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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, July 13, 2026 at 9:30 am, UNC 105 Boardroom/Zoom

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	Oliver Hale
Director-at-Large	Fikayo Adeleke
Director-at-Large	Laisa Pertet
Director-at-Large	Tim Liao
Faculty of Education Representative	Marci Brooks
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Ali Wasti
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Liam Wallace
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Krishansh Dhawan
Faculty of Science Representative	Amanda Bolton
Faculty of Management Representative	Mansi Sharma
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Neela Rader
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Peter Idoko
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Saami Hafeez

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator	Lijie Qiu

1. CALL TO ORDER.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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ACCESSBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

26/07/13.01

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

26/07/13.02

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 11, 2026 be adopted.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.1 Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

26/07/13.03

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

- Executive meetings held June 9th, June 23rd and July 3rd;

- Oversight Committee meeting held June 12th;

- Finance Committee meeting held June 23rd;

- Campaign Committee meeting held June 22nd;

- Campus Life Committee meeting held June 30th;

- Policy Committee meeting held July 2nd;

- Media Fund Committee meeting held June 12th.

4.2 Executive Monthly Report Approval

26/07/13.04

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Be it resolved that Executive May Reports be approved as attached.

4.3 Media Fund Committee Business Discussion

1).Booth relocation (discussing logistics and next steps for moving the radio booth)

2). Media Fund Committee updates (discussing topics and takeaways from the recent meeting)

5. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

5.1 Senate

5.2 Board of Governors

5.3 Other University Committees

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Budget Presentation

26/07/13.05
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Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.

26/07/13.06
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Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.

26/07/13.07
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Be it resolved that the budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 be adopted as presented.

6.2 Concert Motivation and approval

26/07/13.08

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Be it resolved that SUO Board of Directors approve holding a concert for the 2026-2027 academic year.

6.3 Action Plan Approval

26/07/13.09
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Be it resolved that SUO Action Plan 2026-2027 be approved as attached.

6.4 Media Fund Allocation

26/07/13.10
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Be it resolved that the Student Union of UBC Okanagan allocate the funds in the amount of $51,500 to the Phoenix from the Student Media Fund.

7. IN-CAMERA (LEGAL)

26/07/13.11
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Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.

-CCS Agreement
-MOU with Third Space
-GSA Draft MOU to SUO

26/07/13.12
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Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.

26/07/13.13
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Be it resolved that CCS Agreement be approved as amended.

8. DISCUSSION/ INFORMATION

8.1 BCFS Proposed AGM & Skills Delegate Revised Fees
8.2 SUO Health and Dental Plan and ALUMO Update
8.3 Summer BBQ Update
8.4 Preparing for the 2026-2027 year
8.5 Social Media Update
8.6 Building Referendum
8.7 Sustainability Working Group

9. ADJOURNMENT

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, June 11, 2026 at 12:30 PM, UNC 105 Boardroom/Zoom

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Olivia Lai
Vice President Finance and Administration	Shreya Patnaik
Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Vice-President Internal	Quinlin Osadczuk
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Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Peter Idoko
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Saami Hafeez

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes
Governance Coordinator	Lijie Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:36 P.M.

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ACCESSBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

26/06/11.01
Sandhu/Qually
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Sandhu/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that a discussion regarding concert motivation be added.
Amendment carried.

Lai/Sandhu
Be it resolved that #6.2 Director at Large appointment be moved before the presentation.
Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.
[Wallace entered at 12:39 p.m.]

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

26/06/11.02
Qually/Wallace
Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held May 1, 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

4. DIRECTOR AT LARGE APPOINTMENT

26/06/11.03
Dhawan/Qually
Be it resolved that Tim Liao be appointed to the SUO Board of Director as the Director at Large until the By-Election 2026.
Carried.
Lai, on behalf of the executive team, provided motivation for the recommendation of the candidate.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT BUDGET

26/06/11.04
Qually/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Carried. [12:43 p.m.]

26/06/11.05
Sandhu/Wallace
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Carried. [1:26 p.m.]

[Smailes left after the presentation.]

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Meeting Minutes Adoption

26/06/11.06
Qually/Patnaik
Be it resolved that the minutes of following meetings be adopted:

- Executive meetings held May 11 and 20;
- Oversight Committee meeting held May 12;
- Finance Committee meeting held May 14;
- Campaign Committee meeting held May 19;
- Campus Life Committee meeting held May 25;
- Media Fund Committee meeting held May 29;

Carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Committee Appointment

26/06/11.07
Sandhu/Dhawan
Be it resolved that Director Marci Brooks be appointed to Campus Life Committee.

Carried.

Brooks introduced herself and expressed her interest in the Campus Life committee.

26/06/11.08
Dhawan/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that MHD Omar Alkhammash be appointed to Oversight Committee as Student at Large.

Carried. Dhawan provided motivation.

26/06/11.09
Osadczuk/Dhawan
Be it resolved that Renata Yessenbayeva, Isaac Humeniuk be appointed to Policy Committee as Students at Large.
Carried. Osadczuk provided motivation for each candidate.

26/06/11.10
Qually/Wallace
Be it resolved that Linnaya Boyer, Kene Onwumelu, El Pleroma Mukete Nokoson, Arshida Moosavi be appointed to Campaigns Committee as Students at Large.
Carried. Qually provided motivation for each candidate.

26/06/11.11
Sandhu/Wallace
Be it resolved that Audrey Teng, Dylan Snaggs, Julian JD, Saanjh Jaura, Camilla Cloutier, Georgia Goerz, Arshida Moosavi be appointed to Campus Life Committee as Students at Large.
Carried. Sandhu provided motivation for each candidate.

26/06/11.12
Lai/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding the appointment of Tim Liao to committees. (Special resolution)
Carried. All directors were in favor.

Liao asked about the workload associated with campus life committee, campaigns committee and Student Association Oversight Committee. Sandhu, Qually and Patnaik provided overviews of each committee's responsibilities and activities, respectively.

26/06/11.13
Sandhu/Liao
Be it resolved that Tim Liao be appointed to Campaigns committee and Student Association Oversight committee.

Carried.

Liao noted that he serves on the Engineering Society Council and may have a potential conflict of interest while serving on the Student Association Oversight Committee if the committee were to consider any complaints involving the Engineering Course Union. He was asked by the board to recuse himself from any investigation or complaint involving the Engineering Course Union.

