



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, July 23rd, 2025 at 12 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

25/07/23.01

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/07/23.02

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

25/07/23.03

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Be it resolved that the summary of board meeting 2025-06-27 be adopted.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 SUO Draft Budget 2025-2026 Presentation

25/07/23.04

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Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

25/07/23.05

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

25/07/23.06

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Be it resolved that the SUO Annual Operating Budget 2025-2026 be approved as presented.

4.2 Executive Action Plan

25/07/23.07

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Be it resolved that the SUO Action Plan 2025-2026 be approved as presented.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

25/07/23.08

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

25/07/23.09

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

5.2 Oversight Committee

5.3 Finance Committee

25/07/23.10

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

25/07/23.11

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held July 18th, 2025 be adopted.

5.4 Policy Committee

25/07/23.12 (Special Resolution)

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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.

5.5 Campus Life Committee

5.6 Campaigns Committee

25/07/23.13

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

5.7 Graduate Student Committee

25/07/23.14

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

25/07/23.15

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

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

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Senate

6.2 Board of Governors

6.3 Other University Committees

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 SUO Community Meals Initiative

25/07/23.16

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Be it resolved that the SUO Community Meals initiative be approved.

8. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

8.1 SUO Health and Dental Working Group

8.2 BCFS Executive Meeting Updates

9. ADJOURNMENT



EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)
Vice President Finance and Administration
Vice-President Campus Life
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Faculty of Education Representative
Faculty of Science Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative
Faculty of Applied Science Representative
College of Graduate Studies Representative
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Peter Idoko
Rajat Arora
Ashley Kyei-Badu
Aaditya Golash
Jessica Goel
Naden Qually
Elnaz Zamanzade
Yasmine Trabelsi
Tejas Bhatia
Quinlin Osadczuk
Kiki Akinlade
Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri
Ghulam Hussain

Directors Absent with Regrets

Vice-President External
Vice-President Internal
Director-at-Large
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative

Olivia Lai
Shreya Patnaik
Saadia Awais
Ali Wasti

Directors Absent without Regrets

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator
Operations & Service Manager

Jason Evans
Lijie (Cecily) Qiu
Michael Ouellet

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:35 P.M.**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/06/27.01

Goel/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

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

25/06/27.02

Goel/Qually

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

Carried.

25/06/27.03

Goel/Qually

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

Carried.**4. PRESENTATION****4.1 SUO Draft Budget 2025-2026 Presentation & Discussion**

25/06/27.04

Goel/Hussain

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

Carried. [4:44 p.m.]

25/06/27.05

Qually/Goel

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

Carried. [5:21 p.m.]

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

25/06/27.06

Goel/Osadczyk

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

Carried.

25/06/27.07

Goel/Hussain

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

Carried.

5.2 Oversight Committee

25/06/27.08

Qually/Trabelsi

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

Carried.

25/06/27.09

Goel/Qually

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

Qually explained that the reports from Idoko and Kyei-Badu were tabled for the next oversight meeting due to the need for clarification and details. No other concerns were raised regarding their reports.

Carried.

5.3 Finance Committee

5.4 Policy Committee

25/06/27.10

Osadczyk/Hussain

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

Carried.

25/06/27.11

Trabelsi/Kyei-Badu

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

Carried.

25/06/27.12 (Special Resolution)

Trabelsi/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 finance committee handles the budget lines requested by the executives. Including non-executive directors as members could ensure executives do not influence the committee's decision on the budget lines. As to adding Operations and Service Manager to the committee, Arora clarified that this role oversees SUO business and was contractually required to sit on the finance committee. He emphasized it was important that Operations and Service Manager provides updates on business to Finance committee as these directly impact the organization's finances.

Carried.

25/06/27.13 (Special Resolution)

Goel/Qually

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.

Arora added that the ratification of the DUCO was approved by the last board. It was an update in the regulation and provided a brief introduction to this resource center.

Carried.

