



EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, November 7, 2025 at 5 PM, UNC133/Zoom

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Peter Idoko
Vice President Finance and Administration	Rajat Arora
Vice-President Internal	Shreya Patnaik
Vice-President External	Olivia Lai
Vice-President Campus Life	Ashley Kyei-Badu
Director-at-Large	Aaditya Golash
Director-at-Large	Saadia Awais
Director-at-Large	Naden Qually
Director-at-Large	Jessica Goel
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Ali Wasti
Faculty of Science Representative	Yasmine Trabelsi
Faculty of Management Representative	Tejas Bhatia (zoom)
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Quinlin Osadczuk
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri (zoom)
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Kiki Akinlade
Faculty of Education Representative	Vacant
College of Graduate Studies Representative	Vacant
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	

Directors Absent With Regrets

Directors Absent Without Regrets

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator	Lijie Qiu

1. CALL TO ORDER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/11/07.01

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Appointment of Directors and Student at Large

25/11/07.02

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Be it resolved that Scarlett MacPherson be appointed as College of Graduate Students Representative for a two-month Term, covering the months of November and December 2025. (Special resolution)

25/11/07.03

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Be it resolved that Ghulam Hussain be appointed as Student at Large to the Graduate Student Committee.

25/11/07.04

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Be it resolved that Kevin Dong be appointed as Student at Large to the Campaigns committee.

3.2 Bylaw Amendments (Special Resolution)

#1 Adjustment of the SUO By-Election Timeline

Background: The SUO relies on student enrollment data provided by UBC to conduct elections and verify candidate eligibility. Since UBC's enrollment process concludes in late September, the finalized student data is often not available until the end of September, which impacts the SUO's ability to administer the By-Election effectively within the current timeframe of September 15 to October 15. It is recommended that the By-

Election period be adjusted to October 1 to October 31 to better align with the availability of updated student data and provide sufficient time for the Electoral Committee to prepare and manage the election process.

Proposed Amendment:

○ **Bylaw VII:19**

Current wording:

19. If vacancies among the voting Director positions have arisen on the Board of Directors, whether or not the vacancies have been filled by appointment, a By-Election shall be held between **September 15th and October 15th**, of such calendar year, to fill the vacancies by election. With respect to the Faculty Representative positions, only Members enrolled in the constituency of the particular Faculty Representative shall be entitled to vote in connection with the election of that position.

Proposed wording:

19. If vacancies among the voting Director positions have arisen on the Board of Directors, whether or not the vacancies have been filled by appointment, a By-Election shall be held between **October 1st to October 31st**, of such calendar year, to fill the vacancies by election. With respect to the Faculty Representative positions, only Members enrolled in the constituency of the particular Faculty Representative shall be entitled to vote in connection with the election of that position.

Motion:

25/11/07.05

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Be it resolved that the Board approve the proposed revision to the SUO Bylaws to amend the by-election timeline from September 15–October 15 to October 1–October 31.

#2 Addition of Indigenous Representative to the Board of Directors

Background: Over the years, the SUO boards have recognized the importance of increasing Indigenous representation within the organization and have been working toward the creation of an Indigenous Representative position. The revision to the SUO Bylaws is recommended to include the Indigenous Representative Director position.

Proposed amendments:

- **Bylaw VII:2-Board of Directors**

Add the position: “**d. One (1) Indigenous Representative**”

- **Bylaw VIII-Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors**

Add a new section specifying the purpose and responsibilities of the Indigenous Representation role, eligibility criteria, the appointment process and the term of office. The section reads as follows:

Indigenous Representative

7. Purpose

The Indigenous Representative shall serve as the voice of Indigenous students within the Students' Union Okanagan of UBC and shall contribute to ensuring that Indigenous perspectives, priorities, and concerns are appropriately reflected in the deliberations, decisions, and policies of the Board of Directors.

8. Eligibility

To be eligible for appointment, the Indigenous Representative must:

- a. Be a current member of the Students' Union Okanagan in good standing; and
- b. Self-identify as Indigenous, including First Nations, Métis, or Inuit ancestry.

9. Appointment Process

- a. The Indigenous Representative shall be appointed on an annual basis through a transparent and respectful process, consistent with the values of the Students' Union Okanagan.
- b. The Students' Union Okanagan shall issue a call for expressions of interest to all self-identified Indigenous students who are members in good standing.
- c. A Selection Panel shall review all expressions of interest and recommend one (1) candidate for appointment to the Board of Directors.
- d. The Selection Panel shall be comprised of the following members:
 - The SUO President, or their designate;
 - The SUO Vice-President Internal;
 - One (1) Non-Executive Director;
 - The SUO Governance Coordinator (non-voting); and
 - One (1) representative from the Indigenous Resource Centre or such other Indigenous advisor as the Board may determine appropriate.
- e. Selection process shall start from January. The appointment of the Indigenous Representative shall be ratified by a resolution of the Board of Directors in March.
- f. The current Board of Directors shall conduct the appointment process for the incoming Board term.

10. Term of Office

The Indigenous Representative shall serve for a term commencing on **May 1** and concluding on **April 30** of the following year.

11. Rights, Duties, and Responsibilities

a. The Indigenous Representative shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors and shall be subject to, and entitled to, all rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities applicable to Directors as set out in **Bylaw VIII Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors**.

b. In addition to the general duties of Directors, the Indigenous Representative shall:

(i). Advocate on behalf of Indigenous students;

(ii). Promote initiatives that advance reconciliation, inclusion, and cultural awareness within the Students' Union Okanagan; and

(iii). Strengthen relationships between the Students' Union Okanagan, the Indigenous Resource Centre, Indigenous Programs & Services, and Indigenous communities.

(iiii). Serve on at least one (1) committee of the board;

(iv). Attend and assist with Students' Union events and engagement activities and submit a written report at the end of each term to the Board of Directors summarizing their interactions with students.

12. Vacancy

In the event that the Indigenous Representative seat becomes vacant prior to the expiration of the term, the Board of Directors shall initiate a new appointment process in accordance with clause 9 of this Section.

Motion:

25/11/07.06

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Be it resolved that the Board approve the proposed revisions to the SUO Bylaws to include the Indigenous Representative position as outlined above.

#3 Change in Membership and Governance Structure Graduate students being Associate Members.

Background: In October 2025, graduate students at UBC Okanagan approved a referendum to transfer their representation from the Students' Union Okanagan (SUO) to the Graduate Students' Association (GSA). As a result, effective January 1, 2026, graduate

students will no longer be regular members of the SUO. Instead, they will hold Associate Member status to receive limited services from the SUO; and will no longer participate in the governance of the SUO. Accordingly, revisions to the SUO Bylaws are recommended to reflect this transition in both membership classification and governance representation.

Proposed amendments:

BYLAW I – INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITIONS

- Insert the following as Bylaw I: 2(a) and renumber the subsequent sections:

a. "Associate Member" shall mean those persons who satisfy the requirements out under BYLAW II, Clause 3;

Rationale: Add definition of "Associate Member" to provide greater clarity with respect to the fact that "Associate Member" is a class of membership with distinct rights and obligations.

