the student body;
2. Publishing a communication post on SUO Instagram account;
3. Coordinating the reallocation of any remaining SPC funds in accordance with SUO financial policy to the new resource center, (DUCO);
4. Presenting a motion to the Board to formally deactivate the SPC Resource Centre but maintain and continue support for sexual health and education by delegating responsibilities to Pride Resource Centre (PRC), and Women's Resource Centre (WRC).

Rationale:

This recommendation arises from repeated concerns raised by students and SUO staff. Feedback indicates that SPC's operations have shifted away from educational sexual health support toward content that some students found uncomfortable or unsafe, for instance, promoting sex toys on the table was not always welcoming. Services similar to SPC's stated mandate (e.g., confidential support, sexual education) are currently offered through other resources like SVPRO and PICNIC. SPC has also shown consistently low engagement and lacks consistent tabling or programming outcomes. A transition to allocate current Sex Positivity resources to other resource centers will enable collaboration, and students with specific interests in sex positivity to continue programming under more communal peer-led governance. If Sex Positivity were to

integrate with popular resources like PRC or WRC, I believe the turnout and educational awareness would be greater. Yearly, the resource centers have a budget of \$4,000 to work with. This past year, the SPC Resource had a remainder of \$2,399.01 from their YTD 2024-2025 budget. We are hoping to allocate the remainder of \$2,399.01 from SPC to (DUCO) and give DUCO an additional \$1,600.99 to ensure that a \$4,000 budget is maintained. How does SPC compare with other resource centres with the YTD 2024-2025 budget expenditure? Looking at PRC, they had a remainder budget of \$754.61 from their \$4,000 budget, meaning that they used most of their funds on events, tabling, and campaigning. WRC had a remainder budget of \$397.01 which indicates that they spent most of their budget on student engagement. Both the PRC and WRC demonstrated strong usage in their funds which is a great thing to see. Thus, if we deactivate SPC and merge their resources with PRC and WRC, we will hope to see better student engagement.

We are stressing that we are not removing the service, we are just changing how we offer it.

Conclusion & Implementation

The above four amendments are proposed to strengthen clarity, equity, and student engagement within the Resource Centre model. These changes are grounded in the existing SUO regulatory framework and are responsive to community feedback and organizational consistency.

8. DISCUSSION

8.1 SUO Health and Dental Working Group

8.2 Director Monthly Report

9. ADJOURNMENT



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, May 29, 2025 at 1 PM, ZOOM

Directors 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
Director-at-Large	Aaditya Golash (zoom)
Director-at-Large	Jessica Goel
Director-at-Large	Naden Qually (zoom)
Director-at-Large	Saadia Awais (zoom)
Faculty of Education Representative	Vacant
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Ali Wasti (zoom)
Faculty of Science Representative	Yasmine Trabelsi (zoom)
Faculty of Management Representative	Tejas Bhatia (zoom)
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Quinlin Osadczuk (zoom)
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Vacant
College of Graduate Studies Representative	Vacant
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	

Directors Absent without Regrets

Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri
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Staff Present

Operations & Service Manager	Michael Ouellet
Governance Coordinator	Lijie (Cecily) Qiu
Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes
Students' Advocate	Rachel Fortin

Guests

Graduate Student (GSA President)	Scarlett MacPherson
Graduate Student	Ghulam Hussain

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:05 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/05/29.01

Goel/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Trabelsi/Goel

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a motion appointing Trabelsi to the Campaigns Committee under the Campaigns Committee.

Amendment carried.

Idoko/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding an appointment motion of Graduate Students Representative under the Graduate Student Committee.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/05/29.02

Goel/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held May 2nd, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 SUO Draft Budget 2025-2026 Presentation & Discussion

Arora was going to present the draft budget. Considering it was a draft, and all the numbers were not final, he moved to move the meeting in camera as their policy does not allow them to publish budget numbers without approval.

25/05/29.03

Patnaik/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

Carried. [1:10 p.m.]

25/05/29.04

Kyei-Badu/Goel

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

Carried. [1:37 p.m.]

4.2 Presentation on Health and Dental Plan for Social Media Posts and a General Discussion from Montreal Considering the Negotiation

Idoko and Patnaik introduced the conference agenda and what they had learned, highlighting the rebranding (ALUMO) of the StudentCare and extra services the company would provide, such as legal aid and 10 sessions of therapies. Kyei-Badu asked for the company names that make up the ALUMO. The three companies are StudentCare, WE SPEAK and MORCARE. Arora asked about the insurance plan fee and mentioned that they would have to run the referendum if the plan fee increases; otherwise, they would have to use their reserve funds to compensate for increased premium fee. Fortin emphasized the importance of having historical context about what benefits they had before from the student insurance. She believed that it is beneficial for them to understand what they had before and what the ALUMO offers now. Qiu suggested that StudentCare give the board a presentation regarding the changes in services.

4.3 Presentation on Board Meeting Summaries on Social Media

Trabelsi introduced her idea/plan on posting the board meeting summaries and the reason why she would like to do it. She also talked about the concerns and how she would like to address them. She presented the prototype for the summary and listed the people overseeing the posting. Board members showed their favor and support regarding the plan. Idoko recommended the governance coordinator be included in the oversight process and the approval step be included in the board meeting agenda as a regular agenda item.

25/05/29.05

Trabelsi/Goel

Be it resolved that the approved board meeting summaries henceforth be published on the SUO social media page.

Carried.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

25/05/29.06

Patnaik/Kyei-Badu

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

Carried.

25/05/29.07

Osadczuk/Goel

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held May 15th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

[Osadczuk left at 2:22 p.m.]

5.2 Oversight Committee

25/05/29.08

Goel/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held May 13th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/05/29.09

Goel/Wasti

Be it resolved that Nisha Choudary be appointed to the Oversight Committee as Student at Large.

Goel provided the motivation for this appointment on behalf of Qually.

Carried.

5.3 Finance Committee

25/05/29.10

Arora/Goel

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held April 8th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/05/29.11

Arora/Goel

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held May 23rd, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

5.4 Policy Committee

25/05/29.12

Patnaik/Goel

Be it resolved that El Pleroma Nokoson and Annika Jain be appointed to the Policy

Committee as Students at Large.

Carried. Patnaik provided motivation.

5.5 Campus Life Committee

25/05/29.13

Kyei-Badu/Goel

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held May 15th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

25/05/29.14

Kyei-Badu/Patnaik

Be it resolved that Moradeke, Mercy, Guransh, Isha, Abbi and Georgia be appointed to the Campus Life Committee as Students at Large.

Carried. Kyei-Badu provided motivation.

5.6 Campaigns Committee

25/05/29.15

Goel/Trabelsi

Be it resolved that Chinedum Onyinyechi Agwu and Nathalie Umurerwa be appointed to the Campaigns Committee as Students at Large.

Carried. Lai provided motivation.

25/05/29.16

Goel/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that Yasmine Trabelsi be appointed to the Campaigns Committee.

Carried. Trabelsi provided motivation for herself.