25/06/27.14

Qually/Osadczyk

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

Qiu outlined the strengths and skill sets of these candidates.

Carried.

5.5 Campus Life Committee

25/06/27.15

Kyei-Badu/Goel

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

Carried.

25/06/27.16

Kyei-Badu/Qually

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

Kiki expressed her interest in the committee.

Carried.

5.6 Campaigns Committee

25/06/27.17

Goel/Trabelsi

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

Carried.

25/06/27.18

Goel/Osadczyk

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

Carried.

5.7 Graduate Student Committee

25/06/27.19

Qually/Hussain

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

Carried.

25/06/27.20

Goel/Hussain

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

Carried.

25/06/27.21

Kyei-Badu/Qually

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	

Carried.

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 (Special Resolution)

25/06/27.22

Trabelsi/Qually

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.

Directors engaged in an in-depth discussion and expressed concerns regarding Amendment #3 and #4. Idoko explained that the previous board had amended their Resource center regulation in response to a resolution passed in the previous AGM and he introduced the current honoraria system for the Resource Center. The current regulation stated that the director and vice director are eligible to receive honoraria. Arora explained that their proposal to remove the vice director was due to concerns about a potential conflict of interest as the director appoints the vice director. Qiu added that the honoraria do not necessarily have to be monetary, and she noted that the Resource Center regulations approved by the previous board also included appreciation events for other volunteers. As such, volunteers could be recognized through gift cards, certificates, and/or appreciation dinners instead of cash payments. Directors reviewed the AGM resolution. Osadczuk and Hussain interpreted it as requiring that all volunteers receive honoraria to fulfill its intent. Qiu pointed out that, while the AGM resolution claimed that volunteers who used to receive honoraria are no longer do, in practice, only volunteer leads had received honoraria in the past.

Regarding Amendment #4, Arora explained the main reasons for the proposal were a lack of interest from membership and low engagement in their events. Directors discussed how they could transfer the Sex Positivity center resources to other centers and how they could

utilize the resources from UBCO. It was strongly recommended that communication be established with all relevant groups before proceeding.

25/06/27.23

Qually/Hussain

Be it resolved that the SUO Board of directors approve amendments 1,2 and 4 of Regulation 12.

Be it further resolved that Amendment 3 of the resource centre regulation amendment proposal be referred to the policy committee for further discussion and analysis to ensure it follows the resolution adopted by student membership at the 2024 AGM.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

8. DISCUSSION

8.1 SUO Health and Dental Working Group

Tabled for next meeting.

8.2 Director Monthly Report

Idoko reminded the directors to submit their monthly reports on time. Goel raised concerns about the honoraria system, stating that basing compensation solely on report submission rather than hours worked was unfair. Arora responded that the current approach was in line with established policy. Evans clarified that Board of Directors positions were volunteer roles rather than employee positions, and therefore, honoraria were provided as recognition—not tied to hours worked. Idoko suggested having further conversation in the future.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of
Students Executive Committee Meeting, June 26 at 12 pm, UNC105/Zoom

Executives Present

President (meeting chair)

Vice President Finance and Administration

Vice-President External

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Campus Life

Peter Idoko

Rajat Arora

Olivia Lai

Shreya Patnaik

Ashley Kyei-Badu

Executives Absent

Staff Present

General Manager

Operations and Service Manager

Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans

Mike Ouellet

Lijie (Cecily) Qiu

Guests

Bounce

Bounce

Bounce

Ola Ogungbemile

Sean Monteiro

Scott

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:09 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/06/26.01

Arora/Lai

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

Lai/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding "Conference Approval to CBIE".

Amendment carried.

Patnaik/Arora

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a discussion on Health & Dental plan working group.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/06/26.02

Lai/Patnaik

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

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Presentation of the Budget

Arora presented the budget line for each executive and highlighted the budget cuts due to anticipated reductions in student enrollment.