- Insert the following before Bylaw I:2(o) the definition of "Member" and renumber the subsequent sections:

p. "Graduate Students' Association" shall mean a separate student organization, approved by a referendum of graduate students at the University, which represents the interests of and provides services to Associate Members who are graduate students at the University;

Rationale: Add definition of "Graduate Students' Association" to confirm that it is a separate student organization approved by the referendum.

- Change the wording of the original Bylaw I: 2(o)

Current wording:

o. "Member" shall mean those persons who satisfy the requirements set out under BYLAW II;

Proposed wording:

q. "Member" shall mean those persons who satisfy the requirements set out under BYLAW II, Clause 2;

Rationale: Add " Clause 2" because the specific Clause needs to be set out, given that Bylaw II now includes multiple classes of members.

- Change the wording of the original Bylaw I:2(bb)

Current wording:

bb. "Students' Union" shall mean the Student Union of the University UBC Okanagan;

Proposed wording:

dd. "Students' Union" shall mean the Student Union of the University;

Rationale: University is a defined term already, which means the Okanagan campus of the University of British Columbia.

BYLAW II – MEMBERSHIP

- Insert the following as Bylaw II:1 and renumber the subsequent sections:

1. The Students' Union shall consist of Members and Associate Members.

Rationale: Add this Clause to clarify that both Associate Members and Members are part of the SUO, but constitute two distinct classes of members. Graduate students will have a limited level of participation in the SUO, and therefore the term "Members" as it is used in the Bylaws will exclude "Associate Members".

- Change the wording of the original Bylaw II:1

Current wording:

1 The Members of the Students' Union shall be any student currently registered in at least one credit course at the University who has been assessed the Students' Union's Fees for the current University semester.

Proposed wording:

2. **Members** of the Students' Union shall be any student currently registered in at least one credit course at the University who has been assessed the **Students' Union Fees** for the current University semester.

Rationale: Change the language to mirror the language of "Students' Union Fees in Bylaw III Clause 3, and to clarify that this is distinct from any fees that Associate Members would pay.

- Insert the following as Bylaw II:3

3. **Associate Members of the Students' Union shall be any graduate student currently registered in at least one credit course at the University who has been assessed the Associate Member Fees for the current University semester.**

a. **Associate Members shall not vote in Students' Unions elections, Referenda or general meetings; propose Resolutions at general or Board of Directors meetings; and run for or hold a position on the Board of Directors.**

b. **Associate Members shall not be included in a calculation of the number of individuals required for quorum or the number of votes required for a Referendum to be acted upon.**

- c. Associate Members shall be entitled to the following Students' Union services: U-PASS; and the health and dental plan provided by the University.
- d. Associate Members shall not have access to any services of the Students' Union except as stipulated in BYLAW II, Clause 3, Part c and such other services as may be further agreed to by the Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association.
- e. Associate Members shall be required to pay to the Students' Union the Associate Members' Fees provided for in BYLAW III, Clause 4.

Rationale: These provisions set out the rights and obligations of Associate Members.

- Insert the following as Bylaw II:4 and remove Bylaw III:10

4. A Member who fails to pay Students' Union Fees when due shall cease to be in good standing and shall not be entitled to:

- a. vote at a General Meeting;
- b. vote in a Referendum;
- c. vote in an Election;
- d. run for a position on the Board of Directors; or
- e. hold a position on the Board of Directors.

Rationale: The Societies Act provides that the Bylaw must set out the conditions under which members may cease to be in good standing. The section was moved from Bylaw II Membership Fees to Bylaw II Membership as "good standing" is a more general category that may not always relate to Membership Fees.

- Change the wording of the original Bylaw II:2

Current wording:

2. Membership in the Students' Union shall cease six (6) months after the end of the last semester in which a Member has registered in at least one (1) credit course at the University.

Proposed Wording:

5. Membership in the Students' Union shall cease six (6) months after the end of the last semester in which a Member or Associate Member has registered in at least one (1) credit course at the University.

Rationale: reflect different classes of members.

BYLAW III – MEMBERSHIP FEES

- Change the wording of Bylaw III:3 and remove Bylaw III:11

Current wording:

"Students' Union Fees" shall mean fees collected by the Students' Union from

the Members, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following fees:

- a. general programs and services fees provided by the Students' Union;
- b. U-PASS fees;
- c. the health and dental plan provided by the University;
- d. the media fund;
- e. a library levy; and
- f. any other fee or levy approved by the Members in a Referendum but does not include Faculty Fees or fees payable to a provincial or national organization.

Proposed wording:

"Students' Union Fees" shall mean fees **assessed and** collected by the Students' Union from the Members **in accordance with these Bylaws**, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following fees:

- a. general programs and services fees provided by the Students' Union;
- b. U-PASS fees;
- c. **fees for** the health and dental plan provided by the **Students' Union**;
- d. the media fund;
- e. a library levy;
- f. **Fieldhouse Recreation facility levy**; and
- g. any other fee or levy approved by the Members in a Referendum but does not include Faculty Fees or fees payable to a provincial or national organization.

Rationale: for clarity.

- Insert the following as Bylaw III:4, and renumber the subsequent sections:

4. "Associate Members' Fees" shall mean fees assessed and collected by the Student's Union from Associate Members in accordance with these Bylaws, which shall consist of the following fees:

- a. U-PASS fees;
- b. fees for the health and dental plan provided by the Students' Union;
- c. the media fund;
- d. a library levy;
- e. Fieldhouse Recreation facility levy; and
- f. Any other fee or levy approved to be paid to the Students' Union by the Associate Members in a referendum of the Graduate Students' Association.

Rationale: set out the same structure for Associate Members Fees as Students' Union Fees. Please note that it does not include the general program/operating fees of the Students' Union.

- Insert the following as Bylaw III:6, and renumber the subsequent sections:

6. All Associate Members shall be assessed and pay Associate Members' Fees in accordance with these Bylaws.

- Change the wording of the original Bylaw III:5-9

Current wording:

5. Where the Students' Union is a member of a provincial or national organization, the Students' Union shall collect in trust, on behalf of the Members, and remit the membership fee as set by such organization from time to time.

6. The Students' Union Fees may be set or adjusted from time to time by Referendum, provided sufficient notice has been given in accordance with BYLAW VI . For further clarity and subject to BYLAW III below, "adjustment" shall mean any increase to the Students' Union Fees.

7. With the exception of fees associated with the U-PASS, the Students' Union Fees, the Faculty Fees and any fees collected by the Students' Union for a provincial or national organization may be adjusted on an annual basis in accordance with the CPI Index.

8. Students' Union Fees and any other fees collected by the Students' Union from the Members shall be posted on the website of the Students' Union.

9. The Students' Union shall refund Students' Union Fees to any Member who withdraws from the University within twenty-one (21) days of registration.

Proposed wording:

7. Where the Students' Union is a member of a provincial or national organization, the Students' Union shall collect in trust, on behalf of the Members, and remit the membership fee **to the Members** as set by such organization from time to time.