26/06/11.14
Osadczuk/Lai
Be it resolved that the meeting be recessed for five minutes. [1:51 p.m.]
Carried.

Meeting was called back to order at 1:57 p.m.

8. IN CAMERA 26/06/11.12

26/06/11.15
Patnaik/Wallace
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Carried. [1:58 p.m.]

-MOU

- Develop Sustainable Initiatives regarding RBC

[Wasti left at 2:44 p.m.]

26/06/11.16
Qually/Liao
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Carried. [3 p.m.]

9. DISCUSSION/ INFORMATION

9.1 Develop Sustainable Initiatives regarding RBC

(following the in-camera session)

26/06/11.17
Osadczuk/Hale
Be it resolved that we (SUO) reach out to RBC in a positive manner, to improve our relationship and develop our correspondence before mentioning any changes to the contract.

Be it further resolved that we (SUO) develop a plan to implement a sustainable initiative backed by RBC, with the help of the "RBC Off Campus" group.

- VP Internal to correspond with RBC Off Campus, and campus planning
- VP External to correspond with RBC representative

Directors showed concerns about the second part of the motion, noting that development of a sustainable initiative would not address the primary request of the RBC Off Campus group, which was for divestment from the fossil fuel industry. Directors also observed that, based on the wording of the motion, the proposed sustainability initiative would not be within the SUO's direct control. Concerns were also raised about the first part of the motion, as its language appeared to imply changes to an existing contract. Though the purpose of the motion was to encourage further positive conversations with RBC, there was concern that this interpretation might make RBC less willing to engage in discussions with them.

Liao/Wallace
Be it resolved that the motion be split into two motions.
Carried.

Lai/Osadczuk
Motion 1
Be it resolved that we (SUO) reach out to RBC in a positive manner, to improve our relationship and develop our correspondence before mentioning any changes to the contract.
Dhawan/Liao
Be it resolved that the motion 1 be reworded as :
Be it resolved that we (SUO) continue further communication with RBC.
Amendment carried.
Carried as amended.

Hale/Osadczuk
Motion 2
Be it further resolved that we (SUO) develop a plan to implement a sustainable initiative backed by RBC, with the help of the "RBC Off Campus" group.
- VP Internal to correspond with RBC Off Campus, and campus planning
- VP External to correspond with RBC representative

Failed.

9.2 2026-2027 Action Plan Update

Lai updated that the executives had their Action Plan workshop the day before. The Action Plan document would be compiled and submitted to the board for approval at the next board meeting.

9.3 Conferences re-cap

Qually and Lai provided updates on the BCFS SKILLS and Ottawa Federal advocacy trip, respectively.

9.4 Update with Recreation Field house

Qually updated the team on the UBCO Recreation Building Official Groundbreaking Ceremony, noting that the proposed opening date of the building would be in 2028 and the UBC board of governors would approve the design of the building this fall.

9.5 Update with UPASS Agreement

Qually recognized staff member Aaron for his contributions to the U-Pass agreement negotiations and provided an update on the agreement. He noted that a new initiative was being explored to expand UPASS service to the City of Vernon. A recent survey indicated strong student support for the proposed expansion.

26/06/11.18
Qually/Lai
Be it resolved that SUO approve the Inclusion of RDNO (Regional District of the North Okanagan) support letter written by VP External.
Carried. The support letter was attached to the minutes.

9.6 Upcoming updates

Lai updated that they would host summer BBQ and encourage the board members to volunteer if they are available. She also informed the board that a student leadership training was being planned for the first week of September prior to the start of the academic year.

9.7 Meeting Etiquette

Lai reminded Board members to regularly monitor their Outlook email for board meetings and to submit regrets as early as possible if they were unable to attend meetings. She also encouraged directors to review meeting agendas in advance. Additionally, she asked Board members to raise their hands and wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking during meetings.

9.8 Concert Motivation

26/06/11.19
Lai/Qually
Be it resolved that the meeting be extended for 10 minutes.
Carried.

Sandhu noted that he had done some polls for the concert and saw students' support for the concert. He talked about the benefits of having a concert, such as building the community and meeting new people. He also talked about his plan to have party safety training to ensure a safe concert. Patnaik acknowledged the importance of the student experience and noted that, given budget constraints, it is up to the board to determine whether the concert should be prioritized. Lai asked Sandhu to share some details via email.

9.9 Communication from Board of Directors

Lai asked the directors to actively check their emails and communicate with others.

9.10 Monthly Report Submissions

Lai asked the directors to submit the monthly report on time and help with events.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

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To whom it may concern,

The Students' Union Okanagan would like to express its support for the inclusion of the Regional District of the North Okanagan in the UPASS agreement between the Students' Union Okanagan, University of British Columbia, and BC Transit. Accessibility to transportation for students is a high priority of our organization, and the inclusion of the RDNO would be a meaningful expansion for students who reside here in the Okanagan, giving them affordable access to attending classes on campus, exploring what the Okanagan has to offer, and accessing places where they may work.

Including students in the RDNO in the UPASS agreement will also help reduce the number of students competing for parking on our campus, allowing more students who may really need parking to attend campus classes and events on time. We also believe expanded access to the RDNO can be of great economic benefit to the RDNO, as students in the central district of the Okanagan would gain access to the RDNO and be able to affordably commute for a day or a weekend to the area. Students who reside in the RDNO will also have access to the central region, which will be of great benefit to those hoping to attend events in the Kelowna area.

We encourage the respective decision-makers to support this inclusion and champion expanded transportation access for students who live, work, and study here in the Okanagan.

Sincerely,

Naden Qually
Vice-President External

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, June 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm, UNC 133C

Executives Present

President (meeting chair)	Olivia Lai
Vice President Finance and Administration	Shreya Patnaik
Vice-President Internal	Quinlin Osadczuk
Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Vice-President Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu

Executives Absent

Staff Present

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

Guests

ALUMNI UBCO	Kathryn Hall
ALUMNI UBCO	Patrick Ray
GSA President	Scarlett MacPherson

1. **CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:01 P.M.**

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

26/06/09.01
Qually/Sandhu
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Carried.

