



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, October 23, 2025 at 5 pm, UNC105

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent With Regrets

Director-at-Large	Jessica Goel
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Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator	Lijie Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:17 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

25/10/23.01

Patnaik/Golash

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Patnaik/Qually

Be it resolved that the presentation from TEDX at UBCO and its ratification motion be removed.

Patnaik updated that the students would like to start the club next term, so they withdrew the application for this term.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/10/23.02

Trabelsi/Qually

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meetings held September 22nd and September 25th, 2025 , and the summary of board meetings 2025-09-11 and 2025-09-22 be adopted.

Carried.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 RBC Off Campus

Student representatives from the RBC Off Campus movement raised concerns about RBC's involvement in financing the fossil fuel industry and requested four actions from the SUO Board: 1. reviews the in-camera meeting minutes from 2025 April board meeting regarding the legal advising on the RBC contract; 2. makes the RBC contract available to membership; 3. does not renew the RBC contract; 4. replaces RBC with alternative bank.

4.2 Engineering Underground Club

Student representatives introduced their aim and planned events. They aimed to create a hub for students interested in Engineering design, allowing them to collaborate on projects without the pressure of formal engineering design competitions. They planned to have

science fairs to showcase their projects. Directors asked how their events differ from those organized by Engineering Society and Engineering faculty. They asked about their funding source as projects may cost a lot. Considering the significant efforts an engineering design project may require, Directors also expressed concerns about whether students would remain committed if they were participating only for fun rather than for competitive purpose.

4.3 Founders Club

Representatives did not show up.

4.4 Student Alumni Club

[Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri entered at 6:09 p.m.]

Student representatives introduced their programming and clarified the difference between them and UBC Alumni, Alumni spotlight Archives.

[Yasmine Trabelsi entered at 6:29 p.m.]

4.5 SETI

Unanimous consent was given to add the presentation from the SETI club.

Student Representatives introduced their goals and plans for events; and further explained how different they are from other aerospace and robotic clubs.

[Saami Hafeez entered at 6:34 p.m.]

4.6 SUO Cooking Club

Student representatives introduced their vision, goals and plans for events. They would use the space of Picnic, but provide more educational opportunities to interested students regarding food budget, nutrition etc.

4.7 Okanagan Sailing Association

Student representatives introduced their licenses and insurance coverage. They would collaborate with North Okanagan Sailing Association for their sailing events.

[Elnaz Zamanzade left at 7:29 p.m.]

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

25/10/23.03

Qually/Kyei-Badu

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

- the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings held September 25th & September 29th, 2025
- the minutes of the Oversight Committee Meeting held September 26th, 2025
- the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held September 18th, 2025
- the minutes of the Campus Life Committee meeting held September 15th, 2025
- the minutes of the Campaigns Committee meetings held September 15th & October 17th, 2025
- the minutes of the Graduate Student Committee meeting held September 29th, 2025
- the minutes of the Student Association Funding Committee meetings held September 23rd-25th and Oct 2nd, 2025

Carried.

5.2 Adoption of Executive August Reports

25/10/23.04

Qually/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the Executive August Reports be adopted as attached.

Carried.

5.3 Honoraria Approval

25/10/23.05

Hussain/Arora

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

GSC July 2025			
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)	Note
1	Ahmad, Hammad	50	
2	Gordanpour, Yazdanmehr	50	
3	Jelassi, Joud	0	
4	Khrabshesh, Dina	0	Resigned
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

Hafeez provided an update on the recent senate meeting and pointed out some budget cut concerns.

6.2 Board of Governors

6.3 Other University Committees

7. NEW BUSINES

7.1 Policy Amendment _Board Oversight of the Oversight Committee

25/10/23.06

Qually/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that a new policy be added following [Regulation I Committees:53], with all subsequent sections to be renumbered accordingly. The new policy reads as:

At the December Board meeting, the Chair of the Oversight Committee shall present a report detailing the committee's oversight efforts to date and setting forth their goals for the remainder of the elected term. Following the presentation, the Board shall have the authority to provide recommendations to the Chair of the Oversight Committee.

Qually/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved the motion be amended as:

At the December Board meeting, the Chair of the Oversight Committee shall present a report detailing the committee's oversight efforts to date and setting forth their goals for the remainder of the elected term. Following the presentation, the Directors of Board may provide written suggestions to the Chair of the Oversight Committee regarding oversight matters.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

7.2 Renewal of Student Association

25/10/23.07

Kyei-Badu/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that the renewal of Graduate Health and Exercise Sciences Society (GHESS) be approved.

Patnaik updated that they did not submit the application on Rubric.

25/10/23.08

Patnaik/Qually

Be it resolved the renewal of GHESS be tabled.

Carried. Tabled.

