

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.

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

25/06/17.01

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.