



EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, December 8, 2025 at 2 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
Director-at-Large	Aaditya Golash
Director-at-Large	Naden Qually
Director-at-Large	Jessica Goel
Faculty of Education Representative	Vacant
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 Applied Science Representative	Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Ali Wasti
College of Graduate Studies Representative	Scarlett MacPherson

Directors Absent With Regrets

Director-at-Large	Saadia Awais
Vice-President Campus Life	Ashley Kyei-Badu
Faculty of Science Representative	Yasmine Trabelsi
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Noah Arney
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Saami Hafeez

Directors Absent Without Regrets

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator	Lijie Qiu
Operations and Service Manager	Mike Ouellet

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:03 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

25/12/11.01

Golash/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Patnaik/Qually

Be it resolved that the agenda item regarding Policy Amendments be moved after the adoption of board meeting minutes and before the presentation.

Amendment carried.

Osadczuk/Lai

Be it resolved that a presentation from Osadczuk regarding the engagement with graduate students be added after the Policy Amendments.

Amendment carried.

Lai/Qually

Be it resolved that a discussion regarding post-secondary crisis be added.

Amendment carried.

Arora/Osadczuk

Be it resolved that Tejas Bhatia's engagement reports be added to the agenda.

Amendment carried.

MacPherson/Osadczuk

Be it resolved that a discussion regarding SUO-GSA relations be added.

Amendment carried.

Idoko/Golash

Be it resolved that CRO appointment motion be added.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/12/11.02

MacPherson/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meetings held October 23rd & October 31st, 2025 and the emergency board meeting held November 7th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

4. POLICY AMENDMENTS

25/12/11.03

Patnaik/Lai

Be it resolved that a new policy be added to [Regulation IV-Governance] following section 33, with all subsequent policies renumbered accordingly. The new policy reads:

34. All resolutions of the Board and the Executive Committee must be approved during open (public) meetings. Resolutions shall not be voted on, or approved during in-camera (closed) sessions.

Patnaik motivated that their lawyer advised this policy as good governance practice. She also highlighted the importance of transparency for this organization as the board is elected by students.

Carried.

25/12/11.04

Qually/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that [Regulation IV:7] be amended by adding the words “except during the months of May, June, and July, wherein drop-in hours shall be flexible and subject to student requests”, so that [Governance IV:7] then reads:

Of these fifteen (15) hours, Executive Committee Directors must schedule, post notice of, and be available for student appointments for at least five (5) hours per week on average, **except during the months of May, June, and July, wherein drop-in hours shall be flexible and subject to student requests.**

Qually motivated that during the summer, executives participate in training sessions and conferences to learn how to operate the SUO business. It was hard for Oversight committee to track their office hours and the executives may not be able to answer all the questions. This policy did not eliminate the office hours but provided more flexibility in how they are scheduled. Idoko asked about the office hours during the exam periods. Directors acknowledged that academic exams take priority for students.

Qually/MacPherson

Be it resolved that the motion above be amended as:

Of these fifteen (15) hours, Executive Committee Directors must schedule, post notice of, and be available for student appointments for at least five (5) hours per week on average, **except during the months of May, June, July, and examination periods of December and April, wherein drop-in hours shall be flexible and subject to student requests.**

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

25/12/11.05

Qually/Patnaik

Be it resolved that a new regulation be added after [Regulation IV:16] with subsequent sections to be renumbered, which reads:

Each Executives and the Chair of the Oversight Committee shall submit a transition report to General Manager and Governance Coordinator by April 20 of the term, summarizing accomplishments, ongoing initiatives, committee business and other key information.

Qually noted that they were still working on how to enforce this policy and need more information regarding the timeline for the last pay period so that they could have some disciplinary action if the executives or oversight committee chair fail to submit the transition report. The motion was tabled until they receive more information so that the regulation is more enforceable.

Qually/MacPherson

Be it resolved that the motion be tabled.

Tabled.

25/12/11.06

Qually/Patnaik

Be it resolved that Regulation IX-UBCSUO Legacy fund be removed.

Arora clarified that the SUO had not stopped contributing to the legacy fund that supports students' initiatives. They contributed the funds to the UBC to administer the legacy fund as UBC has access to student records, additional resources and established system to manage the fund.

Carried.

25/12/11.07

Qually/Lai

Be it resolved that [Regulation III:34] be amended by replacing the words "upon their acceptance by the Members" with the words "upon their approval by the board of directors", so that [Regulation III:34] then reads:

The audited financial statements, **upon their approval by the board of directors**, shall be published on the Student Union website for inspection by the Members **and Associate Members**.

Patnaik explained that they adjusted their operations after last year's AGM to better meet students' needs. This change was simply an update to the wording of the regulations.

Carried.