8. Students' Union Fees may be set or adjusted from time to time by Referendum, provided sufficient notice has been given in accordance with BYLAW VI . For further clarity and subject to BYLAW III, **Clause 9** below, "adjustment" shall mean any increase to the Students' Union Fees.

9. With the exception of fees associated with the U-PASS, the Students' Union Fees, **the Associate Members' Fees**, the Faculty Fees and any fees collected by the Students' Union for a provincial or national organization may be adjusted on an annual basis in accordance with the CPI Index.

10. Students' Union Fees and any other fees collected by the Students' Union from the Members, **including Associate Members' Fees collected by Associate Members**, shall be posted on the website of the Students' Union.

11. The Students' Union shall refund Students' Union Fees **or Associate Members' Fees** to any Member **or Associate Member** who withdraws from the University within twenty-one (21) days of registration.

Rationale: reflect the Association Members' Fees set out by the Bylaw.

BYLAW VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Change the wording of Bylaw VII:2(c) “ eight (8) faculty Representatives as follows” to seven (7) faculty representatives as follows” and remove “ viii. one(1) Faculty Representative from the College of Graduate Studies”:

2. The voting members of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the following:

- a. five (5) Executive Committee Directors;
- b. four (4) Director-at-Large Directors; and
- c. **seven (7)** Faculty Representatives as follows:

~~viii. one (1) Faculty Representative from the College of Graduate Studies.~~

Rationale: Graduate students will no longer participate in the governance of the SUO.

BYLAW VIII – POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Insert the following as Bylaw VIII:1(m) and renumber the subsequent sections:

1. The management, administration, and control of the property, revenue, business, and affairs of the Students' Union are vested in the Board of Directors. Pursuant to the foregoing, the Board of Directors:

m. may approve an agreement with the Graduate Students Association for the provision of services to Associate Members; and

Rationale: confirm that an agreement with the GSA for the provision of services is authorized, and that the power to approve such as agreement lies with the SUO Board of Directors.

- Remove Bylaw VIII:3 (e) and renumber subsequent sections; and remove the words “excluding the Graduate Student Representative” from Bylaw VIII:3 (f):

3. In addition to their duties as Directors under the Societies Act and these Bylaws, the Faculty Representatives shall:

~~e. submit a written report at the end of each term to the Board of Directors summarizing their interactions with graduate students in their faculty;~~

e. submit a written report at the end of each term to the Board of Directors summarizing their interactions with undergraduate students in their faculty, ~~excluding the Graduate Student Representative.~~

- Remove the words “BC Okanagan” from Bylaw VIII:5

5. The Senate Student Representative shall be a liaison between the Board of Directors and the University's ~~BC Okanagan~~ Senate.

Rationale: University is a defined term already, which means the Okanagan campus of the University of British Columbia.

BYLAW IX- THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Change the wording of Bylaw IX:3(o)

Current wording:

3. The Executive Committee shall:

o. coordinate and engage in, or delegate the authority to coordinate and engage in, negotiations with third parties on contractual matters; and

Proposed wording:

3. The Executive Committee shall:

o. coordinate and engage in, or delegate the authority to coordinate and engage in, negotiations with third parties on contractual matters, **including but not limited to the negotiation of an agreement with the Graduate Students' Association for provision of services to Associate Members; and**

Rationale: confirm that negotiation of an agreement with the GSA and negotiation with respect to the administration of that agreement lie with the Executive Committee.

BYLAW X – INDIVIDUAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

- Insert the following as Bylaw X: 1(j) and renumber the subsequent sections:

1.The President shall:

j. in coordination with the Vice-President Internal, be responsible for relations of the Students' Union with the Graduate Student Association;

Rationale: confirm that the President will be primarily responsible for relations with the new Graduate Students Association.

- Change the wording of Bylaw X: 2(c)

Current wording:

2.The Vice-President Internal shall:

c. generally, oversee and coordinate the provision of services to the Members;

Proposed wording:

2.The Vice-President Internal shall:

c. generally, oversee and coordinate the provision of services to **Members and Associate Members**;

BYLAW XVI – RECORDS

- Change the wording of Bylaw XVI:2

Current wording:

2. Subject to the provisions of the Societies Act, the documents of the Students' Union including, without limitation, the minutes of each meeting of Directors, copies of consent resolutions of the Directors, and accounting records for each of the Students' Union's financial years including a record of each transaction materially affecting the financial position of the Students' Union, shall be made available or otherwise open to inspection by any Member of the Students' Union.

Proposed wording:

2. Subject to the provisions of the Societies Act, the documents of the Students' Union including, without limitation, the minutes of each meeting of Directors, copies of consent resolutions of the Directors, and accounting records for each of the Students' Union's financial years including a record of each transaction materially affecting the financial position of the Students' Union, shall be made available or otherwise open to inspection by any Member **or Associate Member** of the Students' Union.

Rationale: all classes of members may inspect records of a Society as Per the Societies Act.

BYLAW XVIII – COMMITTEES

- Remove Bylaw XVIII:4 (f):

4. The following committees shall be standing committees of the Students' Union:

~~f. —a Graduate Student Committee that shall be responsible for providing the Board of Directors with recommendations on various internal and external affairs based on graduate student input.~~

Rationale: Graduate students will no longer participate in the governance of the SUO.

Motion:

25/11/07.07

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Be it resolved that the Board approve the proposed revisions to the SUO Bylaws to reflect the transition of graduate students from regular members of the SUO to Associate Members, effective January 1, 2026.

3.3AGM Agenda Adoption

25/11/07.08

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Be it resolved the AGM Agenda be adopted as presented.

4. ADJOURNMENT



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Annual General Meeting, November 27th, 2025 at 3 pm, UNC 200 Ballroom

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

25/11/27.01

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Be it resolved that Joey Hansen serve as the meeting chair.

25/11/27.02

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/11/27.03

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on November 6th 2024 (AGM Part I) and January 28 2025 (AGM Part II) be adopted as attached.

4. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Presented by VP Finance and Administration, Rajat Arora.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

25/11/27.04

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Be it resolved that the audited financial statements and the Auditor's Report for the 2024/2025 fiscal year be approved as presented.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

25/11/27.05

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Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny, LLP be appointed as auditors for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

7. PRESENTATION OF BYLAWS AMENDMENTS (SEE APPENDIX A- PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES FOR 2025 SUO AGM)

Presented by VP Internal Shreya Patnaik.

8. ADOPTION OF NEW BYLAWS

25/11/27.06 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that amendments to the Bylaws be adopted as presented to the members of the Society.

9. PRESENTATION OF 2025-2026 BUDGET

Presented by VP Finance and Administration Rajat Arora.

10. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT FOR THE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

Presented by General Manager Jason Evans.

11. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM THE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Presented by President Peter Idoko.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

12.1 Campus Life Committee

Presented by VP Campus Life Ashley Kyei-Badu.

12.2 Campaigns Committee

Presented by VP External Olivia Lai.

