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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, May 1, 2026 at 1 PM, Orientation Conference Room

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Olivia Lai
Vice President Finance and Administration	Shreya Patnaik
Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Vice-President Internal	Quinlin Osadczuk
Vice-President Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu
Director-at-Large	Vacant
Director-at-Large	Fikayo Adeleke
Director-at-Large	Laisa Pertet
Director-at-Large	Oliver Hale
Faculty of Education Representative	Vacant
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Ali Wasti
Faculty of Science Representative	Amanda Bolton
Faculty of Management Representative	Mansi Sharma
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Liam Wallace
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Neela Rader
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Krishansh Dhawan
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Peter Idoko

Directors Absent

Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Saami Hafeez

Staff Present

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

Guests

BCFS	Michael Gauld
BCFS	Debi
Lawyer	Kate Phipps

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:53 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.

ACCESSBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

26/05/01.01
Qually/Patnaik
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Rader/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the possibility of SUO orientation for broader members be added.
Amendment carried.

Sandhu/Hale
Be it resolved that the SUO Instagram Live be added.
Amendment carried.

Lai/Qually
Be it resolved that the conflict of interest disclosure be added.
Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

26/05/01.02
Qually/Wallace
Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held April 10th and 17th 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

4. IN- CAMERA (LEGAL)

26/05/01.03
Qually/Bolton
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Carried. [1:01 p.m.]

26/05/01.04
Osadczuk/Bolton
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Carried. [1:40 p.m.]

[Krishansh Dhawan entered at 1:40 p.m.]

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Meeting Minutes Adoption

26/05/01.05

Pertet/Patnaik

Be it resolved that the minutes of following meetings be adopted:

- Executive meetings held April 23rd and 28th

- Campaign Committee meeting held April 10th

- Finance Committee meeting held April 17th

- Oversight Committee meeting held April 17th

Carried.

Regarding the oversight committee meeting minutes, Qually added that recommending Patnaik step down from the role of CRO for the Engineering Society was a proactive approach to ensure the board members refrain from participating in course union elections, thereby better protecting the organization.

5.2 March Executive Report Approval

26/05/01.06

Qually/Wallace

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

Carried.

*VP Campus Life report was not submitted.

Qually, as the chair of the previous Oversight Committee, added that an extension on the submission had been approved for the former VP Campus Life; however, the report has not been received since.

5.3 Committee Appointment

5.3.1 Oversight Committee

Calls for nominations from the Board of Directors

26/05/01.07
Osadczuk/Hale
Be it resolved that Ali Wasti, Amanda Bolton, Krishansh Dhawan be appointed to the Oversight Committee.
Carried.

***Committee Composition [Regulation I:50]**

The Committee Members shall consist of at least three (3) members but no more than five total members, including:

a. General Manager
b. **Up to three non-Executive (3) Directors**; and
c. One (1) Student at Large.

5.3.2 Finance Committee

Calls for nominations from the Board of Directors

26/05/01.08
Osadczuk/Bolton
Be it resolved that Laisa Pertet and Mansi Sharma be appointed to the Finance Committee.
Carried.

*Committee Composition [Regulation I:43]

The Committee Members shall consist of:

a. President;
b. Vice President Finance and Administration;
c. General Manager;
d. Finance Manager;
e. **up to two (2) additional non-executive** directors; and
f. Operations and Service Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.

5.3.3 Policy Committee

Calls for nominations from the Board of Directors

26/05/01.09
Qually/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that Neela Rader, Fikayo Adeleke, Shreya Patnaik and Amanda Bolton be appointed to the Policy Committee.
Carried.
<u>*Committee Composition [Regulation I:69]</u>
The Committee Members shall consist of the:
a. Vice President Internal;
b. General Manager;
c. **Up to four (4) additional Directors**; and
d. At least one (1) Student at Large.
e. Governance Coordinator

5.3.4 CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE

Calls for nominations from the Board of Directors:

26/05/01.10

Lai/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that Naden Qually, Olivia Lai, Shreya Patnaik, Laim Wallace, Oliver Hale, Amanda Bolton and Laisa Pertet be appointed to the Campus Life Committee.
Carried.
<u>*Committee Composition [Regulation I:38]</u>
The Committee Members shall consist of:
a. VP Campus Life;
b. VP Internal;
c. **at least three (3)** additional directors;
d. a minimum of three (3) and maximum of nine (9) students at large;

5.3.5 CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE

Calls for nominations from the Board of Directors:

26/05/01.11

Sandhu/Wallace

Be it resolved that Shreya Patnaik, Guransh Sandhu, Laisa Pertet, Liam Wallace, Amanda Bolton, Oliver Hale, Neela Rader be appointed to the Campaigns Committee.

Carried.

