



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Board of Directors Meeting, September 25, 2025 at 3 pm, UNC105

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### Directors Present

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

Peter Idoko  
Rajat Arora  
Olivia Lai  
Shreya Patnaik  
Ashley Kyei-Badu  
Aaditya Golash  
Saadia Awais  
Naden Qually  
Elnaz Zamanzade  
Yasmine Trabelsi  
Tejas Bhatia  
Quinlin Osadczuk  
Ghulam Hussain

### Directors Absent With Regrets

Director-at-Large  
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative  
Faculty of Applied Science Representative  
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative

Jessica Goel  
Kiki Akinlade  
Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri  
Ali Wasti

### Directors Absent Without Regrets

### Staff Present

General Manager  
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans  
Lijie (Cecily) Qiu

## **1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:27 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**

25/09/25.01

Qually/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Idoko/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the Robocraft club ratification be added to the club ratification.

Amendment carried.

Patnaik/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the Founders Club presentation be struck out; and the presentation and ratification of Medicine 4 Youth be added.

Amendment carried.

**Carried as amended.**

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

25/09/25.02

Golash/Qually

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meetings held August 26<sup>th</sup>, and September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 be adopted.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.03

Trabelsi/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that the summary of board meeting 2025-08-26 be adopted as attached.

**Carried.**

## **4. PRESENTATION**

### **4.1 Active Minds Student Association**

The student representatives introduced that Active Minds is a national non-profit

organization focused on mental health promotion. They outlined the difference between them and UBCO's current resources, their potential events and activities, and their approaches and solutions to promoting mental health.

#### **4.2 Medicine 4 Youth**

The student representatives introduced the non-profit organization by highlighting its tiered mentorship structure, partnerships, and volunteer engagement. They emphasized that, unlike the Medical Exploration Society, their organization offers both community involvement and mentorship opportunities.

#### **4.3 Jack. Org Student Association**

The student representative introduced that they are a Canadian non-profit organization focused on youth mental health, and they bring people together in a dynamic way. She also introduced how they provide resources and safe space to promote mental wellness and peer support. She explained how SUO funding would be used to support the events.

#### **4.4 Racial Diversity in Medicine Student Association**

The student representatives emphasized they advocate racial diversity within the field of medicine, with resources tailored to students from diverse backgrounds. They aim to break down barriers for minority student groups pursuing a career in medicine while fostering cultural competence among them.

Board members inquired about their capacity to understand different cultures in medicine. In response, they shared that they had engaged in discussions specifically focused on Black and Indigenous cultures in the medicine field.

### **5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes**

25/09/25.04

Golash/Qually

Be it resolved that the following meeting minutes submitted by committees be approved as attached:

- the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- the minutes of the Campus Life Committee meeting held August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- the minutes of the Campaigns Committee meeting held August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025
- the minutes of the Graduate Student Committee meeting held August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- the minutes of the Electoral Committee meeting held September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Carried.**

## **5.2 Honoraria Approval**

25/09/25.05

Zamanzade/Bhatia

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

GSC July 2025			
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)	Note
1	Ahmad, Hammad	50	
2	Gordanpour, Yazdanmehr	0	
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	

**Carried.**

## **6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **6.1 Senate**

### **6.2 Board of Governors**

Idoko and Lai updated that they attended the UBC Board of Governors meeting the day before and they advocated three main priorities: Food security and affordability; student support service especially on career support and international student support; equitable resource allocation among two campuses.

### **6.3 Other University Committees**

## **7. NEW BUSINES**

### **7.1 Course Union Renewal Approval**

25/09/25.06

Patnaik/Qually

Be it resolved that the renewal of the Psychology Graduate Student Association be approved.

Patnaik updated that the student association submitted the renewal application form which was not aligned with the requirements. Membership outreach had sent emails to communicate about the issue and did not receive any response until the renewal period ended.

**Carried.**

## **7.2 Ratification of Student Associations**

25/09/25.07

Golash/Lai

Be it resolved that the Jack.org Student Association be ratified.

The directors engaged in a lengthy discussion about the Jack.org student association and the Active Minds student association which have a similar focus on mental health. According to their policy, clubs with overlapping aims and purposes are generally not permitted. However, based on the presentations, those associations were not identical in scope. As a result, they decided to give each of them an opportunity to demonstrate how they could contribute to supporting the student body.

Qually/Idoko

Call the question.

**Carried.**

The motion of Jack.org ratification is **carried**.

25/09/25.08

Golash/Zamanzade

Be it resolved that the Racial Diversity in Medicine Student Association be ratified.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.09

Osadozuk/Bhatia

Be it resolved that the Active Minds Student Association be ratified.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.10

Golash/Qually

Be it resolved that the SUO Student Alumni Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation for the club. Directors had concerns about the physical attendance of the club, and they would like to know how the club would engage with alumni

while UBCO has already provided this service.

Qually/Trabelsi

Be it resolved that the ratification of the SUO Student Alumni Club be tabled for presentation.

Carried. **Tabled.**

25/09/25.11

Zamanzade/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that the Ok Motorrad Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.12

Qually/Lai

Be it resolved that the Okanagan Parliamentary Society Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.13

Golash/Bhatia

Be it resolved that the Okanagan Sailing Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation. She stated that the club had certificates and insurance in place for sailing events. However, the primary focus of the club was educational, and they planned to organize workshops for interested students. The directors expressed concerns about safety and requested more information about the certifications held by the club.

Additionally, they questioned how the club intends to remain financially sustainable without charging a membership fee, given that sailing is an expensive sport.

Arora/Lai

Be it resolved that the ratification of the Okanagan Sailing Association be tabled for presentation.

Carried. **Tabled.**

25/09/25.14

Patnaik/Lai

Be it resolved that the SUO Math Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.15

Zamanzade/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the Okanagan Kinesiology Games Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.16

Golash/Qually

Be it resolved that the Pilates Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.17

Kyei-Badu/Golash

Be it resolved that the Persian Club be ratified.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.18

Golash/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that the Turkish Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.19

Qually/Golash

Be it resolved that the Robocraft club be ratified.

The student representative provided motivation and stated that the UBC approved them as a design team for the next year.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.20

Patnaik/Trabelsi

Be it resolved that the Medicine 4 Youth student association be ratified.

**Carried.**

25/09/25.21

Golash/Lai

Be it resolved that the Engineering Underground club be ratified.

Patnaik explained that the club aims to create a space where students can work on projects without the pressure of participating in competitions. The directors asked for more details about the types of projects the club plans to do and how they intend to fund them.

Patnaik/Golash

Be it resolved that the ratification of the Engineering Underground club be tabled.

**Carried. Tabled.**

## **8. IN CAMERA (LABOR)**

25/09/25.21

Kyei-Badu/Qually

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

**Carried.** [5:54 p.m.]

The board meeting was moved out of camera at 6:40 p.m.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.