5.7 Graduate Student Committee

25/05/29.17

Patnaik/Goel

Be it resolved that Ghulam Hussain be appointed as the Graduate Students Representative.

Qiu provided the context that the appointed graduate student representative Moli resigned and proposed the new candidate for the position. Ghulam and Scarlett provided motivation.

Carried.

25/05/29.18

Goel/Arora

Be it resolved that the following candidates be appointed to the Graduate Student

Committee as Students at Large.

Existing SAL:

Dina Khrabsheh

Yazdanmehr Gordanpour

Hammad Ahmad

New SAL:

Mhamoda Akter Moli

Joud Jelassi (GSA member)

Pronob Das Ruman (GSA member)

Scarlett MacPherson (GSA president)

Shavneet Thind (GSA member)

Carried.

MacPherson expressed her interest in collaborating with the SUO. Ouellet stated Campus Life committee still needs a graduate student SAL.

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Senate

6.2 Board of Governors

6.3 Other University Committees

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Appointment of Directors (Special Resolution)

[Qually entered at 2:51 p.m.]

25/05/29.19

Kyei-Badu/Goel

Be it resolved that Kiki Akinlade be appointed as the Creative and Critical Studies Representative.

Carried. Idoko provided motivation.

25/05/29.20

Goel/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that Elnaz Zamanzade be appointed as the Education Representative.

Carried. Idoko provided motivation.

7.2 SUO Representative for Ombudsperson

25/05/29.21

Goel/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that Shreya Patnaik, the VP Internal be appointed as the SUO representative

for Ombudsperson.

Patnaik/Goel

Be it resolved that the motion be amended by adding the words “ Advisory Committee”, so the motion reads: Be it resolved that Shreya Patnaik, the VP Internal be appointed as the SUO representative for Ombudsperson Advisory Committee.

Amendment carried. Patnaik introduced the Okanagan Ombudsperson Advisory Committee.

Carried as amended.

8. DISCUSSION

8.1 BCFS Conference Recap

Directors shared their feedback on the BCFS SKILL Conference and commended Lai for her leadership during the conference.

8.2 Conference and Travel Approval

Lai informed the directors that they could share their motivation if they would like to attend any conference.

8.3 Poll Mondays

Trabelsi shared students’ feedback from her Poll Mondays.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, May 27 at 2:30 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

Operations and Service Manager

Mike Ouellet

Governance Coordinator

Lijie (Cecily) Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:37 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/05/27.01

Lai/Arora

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Arora/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a discussion regarding Conference and Travel.

Amendment carried.

Idoko/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a presentation from Treslyn regarding August Leadership Retreat.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/05/27.02

Arora/Lai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held May 15th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Presentation on August Leadership Retreat from Treslyn Sundher from UBC

Ms. Sundher provided details regarding the August Leadership Retreat agenda, highlighting an overview session planned for the SUO executives to present their priorities for the year.

4.2 Draft Budget Presentation 2025-2026

Arora introduced the budget structure and presented the draft budget.

5. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

5.1 Conference and Travel

Executives discussed the upcoming conferences (SUDS, COCA and Retreat) and provided their thoughts on the value of those conferences. Idoko emphasized the

value and benefit of the conference/training as well as the importance of participation in the conference. He understood the budget constraint, but he believed attending those conferences could benefit themselves, thus better serving the student body. Arora asked the executives to share with him which conferences they would like to go to and how much they would spend.

5.2 Updates from Executives

Patnaik stated that she was going to meet Global Pathways office and Career and Academic Development office to talk about the career fair. She also talked about her idea to restructure the club leadership, which would need support from faculty representatives. Last, she was working on some feedback form to send to the clubs to hear their voices and concerns.

Kyei-Badu updated that she and Ouellet had a meeting with Campus Event Planner and discussed the possibility of moving the concert from H lot to Commons field. Some executives showed concerns about noise in the residence area and the possible ticket sales reduction.

Lai updated that she met Lesley and Dale and talked about collaboration with administration and Vancouver campus. The big issue they talked about was the lack of representation from UBCO campus at the Board of Governors. They were working on increasing the representation and making the voice of campus heard while exploring more ways of collaboration.

Arora stated that he was trying to get the full-time enrollment number from the enrollment office for budget planning these days.

Idoko updated that he met executives from other universities and discussed collaboration opportunities.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students Executive
Committee Meeting, June 17 at 3 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

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:03 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/06/17.01

Kyei-Badu/Lai

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Kyei-Badu/Arora

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a discussion regarding Project Management Software and SUO branding.

Amendment carried.

Arora/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a discussion regarding Sponsorship

Amendment carried.

Patnaik/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a discussion regarding Student Services Committee.

Amendment carried.

Arora/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a discussion regarding Conference budget.

Amendment carried.

Patnaik/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a discussion regarding VP Internal Updates

Amendment carried.

Idoko/Lai

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding an in-camera discussion on Executive Committee membership

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/06/17.02

Arora/Lai

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

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 May Director Honoraria Approval

25/06/17.03

Arora/Kyei Badu

Be it resolved that the May Honoraria for the board of directors be disbursed as follows:

Name	Title	%
Awais, Saadia	Director-at-Large	100
Bhatia, Tejas	Faculty of Management Representative	100
Goel, Jessica	Director-at-Large	100
Golash, Aaditya	Director-at-Large	100
Moli, Mhamoda	College of Graduate Studies Representative	100
Onyewuchi-Ohiri, Donald	Faculty of Applied Sciences Representative	100
Osadczuk, Quinlin	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	100
Qually, Naden	Director-at-Large	100
Trabelsi, Yasmine	Faculty of Science Representative	100
Wasti, Ali	Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	100

Patnaik expressed concerns approving disbursement of honoraria from directors who's reports weren't received as shared by Idoko and was supported by Kyei-Badu. Arora provided clarity on policy regarding honoraria and director hours and encouraged lenience with first approval.

Carried.

4.2 Resource Center Engagement (Sex Positivity Center)

Lai discussed a draft proposal on amendments to the resource centers. She proposed the removal of the Sex Positivity Resource Center to allow for newly approved DUCO. She emphasized a lack of engagement from this Resource Center adding that there was little

collaboration with PICNIC. Additionally, Lai proposed for the change of the word director in regulation expressing possible confusion with SUO director roles to instead be “facilitator”. Finally, Lai proposed for Resource centre honorarium to be allocated to one individual, the facilitator.

Patnaik and Kyei-Badu, sought clarity on honoraria for volunteers and facilitators. Lai explained that the difference between volunteers and facilitators is that facilitators are hired officially by the SUO.

Patnaik inquired further about how volunteers would be appreciated for their work. Lai confirmed that there is intention to allocate budget toward Volunteer appreciation. Arora provided historical context on honoraria and volunteer restructuring following AGM. Lai added that there have been past conflicts within volunteer groups regarding payments which informed her proposed structure.

Lai proposed for the implementation and updates of regulations to include DUCO.