12.3 Graduate Student Committee

Presented by College of Graduate Students Representative Scarlett MacPherson.

12.4 Oversight Committee

Presented by Oversight Committee Chair Naden Qually.

12.5 Policy Committee

Presented by VP Internal Shreya Patnaik.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

14. ADJOURNMENT

Appendix A

Proposed Bylaw Changes for 2025 SUO AGM

PREFACE FOR RECOMMENDED BYLAW CHANGES

Over the last few years, the SUO of UBC has been internally reorganizing itself to better serve the needs of our students. Our aim is to continue to rebuild and improve our policies to reinforce structures of accountability and transparency. As our membership continues to grow, we as your Students' Union must develop and improve our model of representation. As was the case last year, the Board of Directors recommends the following outlined bylaw amendments be ratified to better align the internal guiding principles with the future development of the organization. Many of these changes reflect the continued efforts of the SUO to maintain good governance, as well as attempts to better align our organization with important relevant local law, such as the Societies Act, and BC Labour Law.

BYLAW REVISION

*will add bylaw revisions adopted by the board.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINTUES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Annual General Meeting, November 6th, 2024 at 7 pm, UNC 200 Ballroom

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:13 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

24/11/06.01

Gordanpour/Qually

Be it resolved that Joey Hansen serve as the meeting chair.

Carried.

Hansen introduced some basics of Robert's Rule of Order for the meeting.

24/11/06.02

Schellenberg/Pellichero

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Delfs/MacPherson

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by moving the Petition by the Alliance for Student Empowerment ahead of the Presentation of Bylaws, to be renumbered as item 7.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/11/06.03

Stephen/Schellenberg

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on November 23rd, 2023 be adopted as attached.

Carried.

4. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Vice-President Finance and Administration, Aryan Arora, presented the auditor's report and the audited financial statements. The report concluded that those financial statements presented fairly for the May 31st, 2024 fiscal year end in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

24/11/06.04

Osinchuk/Richard

Be it resolved that the audited financial statements and the Auditor's Report for the 2023/2024 fiscal year be approved as presented.

Carried.

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

24/11/06.05

Lbbetson-Lyon/Qually

Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny, LLP be appointed as auditors for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

Carried.

7. THE PETITION BY THE ALLIANCE FOR STUDENT EMPOWERMENT SUBMITTED ON OCTOBER 21,2024 (SEE THE ATTACHED)

24/11/06.06

Carey/MacPherson

Resolution 1 (Special):

Whereas students must have the right to hold their elected representatives accountable by observing Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and other Committee meetings, and

Whereas students need to know when and where Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and other Committee meetings are held to be able to exercise their right to observe them, then

Be it resolved that Bylaw VII be amended to include two new Bylaws after Bylaw VII:12, which shall read as such:

"The notice and agenda for regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings shall be posted at least one week in advance of the meeting on the SUO website."

"The notice and agenda for non-regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings shall be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting on the SUO website."

Be it further resolved That Bylaw IX be amended to include three new Bylaws after Bylaw IX-8, which shall read as such:

"Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to the membership unless the Executive Committee resolves to move the meeting in camera."

"The notice and agenda for regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings shall be posted at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting on the SUO website."

"The notice and agenda for non-regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings shall be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting on the SUO website."

Be it further resolved That Bylaw XVIII be amended to include three new Bylaws after Bylaw XVIII-6, which shall read as such:

"Meetings of all Committees shall be open to the membership unless the respective Committee resolves to move the meeting in camera."

"The notice and agenda for regularly scheduled Committee meetings shall be posted at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting on the SUO website."

"The notice and agenda for non-regularly scheduled Committee meetings shall be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting on the SUO website."

Carried.

24/11/06.07

Rowe/Jongkind

Resolution 2 (Ordinary):

Whereas, the original pilot Smart Meals program was a successful and popular campaign, and

Whereas, the Smart Meals 2.0 program fails to follow the standards set by its predecessor, and

Whereas, the Smart Meals program must be continued irrespective of the composition of each Board of Directors, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall ensure the continuation of the Smart Meals program by:

1. dedicating a separate budget line of a minimum \$60,000, and
2. forming a Committee, consisting of 1 Executive Director, 3 Non-Executive Directors, and 3 Students-at-Large, with the purpose of executing the Smart Meals program through gathering feedback from previous iterations, negotiating with the vendors, forming a student engagement strategy, and collaborating with the University and other external partners for research, sponsorship, and execution,
3. preparing relevant amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations to establish the above Committee as a Standing Committee, and
4. adhering to the three pillars of affordability, sustainability, and student wellness.

Defeated.

24/11/06.08

Carey/Rader

Resolution 3 (Special):

Whereas in camera sessions cannot be observed by the general membership, and
Whereas current and future Boards of Directors have the right to make in camera sessions public, and

Whereas the current way in camera minutes are taken prevents the Board of Directors from exercising this right, then

Be it resolved, Bylaw XVI be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

"Public minutes of in camera sessions shall state the general topic of discussion in as much detail that does not betray the sensitive information."

Be it further resolved, Bylaw VIII-1:

"The management, administration, and control of the property, revenue, business, and affairs of the Students' Union are vested in the Board of Directors. Pursuant to the foregoing, the Board of Directors:

- a. shall approve the Annual Action Plan by Resolution;
- b. shall adhere to the mission statement of the Students' Union and Annual Action Plan;
- c. may amend the Action Plan as required by Resolution;
- d. shall approve the annual operating budget by July 31st of each year by Resolution;
- e. may amend the annual operating budget by a Special Resolution;
- f. may borrow and raise money upon terms and conditions which the Board of Directors deems appropriate;
- g. shall have the power to amend, repeal, or adopt Regulations by a Special Resolution;
- h. shall appoint the Chief Returning Officer by Resolution;
- i. upon a Special Resolution, may remove any person appointed by the Board of Directors to that position, except for a duly appointed Director, provided that the person to be removed has been provided with seven (7) days notice of the meeting at which such Resolution is proposed;
- j. may by Resolution overrule or amend any item arising out of minutes submitted to it pursuant to the Bylaws or the Regulations;
- k. may make such further rules as may be considered necessary for the Students' Union, provided such rules and regulations are consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of the Students' Union;
- l. shall approve minutes of committees; and

m. shall not delegate any of its powers and duties except as may be provided for in the Bylaws.”

shall be amended to include a new item after item (l), to be renumbered as necessary, which shall read as such:

“shall approve minutes of the in camera sessions of committees; and”

Defeated.

24/11/06.09

Gordanpour/Conquergood

Resolution 4 (Ordinary):

Whereas Graduate Students have established a new Society, and

Whereas Graduate Students are entitled to a share of the SUO revenue commensurate with their population, and

Whereas the SUO, for many years, has failed to ensure that Graduate Students’ fees are spent on services that Graduate Students use, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall offer the Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) at the University of British Columbia Okanagan funding in the form of:

1. a lump sum of \$400,000 to be paid in four \$100,000 yearly installments, with the first installment paid by the end of January 2025; and
2. additional yearly funding, for as long as SUO collects fees from graduate students, no less than: the sum of total operation fees, as defined in Bylaw III-3(a), collected from graduate students by the SUO each year; and
3. additional yearly funding, for as long as SUO collects fees from graduate students, no less than: a percentage of the SUO’s total revenue minus operating fees, UPass fees, Health and Dental Fees, and Media Fund fees commensurate with the percentage of the graduate student membership of the SUO.