25/12/11.08

Patnaik/Qually

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:96]

96 The Committee Members shall consist of:

- a. Vice President Internal (chair);
- b. Membership Outreach Coordinator;
- c. Students' Advocate;
- d. General Manager; and
- e. Two (2) Directors at Large

be amended by replacing "e. Two (2) Directors at Large" with "e. Three(3) Directors at Large", so [Regulation I:96] then reads:

96 The Committee Members shall consist of:

- a. Vice President Internal (chair);

- b. Membership Outreach Coordinator;
- c. Students' Advocate;
- d. General Manager; and
- e. **Three (3) Directors at Large**

Patnaik emphasized that increasing the number of student members on the committee was intended to strengthen student representation and amplify student voices. However, Directors expressed concern that this change might make it harder to meet quorum, given how frequently the committee meets. They also noted that it may be challenging to find three out of the four Directors-at-Large within the SUO to serve. The committee discussed the possibility of appointing a Student-at-Large or an executive instead. Some directors shared concerns about appointing a student at large as the SA oversight committee handles confidential information.

Idoko/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the motion be tabled.

Tabled.

25/12/11.09

Golash/Onyewuchi-Ohiri

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:12]

The Vice President Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator shall receive and research all proposed Student Association applications, in order to make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

be reworded as:

The Vice President Internal and the Membership Outreach Coordinator shall receive all proposed Student Association applications, **and the Student Association Oversight Committee shall review them and make recommendations for the Board of Directors.**

Patnaik noted that the VP Internal and Membership Coordinator currently review applications and make recommendations to the Board, which places a significant responsibility on them and can make them vulnerable to criticism from some students. She recommended that the SA Oversight Committee take over this responsibility instead. She added that the committee could also determine which applications should be forwarded to

the Board for ratification, thereby reducing the Board's overall ratification workload.

Carried.

25/12/11.10

Qually/Lai

Be it resolved that a new policy be added after [Regulation I Committees:5] with subsequent sections renumbered accordingly, which reads:

5. During the appointment process of the Oversight Committee membership, the executives shall abstain from voting on candidacy to ensure governance integrity of the committee.

Qually expressed concerns about a structural conflict of interest in which executives are able to choose who sits on the Oversight Committee responsible for overseeing them. To mitigate this, he recommended that executives abstain from voting on the selection of Oversight Committee members. The motion initially passed but was later reconsidered due to concerns that it conflicted with the bylaw defining executives' voting rights.

Qiu noted that executives abstaining from voting is more of an operational practice for managing conflicts of interest. Even without policy changes, the board could still remind executives of the conflict and recommend that they abstain. She also emphasized that the term "abstain" indicates that executives have the voting right but simply choose not to exercise them.

Evans expressed concern that, because the bylaw explicitly designates executives as voting members, they could decline to follow a recommendation to abstain. He therefore suggested having bylaw change instead.

Qually/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the motion be reconsidered.

Carried.

Qually/Lai

Be it resolved that the policy be referred to policy committee.

Carried. **Motion was referred to Policy committee.**

5. PRESENTATION

5.1 Graduate Student Engagement Report from Arts & Social Science Faculty Representative

Osadczuk presented what he had accomplished this term as the faculty representative and

his engagement plan for Term 2.

5.2 Oversight Committee Presentation by Oversight Chair

Qually presented the goals of the Oversight committee and progress and actions the committee had made. He also presented their goals for Term2.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes

25/12/11.11

Lai/Arora

Be it resolved that the following Executive meeting minutes be approved as attached:

- the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings held October 23rd, 2025
- the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings held October 29th, 2025
- the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings held November 5th, 2025
- the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings held November 19th, 2025
- the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings held December 3rd, 2025
- the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings held December 8th, 2025

Carried.

25/12/11.12

Lai/Qually

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

- the minutes of the Oversight Committee Meeting held October 22nd, 2025
- the minutes of the Oversight Committee Meeting held November 19th, 2025
- the minutes of the Oversight Committee Meeting held December 4th, 2025
- the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held October 29th, 2025
- the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held November 27th, 2025
- the minutes of the Campus Life Committee meeting held October 3rd and November 7th, 2025
- the minutes of the Graduate Student Committee meeting held October 30th, 2025
- the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held December 3rd, 2025
- the minutes of the Student Association Strategic Committee meetings held October 27th, November 3rd and November 24, 2025
- the minutes of the Student Association Oversight Committee meetings held October 17th, October 31st, December 2nd, and December 8th, 2025

* The November Campaigns Committee meeting scheduled for November 28 was not held due to a lack of quorum.

Carried.

6.2 Adoption of Executive Reports

25/12/11.13

Qually/Lai

Be it resolved that the Executive September, October and November Reports be adopted as attached.