Kyei-Badu expressed desire for sex positivity center to be absorbed and maintained through other resource centers e.g. Pride Resource Center. Lai expressed intention to maintain/increase resources for sex positivity to subsidise the loss of the resource center.

[3:30: Kyei-Badu exited]

4.3 2025 CBIE Conference Approval

Lai discussed BCFS recommended involvement in this years Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) conference with the goal of spreading awareness and increasing resources on international student issues. Lai broke down the cost of attending the conference expressing that after speaking with the organizers she could save approx. \$1050 on conference registration. She added that she had also spoken to the GM about other ways to save including using air points.

Arora inquired about how attendance would benefit the student body. Lai explained that attendance would provide more resources to international students from a student and government perspective.

Arora inquired if conference cost is cost effective given budget cuts. Lai explained that the conference would enable her to initiate documentation and allocate resources to support international students. She expressed a need for more information to make informed campaigns.

Arora expressed concerns with consideration of conference and overall budget. Lai understood the constraints in budget and suggested that there are ongoing conversations on how to make the conference cost effective, adding that attendance at the conference would help create a framework for better support for international students moving forward.

5. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

5.1 Student Services Committee

Patnaik expressed that there was a previous committee dedicated to managing and overseeing student services. She inquired if the committee should be brought back based on policy.

Arora provided clarification on the portfolio of the VP Internal including internal services based on regulations.

Patnaik proposed for the re-introduction of an ad-hoc committee to supervise and increase awareness to services.

Arora encouraged the policy committee to decide on the issue. Lai expressed already existing issues with board participation in committee meetings.

Arora clarified that service and staff supervision is GM's responsibility.

3:50 Kyei-Badu Responds

5.2 Project Management Software and SUO branding

Kyei-Badu proposed using some sort of project management software for committee and team management. She has interest in using project management software for Campus Life committee and is considering the cost of introducing such a platform.

Kyei-Badu discussed insights gained from COCA conference with regards to branding and marketing with reference to team goal of improving organizational image. She further expressed the need for new communications and marketing roles to be well trained to fit the needs of the organization.

Arora asked for clarification on branding and marketing. Kyei-Badu explained the need for tone and voice in marketing assets to be made more personable to student body in order to reduce the perception of the SUO being "too serious".

5.3 Sponsorship

Arora expressed the need for Sponsorship dollars to contribute largely to the overall revenue. He called for Lai, Kyei-Badu, and Patnaik to provide realistic estimates for how much they could get from Sponsors, also highlighting Lai's success in securing almost \$10,000 in funding. Lai provided a breakdown on the contributions.

5.4 Conference Budget

Arora presented the proposed conference budget line.

Kyei-Badu asked for clarity on whom the budget is for and how it was allocated. Arora provided why the allocated fund was different from what was allocated last year referencing budget cuts due to reduced student enrolment.

5.5 VP Internal Updates

Patnaik confirmed that the club expo is to be held on September 17 with club orientation set for September 14. She expressed plans for Strategic Committee to be dissolved into Student Association Council with refreshments at meetings as a way for club leaders to have a platform to express concerns.

Arora expressed concerns with Student Association Council formation as club leaders in the past have not made use of already existing office hours. Patnaik responded expressing that it was part of her mandate to increase club engagement this year.

4:20 Bathroom Break

5.6 In-Camera (Executive Committee Membership)

Kyei-Badu/Arora

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera. [4:23 p.m.]

Carried.

Lai/Arora

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera. [4:29 p.m.]

Carried.

6 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Oversight Committee Meeting, June 23 at 11 AM, 2025, Zoom

Members Present

Director at Large (chair)

Naden Qually

Director at Large

Jessica Goel

Faculty of Health and Social Development Rep.

Ali Wasti

Student at Large

Nisha Choudhary

Members Absent with Regrets and Approval

Members Absent Without Regrets and/or Approval

Staff Absent

General Manager

Jason Evans

Guest

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

1. CALL TO ORDER -11:05 AM

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

25/06/23.01

Goel/Wasti

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/06/23.02

Goel/Wasti

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on May 13th, 2025, be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Adoption of the Executive Monthly Reports

25/06/23.03

Qually/Goel

Be it resolved that the Executive May reports be adopted.

- Goel raised a point about the accuracy of executive hours reported.

Qually and Qiu discussed the honor system for tracking executive hours and reviewed regulations regarding the required number of hours; Qiu also noted that many visible worked hours had not been reflected in some of the monthly reports. Members agreed on the need for more detailed reports.

- Qually and Goel discussed the importance of including all relevant activities in the executive reports.

Qually moved to amend the motion.

Qually/Goel

Be it resolved that the Executive May reports for Shreya ,Rajat and Olivia be approved.

Be it further resolved that the Executive May reports for Peter and Ashley be tabled for the next oversight meeting ,awaiting further details.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

4.2 Welcoming of our Student at Large

- Qually introduced Nisha Choudhary, the new student at large, highlighting her previous experience in student governance.

4.3 June Executive Action Plan Reviews

- Moved to July due the upcoming action plan workshop being scheduled for June 25 by the Executives the Staffs.
- Goel and Choudhary are to attend the action plan workshop on behalf of the committee.

4.4 Time-off requests

25/06/23.04

Goel/Choudhary

Be it resolved that Shreya Patnaik's Time Off Request be Granted.

-Qually provided more details on Patnaik's request for a month-long leave of absence starting July 1, 2025, due to bereavement. Shreya had discussed her absence with the president and had a plan in place to ensure continuity of her responsibilities.

Carried.

5. INFORMATION

- Goel raised a question about the membership review report due in June. Qually explained the need to delay the review to July due to the postponed action plan workshop.
- Qually assigned committee members to review specific executives' action plans in July. Goel would review the VP Finance and VP Internal, Wasti would review the VP external Nisha would review the president and Qually would review the VP Campus Life.
- Qually would provide guidance on conducting the reviews and setting up meetings with the executives.

6. DISCUSSION

6.1 Regulations and Powers Related to the Oversight Committee

- Qually consulted with members on the potential need for in-camera powers and members discussed the pros and cons. Qually proposed bringing the request for in-camera powers to the policy committee and the board for consideration.

7. ADJOURNMENT -11:58AM

SUO Executive Monthly Report

Name of the Executive: Shreya Patnaik

Report Month: May 2025

Outline the hours fulfilled for each week within the reporting month: 25 hours per week

Provide an explanation for the particular week(s) in which you did not fulfill the required hours:

ACTIVITES COMPLETED IN THIS PERIOD

(To insert a new row in the table - press the left arrow button until it reaches outside the table and press enter.)