8. DISCUSSION

8.1 Monthly Membership Meeting

Osadczyk proposed to have monthly meetings or Town Hall to engage with membership to listen to their concerns and answer questions. Kyei-Badu suggested scheduling these sessions on the first Monday of every month to ensure consistency. The Directors further recommended that two to three board members from the team participate in each meeting to interact with students.

25/10/23.09

Idoko/Arora

Be it resolved that Qually and Osadczuk be appointed as SUO Engagement coordinators to plan and execute the SUO Engagement initiatives.

Carried.

8.2 Students' facility-related concern

Hafeez expressed his concern about the procedure by which UBC Facility responded to student concerns and requested SUO advocacy to push for policy establishment from UBC regarding handling students' concerns.

8.3 Chair of the Graduate Student Committee for November and December 2025

SUO would issue a call for applicants for the vacant positions after By-Election: Education Faculty Representative and Graduate Student Representatives.

25/10/23.10

Idoko/Qually

Be it resolved that the meeting be extended.

Carried.

9. IN CAMERA (LEGAL)

25/10/23.11

Qually/Osadczuk

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

Carried. [8:16 p.m.]

25/10/23.12

Kyei-Badu/Osadczuk

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera.

Carried. [8:44 p.m.]

During the in-camera session, the board reviewed the minutes of April board meeting 2025 regarding the legal advising on RBC contract.

25/10/23.13

Idoko/Qually

Be it resolved the meeting be recessed until next week.

Carried. Recessed at 8:44 p.m.

Meeting was called back to order at 3:07 p.m. Friday October 31st, 2025.**Directors Present**

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10. IN CAMERA (LEGAL)

The board reached unanimous consent to add the In-Camera session.

25/10/23.14

Arora/Qually

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

Carried. [3:08 p.m.]

25/10/23.15

Idoko/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera.

Carried. [3:35 p.m.]

25/10/23.16

Arora/Qually

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors adopt the Auditor's Report as presented.

Carried.

[Ali Wasti & Tejas Bhatia entered at 3:36 p.m.]

11. RATIFICATION OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

25/10/23.17

Bhatia/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the Engineering Underground Club be ratified.

Failed.

Directors recommended that the group collaborate with Engineering Society as those events could fall within the Society's capacity.

25/10/23.18

Qually/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the Founders Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Failed.

The student representatives failed to attend two scheduled board meetings where they were supposed to present their club. Since it was the final day for the board to approve clubs for the term, and the board lacked sufficient information and had concerns about the accountability of the club's executives, the application was not approved.

25/10/23.19

Golash/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that the Student Alumni Club be ratified.

Carried.

25/10/23.20

Osadczyk/Qually

Be it resolved that the Space MENs be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

25/10/23.21

Bhatia/Golash

Be it resolved that the SUO Cooking Club be ratified.

Carried.

25/10/23.22

Lai/Wasti

Be it resolved that the Okanagan Sailing Association be ratified.

Carried.

25/10/23.23

Qually/Golash

Be it resolved that the Cultural Studies Course Union be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

25/10/23.24

Wasti/Bhatia

Be it resolved that the Hip-Hop Dance Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

25/10/23.25

Bhatia/Wasti

Be it resolved that the Okanagan Lakers Fan Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

25/10/23.26

Qually/Golash

Be it resolved that the Camskidsubcokangan Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Failed.

Directors noted that a mental health club was already conducting outreach to high school students and that many mental health resources were already available to students. VP External expressed interest in collaborating with the group for mental health advocacy purposes.

25/10/23.27

Osadczuk/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the SETI Club be ratified.

Carried.

25/10/23.28

Qually/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the Bring the Heat (BTH) UBCO Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

25/10/23.29

Golash/Osadczuk

Be it resolved that the American Sign Language Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

25/10/23.30

Golash/Qually

Be it resolved that the Technomath Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Failed.

Directors discussed the similarities between this club and the math club recently ratified. They recommended that the group collaborate with the Math club and/or the Quantitative Sciences course union.

25/10/23.31

Patnaik/Golash

Be it resolved that the Institute of Transportation Engineers Student Chapter be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Failed.

Directors discussed the club events and noted that all engineering clubs organize similar activities, such as attending conferences and participating in competitions/activities at the national or international level. These activities are costly and consume a significant portion of the SUO Student Association funding. Directors also observed that every subgroup within the Engineering Faculty appears to want its own club. They raised concerns about this fragmented club-operation model and suggested that these clubs and groups be consolidated under the Engineering Society, similar to the model used by the Management Student Association.

25/10/23.32

Qually/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the UBCO Steel Bridge be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation and noted it was a UBC design team.

Carried.

25/10/23.33

Golash/Qually

Be it resolved that the Netball Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

25/10/23.34

Patnaik/Golash

Be it resolved that the Malaysian Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.