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

26/06/09.02
Osadczuk/Patnaik
Be it resolved that the minutes of meetings held May 20th, 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

4. **PRESENTATION**

4.1 ALUMNI UBCO

Hall and Ray introduced their staff portfolio and homecoming events. They and the Executives discussed potential collaborations.

4.2 GSA Presentation to SUO on MOU Draft

MacPherson presented results of their survey on service priorities and provided an overview of their budget breakdown. She and the Executives discussed potential opportunities for collaboration on food security advocacy and club service. MacPherson requested data collection related to food security services, noting that such information could strengthen their applications for additional funding from faculties and UBC. Qually responded that he could collect data for community meals but requested the GSA to inform their members of the data collection process. Ouellet talked about possible changes in the hamper service and raised concerns regarding the misuse of food pantry services. Ouellet also recommended the GSA establish contingency fund within their budget. Evans expressed concerns regarding Student Association insurance coverage and liabilities, the labor required to deliver the service and administer funds, and Student Association governance structure in terms of oversight. Discussion regarding MOU would continue.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 Honoraria Approval

26/06/09.03
Qually/Sandhu
Be it resolved that the May Honoraria for Board of Directors be disbursed as follows:

Name	Title	%
Adeleke, Fikayo	Director-at-Large	100
Bolton, Amanda	Faculty of Science Representative	100
Brooks, Marci*	Faculty of Education Representative	/
Dhawan, Krishansh	Faculty of Applied Sciences Representative	100
Hale, Oliver	Director-at-Large	100
Pertet, Laisa	Director-at-Large	100
Rader, Neela	Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	100
Sharma, Mansi	Faculty of Management Representative	100
Wallace, Liam	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	100
Wasti, Ali	Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	100

*Marci Brooks was onboarded in May.
Carried.

5.2 BC3 Meeting Update

Qually updated with team the priorities of the BC3 advocacy this year:

1) 2% tuition cap for domestic students
2) Student housing
3) Transportation (Skytrain, BC transit, BC ferry)

5.3 UPASS Agreement Update

Qually reported that they had been consulted on a UBC proposal to transfer the administration of the UPASS remittance process back to UBC, which they do not support.
Qually also reported survey results on the potential expansion of UPASS access in the North Okanagan region (Vernon), which showed student support. He would work with internal and external partners to advance this initiative.
[Patnaik left at 2:25 p.m.]

5.4 Summer BBQ Event

Executives discussed the summer BBQ event. The best time for the event could be the first week of August and Qually would like to invite UBC departments and administration.

5.5 Communication Review between Executives and Staff
Lai encouraged executives to maintain open communication with staff to ensure everyone is on the same page when organizing events and activities. Qually encouraged executives to attend the staff meeting on Tuesdays between 10-11am.

5.6 Interview Update for DAL and Social Media Ambassador
26/06/09.04
Qually/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the executive committee recommend Tim Liao as the SUO Director at Large until the By-Election 2026 and submit this recommendation to the board for consideration and approval.
Carried.

Lai updated that the decision for Directors at Large was difficult as candidates interviewed were strong.
Lai also updated that the Social Media Ambassador interviews were in process.

6. IN CAMERA - MOU SUO AND UBCO
26/06/09.05
Sandhu/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Carried. [2:37 p.m.]
[Qiu left at 2:59 p.m.]

26/06/09.06
Osadczuk/Sandhu
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Carried. [3:10 p.m.]

7. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, June 23, 2026 at 11 am, UNC 133C

Executives Present

President (meeting chair)	Olivia Lai
Vice President Finance and Administration	Shreya Patnaik
Vice-President Internal	Quinlin Osadczuk
Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Vice-President Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu

Executives Absent

Staff Present

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

Guests

Third Space Charity staff (zoom)

1. **CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:05 A.M.**

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

26/06/23.01
Qually/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Qually/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that a presentation of Third Space Charity be added at the beginning of the New business.
Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

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

26/06/23.02
Qually/Patnaik
Be it resolved that the minutes of meetings held June 9, 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Presentation of Third Space Charity

Megan from Third Space Charity introduced the organization and its staff and provided an overview of their programs and services. She emphasized that the purpose of the MOU they provided was to secure the office space within the SUO premises.

4.2 UBCO Campus Partner Agreement

Evans updated that the agreement was an operational MOU regarding the UBC card utilization by the SUO for the food services. They renew and sign the MOU annually.

4.3 Bursary and Endowment Budget

Patnaik asked for input from executive team regarding the transit bursary, giving day matching grant and UBC emergency fund. She shared last year's funding figures for reference and asked the team to provide their feedback by the end of the week. Additionally, the team asked two managers to obtain quotes for painting the boardroom and the theatre.

4.4 Discussion on How Executives Should Made Decisions on Services

Executives discussed the decision-making process regarding the MOU with GSA on SUO services. The Executives agreed that discussions should take place within the committee and with staff before any individual Executive communicates with GSA. Regarding the student advocacy service, Qually noted that an email had been sent to GSA, with the SUO Student Advocate and Executives copied, informing them that graduate students no longer have access to SUO student advocacy services. The Student Advocate was in the process of wrapping up existing graduate student cases and referring them to the Ombudsperson office. Any future graduate student cases would also be redirected to the Ombudsperson Office. No Executives expressed concerns about the decision on the student advocacy service. Evans recommended maintaining official meeting minutes to formally document decisions. Qiu further suggested that when meetings are held with GSA without formal minutes, a follow-up email could be sent summarizing the discussions and decisions made to serve as a record. She also encouraged Executives to involve staff members in communications, as they are responsible for delivering the services.

Lai recommended designating a single representative to communicate their decision with GSA rather than having individual Executives engage in separate conversations. The committee agreed that Lai would be responsible for communicating the committee's decisions regarding services to GSA.

4.5 Student Health Autonomic Project

Qually noted that a representative from Student health autonomic project had approached him seeking support in promoting their service to student body. The project aimed at helping with students' attention span. Some Executives were not in favor of having another student health initiative; however, the team agreed that Qually proceeds with a meeting with the organization to gather additional information and explore potential sponsorship.