<u>*Committee Composition [Regulation I:33]</u>

The Committee Members shall consist of:

a. President;
b. Vice President External;
c. Advocacy and/or Governance Coordinator;
d. **at least two (2) additional directors**;
e. One (1) Resource Centre Director; and
f. up to five (5) Students at Large

5.3.6 Media Fund Committee

a. Striking the ad hoc Media Fund Committee

26/05/01.12

Laisa/Hale

Be it resolved that the ad hoc Media Fund Committee be struck for the 2026-2027 SUO board.

Carried.

b. Call for nominations from the Board of Directors:
(one additional director)

25/05/01.13

Wallace/Bolton

Be it resolved that Liam Wallace be appointed to the Media Fund Committee.

Carried.

*Committee Composition [Regulation I:108]

The Committee Members shall consist of the:

a. Vice-President Campus Life;
b. Vice-President Finance and Administration;
c. **a member of the Board of Directors;**
d. a member of the Phoenix and/or its successor; and
e. a member of an SUO sanctioned media outlet and/or its successor.

5.3.7 Student Association Funding Committee

a. Striking the ad hoc Student Association Funding Committee

26/05/01.14

Qually/Pertet

Be it resolved that the ad hoc Student Association Funding Committee be struck for the 2026-2027 SUO board.

Carried.

b. Call for nominations from the Board of Directors:

26/05/01.15

Patnaik/Osadczuk

Be it resolved that Oliver Hale be appointed to the Student Association Funding Committee.

Carried.

Committee Composition [Regulation I:85]

The Committee Members shall consist of :

a. Vice President Finance (chair);
b. Vice President Internal;
c. Membership Outreach Coordinator;
d. General Manager; and
e. **One (1) Director at Large**

5.3.8 Student Association Oversight Committee

a. Striking the ad hoc Student Association Oversight Committee

26/05/01.16

Wallace/Osadczuk

Be it resolved that the ad hoc Student Association Oversight Committee be struck for the 2026-2027 SUO board.

Carried.

b. Call for nominations from the Board of Directors:

(two Directors at Large)

25/05/01.17

Osadczuk/Patnaik

Be it resolved that Laisa Pertet be appointed to the Student Association Oversight Committee.

Carried.

Committee Composition [Regulation I:92]

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); and
f. **Two (2) Directors at Large**

5.3.9 Disciplinary Committee

a. Striking the ad hoc Disciplinary Committee

26/05/01.18

Qually/Wallace

Be it resolved that the ad hoc Disciplinary Committee be struck for the 2026-2027 SUO board.

Carried.

b. Call for nominations from the Board of Directors:

26/05/01.19

Pertet/Rader

Be it resolved that Guransh Sandhu and Naden Qually be appointed to the Disciplinary Committee.

Carried.

*Committee Composition [Regulation I:112]

The Disciplinary Committee shall be comprised of five (5) directors as follows:

a. President (Chair of the Committee);
b. Vice-President Internal;
c. chairperson of Oversight Committee;
d. **two (2) additional Directors** to be appointed by the Board of Directors; and
e. General Manager (advisory with voting rights)

26/05/01.20
Qually/Lai
Be it resolved the ballots be destroyed.
Carried.

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.3 Senate

6.4 Board of Governors

Idoko updated that the first Board of Governors meeting would be held in June. And due to conflict of interest, he would recuse himself from any board of governor-related discussion at the SUO board.

6.5 Other University Committees

Osadczuk updated that the Librarian selection committee had done their task and the selection result was made public.

Patnaik reminded Osadczuk to reach out to the Ombudsperson and Governance committee as SUO VP Internal sits on that committee.

Idoko updated that they selected AVP Student, Shannon Dunn, for student housing and community services in Okanagan.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 RBC Off-Campus Response Motion Carried Outside of Board Meeting

The Motion reads:
Be it resolved that the Communications and Outreach team publish the following statement on our communication channels regarding the RBC Off-Campus Motions passed at the AGM.

"We recognize that the resolutions passed at our Annual General Meeting in November regarding our lease with RBC reflect a matter of deep importance to many students. We understand that members of our community are seeking transparency, accountability, and alignment between our institutional practices and student values. Students deserve an update on the steps we have taken to implement these resolutions.

Following the AGM, we sought legal advice to ensure that any actions taken are responsible and do not inadvertently expose the Society to significant legal or financial risk. This is a necessary step to protect the long-term sustainability of the organization and the services it provides to students. Due to counsel availability, it took some time to receive that advice.

With respect to the resolution calling for disclosure of the lease, disclosure of any information that RBC considers to be confidential could expose SUO to significant financial liability. As a result, we have formally contacted RBC to request clarification about what information it considers to be confidential and are currently awaiting their response. Based on that advice, we will determine what parts of the RBC lease can be disclosed without risking SUO's financial position.