Lai requested that 10% of the sponsorship funds be allocated to campaigns, citing the extra time and effort she invested in securing the sponsors. The executives acknowledged Lai's contribution, and they also emphasized the current financial constraints and shared how such funds are typically allocated. They agreed to continue the discussion in future meetings.

Arora raised concerns about hosting a concert this year, noting the significant costs and suggesting that the funds could instead support other budget lines, such as student advocacy and services. Evans added to the context that that staff layoffs had already been implemented to address the financial challenges. In response, Kyei-Badu expressed her understanding of the situation and proposed considering alternative events that could also enhance the student campus experience.

4.2 Presentation from Bounce

Representatives from Bounce gave a presentation on the platform's key features and addressed Idoko's questions regarding student data security, support for student clubs in hosting events, and available training plans.

Following the presentation, other executives expressed confusion, noting that the organization already used Rubric to facilitate club events and questioned the rationale behind bringing Bounce into the discussion. Idoko clarified that Bounce had approached him during the COCA conference regarding a potential contract, and he recommended a presentation so the entire team could make an informed decision together.

Patnaik and Arora strongly recommended involving the Finance Manager, Project Manager, and Membership Outreach Coordinator in the discussion, as these staff members actively used the current platform to support student clubs. Evans provided context on how Rubric was originally selected and noted that the Bounce contract was still active for managing campus life events. He suggested collecting student feedback on Rubric and conducting a full assessment before considering a switch to another platform. Kyei-Badu added that, moving forward, it would be more effective to consolidate to a single platform for managing student events.

4.3 Operation Updates

Ouellet provided an update on the bookstore inventory check and acknowledged Kayla for her assistance with the inventory count. He also announced his recent appointment to the COCA Board. Regarding the Pantry, Ouellet noted that no new supplies had been ordered, as the current pantry supplies were nearing expiration. He expressed expectations for the Pantry to expand in the future. Additionally, he gave a brief update on his budget, as well as concerts and events planning.

4.4 Conference Approval to CBIE

Lai highlighted the benefits of attending the CBIE (Canadian Bureau for International Education) conference, emphasizing that it could provide valuable resources and insights to support her campaigns for international students. It would also help build connection with some government officers. Arora raised concerns about the associated costs. In response, Lai offered to use credit card points to help offset the flight expenses. After discussing the pros and cons,

executives agreed that attending CBIE would support Lai's action plan for the year and enhance SUO's advocacy for the international students.

4.5 Health and Dental Working Group

Patnaik proposed reinstating the Health and Dental Working Group, originally established three years ago, to collaborate on promoting the Health and Dental services through social media.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 14:56 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, July 10th at 1 pm, UNC105/Zoom

Executives Present

President (meeting chair)

Peter Idoko

Vice President Finance and Administration

Rajat Arora

Vice-President External

Olivia Lai

Vice-President Campus Life

Ashley Kyei-Badu

Executives Absent

Vice-President Internal

Shreya Patnaik

Staff Present

General Manager

Jason Evans

Governance Coordinator

Lijie (Cecily) Qiu

Operations and Service Manager

Mike Ouellet

Receptionist and Service Assistant

Kishan Reid

Guest

ALUMo (StudentCare)

Robyn Paches

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:07 PM

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/07/10.01

Lai/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/07/10.02

Lai/Kyei-Badu

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

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Health and Dental Premium of Upcoming Term

[Reid entered at 1:09 p.m.]

Robyn gave a presentation on the confirmed plan cost for the upcoming term, explaining that the cost is determined by projected claims, inflation trends, and administrative fees. He presented data and graphs illustrating SUO insurance claims over the past years, along with the corresponding inflation trends.

[Reid left at 1:36 p.m.]