4.6 Create a mandate and plan for the opt-out process for the recreation fielding (as per our referendum)

Lai read the 2023-2024 fieldhouse referendum and emphasized the importance of establishing an opt-out process for students in financial hardship. Evans had shared the proposal with Executives via email. He reported that the proposed approach was developed to avoid the SUO making independent financial hardship determinations and instead align the opt-out process with UBC's established financial aid process. Under this model, students would apply through an SUO-administered form, but eligibility would be tied to UBC-administered financial aid, with UBC Financial Aid & Awards confirming eligibility and coordinating the fee reversal process. Evans added once the Executives are comfortable with the framework, they could propose the plan to the UBC administration for confirmation before they take it to the board for approval.

4.7 Operation Updates

Ouellet noted that although GSA officially separated from SUO in January, Pantry and Hamper services have continued to be provided to graduate students. He requested direction regarding these services for September. Following discussion, the committee agreed that, should an MOU with GSA not be in place by September, Pantry and Hamper services would no longer be available to graduate students. Lai requested that Ouellet communicate this decision to the Board and staff via email.

Executives also asked for the future plan of Paper & Supply Co. Ouellet reported that demand for second-hand textbooks has continued to decline and that they planed to gradually phase out book sales over the year, with a target completion date of May 31, 2027. He noted that decisions regarding the future use of the space may ultimately rest with a future Board. Executives discussed the possibility of operating a convenience store to better serve the student community and expanding printing services to a broader community. The committee also discussed printing service pricing, emphasizing the importance of maintaining affordability for students while considering the ongoing financial challenges and deficit associated with Paper & Supply Co.

4.8 Board of Governors Plan

Executives agreed to have a team discussion regarding their priorities of this year before they present them at VPS retreat in September.

5. IN-CAMERA (LEGAL/LAND/LABOR)

26/06/23.03
Osadczuk/Patnaik
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Carried. [12:16 p.m.]

[Evans, Ouellet and Qiu left at 12:37 p.m.]

26/06/23.04
Sandhu/Qually
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Carried. [1 p.m.]

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, July 3 2026 at 10 am, UNC 133C

Executives Present

President (meeting chair)	Olivia Lai
Vice President Finance and Administration	Shreya Patnaik
Vice-President Internal	Quinlin Osadczuk
Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Vice-President Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu

Executives Absent

Staff Present

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

Guests

Student Experience office staff	Lindsay
Student Experience office staff	Mraitt
4 GSA directors	

1. **CALLED TO ORDER AT10:03 A.M.**

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

26/07/03.01
Patnaik/Qually
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Patnaik/Qually
Be it resolved that the budget presentation be moved to the in-camera session.
Amendment carried.

Qually/Patnaik
Be it resolved the #4.2 Resource Center Locatio Idea be removed.
Amendment carried.

Lai/Qually
Be it resolved that Item 4.8 Student Experience Office Updates and 5. In camera session be moved at the beginning of new business.
Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

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

26/07/03.02
Patnaik/Qually
Be it resolved that the minutes of meetings held June 23, 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Student Experience Office (SEO) Update

SEO staff introduced sessions and big events that SUO could participate in, such as Jumpstart, Kickoff and Showcase. It was reminded that Showcase registration deadline was August 1. SUO also informed them that the Expo would be held on September 23rd around 10am -3 pm.

4.2 In Camera (legal/labor)

26/07/03.03
Osadczuk/Sandhu
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Carried. [10:17 a.m.]

-GSA MOU Presentation/Discussion
-Budget presentation
-Recreation/Field House Referendum Opt-out process final executive amendments
-MOU SUO and Third Space
-ADM update on CCS

[staff members left at 11:53 a.m.]
- Labor/In Camera Update (only executives)

26/07/03.04
Qually/Patnaik
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Carried. [12:01 p.m.]

[staff members entered at 12:03 p.m.]

4.3 Budget Recommendation

26/07/03.05
Patnaik/Sandhu
Be it resolved that the Executive Committee recommend the draft budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027 be presented to the Board of Directors for adoption .
Carried.

4.4 BCFS Executive Committee Updates

Qually updated that
- BCFS was willing to provide some advice on the Engineering Society issues.
- BCFS was seeking locals' input on the proposal of increasing fees for their AGM and SKILLS.
-Information sharing: North Island College experienced 30% program cut and they had concerns on the administration; and OCSU's input regarding autonomic project.

4.5 In The Know With Your SUO Planning

Qually inform the executives of his plan to work together with the Social Media ambassador on the awareness of SUO and its service. Their social media page would have executives introduce their events and initiatives. He asked the executives to consider what they would like to highlight and present.

4.6 Wresting Club Membership Fee Approval

Osadczuk updated that that membership fee would be used for regular events and meetups and the club was also seeking sponsorship and grants.

26/07/03.06
Sandhu/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the membership fee for the Wresting Club be approved at $45.
Carried.

4.7 Reminder for Executives to add to Calendar and finish summer merchandise ordering

Lai asked the executives to complete the summer merchandise ordering.

4.8 Social Media Ambassador Candidate

Lai updated that the hiring process had concluded and shared an overview of the candidates. The executives would review the candidates' portfolios before making a final decision.

4.9 MOU with Third Space and Field House Referendum Opt-Out Procedure Document

26/07/03.07
Osadczuk/Qually
Be it resolved that the Executive Committee take the MOU (MOU with Third Space and Field House Referendum Opt-Out Procedure Document) to the Board for a final decision.
Carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students

Oversight Committee Meeting, June 12, 2026, 02:00 PM, Zoom

Members Present

Faculty of Applied Science Rep. Krishansh Dhawan (Chair)

Faculty of Science Rep. Amanda Bolton (Secretary/Minute Taker)

Faculty of Health and Social Development Rep. Ali Wasti

Members Absent With Approval

Student at Large: MHD Omar Alkhammash (newly hired as of this morning)

Staff Present

General Manager Jason Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 2:10pm

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

26/06/12.01

Bolton / Wasti

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

26/06/12.02

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to include Shreya's leave of absence request from July 16th to August 31st

Evans / Bolton

Motion passed.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

26/06/12.03

Bolton / Wasti

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held May 12, 2026 be adopted.

Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Adoption of May Executive Monthly Reports

26/06/12.04

Wasti / Bolton

Be it resolved that the May Executive Reports submitted by the President, VP Internal, VP External, VP Finance, and VP Campus Life be adopted and approved.

