



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.**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral territory of the Okanagan Nation. We would like to recognize that learning happened in this place long before this institution was established. It is important to understand the privilege we hold to be living, working, and learning on Syilx territory.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/05/29.01

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.