



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Board of Directors Meeting, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 1 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	Naden Qually
Director-at-Large	Jessica Goel
Faculty of Education Representative	Vacant
Faculty of Science Representative	Yasmine Trabelsi
Faculty of Management Representative	Tejas Bhatia
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Quinlin Osadczuk
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Donald Onyewuchi-Ohiri
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Ali Wasti
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Kiki Akinlade

### Directors Absent With Regrets

Director-at-Large	Saadia Awais
-------------------	--------------

### Directors Absent Without Regrets

Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Noah Arney
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Saami Hafeez

### Staff Present

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

### Guest

Bargaining spoke person	Patrick Doyle
-------------------------	---------------

## **1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:13 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**

26/02/27.01

Lai/Trabelsi

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Lai/Patnaik

Be it resolved that "UPass Referendum" be added to the agenda.

Amendment carried.

Idoko/Trabelsi

Be it resolved that the adoption of emergency meeting minutes 2026-02-02 be added to the minutes adoption motion.

Amendment carried.

Goel/Kyei-Badu

Be it resolved that the adoption of board meeting summaries be added to the agenda.

Amendment carried.

Idoko/Trabelsi

Be it resolved that a discussion regarding steps forward be added to the agenda.

Carried as amended.

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

26/02/27.02

Lai/Qually

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meetings held January 26<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 be adopted.

Carried.

Trabelsi/Wasti

Be it resolved that the summaries of board meetings held January 26<sup>th</sup> , February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2026 be adopted.

Trabelsi presented the summaries of the board meetings.

Carried.

#### **4. IN-CAMERA (LABOR)**

26/02/27.03

Qually/Bhatia

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.

Carried. [1:18 p.m.] Qiu left the meeting.

During the in-camera session, Akinlade and Wasti left.

26/02/27.04

Idoko/Lai

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.

Carried. [2:13 p.m.]

Osadczuk and Qiu entered.

26/02/27.05

Lai/Qually

Be it resolved that the bargaining committee carry on the mandate discussed in the in-camera session.

Carried.

26/02/27.06

Patnaik/Lai

Be it resolved that the agenda items " Policy changes" and " Club ratification" be moved before the Committee Business.

Carried.

#### **5. POLICY CHANGES (SPECIAL RESOLUTION)**

26/02/27.07

Arora/Lai

Be it resolved that [Regulation I:96] regarding SA Oversight Committee

**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 adding a new committee member "VP Finance and Administration (primary) / VP Campus Life (alternative)" before point (e), 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. VP Finance and Administration (primary) / VP Campus Life (alternative)
- f. Two (2) Directors at Large

Patnaik stated that based on the direction of the board to add an executive to the SA Oversight committee, it was recommended by the policy committee that VP Finance serves as the primary member as they handle club funding applications and have more knowledge about the operation of the club. And it was also recommended that VP campus life serves as an alternative option in the absence of VP Finance.

Carried.

26/02/27.08

Qually/Bhatia

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII: 28] be amended by striking the words "retain active status" and inserting the words "apply for term funding and retain affiliated status for the academic year", so [Regulation VIII: 28] then reads:

A minimum of one (1) signing executive officer from each Student Association must attend Student Association Orientation meetings in Term 1 and Term 2 to **apply for term funding and retain affiliated status for the academic year.**

Carried.

26/02/27.09

Lai/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the following policy related to graduate students' participation in SUO

governance be amended:

- Strike [Regulation I:4 (f)] f. Graduate Student Committee
- Strike the wording “including at least one (1) graduate student at Large” from [Regulation I:33 Campaigns Committee (f)]
- Strike the wording “including at least one(1) graduate Student at Large” from [Regulation I: 38 Campus Life Committee (d)]
- Strike the whole section regarding Graduate Student Committee [Regulation I: 73-77]
- Add the wording “For greater certainty, Associate Members are not eligible to nominate, be nominated for candidacy, or vote in SUO Elections.” to [Regulation II-Elections & Referenda:16], so the policy then reads : subject to Bylaw VII, every Member is eligible to nominate and to be nominated for candidacy in an Election. For greater certainty, Associate Members are not eligible to nominate, be nominated for candidacy, or vote in SUO Elections.
- Replace “UBCO Students” with “UBCO undergraduate students” under [Regulation VIII:38], so it reads: Only current UBCO undergraduate students with confirmed student numbers, whose names and information have been submitted to the Membership Outreach Coordinator, shall be recognized as signing authorities. Student Associations will only be eligible for funding once the Membership Outreach Coordinator confirms the receipt of the list of signing authorities.
- Strike the wording “graduate” from [Regulation VIII: 52], so it reads:  
52. Voting membership of a Course Union shall be available executively to every undergraduate student registered in a major and/or minor of the affiliated Department.
- Strike [Regulation VIII:53]: Notwithstanding the above regulation, voting membership of a Course Union includes both undergraduate and graduate. (Rationale: the provision is not necessary given that the above provision is limited to undergraduate students.)