4.2 June Director Honoraria Approval

25/07/10.03

Arora/Lai

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

Name	Title	%/ \$
Akinlade, Kiki	Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Rep.	\$50
Awais, Saadia	Director-at-Large	100%
Bhatia, Tejas	Faculty of Management Rep.	100%
Goel, Jessica	Director-at-Large	100%
Golash, Aaditya	Director-at-Large	100%

Hussain, Ghulam	College of Graduate Studies Rep.	100%
Onyewuchi-Ohiri, Donald	Faculty of Applied Sciences Rep.	\$50
Osadczuk, Quinlin	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Rep.	100%
Qually, Naden	Director-at-Large	100%
Trabelsi, Yasmine	Faculty of Science Rep.	100%
Wasti, Ali	Faculty of Health & Social Development Rep.	100%
Zamanzade, Elnaz	Faculty of Education Rep.	100%

Akinlade and Onyewuchi-Ohiri did not submit the monthly report but attended the June board meeting.

Carried.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Membership Outreach Assistant

Idoko explained that this role would be a full-time co-op position. SUO continues to offer the opportunity for student co-op placements. However, a noted challenge would be the annual onboarding process, as Rusch would need to provide orientation each year. Despite this, Idoko mentioned that if the position starts earlier in the summer, Rusch would be fine with training the assistant annually. Idoko also planned to reach out to the Co-Op office to confirm the availability of their funding.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Finance Committee Meeting, June 24th, 2025, at 9AM, Hybrid

Members Present

Vice-President Finance and Administration

President

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Faculty of Applied Science Representative

Rajat Arora

Peter Idoko

Quinlin Osadczuk

Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri

Members Absent With Regrets and Approval

Members Absent Without Regrets and/or Approval

Staff Present

Finance Manager

General Manager

Operations Manager

Leanne Smailes

Jason Evans

Michael Ouellet

Staff Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:08 A.M

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/06/24.01

Smailes/ Idoko

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/06/24.02

Idoko/ Osadczuk

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

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

6. DISCUSSION

6.1 SUO Draft Budget- II 2025-2026 Presentation & Discussion

Arora presented the second draft of the SUO 2025–2026 Budget to the Committee, highlighting several key updates and refinements made since the initial draft. He emphasized the importance of maintaining a non-deficit budget, with a strong focus on achieving a balanced financial position or a minimal surplus. The presentation also served as an opportunity for committee members to provide additional input, with Arora encouraging further feedback ahead of the final draft's submission.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 A.M

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Finance Committee Meeting, July 18th, 2025, at 11AM, Zoom

Members Present

Vice-President Finance and Administration
President

Rajat Arora
Peter Idoko

Members Absent With Regrets and Approval

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative

Quinlin Osadczuk

Members Absent Without Regrets and/or Approval

Faculty of Applied Science Representative
Ohiri

Donald Onyewuchi-

Staff Present

Finance Manager
General Manager
Operations Manager

Leanne Smailes
Jason Evans
Michael Ouellet

Staff Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:05 A.M

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/07/18.01

Idoko/Smailes

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

Evans/Idoko

Be it resolved that a discussion item be added regarding the ENGSOC Financial Request.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/07/18.02

Smailes/Idoko

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

Carried.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 SUO's Annual Operating Budget 2025-2026 Presentation & Adoption

Arora presented the final draft of the SUO Annual Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. During the presentation, he also mentioned that the team together has successfully developed a balanced budget with no deficit. In fact, the budget reflects a minimal surplus, which demonstrates a fiscally responsible approach to managing student fees and organizational expenditures. The presentation included a detailed breakdown of projected revenues and expenditures. There was a thorough and thoughtful discussion among committee members regarding some budget lines. After reviewing all components, the committee moved forward with adoption and recommendation to the board.

5. NEW BUSINESS

25/07/18.03

Idoko/Smailes

Be it resolved that the finance committee approves the final draft of the annual operating budget and recommends it for approval by the board of directors.

Carried.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

7. DISCUSSION

7.1 ENGSOE Financial Request

Evans informed the committee that ENGSOE has reached out with a financial request. ENGSOE is inquiring whether they can spend more money than they anticipate collecting through student fees this year, as they have carry-forward amounts from previous years to support the overage. Additionally, they also requested SUO to provide the money in advance, as SUO collects the fees on behalf of ENGSOE and then disburses them.