No.	Activity Completed (Brief description, e.g.: event/initiative name, role played in the event/initiative)	Date/Range of dates on which the activity has been completed/started. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	Training-6.5 hours	01/05/2025
2.	Training-6 hours	02/05/2025
3.	SUO First Board Meeting-1.5 hours	02/05/2025
4.	Meeting with Izzy-Introductory and talk about course of action and discussion on common problems with SA, clubs and course unions and meeting fellow executives, again introductory-6 hours.	05/05/2025
5.	Extensive meeting with Cecily, discussion on policies, regulations and related issues, again very introductory and meeting with formal VP Internal (transition) -5 hours	06/05/2025
6.	Tabling for UBC Welcomes You-Represented SUO and talk about SUO and its services and more about my role-3 hours	10/05/2025
7.	Policy Committee SAL Interview-Mahatav Arora-1 hour	13/05/2025
8.	Meeting with Izzy- wanted to send out an email as my introduction as the VP Internal to all the clubs, SA's and course unions and to probably make a feedback form to send out to them-1 hour	13/05/2025
9.	Student At large Interviews- El Pleroma and Annika Jain-2 hours	14/05/2025
10.	DEI Meeting with all the Executives for possible collaboration with SUO -1 hour	15/05/2025
11.	Executive Meeting- 1 hour	15/05/2025
12.		

13.	Draft Budget Meeting with Izzy to set out budget for different things that fall under me such as SA Grants, Expo etc.-2 hours	16/05/2025
14.	Meeting with Rachel to serve at the Ombudsperson Advisory Committee-30 mins	16/05/2025
15.	Budget Meeting with Izzy and VP Finance to tell him about how we came with the numbers on the budget-1 hour	20/05/2025
16.	Montreal Conference- Health and Dental Plan-14 hours travelling	21/05/2025
17.	Montreal Conference- Health and Dental Plan-presentation and team building lunch and dinner-12 hours	22/05.2025
18.	Montreal Conference- Health and Dental Plan-presentation and goodbyes-7.5 hours	23/05/2025
19.	Went around introducing myself to everyone in the UNC offices for possible collaboration-1 hour	26/.05/2025
20.	Campaigns Committee Meeting-1 hour	26/05/2025
21.	Executive Meeting-2 hours	27/05/2025
22.	Meeting with Career and Academic development and President for possible club collaborations in Career Fairs-1 hour	28/05/2025
23.	Meeting with president for Student care presentation to the Board	28/05/2025
24.	Meeting-1 hour	
24.	Meeting with Ombuds Office-1 hour	28/05/2025
24.	Board Meeting-2 hours	29/05/2025
25.	Meeting with Global Pathways office for possible club collaboration-1 hour	30/05/2025

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

No.	Activity in progress (eg: event/initiative name, role being played in the event/initiative)	Date/Range of dates by which the activity will be completed. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	SAL Interviews for Policy Committee	03/06/2025

ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

No.	Activity to be started (Brief description)
1.	Meet with Izzy for club planning and how to plan on strategic committee meetings and whereabouts.
2.	SAL Interviews for Strategic Committee
3.	Meet with Faculty reps for possible restructuring of clubs to get them more engaged and involved.
4.	Policy Committee Meeting
5.	Discussions with Rachel, Jessica and Cecily to have an Indigenous Rep on Board
6.	Feedback Forms to send SA, Clubs and Course Unions to know their problems and opinions.
7.	Social Media posts for Student care
8.	Social media posts for Ombuspersons Advisory Committee

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES STARTED (IF ANY)

No.	Issue for immediate attention (Brief description)	Level of emergency (High/Medium/Low)
1.		
2.		

NOTES / OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION / HELP REQUIRED (IF ANY).

No.	Notes/Issues (Brief description)	Level of help required (if any) (High/Medium/Low)
1.	Help me find SALs for Strategic Committee in accordance with the regulations-call for help!!!	High

SUO Executive Monthly Report

Name of the Executive: Rajat Arora

Report Month: May 2025

Outline the hours fulfilled for each week within the reporting month: 25 hours per week

Provide an explanation for the particular week(s) in which you did not fulfill the required hours:

ACTIVITES COMPLETED IN THIS PERIOD

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No.	Activity Completed (Brief description, e.g.: event/initiative name, role played in the event/initiative)	Date/Range of dates on which the activity has been completed/started. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	SUO Board Orientation	30/04/2025 - 2/05/2025
2.	Multiple general meetings with Leanne (Finance Manager) regarding SUO finances	01/05/2025 – 31/05/2025
3.	Multiple meetings with Jason (General Manager) regarding general SUO operations	01/05/2025 – 31/05/2025
4.	1 st Board Meeting	02/05/2025
5.	Transitioning Banking details and becoming the signing authority	01/05/2025 – 06/05/2025
6.	Completed all financial and administrative duties	01/05/2025 – 31/05/2025
7.	Campus-Life meeting	15/05/2025
8.	SUO x DEI meeting	15/05/2025
9.	1 st Executive Meeting	15/05/2025
10.	Meeting with Shreya (VP Internal) and Izzy (Membership Outreach Coordinator) regarding their budget lines	20/05/2025

11.	Meeting with Ashley (VP Campus life) and Mike (Operations Manager) regarding their budget lines	20/05/2025
12.	Meeting with Peter (President) and Jason (General Manager) regarding their budget lines	20/05/2025
13.	Meeting with Olivia (VP External) regarding Advocacy's budget line	21/05/2025
14.	Chaired Finance Committee Meeting	23/05/2025
15.	Campaigns Committee Meeting	26/05/2025
16.	2 nd Executive Meeting	27/05/2025
17.	2 nd Board Meeting	29/05/2025
18.	Office Hours	05/05/2025 – 31/05/2025

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

No.	Activity in progress (eg: event/initiative name, role being played in the event/initiative)	Date/Range of dates by which the activity will be completed. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	Working on the SUO 2025-2026 Budget	31/07/2025
2.	Scheduling meeting with Michael Oullet (Operations Manager)	10/06/2025

ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

No.	Activity to be started (Brief description)
1.	Reviewing the Student Association EOT Reports
2.	Scheduling Finance Committee Meeting for the month of June
3.	Scheduling meeting with Ghulam (College of Graduate Studies Representative) regarding Graduate Student Budget line

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES STARTED (IF ANY)

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2.		

NOTES / OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION / HELP REQUIRED (IF ANY).

No.	Notes/Issues <i>(Brief description)</i>	Level of help required(if any) <i>(High/Medium/Low)</i>
1.		