Those policy changes followed the separation of Graduate Students Society after the AGM. Qiu informed the directors that the revised direction of the Student Association Regulation proposed by their legal counsel is to designate student associations as undergraduate only, particularly regarding signing authority for all student associations and voting membership in course unions. Qiu emphasized this point to ensure that all directors were fully aware of the implications of those governance policy changes.

Carried.

26/02/27.10

Qually/Lai

Be it resolved that the Regulations be amended to use the capitalized term “Member” solely where reference is intended to be used for the defined class of membership under the

Bylaws, in accordance with the updated definition of “Member” , and to clarify terminology throughout the Regulations to eliminate ambiguity between Members (as a class of membership) and members of committees, members of Student Associations, or other bodies.

Patnaik and Qiu noted that within the regulations, the terms “Members” and “members” had been used interchangeably. Since their bylaws now formally define “Members” as a specific membership classification, the language must be revised to ensure consistent usage and to clearly distinguish the intended meanings.

Carried.

## **6. CLUB RATIFICATION**

26/02/27.11

Lai/Osadczyk

Be it resolved that La pizza Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation. Directors believed that some clubs offer free pizzas for their events and SUO also provides community meals to students to address the food security and affordability issue. Pizza could be an option for community meals.

Failed.

26/02/27.12

Qually/Lai

Be it resolved that Wrestling Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

26/02/27.13

Qually/Lai

Be it resolved that SUO Running Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

26/02/27.14

Trabelsi/Qually

Be it resolved that Book Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation. Directors emphasized that the English Course Union has a book club under them. They recommended collaboration between this group of students with the English Course Union book club.

Failed.

[Evans left at 2:49 p.m.]

26/02/27.15

Lai/Bhatia

Be it resolved that Live Events and Community Engagement Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation. Directors recommended collaboration and support from VP Campus life.

Failed.

26/02/27.16

Lai/Arora

Be it resolved that Jewish Students Okanagan Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

26/02/27.17

Lai/Qually

Be it resolved that Women Empowerment Club be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation. Directors believed similar resources are available on campus. They have the Women resource center and Pride resource center.

Failed.

26/02/27.18

Bhatia/Lai

Be it resolved that Agrobotics Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation. Directors were not sure if the club would work for profit or not. More clarification would be needed for their motivation and plan.

Failed.

26/02/27.19

Lai/Qually

Be it resolved that Medlife Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation. Directors believed that they have similar associations and would need a plan from the club.

Failed.

26/02/27.20

Osadczuk/Qually

Be it resolved that Rotaract Club of UBCO be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation. Directors thought the motivation was vague.

Failed.

26/02/27.21

Arora/Bhatia

Be it resolved that F1 UBCO Student Association be ratified.

Patnaik provided motivation.

Carried.

## **7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes**

26/02/27.22

Lai/Osadczuk

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

- the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026
- the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026
- the minutes of the Oversight Committee meeting held January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- the minutes of the Campus Life Committee meeting held January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- the minutes of the Electoral Committee meeting held January 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup> & February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- the minutes of the Student Associate Funding Committee meeting held January 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, and February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Carried.

## **8. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

### **8.1 Senate**

### **8.2 Board of Governors**

### **8.3 Other University Committees**

## **9. NEW BUSINES**

### **9.1 Executive Monthly Report Approval**

26/02/27.23

Qually/Trabelsi

Be it resolved that the Executive December reports be approved as attached.

Carried.

### **9.2 Resolution on Graduate Student Participation in UPass Referendum**

26/02/27.24

Patnaik/Osadcuk

WHEREAS SUO Bylaw II(3)(a) provides that Associate Members “shall not vote in Students’ Unions ... referenda”;

AND WHEREAS SUO contracts with BC transit for SUO members and associate members to access a UPass service;

AND WHEREAS in March 2026 the SUO will hold a referenda on increases to the UPass service fee;

AND WHEREAS SUO Bylaw II(3)(c) confirms that associate members are entitled to receive the UPass Service;

AND WHEREAS associate members pay the UPass service fee;

AND WHEREAS s. 27.1(2.1) of the University Act requires a referendum to increase a service fee allow voting by both members and “students who are not members of the student society if those students would have been entitled to vote in the referendum if they had been members of the student society”;

AND WHEREAS it would be unfairly prejudicial to increase the UPass service fee applicable to both Members and Associate Members in a referendum where Associate Members are not permitted to vote;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) Notwithstanding Bylaw II(3)(a), Associate Members shall be entitled to vote in the March 2026 referendum to increase the UPass service fee; and
- (2) SUO shall pursue an amendment to its bylaws to confirm that Associate Members have the right to vote on referenda for fee increases that will be paid by Associate Members, to meet the requirements of s. 27.1 of the University Act.

Motion was passed via email outside of board meeting. By 8 am February 13<sup>th</sup> , 10 directors voted in favor. Email replies were attached to the agenda.

## **10. DISCUSSION**

### **10.1 UPass Referendum**

Lai encouraged the directors to actively participate in the UPass Referendum promotion events. On Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, SUO would host a BBQ for the UPass Referendum outside UNC building from 11 am to 3 pm. Additionally, tabling for the referendum question would continue in Commons on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **10.2 Steps forward**

Idoko encouraged the directors to continue operating in good faith and work for the best interest of students.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.