A discussion took place among committee members regarding the feasibility and implications of this request. The committee agreed that the SUO can support ENGSOE by advancing the funds ahead of collection. However, given the significant amount of money involved, the committee expressed the need to meet directly with ENGSOE to gain further clarification and ensure responsible allocation and oversight.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is adjourned at 12:33 P.M.

CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Campaigns Committee Meeting, June 26th at 10:30 am, 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
Student at Large
Vice-President Finance
Vice-President Campus Life

Olivia Lai
Shreya Patnaik
Yasmine Trabelsi(zoom)
Aaditya Golash (zoom)
Jessica Goel
Saadia Awais (zoom)
Chinedum Onyinyechi Agwu
Rajat Arora(zoom)
Ashley Kyei-Badu (zoom)

Members Absent With Regrets and Approval

Director at Large
Student at Large

Naden Qually
Nathalie Umurerwa

Members Absent Without Regrets and/or Approval

President
Faculty of Applied Science Representative

Peter Idoko
Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri

Staff Present

Students' Advocate
Governance Coordinator
Operations & Service Manager

Rachel Fortin
Lijie (Cecily) Qiu
Michael Ouellet(Guest)

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:37 A.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. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/06/26.01

Patnaik/Goel

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/06/26.02

Goel/Golash

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

Carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Remodelling SUO smart meals and Presentation

Lai presented a comprehensive proposal to revamp the Smart Meals initiative. The updated program, potentially rebranded in collaboration with Picnic, aims to provide three free meals per week-two lunches and one breakfast-replacing the earlier structure of three free breakfasts and one \$5 meal per month.

Lai emphasized the shift in focus from purely sustainability to a broader community and mental health-oriented initiative, while still offering diverse meal options including halal, gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan.

Ouellet supported the proposal by outlining logistical and financial feasibility, advocating for flexibility in mealtimes and a stronger emphasis on creating inclusive community spaces during meals. He and Lai both highlighted that the program would be rolled out gradually starting in mid-September, with adjustments based on feedback.

Kyei-Badu suggested integrating monthly events with community meals to boost participation and proposed a cost analysis, which Olivia and Mike addressed, explaining the plan to stretch the budget by purchasing ingredients in bulk rather than subsidizing vendor meals.

Patnaik and Goel raised concerns regarding transparency, the inclusion of dietary and religious needs, and the impact on sustainability messaging. Patnaik emphasized the importance of proactive and transparent communication with students prior to implementing major changes. She highlighted that Smart Meals was a topic of intense student engagement last year, including discussions at the SUO AGM and written concerns from student groups such as UBCO Beats, Enactus SUO, IDS, the Sustainability Course Union, and others. Goel added that a clear, accessible explanation of all changes should be made available online or via SUO social media, to maintain the trust built during previous campaigns. Goel objected to the idea of shifting 80% of meals to include meat, noting that this would make the program inaccessible to many students with dietary or religious restrictions (e.g., vegans, vegetarians, Muslims, Hindus, students with allergies or lactose intolerance). She stressed that food insecurity affects students across all dietary preferences and stated that the current 100% plant-based model is the most inclusive format. Patnaik emphasized the SUO's responsibility to serve all students equitably and asked whether the committee had considered how this change could affect vulnerable students. Patnaik highlighted that Smart Meals is one of the SUO's only visible sustainability initiatives. She questioned how the addition of meat—known to have a higher environmental impact—aligns with SUO's broader climate and sustainability commitments. Goel supported this point, questioning the rationale behind deprioritizing sustainability in a student-facing program and calling for a reassessment of sourcing and budgeting strategies instead. Patnaik questioned claims that plant-based meals are more expensive than meat-based options. She cited the lower cost of staple vegan ingredients like lentils and rice and emphasized the importance of bulk sourcing and menu design to maintain affordability. Both Goel and Patnaik challenged the basis of the proposed changes, asking what concrete student feedback had been collected to justify them. Goel argued that feedback should be collected *before* making changes—not after. Patnaik also referenced a recent Reddit thread where students expressed support for the plant-based format and its sustainability messaging. Both urged the committee to conduct a new student survey or town hall to assess sentiment before proceeding. Goel concluded that she could not support the new direction without a clear mandate from students and proper communication. Patnaik added that the committee has a responsibility to represent all students and urged a careful review of the proposed changes. Both recommended that the Campaigns Committee formally advise the VP External to re-evaluate implementation steps and increase communication efforts before roll-out. Lai responded by citing a student survey conducted the previous year and outlined plans for a town hall or social media survey once the SUO's communications team is fully staffed. She assured the committee that vegan and vegetarian options would be maintained, and data collection during initial rollouts would inform future decisions. The committee acknowledged the importance of balancing food security, mental