The SUO may not request any commitments from the GSA in exchange for this funding. The SUO shall formalize the aforementioned terms in a binding contract offered by the end of December 2024 to the GSA to be signed by both parties. The aforementioned terms shall only be modified if a formal secondary offer is proposed by the GSA to be signed by both parties.

Gordanpour moved to postpone the resolution until the next general meeting as the negotiation between the GSA and the SUO was ongoing, and the petition was drafted before the negotiation started.

Gordanpour/Vu

Be it resolved that the resolution be postponed to the next general meeting.

Carried. The resolution was postponed.

24/11/06.10

Gordanpour/Mbogo

Resolution 5 (Special):

Whereas Graduate Students have established a new Society, and

Whereas Resolution 4 on the SUO offering funding to the GSA has been approved, and

Whereas the SUO should not have parallel responsibility in representing graduate students, and

Whereas Graduate Students are entitled to representation in proportion to their population, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall dissolve the Graduate Student Committee by striking out Bylaw XVIII-4(f) "a Graduate Student Committee that shall be responsible for providing the Board of Directors with recommendations on various internal and external affairs based on graduate student input." and relevant Regulations.

Be it further resolved, the SUO Constitution Article 2:

"The purposes of the Union shall be:

- a. to direct, coordinate, and promote the activities of the students of the institution;
- b. to promote artistic, literary, educational, social, recreational, charitable, and sporting activities for the advancement of the interests of its members and of others;
- c. to represent students, receive complaints, and investigate problems and decisions that affect students;
- d. to serve as a medium of communication between the students of the institution and the governing bodies of the institution."

shall be amended by adding the word "undergraduate" before the word "student" in Articles 2(c) and 2(d) so that the amended Articles 2 shall read:

"The purposes of the Union shall be:

- a. to direct, coordinate, and promote the activities of the students of the institution;
- b. to promote artistic, literary, educational, social, recreational, charitable, and sporting activities for the advancement of the interests of its members and of others;
- c. to represent undergraduate students, receive complaints, and investigate problems and decisions that affect undergraduate students;
- d. to serve as a medium of communication between the undergraduate students of the institution and the governing bodies of the institution."

Be it further resolved, Bylaw VII-2:

"The voting members of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the following:

- a) five (5) Executive Committee Directors;
- b) four (4) Director-at-Large Directors; and
- c) eight (8) Faculty Representatives as follows:
 - i. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences in a program leading to an Arts & Social Sciences;
 - ii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences in a program leading to a Science;
 - iii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Management;
 - iv. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Applied Science;
 - v. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Health and Social Development;
 - vi. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Education;
 - vii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies; and
 - viii. one (1) Faculty Representative from the College of Graduate Studies."

Shall be amended by crossing out item viii and adding item d) "two (2) Graduate Student Representatives appointed by the Graduate Students' Association" so that that Bylaw VII-2 shall read:

"The voting members of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the following:

- a) five (5) Executive Committee Directors;
- b) four (4) Director-at-Large Directors; and
- c) eight (8) Faculty Representatives as follows:
 - i. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences in a program leading to an Arts & Social Sciences;
 - ii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences in a program leading to a Science;
 - iii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Management;
 - iv. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Applied Science;
 - v. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Health and Social Development;
 - vi. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Education;

- vii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies; and
- d) two (2) Graduate Student Representatives appointed by the Graduate Students' Association"

Gordanpour/Chen

Be it resolved that the resolution be postponed to the next general meeting.

Carried. The resolution was postponed due to the same reason for Resolution 4.

24/11/06.11

Jawad/MacPherson

Resolution 6 (Ordinary):

Whereas the General Manager has unique influence in the running of the SUO, and
Whereas the renewal, termination, and performance of the General Manager are solely overseen by the Executive Committee, and

Whereas the elected student representatives cannot directly oversee the SUO staff, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall form a committee, consisting of two Executive Directors, three non-Executive Directors, and two Students-at-Large, with the following purposes:

1. to conduct a quarterly performance review of the General Manager,
2. to offer a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the termination or renewal of the General Manager's appointment,
3. to devise a framework for future standardized reviews, and
4. to devise a framework for the involvement of the Directors in the performance review of the SUO staff.

Be it further resolved, the SUO shall prepare amendments to the Bylaws and the Regulations to codify this as a standing committee.

A point of order was raised by Asif as the resolution contravened the SUO Bylaw IX:3(1). The chair ruled the resolution **out of order**. Herriman moved to appeal the ruling of the chair, and MacPherson seconded it. The appeal was defeated via voting.

24/11/06.12

Lai/Jongkind

Resolution 7 (Special):

Whereas in-person campaigning during the voting period of SUO Elections results in alleged instances of intimidation, coercion, or manipulation of students by candidates and their volunteers, and

Whereas informal slates are allegedly formed during SUO Elections and anti-slating Regulations are difficult to enforce, then

Be it resolved, That Bylaw V be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

“In-person campaigning period for the Elections must end prior to the beginning of the voting period and disciplinary action shall be taken against candidates who campaign in-person during the voting period.”

Be it further resolved, That the SUO shall amend the Regulations to remove the ban on slates during elections (Regulation II-24(vi)) and establish a process for registering and running as a slate.

Schellenberg/Conquergood

Be it resolved that the question be divided.

Carried.

Part 1: Be it resolved, That Bylaw V be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

“In-person campaigning period for the Elections must end prior to the beginning of the voting period and disciplinary action shall be taken against candidates who campaign in-person during the voting period.”

Carried.

Part 2: Be it further resolved, That the SUO shall amend the Regulations to remove the ban on slates during elections (Regulation II-24(vi)) and establish a process for registering and running as a slate.

Defeated.

24/11/06.13

Delfs/Rader

Resolution 8 (Special):

Whereas, the choice of UNC businesses deeply affects students, and

Whereas, the student fees enable the SUO to lease the UNC space, and

Whereas, the SUO does not currently consider direct student input in which businesses get to lease UNC spaces, then

Be it resolved, That Bylaw XIII be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

"The signing of new contracts, or renewing existing contracts pertaining to the leasing of Student's Union spaces (the UNC or any new buildings) to external businesses shall be approved through an ordinary Resolution at a General Meeting."