Carried.

6.3 Honoraria Approval

25/12/11.14

Arora/Lai

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

GSC October 2025			
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)	Note
1	Ahmad, Hammad	50	
2	Gordanpour, Yazdanmehr	50	
3	Jelassi, Joud	50	
4	MacPherson, Scarlett	50	
5	Moli, Mhamoda Akter	0	
6	Ruman, Pronob Das	50	
7	Thind, Shavneet	50	

Carried.

6.4 Adoption of the Student Association Action Plan

25/12/11.15

Patnaik/Idoko

Be it resolved that the Action Plan recommended by the SA Strategic Committee to the Board be adopted .

Carried.

The board of directors adopted the Student Association Action Plan (attached) outside the board meeting via email. 11 directors, namely Saadia Awais, Tejas Bhatia, Ali Wasti, Kiki Akinlade, Scarlett MacPherson, Shreya Patnaik, Quinlin Osadczuk, Jessica Goel, Rajat Arora, Naden Qually, Ashley Kyei-Badu, voted in favor. Email replied were attached.

7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

7.1 Senate

7.2 Board of Governors

7.3 Other University Committees

The executives had met with UBC leadership regarding the students' mandates at 2025 AGM. Regarding purchasing the I Parking Lot, the executives were informed that it may cost SUO millions of dollars and it would not be feasible; and as the land is publicly funded land, the SUO needs to buy it from the government. Regarding the letters on divesting requests, the executives had sent the letters and would also publish them on their social media.

It was noted that this would be last SUO board meeting for the graduate students. SUO was looking forward to future collaboration and partnership with the GSA to work together for a best campus for students.

8. NEW BUSINES

8.1 Approval of CRO By-Election Report

25/12/11.16

Qually/Onyewuchi-Ohiri

Be it resolved that the 2025 SUO of UBC By-Election CRO Report be approved as attached.

Carried.

8.2 Review of Engagement Reports from Directors at Large and Faculty Representatives

By December 11, Engagement reports from following directors were submitted and attached for review:

1. Director at Large **Aaditya Golash**
2. Director at Large **Naden Qually**
3. Director at Large **Saadia Awais**
4. Director at Large **Jessica Goel**
5. Health & Social Development Faculty Rep. **Ali Wasti** (2 engagement reports: undergraduate & graduate student)
6. Creative & Critical Studies Faculty Rep. **Kiki Akinlade** (1 engagement report with undergraduate students)
7. Arts & Social Science Faculty Rep. **Quinlin Osadcuk** (2 engagement reports: undergraduate & graduate student)
8. Science Faculty Rep. **Yasmine Trabelsi** (1 engagement report with undergraduate students)
9. Management Faculty Rep. **Tejas Bhatia** (2 engagement reports: undergraduate & graduate student)

Directors who have not submitted the engagement report:

1. Applied Science Faculty Rep. **Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri**
2. Graduate Student Rep.

Though Scarlett MacPherson was only on board for one month, she noted that she had engaged with graduate students due to her role in the GSA, and she could submit an engagement report.

9. DISCUSSIONS

9.1 U-Pass Referendum Question

Evans updated that they had received the question and would follow the SUO's protocol, which requires the CRO to approve the question and present it to the board for approval.

9.2 AGM Reflection and Board Engagement

Idoko reported that the AGM went smoothly and emphasized the Board's responsibility to engage in SUO events, urging directors to fulfill the mandates and responsibilities.

9.3 Board of Directors Monthly Report

Idoko reminded the directors of submitting the monthly report on time, which is required by their regulation. For Term 2, the executives would strictly follow the policy when approving their report.

9.4 Post-secondary Crisis

Lai provided an update on her lobbying discussions with provincial officials. She noted that the provincial government was reviewing the 2% tuition increase cap for domestic students; and the financial sustainability of the post-secondary institutions which may lead to major layoffs and funding cuts in post-secondary institutions in the coming years. She was working with BCFS to ensure that the voices of students, particularly from the Okanagan region, are heard.

9.5 SUO-GSA Relations

MacPherson expressed her gratitude to the SUO and acknowledged the SUO's tremendous efforts in supporting the GSA. She shared that they were currently developing a mentorship program for graduate students' career paths and were considering expanding it to the SUO to support undergraduate students. She also mentioned that the GSA may invite the SUO to serve as a guest speaker at their AGM next year.

9.6 CRO Appointment

25/12/11.17

Idoko/Lai

Be it resolved that Taiwo Penner be appointed as the SUO CRO for the 2025-2026 voting period.

Evans noted that they posted the job position but received no interest. He made the effort to find the candidate. He introduced that Taiwo had worked for UBCO before and noted that she would work in person during the election time.

Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.