May Monthly Exec Report

26/06/12.05

Bolton/Dhawan

Be it resolved that the template of the Monthly executive reports be edited to reflect the approximate time spent on their activities of the month.

Motion passes.

Oversight Committee Chair to forward this request to the Board for approval of this executive's report amendment be approved and adopted.

4.2 Executive Action Plan Assignments

Discussion regarding assignment of Executive Action Plan reviews and meetings between Oversight Committee members and Executive members.

Proposed assignments:

- Olivia Lai (President) – Amanda Bolton
- Quinlin Osadczuk (VP Internal) – Krishansh Dhawan
- Shreya Patnaik (VP Finance) – MHD Omar Alkhammash
- Naden Qually (VP External) – Ali Wasti
- Guransh Sandhu (VP Campus Life) – Krishansh Dhawan

26/06/12.06

Bolton/ Evans

Be it resolved that the Oversight Committee approve the Executive Action Plan review assignments as presented.

Each Oversight Committee member to email and meet up with our respective Executives and cc Krishansh in our emails.

Motion passes.

4.3 Naden Qually's Leave of Absence Request

Discussion regarding Naden Qually's request for a two-week leave of absence from Executive duties.

26/06/12.07

Bolton / Evans

Be it resolved that the Oversight Committee approve Naden Qually's leave request for a period of two weeks as outlined in his correspondence to the committee. Requesting 6 paid days of his10 allotted days.

Motion passes.

4.4 Patnaik's Leave Request

26/06/09.08

Discussion regarding Shreya Patnaik's request for a six-week leave of absence from Executive duties.

Evans /Bolton

Be it resolved that the Oversight Committee approve Shreya Patnaik's leave request for a period of 6 weeks as outlined in correspondence to the committee and usage of all her paid leaves.

Motion passes.

4.5 Executive Action Plan Review Process and Expectations

Discussion regarding timelines, meeting expectations, reporting requirements, and assignment after the Executive Action Planning Meeting Marathon scheduled for June 10, 2026.

Chair recommends to all Oversight Committee members to review the SUO handbook and make notes/recommendations for our plans for the year *prior to our next meeting*.

Each Committee member shall meet and email their respective Executive member (with Krishansh in attendance of cc'd in emails) *prior to our next meeting*.

5. ADJOURNMENT at 2:59pm

26/06/12.09

Bolton / Dhawan

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion passes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Finance Committee Meeting, June 23rd, 2026 at 1 pm, SUO 133C

Members Present

VP Finance & Admin (chair)	Shreya Patnaik
President	Olivia Lai
Director at Large	Laisa Pertet
Faculty of Management Rep	Mansi Sharma
General Manager (Staff)	Jason Evans
Finance Manager (Staff)	Leanne Smailes
Operations and Service Manager (non-voting Staff)	Mike Ouellet

Members Absent with Regrets

President	Olivia Lai

Members Absent without Regrets

Faculty of Management Rep	Mansi Sharma

Staff Absent

Operations and Service Manager (non-voting Staff)	Mike Ouellet

1. **CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:14 P.M.**

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2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

26/06/23.01
Pertet/Evans

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Carried.

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

26/06/23.02
Pertet/Smailes
Be it resolved that the minutes of meetings held May 14, 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 PRESENTATION OF May 2026 YTD Budget

Patnaik presented summary of the draft budget and YTD for May to the committee and later offered to explain the specifics of each budget column. Smailes shared more context for each budget column. Committee members engaged in productive discussions around making any adjustments.

4.2 SUO 2026-27 Draft Budget Presentation

26/06/23.03
Pertet/Smailes
Be it resolved that the Finance Committee recommend the Draft Budget presented for adoption to the Board of Directors for the fiscal year 2026-27.
Carried.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campaigns Committee Meeting, June 22, 2026, at 1 pm, UNC 133C/Zoom

Members Present

VP External (chair)	Naden Qually
President	Olivia Lai
Faculty of Arts & Social Rep	Liam Wallace
Faculty of Science Rep	Amanda Bolton
Director at Large	Oliver Hale
Director at Large	Laisa Pertet
Director at Large	Tim Liao
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Rep	Neela Rader
Student at Large	Linnaya Boyer
Student at Large	El Pleroma Mukete Nokoson
Student at Large	Arshida Moosavi
Governance Coordinator (staff)	Lijie Qiu

Members Absent with Regrets

VP Finance	Shreya Patnaik
VP Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu
Student at Large	Kene Onwumelu

Members Absent without Regrets

Staff Absent

Students' Advocate (staff)	Rachel Fortin

1. **CALLED TO ORDER 1:05 PM**

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

26/05/19.01
Wallace/Hale

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Passes.

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

26/05/19.02
Pertet/Nokoson

Be it resolved that the minutes of meetings held May 19, 2026 be adopted.
Passes.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Introductions of Student-at-Large's

- Linnaya Boyer & El-Pleroma Mukete Nokoson

4.2 Roundtable of Ideas Part 2

- Nothing brought forward at meeting

4.3 Community Meals Planning

- Re-usable container use / advocate for BYO containers
- Be careful to provide zero barriers for campus food insecurity
- El Pleroma: start year with BYO containers for reduced backlash
- General discussion on community meal budget / collaborations
- Exploration/discussion of UBCO grant funding for food security
- Community meals should be consistently offered on the same days!
  - Schedule for meals seems to be reliant on Clint's schedule
- Discussion on community meals collaborations with Student Associations
  - Funding breakdown between both parties?

