

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, October 23rd at 3:30 pm, UNC105

Executives Present

President (meeting chair)

Peter Idoko

Vice President Finance and Administration

Rajat Arora

Vice-President Internal

Shreya Patnaik

Vice-President Campus Life

Ashley Kyei-Badu

Executives Absent

Vice-President External

Olivia Lai

Staff Present

General Manager

Jason Evans

Governance Coordinator

Lijie Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:45 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

Kyei-Badu/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Kyei-Badu/Arora

Be it resolved that a discussion about Heatwave radio ratification be added.

Amendment carried.

Idoko/Arora

Be it resolved that a discussion about the Board Emotional Intelligence Training be added.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/10/23.02

Arora/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held September 29th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Funding for EFRT

Idoko introduced the funding structure of the UBCO EFRT (Emergency First Response Team). Considering the important role the team plays in ensuring students' safety on campus, Idoko decided to allocate \$1000 from his Campus Relations Fund to support their equipment upgrade.

4.2 Referendum Opt-Out Process

Evans provided the context that the field house referendum included a clause to allow students in financial hardship to opt out, and he suggested the executive team study on it and present an opt-out process to the board. Executives

discussed the process UBC uses for students to apply for the financial hardship grant, the eligibility criteria and funding responsibility for the opt-out portion.

4.3 Director Honoraria

25/10/23.03

Kyei-Badu/ Patnaik

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

Name	Title	%/\$
Akinlade, Kiki	Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Rep.	100%
Golash, Aaditya	Director-at-Large	100%

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

Name	Title	%/\$
Akinlade, Kiki	Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Rep.	100%
Awais, Saadia	Director-at-Large	100%
Bhatia, Tejas	Faculty of Management Rep.	100%
Goel, Jessica	Director-at-Large	100%
Golash, Aaditya	Director-at-Large	100%
Hussain, Ghulam	College of Graduate Studies Rep.	100%
Onyewuchi-Ohiri, Donald	Faculty of Applied Sciences Rep.	100%
Osadczuk, Quinlin	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Rep.	100%
Qually, Naden	Director-at-Large	100%
Trabelsi, Yasmine	Faculty of Science Rep.	100%
Wasti, Ali	Faculty of Health & Social Development Rep.	100%
Zamanzade, Elnaz	Faculty of Education Rep.	100%

Carried.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Conference Budget Line

Idoko introduced the upcoming provincial lobby conference with BC3 and outlined the lobbying focus this year, emphasizing the potential positive impact on student advocacy if he were to attend the conference with Lai. Evan agreed that the conference is valuable and requested consideration of a possible fund reallocation to support it. Arora expressed concern about extending additional funds for the conference, noting that the current budget allocation is reasonable. He advised against overspending students' money on conferences. He would make efforts to ensure the conference funds to support Lai's lobbying responsibilities as lobbying falls under her portfolio; however, he did not recommend extra funds for other

executives to attend the conference. Kyei-Badu and Patnaik suggested obtaining detailed estimates of the expected expenses before making a final decision.

5.2 Provincial Lobbying

Discussed above.

5.3 Policy on Clubs for the Purpose of Campus Protests

Patnaik provided context that a club tried to use club funding to print the RBC Off Campus poster at their print shop. Evans noted that it was not a Student Association issue but an operational issue, and that the executive team should work on operational policies for ethical printing.

5.4 Heatwave Radio Ratification

Kyei-Badu updated that the Heatwave Radio team had approached her seeking ratification. They provided a detailed proposal outlining their survey result, their aim and purpose, their plan and a list of licenses and equipment required. They requested \$4000 for startup funding. Evans noted that media fund application period had closed, and that the budget for Phoenix was approved. He added while the board could ratify the radio station for this academic year, the team would need to explore alternative funding sources such as donations or sponsorships. Arora reminded the board that at previous AGM, Phoenix broke the tie between the SUO general budget and the media fund account through a student petition. Kyei-Badu added that an inventory count would be conducted to determine whether some of the listed equipment was already available.

5.5 Board Emotional Intelligence (EI) Training

Idoko noted that UBC offered Emotional Intelligence Training to their student leaders and suggested they (SUO board) incorporate the EI training to the SUO orientation considering the importance and benefit of EI training. Evans supported it and recommended one of the training instructors they had before. Qiu asked if UBC could provide similar free training for the board considering UBC used to provide free leadership training for their student club executives. Idoko planned to have some conversations with UBC.

The team unanimously approved adding the following two agenda items.

5.6 Monthly Membership Meeting

Kyei-Badu noted that she had a conversation with Osadczuk regarding the idea of holding monthly meetings with the student body to hear their concerns and voices in the form of a Town Hall. She suggested scheduling these meetings for the first Monday of every month. Executives expressed their support for the engagement initiative.

5.7 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest from General Manager

Evans disclosed that he has a strong connection with the online booking platform Destination Getaways, which handles flight and hotel bookings. He noted that he would not participate in any future booking decisions regarding the use of Destination Getaways.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.