Delfs stated that it was a problem that general members have no access to the lease contract. She heard many students had bad experiences with RBC and RBC is the biggest fossil fuel bank in the world. She also mentioned the Green café was closed without warning. The process that SUO used to determine which business to operate in the UNC building was unclear. She thought the SUO preferred the big, chained company as they could generate more income than the small business. She also mentioned the contract that SUO had with Fido in 2019. Many International students were forced to sign up accounts with Fido as well as the RBC. However, their accounts of phone plan or bank account got hacked. Students' input is valuable. This resolution would hold the SUO thoughtful about which contract to resume and keep the best interest of students. Bihani stated contract is time sensitive. General meetings do not happen very often, and waiting for the general meeting to approve the contract would make them lose a lot of opportunities, which is bad for students' union and students in general. Jawad thought there would be more conflicts of interest arising if just a small group of people vote on the contract. Asif stated that SUO does consider students' input, for example, J's café was introduced based on the feedback of student survey. The SUO board oversees the operation of the SUO and has the fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interest of society. If conflict of interest arises, the board members have legal liability, but general members do not have legal liability. Also, all the general meetings require 45 days' notice, and vendors would need to wait a long time or even a year for the approval of the contract at the next general meeting, which would hurt the business. And any changes to the contract would be easily done by the board if the situation they are facing is changing, and he used Covid as an example. The resolution would impact the operation of the SUO. Newman pointed out the inefficiency to vote on the contract at the AGM and reminded the members that directors who could make those decisions are voted by students.

Carried.

24/11/06.14

Delfs/MacPherson

Resolution 9 (Special):

Whereas, the SUO's commitment to environmental, social, and governance considerations in its finances are codified in the Regulations, and

Whereas, Regulations can be changed easily through a Special Resolution of the Board of Directors, and

Whereas, these considerations must be adhered to irrespective of the composition of each Board of Directors, then

Be it resolved, That Bylaw XIII be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

“All financial dealing of the Students’ Union shall be conducted with consideration of matters related to environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. Specifically, the Students’ Union will:

- a. integrate the consideration of ESG factors into the investment process as a required criterion in the selection and ongoing monitoring of active investment managers;
- b. regularly review and track the engagement of active investment managers with their investee companies and their proxy voting records on ESG related issues;
- c. obtain and evaluate annual disclosure from all active investment managers on how ESG factors are incorporated into their investment decision making processes;
- d. collaborate with other institutional investors and industry associations on ESG matters where appropriate; and
- e. disclose and publish a detailed listing of its investments annually, and report on ESG matters in the Finance Committee’s annual report.”

Carried.

24/11/06.15

Delfs/Mbogo

Resolution 10 (Ordinary):

Whereas the SUO and many Student Societies in British Columbia are dedicated to responsible financial planning based on environmental, social and governance criteria, and

Whereas many universities in British Columbia fail to follow their Student Societies in this endeavour, and

Whereas the SUO has the power and opportunity to exert positive influence on the University of British Columbia and other universities in BC, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall propose a Resolution to the British Columbia Federation of Students (BCFS) to adopt a strategy in lobbying the universities in BC to adopt environmental, social and governance criteria in their investment strategies and divest from environmentally and socially destructive companies.

Panton/Smith

Be it resolved that the motion be amended as follows:

Whereas the SUO and many Student Societies in British Columbia are dedicated to responsible financial planning based on environmental, social and governance criteria, and

Whereas many universities in British Columbia fail to follow their Student Societies in this endeavour, and

Whereas the SUO has the power and opportunity to exert positive influence on the University of British Columbia and other universities in BC, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall propose a Resolution to the British Columbia Federation of Students (BCFS) to adopt a strategy in lobbying the universities in BC to adopt environmental, social and governance criteria in their investment strategies and divest from all weapons manufactures as well as companies on the UN list of companies involved in business activities related to illegal settlements in Occupied Palestine, including but not limited to: Lockheed Martin; Airbus S.E.; Motorola Solutions Inc.; First International Bank of Israel LTD; Bezeq the Israel Telecommunications Corporation; and Bank Hapoalim BM.

Lbbetson-Lyon proposed an amendment to the amendment.

The meeting was recessed for two minutes for the draft motion of the amendment to the amendment.

Lbbetson/Smith

Be it resolved that the amendment be amended as follows:

Whereas the SUO and many Student Societies in British Columbia are dedicated to responsible financial planning based on environmental, social and governance criteria, and

Whereas many universities in British Columbia fail to follow their Student Societies in this endeavour, and

Whereas the SUO has the power and opportunity to exert positive influence on the University of British Columbia and other universities in BC, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall propose a Resolution to the British Columbia Federation of Students (BCFS) to adopt a strategy in lobbying the universities in BC to adopt environmental, social and governance criteria in their investment strategies and divest from environmentally and socially destructive companies as well as divest from all weapons manufactures as well as companies on the UN list of companies involved in business activities related to illegal settlements in Occupied Palestine, including but not

limited to: Lockheed Martin; Airbus S.E.; Motorola Solutions Inc.; First International Bank of Israel LTD: Bezeq the Israel Telecommunications Corporation; and Bank Hapoalim BM.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

24/11/06.16

MacPherson/Richard

Resolution 11 (Ordinary):

Whereas Resource Centres' volunteers who used to receive honoraria no longer do, and
Whereas Resource Centres struggle with a shortage of space, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall, in consultation with Resource Centres, prioritize and improve Resource Centres by:

1. establishing honoraria for Resource Centre volunteers, including Resource Centre Advisor, Head Coordinator, and Volunteer Council Members, and
2. implementing an action plan to dedicate more space to Resource Centres in such a way that each Resource Centre has consistent and adequate access to space, and
3. lobbying the University to assist and collaborate with the allocation of space to Resource Centres.

Carried.

24/11/06.17

Dizan/Osinchuk

Resolution 12 (Ordinary):

Whereas the process for establishing and maintaining a Student Association is overly bureaucratic and complicated, and

Whereas the Student Associations are not consulted about the decisions and processes that affect them, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall form an ad-hoc Student Associations Strategic Committee consisting of one Executive Director, one SUO Staff member, two Directors, and seven Students-at-Large who must be currently an executive of a Student Association. This committee shall draft an action plan to be recommended to the SUO Board of Directors for adoption with the goals of improving the process for the establishment, renewal, funding, booking spaces, event planning, and reimbursement for Student Associations.

Gordanpour/Asif

Be it resolved that the resolution be amended by replacing the words “seven Students-at-Large” with the words “ four Students-at-Large”, so that the resolution reads as:

Whereas the process for establishing and maintaining a Student Association is overly bureaucratic and complicated, and

Whereas the Student Associations are not consulted about the decisions and processes that affect them, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall form an ad-hoc Student Associations Strategic Committee consisting of one Executive Director, one SUO Staff member, two Directors, and four Students-at-Large who must be currently an executive of a Student Association. This committee shall draft an action plan to be recommended to the SUO Board of Directors for adoption with the goals of improving the process for the establishment, renewal, funding, booking spaces, event planning, and reimbursement for Student Associations.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

24/11/06.18

Yupta/Vu

Resolution 13 (Special)

Whereas the Media Fund Fee is a separately collected fee, then

Be it resolved, Bylaw XVII-4 “Any unawarded fund shall revert to the Students’ Union and be dealt with as a budgetary surplus.” shall be struck out and be replaced with a new bylaw which shall read “Any unawarded fund shall be maintained by the Students’ Union and can only be accessed for funding accredited Students’ Union based media outlets in good standing.”