SUO Executive Monthly Report

Name of the Executive: Olivia Lai

Report Month: May

Outline the hours fulfilled for each week within the reporting month:

Week 1 – 25 hours

Week 2 – 30 hours

Week 3 – 40 hours

Week 4 – 25 hours

Provide an explanation for the particular week(s) in which you did not fulfill the required hours:

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED IN THIS PERIOD

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No.	Activity Completed (Brief description, e.g.: event/initiative name, role played in the event/initiative)	Date/Range of dates on which the activity has been completed/started. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	Attended SUO Orientation. We heard from our lawyer, who emphasized the importance of following regulations and bylaws. A presentation was also delivered by the BCFS.	01/05/2025
2.	Attended the first SUO Board Meeting. Peter Idoko chaired the meeting effectively.	02/05/2025
3.	Met with Saami, the Student Senate Representative. Later, I met with the Ombudsperson (Cindy) and the Student Experience Office to discuss collaboration with Jumpstart. We were invited to deliver a 5–7-minute speech to inspire UBCO students about the SUO. We also discussed partnerships for the Wellbeing Fair and EXPO.	05/05/2025
4.	Met with Abby Newman, Rachel, and Mike to discuss BCFS matters. I also met with UBC's "Welcomes You" organizers to explore opportunities for engagement and tabling at the Welcomes You Fair.	06/05/2025
5.	Met with Chaplain Todd, Josh, and David to discuss a religious campaign and educational initiative.	07/05/2025
6.	Held mandatory office hours from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Met with Kelly from Third Space Charity to discuss mental health and counselling.	08/05/2025
7.	Participated in the SUO "UBC Welcomes You" Fair tabling event alongside the VP Internal. Engaged with prospective students and shared our 2025–2026 initiatives.	10/05/2025
8.	Met with UBC Food Systems Services. Also met with Jason and Rachel to plan the 2026 Provincial Budget Consultation, drafting a preliminary outline.	12/05/2025

9.	Created the SUO hiring/interview page for @suo.vpexternal. Conducted Campaigns Committee SAL interviews. Held mandatory office hours, but no students attended. Organized meetings with Rachel and the BCFS.	13/05/2025
10.	Worked on the Sponsorship Package with Becca, Mike, and Ashley. Organized business outreach and online documents. Coordinated with Campus Life to improve the current package.	14/05/2025
11.	Organized and led a meeting with DEI Director Dharshi and her team, bringing in the Executive Team for collaboration and planning. Held the first Executive Committee meeting.	15/05/2025
12.	Continued work on the Sponsorship Package. Met again with Becca, Mike, and Ashley to finalize pricing and advertising plans. Held mandatory office hours and met with a Political Science professor.	20/05/2025
13.	Met with Principal Lesley Cormack (DVC) to discuss the 2026 Budget Consultation, food security goals, transit improvements, and tuition transparency. Also met with the VP Finance to review the 2025–2026 budget and YTD spending.	21/05/2025
14.	Attended the BCFS SKILLS Development Symposium orientation. Learned about BCFS history and participated in team-building activities. Held a team debrief session afterward.	22/05/2025
15.	Participated in BCFS SKILLS Symposium training sessions on event planning, media relations, and Indigenous awareness. Reflected during the team debrief.	23/05/2025
16.	Continued BCFS SKILLS Symposium sessions, including base building, union finances, political land mines, and conflict resolution. Attended social events and a team debrief.	24/05/2025
17.	Final day of the BCFS Symposium. Participated in campaign brainstorming (e.g., Rise Up), giving feedback and proposing new ideas for the coming year.	25/05/2025
18.	Met with AVP Dale Mullings to discuss the 84-bus transit issue and was encouraged to meet with UBCO's transit director. Also chaired the May Campaigns Committee meeting and shared my goals and expectations for the year.	26/05/2025
19.	Held mandatory office hours (no student attendance). Met with Aaron and Rachel to discuss the 84-bus system; received data and confirmed increased rider hours in January 2026. Attended an SUO Executive meeting.	27/05/2025
20.	Attended BCFS Executive Meeting with Debbi and Cole to discuss next steps as a board member. Consulted Jill Adams about the 2026 Budget Consultation report. Participated in the BCFS Deals App Training with Esme.	28/05/2025
21.	Attended SUO Board Meeting.	29/05/2025

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

No.	Activity in progress (eg: event/initiative name, role being played in the event/initiative)	Date/Range of dates by which the activity will be completed. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	2025-2026 Sponsorship Package. Finding Sponsors via email or in-person. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 in funding for EXPO, the concert, and food security initiatives.	01/12/2025

2.	Summer BBQ Mental Health Campaign 'Beat the Heat.' Campaigning and throwing a summer BBQ for students and spreading mental health awareness.	30/06/2025
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ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

No.	Activity to be started (Brief description)
1.	2025-2026 Campaign and Advocacy Initiatives (Food Security, Mental Health, Transit Awareness)

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES STARTED (IF ANY)

No.	Issue for immediate attention (Brief description)	Level of emergency (High/Medium/Low)
1.	2025-2026 Sponsorship Package. We no longer have a media manager to communicate or advertise our package.	Medium
2.	Summer Mental Health BBQ. The 2024-2025 YTD Budget used to purchase the items for the BBQ may not carry over which would result in the 2025-2026 Budget losing funds.	Low

NOTES / OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION / HELP REQUIRED (IF ANY).

No.	Notes/Issues (Brief description)	Level of help required(if any) (High/Medium/Low)
1.	Please ensure that executive members are holding office hours. I don't see other executives posting their office hours on social media and some people are not around the office for 5 hours in a day. Please be aware of that.	Low

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Policy Committee Meeting, June 19, 2025 at 1 pm, UNC 133C/Zoom

Committee Members Present

Vice-President Internal (chair)	Shreya Patnaik
Vice-President Finance	Rajat Arora
Vice-President External	Olivia Lai
Director-at-Large	Aaditya Golash
Director-at-Large	Jessica Goel
Director-at-Large	Saadia Awais
Faculty of Arts & Social Science Rep	Quinlin Osadczuk
Faculty of Management	Tejas Bhatia
Student at Large	El Pleroma Nokoson

Committee Members Absent with Regrets and Approval

Committee Members Absent without Regrets and/or Approval

Faculty of Applied Science	Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri
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Staff Present

Governance Coordinator	Cecily Qiu
Membership Outreach	Izzy Rusch

Staff Absent

General Manager	Jason Evans
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Guests

Students' Advocate	Rachel Fortin
Student	Prashaant Mudgala

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:05 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/06/19.01

Goel/Arora

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Lai/Arora

Be it resolved that the wording of Motion 25/06/19.06 be amended.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND EXPECTATIONS

Members introduced themselves. Patnaik also noted that Mudgala would be a student at large to be appointed at the next board meeting. Nokoson was already appointed by the board so she would have the voting right at the meeting.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/06/19.02

Awais/Goel

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held April 11, 2025 be adopted.

Goel asked for updates on the discussion of Student Association orientation plan shown in the meeting minutes. Rusch replied that she was going to meet UBCO staff from Student Experience office and Health & Wellness office to work on the canvas course for the executives of student associations. She could also reach out to SVPRO for updates.

5. NEW BUSINESS

25/06/19.03

Osadczuk/Arora

Be it resolved that Prashaant Mudgala be appointed as minutes taker for Policy Committee meetings.

Carried.

25/06/19.04

Goel/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that a new policy be added to [Regulation IV-Governance] following section 33, with all subsequent policies renumbered accordingly. The new policy reads:

34. All resolutions of the Board and the Executive Committee must be approved during open (public) meetings. Resolutions shall not be voted on, or approved during in-camera (closed) sessions.

Patnaik emphasized the importance of transparency, and reiterated the key points raised by the lawyer and Michael from BCFS at the orientation regarding the in-camera session.

Carried.

