

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of
Students Executive Committee Meeting, August 15 at 9:30 am, Zoom/UNC105

Executives Present

President (meeting chair)

Peter Idoko

Vice President Finance and Administration

Rajat Arora

Vice-President External

Olivia Lai

Vice-President Internal

Shreya Patnaik

Vice-President Campus Life

Ashley Kyei-Badu

Executives Absent

Staff Present

General Manager

Jason Evans

Governance Coordinator

Lijie (Cecily) Qiu

Operations and Service Manager

Mike Ouellet

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:43 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

25/08/15.01

Patnaik/Arora

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Patnaik/Arora

Be it resolved a discussion regarding EXPO Timebe added.

Amendment carried.

Patnaik/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved a discussion regarding Volunteers for EXPO be added.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/08/15.02

Patnaik/Kyei-Badu

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

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 July Director Honoraria Approval

25/08/15.03

Kyei-Badu/Arora

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

Name	Title	%/ \$
Akinlade, Kiki	Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Rep.	100%
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.	Tabled

Osadczuk, Quinlin	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Rep.	Tabled
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%

Carried.

Osadczuk's report was tabled as the link he shared was not working. Onyewuchi-Ohiri's report was tabled as no hours of engagement were reported and further clarification was needed. Idoko confirmed that Onyewuchi-Ohiri attended part of the July board meeting.

Executives discussed the board honoraria policies and tried to clarify the requirements for the approval process. Evans stated that honoraria are disbursed depending on whether a director submits a report, regardless of the content they provided. Qiu clarified that the honoraria disbursement is subject to approval of the executive committee. Arora confirmed that in their policy, executives are given the power to approve the monthly report; and the monthly honorarium is determined by the attendance of board meeting and the report of engagement. Idoko recommended that the policy committee review policies of directors' honoraria.

Executives expressed concern about Onyewuchi-Ohiri's lack of engagement in SUO business, emphasizing that directors are elected by the student body and are expected to fulfill their responsibilities. They emphasized that attending board and committee meetings is the bare minimum requirement. They agreed that honoraria should not be approved for directors with zero participation, as it undermines accountability and commitment. Qiu expressed concern about absenteeism without communication. She recommended the president reach out to assess the capacity of Onyewuchi-Ohiri and encourage more engagement.

4.2 Presentation for VP Student Retreat

Idoko asked the executives to work together on the presentation for VP Student Retreat. They could use the same presentation for the September UBC Board of Governor meeting for student advocacy. Idoko suggested they could combine their action plan. Lai suggested the following points: food security, international student advocacy and funding distribution on Okanagan campus. Evans recommended student concerns or advocacy that UBC could have influence on and that are aligned with the UBC budget. Patnaik suggested that they meet next week to decide on the goals of their presentation.

4.3 Referenda and Planning

With the by-election approaching, Idoko informed the team of four potential referenda. 1. The referendum question for an independent graduate student association, which was under legal review of UBC; 2. A referendum regarding U-

Pass fee increase due to the notification from City of Kelowna regarding the increase of bus fares; 3. A referendum regarding the SUO membership fee. A change from a credit fee to a flat fee was proposed. Idoko pointed out the fact that all students, no matter full time or part time students, receive the same service from SUO and that the UBC also had some concerns regarding their Workday system in terms of the student fee processing. 4. A referendum regarding the Health and Dental fee increase due to the increased premium.

Evans recommended they hold the first three referenda during the by-election and leave the Health and Dental one to the General election. Qiu was in favor of the suggestion, noting that the by-election is usually very quiet and it is a good time to facilitate referenda while the general election is usually competitive, and she prefers less referenda so as not to distract students from general elections. Lai suggested having the U-Pass referendum in the general election as students were going to see some positive changes in the transit in the fall, which could result in a positive outcome for the referendum. Evans pointed out that if the U-Pass referendum failed in the fall, they would still have time to facilitate another one in the spring of next year.

Idoko also briefly talked about the AGM in the fall. Qiu reminded the team that elections, referenda and AGM are all important governance events for the SUO. Campaigns or information sessions are needed to facilitate the referenda. She encouraged Idoko lead the whole board team to work on campaigns and the other important governance events.

4.4 SUDS Re-cap

Idoko and Lai brief introduced their activities during SUDS conference and stated that it was a valuable opportunity to strengthen relationships with AMS and collaborate on advocacy efforts aligned with their shared goals. They also learned a lot from other universities and had conversations with BC3. The SUO won the most engagement award. They highly recommended the conference for the future executive team.

*Before Evans left the meeting, he expressed concerns regarding the vegetarian meal service at EXPO. He emphasized the importance of considering the diverse student body being served. Patnaik clarified that no decision had been made, and she was merely consulting Ouellet and exploring the vegetarian options. She would take diversity into consideration when making the decision. Idoko concluded the discussion and redirected the meeting back to order.

[Evans left at 11:10 a.m.]

4.5 Financial Grants

Lai expressed that she was looking for more funding and would push University for more grants for their initiatives.

4.6 Updates on Jumpstart and CREATE

Ouellet asked for updates on plans such as tabling, swags, QR code etc. for Jumpstart and CREATE. Lai stated that the tables had been signed up and she was working with Idoko on the speeches. Executives decided to have a meeting next week planning for those events and the presentation for the VP Student retreat. [Lai left at 11:16 a.m.]

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 EXPO Time

Patnaik informed the team that the EXPO was going to be held on September 17 between 11 am to 3 pm. She would need a list of sponsors from Lai and get to know the needs and requests from sponsors, so she and Rusch could start planning. Idoko suggested Patnaik reach out to Lai directly.

5.2 Volunteers for EXPO

Patnaik informed the executives that she would need volunteers for EXPO and asked the executives to share the volunteer schedule within their committees for more volunteer sign-up. Qiu suggested that Patnaik share the link with the whole board of directors as the whole team has the responsibility to engage in the SUO events. Ouellet replied that they would share it in the campus life committee meeting next week.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Idoko encouraged the team members to have camera on when attending meetings online. He would recommend this approach for board meeting as well.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.