Carried.

24/11/06.19

Herriman/Zeraati

Resolution 14 (Special):

Whereas the Resolutions adopted at General Meetings are binding, and

Whereas the SUO has at times failed to adequately implement promises made at General Meetings, and

Whereas a procedure is needed to keep the Board of Directors accountable to implement these adopted Resolutions, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall convene a Special General Meeting in the month of January 2025 with the purpose of reviewing the Board of Directors' progress on fulfilling the resolutions adopted from this petition.

Be it further resolved, the agenda for the January 2025 Special Meeting shall include:

1. President's report on the Resolutions adopted
2. Ordinary Resolution: Whereas the Membership deems the progress of the SUO on the implementation of the Resolutions adopted at the previous General Meeting unsatisfactory, then Be it Resolved, the Executive Directors (President, VP Finance and Administration, VP Internal, VP External, VP Campus Life) be impeached and removed from their respective positions.
3. Ordinary Resolution: Whereas the Membership deems the progress of the SUO on the implementation of the Resolutions adopted at the previous General Meeting unsatisfactory, then Be it Resolved, the Voting Non-executive Directors (four Directors-at-Large and eight Faculty Representatives) be impeached and removed from their respective positions.

Asif raised a point of order as the resolution violates their bylaw XI regarding the impeachment of directors.

The chair ruled it out of order as the SUO Bylaw XI set out an impeachment procedure and the resolution was a different process to trigger the impeachment. The resolution contravened the bylaw.

Gordanpour appealed the ruling and Rader seconded it.

The chair provided his rationale for the ruling. SUO Bylaw XI provides disciplinary procedures for the board of directors. Bylaw XI (4) reads: Where a Member presents to the Board of Directors a petition signed by not less than five (5) percent of the Members, the Board of Directors shall commence impeachment proceedings pursuant to Bylaw XI:3 (b or c) above. So the process to trigger the impeachment proceeding is a petition no less than five percent of the Members. If they could have a general meeting to initiate the impeachment proceedings at the future general meeting whether conditional or not, what they actually do is to lower the threshold by which they could trigger the impeachment proceedings because the quorum for the meeting is 50 members.

Gordanpour stated that the petition is only one way to initiate the impeachment, but there is another way, which is that the board could initiate the impeachment by special resolution. And this resolution was included in the petition signed by 5% of the membership. He stated that they could still divide the question to have the President's report at the next special meeting.

The appeal was granted via voting. The motion is alive.

Gordanpour/Lbbetson-Lyon

Be it resolved that the resolution be tabled.

Carried. The resolution was tabled.

24/11/06.20

Lbbetson-Lyon/Ashar

Be it resolved that the meeting be recessed until a date to be determined by the board.

Carried.

Meeting was recessed at 11:43 p.m. November 6th, 2024.

AGM(II) January 28th, 2025 at 1:15 p.m. UNC 200 Ballroom

The meeting was reconvened on January 28th 2025 at 1:15 p.m. in UNC 200 Ballroom. The chair went over Robert's Rules for motions and debates. The assembly continued the debate on Resolution 14 of the petition and voted on it.

Resolution 14 was defeated.

8. PRESENTATION OF BYLAWS

Vice-President Internal, Rajat Arora, presented the proposed bylaw changes and provided motivations. He also answered questions from students about their concern regarding the petition timeline.

9. ADOPTION OF NEW BYLAWS

24/11/06.21 (Special Resolution)

R. Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that the changes to the Bylaws be adopted as presented to the members of the Society (See the attached).

Carried.

10. PRESENTATION OF 2024/2025 BUDGET

Vice-President Finance and Administration, Aryan Arora, presented the budget.

11. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR.

President, Danial Asif, presented some major achievements the previous executive team had in terms of endowment and financial support for students, advocacy and student support services, and their commitment to food security.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

12.1 Campus Life Committee

Vice-President Campus Life, Saaim Imran, reported the large- and small-scale events the previous campus life committee had organized to bring the community together.

12.2 Campaigns Committee

Vice-President External, Abby Newman, explained the roles of VP External at the SUO and reported the campaigns the previous campaigns committee had done to advocate students' needs.

12.3 Graduate Student Committee

President Danial Asif presented the report on behalf of the College of Graduate Studies Faculty Representative Mhamoda Moli, who could not attend the meeting due to her health reason. Asif introduced the committee, what they had done the previous year for advocacy and campus events, and how they maintained relationships with campus stakeholders.

12.4 Oversight Committee

The chair of the Oversight Committee Aliasgar Sakarwala presented a report on the roles and responsibilities of the oversight committee.

12.5 Policy Committee

Vice-President Internal, Rajat Arora, presented a report on the accomplishments the previous VP internal had.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

The executives, mainly VP Finance, answered questions from students regarding some specific budget lines, such as the website maintenance, cellphone, liquor policy, student association funds and advocacy funds.

24/11/06.22

Qually/Waseem

Be it resolved that Resolution 8 of the petition be reconsidered.

Qually moved the motion of reconsideration as he previously voted in favor of Resolution 8 without fully understanding its impact on business and some legal implications.

Carried.

The assembly had a debate on Resolution 8.

R.Arora called the question. Two thirds voted in favor of ending the debate.

The assembly voted on the resolution. **Resolution 8 was defeated.**

24/11/06.23

Waseem/Qually

Be it resolved that Resolution 1 of the petition be reconsidered.

Waseem moved the motion of reconsideration as he initially thought giving notice of the board meeting 7 days ahead would be beneficial to them. At that time, he was newly elected director and did not fully understand the operation and procedures of the board meeting. After 3 months in the role, he expressed his concern that Resolution 1 would result in inefficiency in organizing the board meeting.

Carried.

The assembly had a debate on Resolution 1 and voted on it. **Resolution 1 was defeated.**

14.ADJOURNMENT

24/11/06.24

Asif/A.Arora

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m. January 28, 2025.

Adopted Resolutions at the Term 1 November 2024 SUO AGM

The following resolutions were adopted:

#1 Special Resolution_Bylaw change

Be it resolved that [Bylaw IV-General Meetings:6 (d)]:

The following business shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting:

d. receiving the report of the President and/or the General Manager with respect to the activities of the Students' Union for the previous academic year of the University.

be amended by striking "\or" and adding "and the report of the trainings completed by the Directors, Executive Directors, and the SUO staff" after "the University" so that the Bylaw now reads:

d. receiving the report of the President **and** the General Manager with respect to the activities of the Students' Union for the previous academic year of the University and **the report of the trainings completed by the Directors, Executive Directors, and the SUO staff.**

#2 Special Resolution_Bylaw change

Be it resolved that [Bylaw XIII:2]

2. The financial statements of the Students' Union shall be published annually, no later than the fifteenth (15th) of November of each year, in a Students' Union publication, or any other campus newspaper, and shall be made available at the main office of the Union.

be struck out and substituted with the following policy:

The audited financial statements of the Students' Union and the auditor's report shall be published annually after they are approved by the Board of Directors, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, on the Students' Union website, and shall be made available at the main office of the Students' Union.