- Haven't done it before, suspect it would be like PICNICs collabs.
- Possibility to offer a donation box or something similar?
- What is our priority? Max cost savings or more student access?
  - Need to identify our goal and how to ensure those who need it
  - Food vouchers for Prichard / The Well?
  - Promote food bank or other food resources & information displayed

4.4 Civic Connect Event – "Your City, Your Vote" Campaign

- Hoping to have a BBQ / popcorn machine in late September to host municipal candidates for talks / voting awareness
  - Need to reach out to these candidates ASAP to schedule time on campus & invite all candidates indiscriminately
  - Last day to join BC Elections is August 18th, 2026 (end of day)
- Offer of assistance from Laisa to help event plan / coordinate volunteer

5. ADJOURNMENT AT 2:05 PM

CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campus Life Committee Meeting, June 30, 2026 at 11:00 AM, UNC 133C

Members Present

VP Campus Life (chair)	Guransh Sandhu
President	Olivia Lai
VP Internal	Quinlin Osadczuk
VP External	Naden Qually
VP Finance	Shreya Patnaik
Faculty of Arts & Social Science Rep	Liam Wallace
Faculty of Science Rep	Amanda Bolton
Director at Large	Laisa Pertet
Student at Large	Julian JD
Student at Large	Camilla Cloutier
Operations and Service Manager (non-voting Staff)	Mike Ouellet

Members Absent with Regrets

Student at Large	Arshida Moosavi
Student at Large	Georgia Goerz
Student at Large	Dylan Snaggs
Membership Outreach Coordinator (Non-voting Staff)	Izzy Rusch

Members Absent without Regrets

Student at Large	Saanjh Jaura
Student at Large	Audrey Teng
Director at Large	Oliver hale

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

26/06/30.01
Qually/Pertet
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

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

26/06/30.02
Pertet/Patnaik
Be it resolved that the minutes of meetings held May 24, 2026 be adopted.

Carried

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Introduction of SALs

Introduced new students at large present (Camila Cloutier)

Other students at large were not present with regrets

Members introduced themselves to New Students at large present

(Julian JD) arrived and introduced himself and others introduced themselves

4.2 Expectations from the team

Outlined expectations for committee members to volunteer and work and help on events (expectation of at least two per month).

4.3 Communication Review

Assured that all members were receiving emails and proposed making a group chat on WhatsApp.

4.4 Event Ideas

Pertet asked when Frosh would be scheduled

Oulett said if concert was able to run a specific date could not be scheduled at this time because of the logistics of booking artists. Explained details of booking artists for Frosh.

Discussion was had about scheduling around jumpstart and the role the SUO will have.

Patnaik cautioned against events like clash of clubs which muddy the line between Suo campus life budget and club budgets.

Members discussed event ideas including trivia nights (different genres), sports watch parties, outdoor movie nights (maybe collab with Res life, indoor movie nights) in the theatre, live music at the well (local/smaller bands), beer garden, wine & paint nights, pole dancing/self defence and cocktails night, tote bag and paint night, Yoga events in courtyard, community hikes, water ballon fight, harmony/ multi faith day.

Oulett urged getting ideas moving and getting logistics figured out so that events are ready for September. Usually, ideas need to be at least 21 days in advance of the event for planning and implementation.

Discussed a calendar for events and campaigns for events that are happening and for Tabeling.

4.5 Making Event Calendar

Discussed making a live calendar where people can put their availability to volunteer for events and support planning and logistics. It would give the opportunity for things to be planned. This would help keep members involved and engaged with the events happening on campus.

Reminded members about safe party planning zoom event on July 7from 8-11

5. ADJOURNMENT 11:52

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Policy Committee Meeting, July 2nd, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. UNC 133C

Members Present

VP Internal (chair)	Quinlin Osadczuk
VP Finance	Shreya Patnaik
Faculty of Science Rep	Amanda Bolton
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Rep	Neela Rader
Student at Large	Isaac Humeniuk
General Manager (staff)	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator (staff)	Lijie Qiu

Members Absent with Regrets

Director at Large	Fikayo Adeleke
Student at Large	Renata Yessenbayeva
Membership Outreach Coordinator (Non-voting Staff)	Izzy Rusch

Members Absent without Regrets

1. **CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:23 P.M.**

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2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

26/07/02.01
Bolton/Rader

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Carried.

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

26/07/02.02
Patnaik/Humeniuk
Be it resolved that the minutes of meetings held March 18, 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

4.1 Discussion Regarding Indigenous Representative

Osadczuk provided an update on the work that has been completed over the past few years regarding the proposed Indigenous Representative position.
Staff summarized previous discussions and raised key concerns. To date, no community outreach had been conducted to determine how Indigenous students would like to be represented. Additionally, Indigenous status was considered privileged information and was not shared by the university, raising questions about how to verify student information during elections. Patnaik recommended that they have further conversations with the University and IPC; and that they include Aaron in future discussions, as he is responsible for verifying student data during elections and could provide guidance on the feasibility of any verification process.
Bolton requested access to historical documents for review and acknowledged the sensitive nature of the data and offered to share information with the Indigenous Caucus, the ACES chapter and an elder Indigenous group from Yukon to gather feedback and advice on establishing the new position.
The committee agreed that creating this role would support sustainable outreach and engagement with Indigenous students. Members also agreed that broader community consultation should take place before finalizing the role, election process, and related policies.

Action Items

- Bolton - reach out to the Indigenous community for advice and provide Osadczuk with a list of contacts to support outreach efforts.
- Osadczuk- contact other student unions to review their policies and practices regarding Indigenous representative positions
- Osadczuk and staff - continue discussions with the university regarding Indigenous student information, eligibility, and election considerations.
- Bolton- share information with the Indigenous Caucus and the ACES chapter to gather feedback and recommendations.

4.2 Student Association Code of Conduct

26/07/02.03
Rader/Bolton
Be it resolved that the Student Association code of conduct be approved as attached.

Rader raised concerns about section 2.4.8 regarding controversial online discussions, arguing the language was too broad. Patnaik and Humeniuk defended the policy, emphasizing the need to protect the SUO reputation. Bolton also noted that a similar policy was reflected in UBC's statement and its Code of Conduct. The committee agreed to table the motion to the next policy meeting where Rusch could be present to provide clarification on the document.

Rader/Humeniuk
Be it resolved that the motion be tabled.
Carried. Tabled.

4.3 Student Association Code of Conduct Signing Requirement

26/07/02.04
Rader/Patnaik
Be it resolved that a new policy be added after [Regulation VIII:24], which reads:
25. Upon a Student Association's renewal, all signing authorities are required to sign and submit the Student Association Code of Conduct for their term. If a signing authority changes during the term, the new selected signing authority must sign and submit the Student Association Code of Conduct before exercising the responsibilities of the role.

Members decided to table the motion until they finalize the Code of Conduct document.

Bolton/Humeniuk
Be it resolved the motion be tabled.
Carried. Tabled.