25/06/19.05

Goel/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that [Regulation I-Committees:43]

Finance Committee

The Committee Members shall consist of:

- a. *President;*
- b. *Vice President Finance and Administration;*
- c. *General Manager;*
- d. *Finance Manager; and*
- e. *up to two (2) additional directors*

be amended by adding *Point f. Operations and Service Manager as a non-voting, advisory member* to the Finance Committee; and adding the word “non-executive” before the word “directors” in Point e,

So that [Regulation I-Committees:43] then reads:

The Committee Members shall consist of:

- a. *President;*
- b. *Vice President Finance and Administration;*
- c. *General Manager;*
- d. *Finance Manager; and*
- e. *up to two (2) additional non-executive directors*

f. Operations and Service Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.

Arora explained that the committee works on the budget lines requested by the executives, so this amendment would prevent the executives from influencing the budget. He also believed this amendment could provide more choices for committees that non-executive directors could sit on.

As to adding the Operations and Service Manager to the committee membership, Patnaik pointed out that, according to their contract, the new role of Operations and Service Manager includes a requirement to attend meetings of the finance committee. Arora added that daily operations impact finance, and it would be necessary for this role to provide updates on operations and service.
Carried.

25/06/19.06

Arora/Goel

Be it resolved that [Regulation XII-Resource Centers:13] be amended by adding a new resource center and its responsibility in brief, which reads:

f.Disability United Collective – Okanagan (DUCO)

DUCO shall advocate for accessibility and support disabled students through emotional, and practical resources. DUCO shall foster a safe, empowering community for neurodivergent and physically disabled students

Lai/Goel

Be it resolved the brief introduction of DUCO be amended as follows:

DUCO is committed to advocating for accessibility and providing emotional and practical support for students with both visible and invisible disabilities. The collective seeks to foster a welcoming, inclusive, and empowering space where neurodivergent and disabled students feel seen, heard, and valued.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

25/06/19.07

Osadczuk/Goel

Whereas:

- Student leaders hold positions of trust and influence within the student body;
- The integrity and safety of student governance require that candidates for elected office be free from active investigations that may compromise their ability to serve ethically or responsibly;
- Background checks are a standard and reasonable precaution to ensure

transparency and accountability in leadership positions;

- Ensuring candidate consent to such checks helps protect privacy rights while also safeguarding the community;

Be it resolved that:

A section be added to the election nomination package requiring all candidates to declare their consent to a confidential background check, limited to the following:

- Active non-academic misconduct investigations, including but not limited to sexual violence or harassment investigations through SVPRO or equivalent offices;
- Active academic misconduct investigations;
- Any formal proceedings under campus conduct policies.

Patnaik provided the rationale for the motion:

This motion proposes a clear and narrowly scoped addition to the nomination process. It ensures that candidates for student leadership are not currently under investigation for conduct that could affect their ability to lead ethically and uphold the trust of the student body. It balances transparency, due process, and privacy.

Members engaged in an in-depth discussion. The purpose of this policy was to ensure transparency and uphold the integrity of candidates in elections. Members expressed general support for the idea but raised several concerns about logistics, costs, and timing.

Currently, the all-candidates meeting is typically held one hour after the nomination period ends, which may not allow enough time to conduct thorough checks. Members noted that changes to the election calendar might be necessary to accommodate this process. Arora questioned who would bear the cost of the checks. Goel clarified that the background check would be limited to misconduct verification through UBC offices, not broader checks. Candidates would simply need to consent for the SUO to verify their standing with UBCO. Members raised a question whether all misconducts would be reflected in their student records. Awais added that not all academic misconduct results in poor standing — for example, some cases might lead to probation or a reduced course load. Fortin would contact the Student Enrollment Office to find more information.

Members also discussed potential outcomes if a candidate were found to be under investigation, and how such information could be communicated to students. Rusch suggested that consent to a check should imply agreement that the application may be withdrawn if an investigation is found. Fortin provided an overview of the misconduct investigation process.

There was further debate over whether to include academic misconduct in the

checks. Goel recommended limiting the scope to non-academic misconduct, but Nokoson argued for including academic misconduct, noting that being a director requires time commitment, and academic issues could interfere with that.

Members also discussed the phrase “good standing with SUO” in the nomination package, with Osadczuk suggesting that financial standing should be explicitly included.

Qiu moved to table the motion as they need to collect more information to clarify those questions and draft on the exact wording to be added to the nomination package.

Qiu/Arora

Be it resolved that the motion be tabled for next meeting.

Carried. Motion was tabled.

6. DISCUSSION

6.1 Minutes for In Camera Session

Patnaik raised a concern regarding a potential conflict between existing regulations and legal advice received during orientation. While their internal regulations require maintaining in-camera meeting minutes, the lawyer in the orientation advised against taking notes during in-camera sessions. She presented the issue to the committee for consideration: Should in-camera minutes be maintained? If so, where should they be stored, and who should be responsible for taking them?

Lai expressed opposition to keeping in-camera minutes, citing potential legal liability. Qiu suggested that as long as the formal resolution is recorded publicly, documenting the discussion and individual opinions during in-camera sessions may not be necessary. Arora questioned how they would respond if a director requested access to those minutes in the future. Qiu noted that under the BC Societies Act, directors are permitted to review previous minutes.

Patnaik proposed consulting with the General Manager or legal counsel for further clarification and guidance before making any decision.

6.2 Engineering Design team

Rusch proposed to amend the agenda by adding a discussion regarding the UBC Engineering Design team. The amendment was passed by unanimous consent. Rusch informed the members that she was in the process of drafting specific

regulations for the Design Team. She explained the necessity of such regulations, citing that the team receives funding from UBC in addition to funding from the SUO. This dual funding arrangement presents a conflict, as the Design Team maintains a bank account with UBC, which does not align with SUO club policies. Furthermore, Rusch highlighted that UBC's funding is restricted to engineering students, whereas SUO funding could potentially be used to support non-engineering students involved with the team. To address these issues, Rusch will post the proposed regulations in the Policy Committee team space and encouraged members to share their suggestions and feedback.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campus Life Committee Meeting, June 5th at 12pm, 2025 UNC105

Members Present

Vice-President Campus Life (meeting chair)
Vice-President Finance
Vice-President Internal
Director at Large
Director at Large
Director at Large
Faculty of Science Representative
Student at Large
Student at Large
Student at Large

Ashley Kyei-Badu
Rajat Arora
Shreya Patnaik
Naden Qually
Jessica Goel
Aaditya Golash
Yasmine Trabelsi
Moradeke Ologunde
Mercy Iyase
Isha Grewal

Members Absent With Regrets and Approval

President
Vice-President External
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Student at Large
Student at Large

Peter Idoko
Olivia Lai
Quinlin Osadczuk
Guransh Sandhu
Georgia Goerz

Members Absent Without Regrets and/or Approval

Staff Present

Operations Manager

Mike Ouellet

Staff Absent

Guests

Graduate Student Association Chairperson

Scarlett MacPherson

1. CALL TO ORDER-12:04 PM

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/06/05.01

Qually/Goel

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/06/05.02

Goel/ Qually

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on May 15th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

25/06/05.03

Goel/ Grewal

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

Carried

4. UPDATES

4.1. CONCERT MEETING WITH UBCO

An update was provided by Kyei-Badu regarding a meeting with UBCO's Campus Operations team. The meeting involved Natalie Ingram (Administration and Communications Coordinator - Campus Operations & Risk Management), Robyn Boffy (Campus Safety Officer), and Jamie Armer (Custodial and Waste Services Manager). The meeting focused on the possibility of relocating the concert from H Block to the Commons Field for safety and logistical reasons. Concerns about potential rain and harm to the grass were raised by the UBCO representatives.