#3 Special Resolution_Bylaw change

Be it resolved that [Bylaw IV:4]

If a petition bearing the signatures of at least five (5) percent of the Members of the Students' Union in support of having one (1) or more Special Resolutions or Ordinary Resolutions considered at an Annual General Meeting is delivered to the President of the Students' Union at least seven (7) days in advance of the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Special Resolution or Ordinary Resolution shall be added to the agenda.

be amended by striking the words "in advance of the date of the Annual General Meeting" and inserting the following words "before notice of the annual general meeting is sent" after the words "at least seven (7) days", so [Bylaw IV:4] then reads:

4. If a petition bearing the signatures of at least five (5) percent of the Members of the Students' Union in support of having one (1) or more Special Resolutions or Ordinary Resolutions considered at an Annual General Meeting is delivered to the President of the Students' Union at least seven (7) days **before notice of the annual general meeting is sent**, the Special Resolution or Ordinary Resolution shall be added to the agenda.

#4 Special Resolution_Bylaw change

Be it resolved that [Bylaw VIII:2]

2 In addition to their duties as Directors under the Societies Act and these Bylaws, the Directors-at-Large shall:

- a. provide the Board with the perspective of students of the University as a whole including the views of marginalized groups on campus; and
- b. serve on at least one (1) committee of the Board; and
- c. attend and assist with Students' Union events and engagement activities.

be amended by adding Point (d) "submit a written report at the end of each term to the Board of Directors summarizing their interactions with students", so [Bylaw VIII:2] then reads:

2 In addition to their duties as Directors under the Societies Act and these Bylaws, the Directors-at-Large shall:

- a. provide the Board with the perspective of students of the University as a whole including the views of marginalized groups on campus;
- b. serve on at least one (1) committee of the Board;
- c. attend and assist with Students' Union events and engagement activities; and
- d. submit a written report at the end of each term to the Board of Directors summarizing their interactions with students.

#5 Special Resolution_Bylaw change

Be it resolved that [Bylaw X:2 (b)] be struck out from the Bylaw, which reads:

2. The Vice-President Internal shall:

- b. oversee, coordinate and liaise with the Resource Centers and delegate related responsibilities, as required, to the appropriate staff members;

Be it further resolved that [Bylaw X:3] be amended by adding the following new policy after Point (e) and renumbering the consecutive points as needed:

3. Vice-President External shall:

- f. oversee and coordinate the advocacy activities and campaigns of the Resource Centers.

#6 Special Resolution_Bylaw change

Be it resolved that [Bylaw X:1 (a)]

1. The president shall:

chair and coordinate the activities of the Executive Committee;

be amended by adding "and the Disciplinary Committee", so that [Bylaw X:1 (a)] reads:

1. The president shall:

chair and coordinate the activities of the Executive Committee and the Disciplinary Committee;

#7 Special Resolution_Bylaw change

Whereas in-person campaigning during the voting period of SUO Elections results in alleged instances of intimidation, coercion, or manipulation of students by candidates and their volunteers, and

Whereas informal slates are allegedly formed during SUO Elections and anti-slating Regulations are difficult to enforce, then

Be it resolved that Bylaw V be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

"In-person campaigning period for the Elections must end prior to the beginning of the voting period and disciplinary action shall be taken against candidates who campaign in-person during the voting period."

#8 Special Resolution_Bylaw change

Whereas the SUO's commitment to environmental, social, and governance considerations in its finances are codified in the Regulations, and

Whereas, Regulations can be changed easily through a Special Resolution of the Board of Directors, and

Whereas these considerations must be adhered to irrespective of the composition of each Board of Directors, then

Be it resolved that Bylaw XIII be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

"All financial dealing of the Students' Union shall be conducted with consideration of matters related to environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. Specifically, the Students' Union will:

- a. integrate the consideration of ESG factors into the investment process as a required criterion in the selection and ongoing monitoring of active investment managers;**
- b. regularly review and track the engagement of active investment managers with their investee companies and their proxy voting records on ESG related issues;**
- c. obtain and evaluate annual disclosure from all active investment managers on how ESG factors are incorporated into their investment decision making processes;**
- d. collaborate with other institutional investors and industry associations on ESG matters where appropriate; and**
- e. disclose and publish a detailed listing of its investments annually, and report on ESG matters in the Finance Committee's annual report."**

#9 Special Resolution_Bylaw change

Whereas the Media Fund Fee is a separately collected fee, then

Be it resolved that Bylaw XVII-4 "Any unawarded fund shall revert to the Students' Union and be dealt with as a budgetary surplus." shall be struck out and be replaced with a new

bylaw which shall read “Any unawarded fund shall be maintained by the Students’ Union and can only be accessed for funding accredited Students’ Union based media outlets in good standing.”

#10 Ordinary Resolution

Whereas the SUO and many Student Societies in British Columbia are dedicated to responsible financial planning based on environmental, social and governance criteria, and

Whereas many universities in British Columbia fail to follow their Student Societies in this endeavour, and

Whereas the SUO has the power and opportunity to exert positive influence on the University of British Columbia and other universities in BC, then

Be it resolved that the SUO shall propose a Resolution to the British Columbia Federation of Students (BCFS) to adopt a strategy in lobbying the universities in BC to adopt environmental, social and governance criteria in their investment strategies and divest from environmentally and socially destructive companies as well as divest from all weapons manufactures as well as companies on the UN list of companies involved in business activities related to illegal settlements in Occupied Palestine, including but not limited to: Lockheed Martin; Airbus S.E.; Motorola Solutions Inc.; First International Bank of Israel LTD; Bezeq the Israel Telecommunications Corporation; and Bank Hapoalim BM.

#11 Ordinary Resolution

Whereas Resource Centres’ volunteers who used to receive honouraria no longer do, and Whereas Resource Centres struggle with a shortage of space, then

Be it resolved, the SUO shall, in consultation with Resource Centres, prioritize and improve Resource Centres by:

1. establishing honouraria for Resource Centre volunteers, including Resource Centre Advisor, Head Coordinator, and Volunteer Council Members, and
2. implementing an action plan to dedicate more space to Resource Centres in such a way that each Resource Centre has consistent and adequate access to space, and
3. lobbying the University to assist and collaborate with the allocation of space to Resource Centres.

#12 Ordinary Resolution

Whereas the process for establishing and maintaining a Student Association is overly bureaucratic and complicated, and

Whereas the Student Associations are not consulted about the decisions and processes that affect them, then

Be it resolved that the SUO shall form an ad-hoc Student Associations Strategic Committee consisting of one Executive Director, one SUO Staff member, two Directors, and four Students-at-Large who must be currently an executive of a Student Association. This committee shall draft an action plan to be recommended to the SUO Board of Directors for adoption with the goals of improving the process for the establishment, renewal, funding, booking spaces, event planning, and reimbursement for Student Associations.