4.4 Discussion: Proposed Changes to Club Executive Titles

- President →Co-President Operations

- Vice President Events → Co-President Events
- Vice President Finance → Co-President Finance

Osadczuk provided the motivation that there had been cases where club presidents abused their authority and believed they had more power than the other executive members.

Members raised concerns about implementing such significant changes without consulting the student association executives. They also noted that removing existing titles could create confusion about responsibilities.

4.5 Discussion: Add Staff Member(s) to Media Fund Committee

The Policy Committee discussed adding a staff member to the Media Fund Committee to provide historical context and answer questions about previous years' allocations. Shreya recommended General Manager for this role due to his experience on both the policy and finance committees. Evans agreed to participate, and the committee clarified that while the Policy Committee can make recommendations on policies, final decisions rest with the Board.

4.6 Members' Initiatives on Potential Policy Change etc.

Bolton identified inconsistencies in the numbering of the bylaws and regulations resulting from recent changes and expressed her intention to update and correct the documents accordingly. Osadczuk suggested she submit a detailed document of these issues for review.

Rader asked about the relationship between SUO and UBC Student Senate. Humeniuk explained that the senate representative on SUO board serves in a liaison and advisory capacity but confirmed that he could help relay concerns to appropriate senate committees.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

MEDIA FUND COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Media Fund Committee Meeting, June 12, 2026, Conference Room

Committee Members Present

Vice-President Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu
Vice-President Finance	Shreya Patnaik
Faculty of Arts & Social Science Rep	Liam Wallace
Phoenix Member	Samaira Talwar

Committee Members Absent

Guests

Charlotte Tappin

CALL TO ORDER 10:37

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP**

26/06/12.01
Patnaik/Wallace
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

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

26/06/12.02

Patnaik / Sandhu

Be it resolved that the meeting minutes from May 29 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

In discussion about the allocation of funds, Executive Members Patnaik and Sandhu expressed that they had spoken with Staff to clear up confusion on the specifics of the Media Fund. They then attempted to explain the nature of surplus carry over and where any potential confusion had come from based on the conversation they had with staff. Though a final budget has not yet been approved, Patnaik highlighted constraints of the upcoming budget as well as overly high allocations of funds in previous years as important to consider. Both were cited as reasons the proposed allocation was less than the Phoenix had asked for. Patnaik also expressed that because the allocation was taking place earlier than in previous years, some amount would need to remain unallocated so that funds could be granted to another media organization if they came forward. Talwar raised the point of the carry over fund and asked why it had not been directed back into the media fund last year as it was being done this year and asked if the fact funds were not carried forward last year was a mistake or error in following rules which should have been followed. Tappin added that she was unsure if members were implying that previous surplus had gone back to the SUO general budget. Sandhu was unable to speak on the specifics of what occurred in years prior to his election to the SUO board of directors and could only speak to the current process and what he had been told by staff.

Talwar cited concerns that in situations where the Phoenix budget was in question in previous years that they were not being informed. Tappin asked if a deadline for other media organizations to come forward could be established, and if they could receive the funds being saved for that possibility if no one came forward. Patnaik agreed there should be more open communication between the SUO and Phoenix, and said that it could be discussed with the board of directors after the final budget is approved. Talwar and Tappin expressed concern that errors regarding the handling of their funds had occurred in the previous year and asked if someone could look into having any error rectified. Patnaik and Sandhu said that the final decision would be up to the board of directors. Talwar expressed desire to have a future meeting after the allocation of the final budget. Discussion was then had on the proposed allocation centered around estimates of students for next year. From this conversation Sandhu agreed in theory to raise the proposed allocation to $51,500.

4.1 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

26/06/12.03

Patnaik/Talwar

Be it resolved that the Media Fund Committee recommends that the Board allocate a total of $51,500 from the Student Media Fund to the Phoenix.

Carried.

Those present further discussed the possibility of selling off unused Radio equipment but made no firm plans to do so.

5. ADJOURNMENT 11:43

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SUO Executive Monthly Report

Name of the Executive: Olivia Lai

Report Month: May

Outline the hours fulfilled for each week within the reporting month:
Week 1 50
Week 2 30
Week 3 25
Week 4 – Vacation

Provide an explanation for the particular week(s) in which you did not fulfill the required hours:

ACTIVITES COMPLETED IN THIS PERIOD

(To insert a new row in the table - press the left arrow button until it reaches outside the table and press enter.)

No.	Activity Completed (Brief description, e.g.: event/initiative name, role played in the event/initiative)	Date/Range of dates on which the activity has been completed/started. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	SUO Board Orientation and May Board Meeting.	1/05/2026
2.	Federal Lobbying Initiative in Ottawa. Collaborated with SFSS at SFU and JISU at JIBC. We met over 15 different MP's and shared student concerns about provincial underfunding for post-secondary.	4-9/05/2026
3.	First Executive Meeting and met with UBC Transportation.	11/05/2026
4.	Meeting with ResLife Manager and coordinating collaboration for September and the Winter term with the SUO.	12/05/2026
5.	Executive Lunch and discussion about goals. We had a meeting about U-Pass and the MOU between the City, University, and SUO. I met with the CEO of KBG and discussed collaborations with our sorority on campus.	13/05/2026
6.	Answered emails, organized calendars, and upcoming dates.	14/05/2026
7.	Discussed upcoming plans with MOU between SUO and PICNIC.	15/05/2026
8.	Met with staff and asked them about goals that they had in the office.	19/05/2026
9.	Held second Executive Meeting online and also discussed MOU with PICNIC and SUO with the GSA present.	20/05/2026

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10.	Answered emails online, and team's messages remotely. I also looked at resumes for upcoming candidates for the Student Communications Ambassador role.	21/05/2026
11.	Approved Vacation	22-29/05/2026

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

No.	Activity in progress *(eg: event/initiative name, role being played in the event/initiative)*	Date/Range of dates by which the activity will be completed. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	MOU Discussions with UBC (U-PASS / PICNIC / Athletics)	31/08/2026
2.	MOU Discussions with GSA	31/08/2026

ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

No.	Activity to be started *(Brief description)*
1.	*Board and Staff Lunch + Executive Training*

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES STARTED (IF ANY)

No.	Issue for immediate attention *(Brief description)*	Level of emergency *(High/Medium/Low)*
1.	N/A	
2.		

NOTES / OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION / HELP REQUIRED (IF ANY).