Concerns about grass damage and students observing the concert from dormitories were voiced by Trabelsi. Historical context regarding the use of the venue and hesitation to use the turf field was shared by Ouellet. Patnaik proposed the use of a platform to protect the grass in front of the stage.

The logistical and safety concerns of the new location were discussed by Kyei-Badu and Ouellet. Arora raised the issue of reduced ticket sales due to visibility from dorms. It was suggested by Kyei-Badu that students be polled on their preferences. Further discussion emphasized the importance of ticket pricing and student engagement, with Kyei-Badu proposing the exploration of more affordable access options.

5. TASK AND EVENT OVERVIEW

25/06/05.04

Golash/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by changing 'Calendar Overview' to 'Task and Event Overview' for the purpose of reviewing and redistributing tasks and introducing projects to new members.

Carried.

Motivations were introduced by Student-at-Large members for themselves. A spreadsheet of events and tasks from the previous meeting was shared by Kyei-Badu, and volunteers were invited to assist with planning.

6. GENERAL EVENTS

6.1. BIWEEKLY TABLING

Biweekly tabling was proposed by Kyei-Badu to increase campus presence. Arora recommended partnering with the Campaigns Committee. Patnaik emphasized maintaining a focus on Campus Life events. Agreement was reached by Kyei-Badu to coordinate scheduling with other committees and meet with VP External Lai, targeting the first week of September to begin tabling.

6.2. UBCO ALUMNI FACULTY SPEAKERS – JESSICA

An initiative was introduced by Goel to organize faculty-specific speaker panels featuring UBCO alumni to support student career exploration. Kyei-Badu expressed support and encouraged collaboration with faculty representatives. Patnaik noted a similar effort by the Career & Development Office and suggested coordination. Agreement was reached to pursue joint efforts with Academic Advising and Career Development.

7. DISCUSSION

7.1. EVENT IDEAS

A clothing swap event was proposed by Grewal and well received. The logistics and

potential for partnership with sustainability groups were discussed by Kyei-Badu and Ouellet. Ologunde suggested a Tiny Desk-themed open mic night, which was approved by the committee. The feasibility of small artist performances in The Well was discussed.

7.2. TEAMS CHAT

Kyei-Badu emphasized the importance of using Microsoft Teams for collaboration and internal communication.

7.4 BUDGET CONCERNS AND CONCERT PLANNING

The limited Campus Life budget and its implications for the concert were raised by Kyei-Badu. Ouellet shared historical data on previous concerts, including artist costs and ticket sales. Strategies for balancing the budget were discussed, including the possibility of booking several smaller artists instead of one high-cost headliner. The committee agreed to brainstorm alternative events if the concert would need adaptation. Arora stressed the need to secure a quality artist at a reasonable cost to preserve other student services.

The growing popularity of the concert was noted by Ouellet, who recommended increasing promotional efforts. Kyei-Badu encouraged seeking sponsorships from local businesses and acknowledged the ongoing work to secure external funding. An inquiry by Grewal about artist sourcing prompted an explanation from Ouellet on the need for discretion to protect ticket sales. It was clarified that artist selection decisions were made by a small team including Ouellet, Evans, Arora, Kyei-Badu, and Idoko. Ouellet requested artist suggestions from interested members. Kyei-Badu invited additional questions and reaffirmed the team's transparency in planning.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 PM.

Qually left the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Iyase left the meeting at 12:28 PM.

CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campaigns Committee Meeting, May 26th at 1:30pm, 2025 UNC133C/Zoom

Members Present

Vice-President External (meeting chair)
President
Vice-President Campus Life
Vice-President Internal
Vice-President Finance
Director at Large
Director at Large
Director at Large

Olivia Lai
Peter Okpoga Idoko
Ashley Kyei-Badu (zoom)
Shreya Patnaik (zoom)
Rajat Arora
Aaditya Golash (zoom)
Naden Qually (zoom)
Jessica Goel (zoom)

Members Absent With Regrets and Approval

Director at Large
Faculty of Applied Science Representative

Saadia Awais
Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri

Members Absent Without Regrets and/or Approval

Staff Present

Students' Advocate
Governance Coordinator

Rachel Fortin
Lijie (Cecily) Qiu

Guests

Student
Student

Chinedum Onyinyechi Agwu
Nathalie Umurerwa (zoom)

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:33 P.M.

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2. ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

Please let me know if you have any accessibility needs that would help make the meeting more inclusive and accessible for you.

3. COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

Members briefly introduced themselves and their goals for the 2025-2026 campaigns committee.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/05/25.02

Goel/Golash

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Lai/Qually

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding the appointment of minutes taker under New Business.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/05/25.03

Arora/Idoko

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on April 14th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Appointment of the Minutes Taker

25/05/25.04

Lai/Arora

Be it resolved that Jessica Goel be appointed as minutes taker for the campaigns committee meeting.

Carried.

6.2 Feedback and Review from 2024-2025 Campaigns

Members shared their favorite campaigns from the previous year, such as Ask Me About Your Students' Union, advocacy for elections, collaboration with DRC, Mental Health Café and Smart Meals.

6.3 Formulating Ideas for 2025-2026 Campaigns

Members brainstormed ideas for campaigns this year: Male students' mental health, sexual violence awareness and consent culture, collaboration with non-profit organizations and marginalized groups (such as indigenous people/community), food security (Smart Meals), Ask Me About Your Students' Union to increase trust and transparency, advocacy for disabled students, accessibility of transit, community meals/BBQs to spread awareness of mental health and increase student engagement, collaboration with local stores/businesses, Spread Love Campaigns to increase engagement and inclusiveness, collaboration with Resource Centers, collaboration with AMS on cross campus campaigns (especially on the tuition increase) to increase the influence, collaboration with BCFS on advocacy for international students.

6.4 2024-2025 YTD Budget Input

Though Lai could not share the budget details, she asked members for ideas on promotional materials for budget consideration. She also shared her thoughts on the Smart Meals planning. Members recommended campaign T-shirt, pamphlets for SUO service and resource centres. They also suggested collaborating with the Phoenix News and sending mass emails to students to promote their campaigns.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

EMERGENCY CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Campaigns Committee Meeting, June 9th at 3 pm, 2025 UNC133C/Zoom

Members Present

Vice-President External (meeting chair)
Vice-President Internal
Faculty of Science Representative
Director at Large
Director at Large
Director at Large
Director at Large
Student at Large
Student at Large

Olivia Lai
Shreya Patnaik
Yasmine Trabelsi
Aaditya Golash (zoom)
Naden Qually (zoom)
Jessica Goel
Saadia Awais (zoom)
Chinedum Onyinyechi Agwu
Nathalie Umurerwa (zoom)

Members Absent With Regrets and Approval

Members Absent Without Regrets and/or Approval

President
Vice-President Finance
Vice-President Campus Life
Faculty of Applied Science Representative

Peter Okpoga Idoko
Rajat Arora
Ashley Kyei-Badu
Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri

Staff Present

Students' Advocate
Governance Coordinator

Rachel Fortin
Lijie (Cecily) Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:06 P.M.