health, sustainability, and inclusivity. Various members, including Trabelsi and Agwu, emphasized the need for clear communication strategies and leveraging platforms like Instagram and in-person feedback during BBQs.

5.2 Current updates on Campaigns and Presentation

Lai gave an overview of key campaigns for the upcoming year, including:

- Collaboration with Picnic: Increase student awareness of grab-and-go breakfast programs and special meals like Pi Day and Cultural Days.
- Pantry and Donation Drives: Community involvement to provide shelf-stable goods, toiletries, and culturally diverse snacks.
- Spiritual Wellness Fair: An educational and inclusive event tentatively scheduled for September 25 to promote spiritual diversity.
- Spread Love Campaign: A mental health initiative during Thrive Month in collaboration with Picnic.
- Ask Me About Your SUO: Transparency-driven campaign to promote SUO services and resources.
- Bi-weekly Community Markets: Continued collaboration with Picnic to host markets and promote local vendors.

5.3 Campus Delegation and Tasks

Lai encouraged committee members to take ownership of specific campaign tasks. She emphasized that the successful execution of these initiatives would depend on volunteer support and collaborative energy.

She reminded members that although the campaigns are under her leadership, they belong to the entire committee, and everyone's involvement is crucial for their success. A call for volunteers and role allocation will be coordinated via follow-up email with the presentation slides.

Patnaik, Goel, and Kyei-Badu reiterated the importance of mutual support, transparency, and accountability, especially when phasing out legacy programs like Smart Meals. Members praised Lai's vision and expressed eagerness to contribute to the campaigns.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 A.M.

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Graduate Committee Meeting, July 10 at 11:30 am, 2025, Team

Committee Members Present

Graduate Student Representative

Executive

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Ghulam Hussain

Olivia Lai

Mhamoda Akter Moli

Yazdanmehr Gordanpour

Hammad Ahmad

Scarlett MacPherson

Pronob Das Roman

Joud Jelassi

Shavneet Thind

Committee Members Absent

Student at Large

Dina Khrabsheh

Staff Member Present

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

1. CALL TO ORDER at 11:38 AM

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

10/07/25.01

Scarlett/Hammad

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10/07/25.02

Hammad/Scarlett

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

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Ghulam welcomed new members; Scarlett, Joud, Shavneet, Pronob, and Olivia to the GSC. The new members expressed enthusiasm about joining and a strong interest in contributing effectively to GSC activities.