Regarding the resolutions that in various ways seek to terminate or lobby RBC to not renew the lease, we can advise that there are no provisions of the lease that permit SUO to unilaterally terminate the lease. Lobbying RBC to not renew or terminate the lease is a matter that requires great care. Lobbying that is overly hostile to RBC, or that (even inadvertently) suggests SUO is not committed to fulfilling the lease, could have serious legal implications, including potential claims that could result in substantial financial liability for the Society. As such, we are proceeding cautiously to ensure that any steps taken are consistent with our legal responsibilities. SUO's board is considering what steps it could take that would not compromise SUO's interests.

We want to be clear: we take the concerns raised by students seriously. We understand that students want us to move quickly, and are frustrated by the time that has passed. At the same *time, we have a duty to act in a way that safeguards the financial stability of SUO and its ability to serve current and future students. Balancing these responsibilities requires careful, deliberate action. It also takes time.*

We remain committed to keeping our members informed and will continue to provide updates as this process evolves."

Carried. President Peter Idoko sent the motion for voting via email on April 21st . The following directors voted " in favor", namely, Naden Qually, Jessica Goel, Shreya Patnaik, Olivia Lai, Kiki Akinlade, Ali Wasti, Ashley Kyei-Badu, Aaditya Golash, and Tejas Bhatia.

7.2 BCFS Executive Committee Appointment

26/05/01.21

Sandhu/Patnaik

Be it resolved that VP External, Naden Qually, be appointed to the BCFS Executive Committee.

Carried.

7.3 Director Resignations and Appointment

26/05/01.22
Sandhu/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the resignation from Director-at-Large Ashley Kyei-Badu and Faculty of Education Representatives Kelsey Szoke be approved;
Carried.

26/05/01.23 (Special Resolution)
Qually/Patnaik
Be it resolved that Marci Brooks be appointed as the Faculty of Education Representative.
Carried.

7.4 Approval for Vacation during the Blackout Period for Olivia and Quinlin

26/05/01.24
Sandhu/Qually
Be it resolved that Olivia Lai (President) and Quinlin Osadczuk (VP Internal) be approved for vacation during the Blackout Period.

Lai added that she has a pre-planned family vacation in May. Osadczuk added that he has a family visiting trip in May, and would make sure the work would not be interrupted. Evans suggested they indicate their specific time for vacation during the blackout period.

Lai/Wallace

Be it resolved that the motion be amended as
Be it resolved that Olivia Lai be approved for vacation from May 22 to May 29 and working remotely from May 30 to June 6.
Be it further resolved that Quinlin Osadczuk be approved for vacation from May 15 to the end of May.
Amendment carried.
Carried as amended.

7.5 Board Expectations (volunteering, in-person meetings, monthly reports)

Lai expressed the expectation on the board:
-Read the agenda and come prepared
-Volunteer for the SUO events and support the executives
-Attend the meeting in person
-Submit the monthly report on time
Qually added:
-Show up and help; be active in the SUO events
-Come to the office and build connections with board members and staff

7.6 SUO Orientation for Broader Members

Rader suggested introducing an orientation for the student body to help members understand how the SUO board functions, recommending seminars and social media outreach as ways to engage students and invite questions. Directors discussed both past effective strategies and new ideas, including hosting an executive panel for new student residents, continuing the “Ask Me About Your SUO” initiative, offering brief 10-minute face-to-face introductions, and incorporating introduction sessions into Jump Start as well as other existing SUO and UBC events.

7.7 SUO Instagram Live

Sandhu suggested hosting an SUO Instagram Live session to introduce the executives and other board members, improving accessibility of the board. Lai supported the proposal and asked him to coordinate with the communications team to ensure effective promotion.
[Ali Wasti left the meeting at 3:04 p.m.]

7.8 Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Peter Idoko: is Board of Governor student representative; has an event coordination business which collaborates with community business.
Oliver Hale: has friends in the musical industry, small business in farmer’s market.
Laim Wallace: works for City council on municipal elections.
Laisa Pertet: Residence advisor (RA); works at Picnic
Quinlin Osadczuk: friend with GSA president through church
Jason Evans: has a hotel booking company.
Neela Rader: founder of Lesbians 4 Livable Futures; work for Culture Studies Course Union; used to work for RBC Off Campus Student Group and The Alliance for Student Empowerment
Olivia Lai: Student Recruitment Ambassador

Fikayo Adeleke: Senior Recruitment Ambassador; RA; actively engaged in Black Student community; Black student action cohort which help make policies for UBC
Rader asked lawyer for advice on procedures as they used to engage actively in the RBC off campus student group. It was recommended that they distance themselves from the RBC off campus student group and abstain from any vote on the board regarding the movement due to concerns of potential divided loyalty.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.