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3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/06/09.01

Fortin/Qually

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/06/09.02

Fortin/Awais

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on May 26th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Beat the Heat Mental Health BBQ Brainstorm

Lai introduced her plan for the event. This event was scheduled for June 20th 11am to 2pm. Free burgers would be provided. The aim of the event was to raise mental health awareness. The SUO would collaborate with UBCO Health and Wellness to share information and resources related to mental health services. The event would help connect students with their fellows and promote peer support.

Additionally, Lai planned to include fun giveaways and interactive activities.

Trabelsi and Agwu shared the posters they designed and presented the mental health resources they collected. Due to space constraints, Trabelsi suggested including the most important resources on the poster. Agwu offered her perspective of how to promote the events and proposed ideas for educational and engaging social media content. Goel suggested collecting student feedback through a survey or a whiteboard at the event. She also emphasized the need to expand mental health resources and improve their accessibility. Agwu suggested incorporating experience-sharing activities. Finally, Patnaik asked for the vegetarian options at the BBQ to reflect the inclusiveness of the community.

Members discussed dietary restriction, and Olivia would work on that.

5.2 Upcoming Campaigns Tasks

Lai would talk about other campaigns for the year at the next June campaigns committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students

Graduate Committee Meeting, April 30 at 12:00 pm, 2025, Commons GRAD Space
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Committee Members Present

Graduate Student Representative

Executive

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Mhamoda Akter Moli

Abby Newman

Yazdanmehr Gordanpour

Hammad Ahmad

Fatima Canales

Committee Members Absent

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Satabdi Das

Dina Khrabsheh

Omang Baheti

Ghulam Hussain

Staff Member Absent

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 12:05 PM

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/04/30.01

Gordanpour/ Newman

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/04/30.02

Gordanpour/ Canales

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

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- **Future Events Planning**

The members discussed future event planning for graduate students during the summer. Moli mentioned that before receiving the new budget, the council can only organize limited events, such as the summer barbecue. Hammad suggested arranging a hiking event for both new and existing graduate students. Regarding the barbecue, members noted that last year's event was held on August 14 and agreed there's still ample time to plan it. Therefore, the immediate focus will be on organizing the hiking activity for students.

5. INFORMATION

Moli provided an update on the GSA Cultural Night event at UBC Vancouver campus previously discussed in the March meeting. She informed the members that the event at the UBC Vancouver campus took place successfully, and GSC members (Mhamoda Moli, Fatima Canales, Ghulam Hussain, Hammad Ahmad, and Yazdan Gordanpour) attended and participated actively. The allocated budget of approximately \$2,500 supported the attendance of several GSC members and they spent around \$2000. The trip was productive, serving as a valuable networking opportunity and allowing members to engage directly with the Vancouver campus community, learning from their activities and experiences.

6. ADJOURNMENT

25/04/30.03

Ahmad/Gordanpour

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Carried.

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students

Graduate Committee Meeting, June 10 at 09:00 am, 2025, Team

Committee Members Present

Graduate Student Representative

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Ghulam Hussain

Dina Khrabsheh

Mhamoda Akter Moli

Yazdanmehr Gordanpour

Hammad Ahmad

Pronob Das Roman

Committee Members Absent

Executive

Student at Large

Student at Large

Olivia Lai

Scarlett MacPherson

Joud Jelassi

Staff Member Present

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 09:03 AM

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

10/06/25.02

Gordanpour/Qiu

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10/06/25.03

Gordanpour/Qiu

Be it resolved that the meeting minutes held on April 30th be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Welcome and Transition of GSC Members

Hussain welcomed new members MacPherson, Roman, and Jelassi. He thanked outgoing members Nibirh Jawad and Fatima Canales for their years-long dedicated service and contributions. He also expressed gratitude to Moli for her outstanding work as the Graduate Representative in the past year and also to the senior members Khrabsheh, Ahmad, and Gordanpour for their continued volunteering.

Afterward, Hussain provided an overview of the GSC's Role and Activities and explained the role of the GSC as a platform for graduate student advocacy and social events. He mentioned ongoing advocacy efforts, such as graduate student childcare by Khrabsheh, and efforts for BCGEU collective agreement by Gordanpour.

4.2 Resumption of Weekly Coffee Socials

Hussain discussed the resumption of the weekly coffee catch-ups, noting that it has been one of the most popular GSC activities. Ahmad suggested starting from next Wednesday to allow for better promotion of the event. Moli volunteered to host the event for this month. Hussain shared an Excel sheet for volunteer sign-ups for future coffee events and encouraged the SALs to participate.

4.3 Future Events Planning

Future Events: Hussain shared an Excel sheet listing proposed events, including signature GSC activities such as the Graduate Student Barbecue, Boat Cruise, Cultural Night, and Winter Family Event. He encouraged the SALs, especially the new members, to take the lead in organizing these events, add suggestions for new activities, and indicate their availability in the Excel sheet.

Collaboration with SOE: Hussain also discussed potential collaboration with the SOE/Graduate Facilitators for larger events. He noted that there were some coordination issues in collaborative events last year. Ahmad recommended establishing clear expectations for joint events to help prevent miscommunication and inconvenience.

Summer Events: Hussain sought feedback from members on potential summer activities. He referred to the previously proposed hiking event from the last GSC meeting and raised concerns about the current harsh weather conditions. Ahmad suggested postponing the event until August. Dina proposed additional summer activities, such as kayaking or paddleboarding.

Events Planning Spreadsheet: Hussain mentioned he would share the Excel sheet for both weekly coffee catch-ups and upcoming events. He encouraged all members to add new event ideas and volunteer to organize activities that suit their availability.

Additional Discussion: Qiu provided an update from the Campus Life Committee and the Campaigns Committee of the SUO. She mentioned that both committees are working on a variety of meaningful initiatives and encouraged GSC to consider collaborating with them. She highlighted that the Campaigns Committee will be hosting a Barbecue Event on June 20th focused on mental health awareness, and suggested sharing the event details with graduate students. Qiu also

suggested enhancing GSC's presence on social media to better engage graduate students and raise awareness about GSC activities. She offered to speak with SUO staff regarding support for GSC's social media promotions.

Hussain agreed with the suggestion to collaborate with SUO committees and supported the idea of enhancing GSC's social media presence for better outreach and engagement.

5. ADJOURNMENT

10/06/25.05

Ahmad/Moli

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 01:33 p.m.

Carried.