4.1 Research Fest Fund for CMPS Students

Moli presented the agenda item and requested that GSC consider a funding contribution for a CS Graduate student-led research conference. She mentioned that since it is a graduate student-led event, some level of GSC support was expected by the conference organizers. While they are not requesting full funding, they are hoping for partial support and also inquired if there are any other sources, such as SUO or research-specific budgets, that

could be tapped for this purpose. Hammad cautioned about setting a precedent for other students/departments and emphasized GSC's limited funds and the need to prioritize general events for all grad students. He suggested that the GSC team should have a thorough discussion to decide whether GSC should support such events, and if so, to establish a defined funding cap or budget allocation specifically for such initiatives. Yazan supported the initiative and suggested that if we end up supporting them, we should do it with a condition- that the CS students form a course union to manage future funding independently. Olivia & Scarlet also supported funding but emphasized the need for clear documentation (budget, goals, outcomes). Scarlet and Joud suggested submitting a formal proposal and details before funding approval. Shavneet recommended establishing clear funding guidelines, including a cap on contributions for external events. Ghulam requested Moli to share the detailed request/information from them and proposed inviting the organizer to the next meeting for a direct presentation.

Conclusion:

- Decision postponed to the next meeting.
- Moli will share the proposal details with GSC members and invite the event organizer to present at the next meeting.
- Ghulam to review GSC's available budget for possible contributions before the next meeting

4.2 Summer Events

Ghulam encouraged members to propose ideas for summer events. Shavneet also emphasized the importance of hosting at least one summer event to help graduate students connect at the start of the academic year. Pronob proposed a cricket tournament but expressed concern about student availability during summer and early September. Hammad suggested mid or end of September as an ideal time when new students arrive and the weather is still favorable.

Olivia invited GSC members to volunteer for the next SUO-organized summer barbecue and confirmed that SUO will cover the entire cost, and GSC members can participate/contribute as volunteers. Ghulam further encouraged members to participate in the SUO BBQ event and also to share any additional event ideas they would have.

4.3 Summer BBQ

Ghulam proposed setting a date for the summer BBQ, around mid-August, as was did last time. Hammad recommended a Wednesday evening for better attendance and alignment with weekly coffee hours. Discussion continued around ensuring sufficient volunteers. Tentative attendees confirmed: Ghulam, Scarlett, Shavneet, Pronob (if there is no exam conflict), Moli, and Hammad, and possibly others.

Conclusion:

Date confirmed as Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

Ghulam to contact Mike for event coordination and booking.

Promotion and volunteer planning to begin.

Participation from SUO executives is to be requested (pending confirmation from Olivia).

4.4 GSC Team Bonding Event

Ghulam informed the members that, upon suggestion from Hammad, we are planning a team bonding event so that new members can. Hammad proposed it could be done as a brunch or lunch gathering to help new and existing members build rapport. Hammad will coordinate and plan the event.

4.5 Future Events

Ghulam encouraged members to sign up for hosting future events, including weekly coffee socials, emphasizing that most of GSC's budget is allocated to its social events, so participation and volunteer commitment are essential to spend the budget as planned.

4.6 Collaborative Events with SEO

Ghulam informed the members that he had a meeting with Cassidy (SEO) to discuss collaboration expectations. He mentioned that, for now, both sides showed interest in partnering on three major events: Cultural Night, Grand Gala, and the Boat Cruise. He also suggested forming event-specific subcommittees with clear roles and responsibilities from both GSC and SEO. Yazdan recommended involving Cassidy and Graduate facilitators directly when forming planning committees. Scarlett supported the collaboration needs and noted that SEO also has event supplies that GSC should check before making new purchases for events.

4.7 Sign up for hosting Weekly Coffee and other Events

Hammad proposed inviting other Graduate Course Unions (GCUs), such as EGSS and the Bio Grad Society, to co-host weekly coffee events. GSC would provide funding, while GCUs would handle co-hosting and promotion. He mentioned that he has already spoken with some GCUs, and they agreed with this idea. It could boost turnout, increase diversity, and give exposure to other GCUs. Scarlett and Joud endorsed the idea and offered to speak with the Psychology Course Union and EGSS, respectively. Ghulam supported and welcomed the idea, suggesting that GCUs can co-host and support the events, but the primary identity must stay with GSC. He emphasized that GSC's presence and visibility should be maintained through its members and banner display.

5. ADJOURNMENT

10/07/25.05

Hammad/Scarlett

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Carried.