No.	Notes/Issues *(Brief description)*	Level of help required(if any) *(High/Medium/Low)*
1.	*N/A*	

SUO Executive Monthly Report

Name of the Executive: Naden Qually, VP External

Report Month: May 2026

Outline the hours fulfilled for each week within the reporting month:

Week 1: 40 hours (includes Ottawa trip and MP Meetings/email correspondence)
Week 2: 25 hours
Week 3: 40 hours (includes BCFS Skills Symposium)
Week 4: 25 hours

Provide an explanation for the particular week(s) in which you did not fulfill the required hours:

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED IN THIS PERIOD

(To insert a new row in the table - press the left arrow button until it reaches outside the table and press enter.)

No.	Activity Completed (Brief description, e.g.: event/initiative name, role played in the event/initiative)	Date/Range of dates on which the activity has been completed/started. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	Board Orientation and First Board Meeting	01/05/2026
2.	Ottawa Federal Advocacy and Lobbying Trip with Olivia and Coalitional Partners Travelled to Ottawa to meet with federal MP's and advocate for BC students while raising concerns on affordability and supports for students. Also hosted a gala to meet and network with MP's to improve future connections for future advocacy.	03/05/2026-09/05/2026
3.	U-Pass Agreement Meetings and Correspondence with Aaron The SUO is partaking in draft agreement feedback between BC Transit and UBC. The SUO has been in and out of meetings regarding membership list sharing to ensure we can handout benefit codes on time, administration fee formalization, and providing feedback about the potential inclusion of the RDNO.	11/05/2026-13/05/2026
4.	First Monthly Executive Committee Meeting	11/05/2026

5.	Draft Resource Centre Budget Consultation with Membership Outreach Coordinator Izzy Met with Izzy to draft a preliminary draft budget for the resource centers	14/05/2026
6.	Worked on the Draft Advocacy Budget for 2026-2027 VP Finance required a draft budget due this week as they worked on the budget for the upcoming year. I submitted my requested numbers for the year to support my initiatives and campaigns.	13/05/2026-14/05/2026
7.	Interviewed four Student-At-Large's for the Campaigns Committee	15/05/2026-29/05/2026
8.	Resource Centre Discussion with Olivia, Izzy, Jason, and Aaron regarding concerns	15/05/2026
9.	Chaired the May Campaigns Committee Meeting	19/05/2026
10.	Pre-Skills Logistics Meeting	19/05/2026
11.	Coffee/Meeting with staff-partner Rachel regarding plans for the year and support	20/05/2026
12.	Meeting with PICNIC regarding food security budget consultation	20/05/2026
13.	2nd Monthly Executive Committee Meeting	20/05/2026
14	BCFS Skills Symposium Lead the SUO delegation at the Skills Symposium over four days and networked with other student unions.	21/05/2026-24/05/2026
15	UPASS Admin Fee Discussion with BC Transit	25/05/2026
16	May Campus Life Meeting	25/05/2026
17	Resource Centre Budget Meeting with VP Finance and Izzy	26/05/2026
18	UPASS Information Reporting Meeting with UBC Registrar	27/05/2026
19	Media Training with BCFS to prep for Recreation Facility Announcement	27/05/2026
20	Recreation Facility Announcement and Ceremony with City of Kelowna, and UBC. Spoke about student involvement and advocacy in the project and got interviewed by Castanet	28/05/2026
21	Brief Meeting with AVP Students Dale Mullings regarding UPASS Discussions	29/05/2026
22.	General Meeting Planning, e-mail correspondence, and document preparation each week	01/05/2026-29/05/2026

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

No.	Activity in progress *(eg: event/initiative name, role being played in the event/initiative)*	Date/Range of dates by which the activity will be completed. (DD/MM/YYYY)

1.	Draft Advocacy Budget Discussions	Ongoing until final budget
2.	U-PASS Draft Agreement Discussions and Student Consultation on potential RNDO expansion	30/06/2026
3.	Action Plan Development (Goals/initiatives/campaigns for the year)	13/06/2026
4.	Resource Centre long term stability and safety	30/06/2026
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ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

No.	Activity to be started *(Brief description)*
1.	Merchandise Ordering
2.	Community Meals Plan and Stability
3.	Sponsorship Package with VP Campus Life

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES STARTED (IF ANY)

No.	Issue for immediate attention *(Brief description)*	Level of emergency *(High/Medium/Low)*
1.	UPASS Agreement: brief delays due to multi-party nature of agreement	Low
2.		

NOTES / OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION / HELP REQUIRED (IF ANY).

No.	Notes/Issues *(Brief description)*	Level of help required(if any) *(High/Medium/Low)*
1.		

SUO Executive Monthly Report

Name of the Executive: Guransh Sandhu

Report Month: May 2026

Outline the hours fulfilled for each week within the reporting month:

Week	Dates	Total Hours	In-Person Hours	Notes
Week 1	May 4 – May 10	25 hrs	15 hrs	Office onboarding + outreach + Orientation
Week 2	May 11 – May 17	25 hrs	15 hrs	Interviews + event planning with Mike
Week 3	May 18 – May 24	25 hrs	18 hrs	Committee work + BCFS Skills training
Week 4	May 25 – May 31	25 hrs	15 hrs	Committee leadership + reporting

Provide an explanation for the particular week(s) in which you did not fulfill the required hours:
All weekly required hours were fulfilled.
Additional time spent attending the BCFS Skills Conference (May 21–24) involved full-day in-person engagement (9 AM–4/5 PM), which helped reinforce overall weekly hour requirements and contributed to professional development and leadership training aligned with the VP Campus Life role.

ACTIVITES COMPLETED IN THIS PERIOD

(To insert a new row in the table - press the left arrow button until it reaches outside the table and press enter.)

	Activity Completed	Date/Range
1	Attended office for onboarding; worked in The Well, engaged with Mike and Clint, developed initial event ideas, and received training on Microsoft 365 and Outlook systems	06/05/2026 – 08/05/2026

2	Met with Jason Lijie to better understand VP Campus Life responsibilities and expectations	07/05/2026
3	Promoted Campus Life Student-at-Large (SAL) positions through outreach and student engagement	04/05/2026 – 12/05/2026
4	Conducted and evaluated SAL candidate interviews; reviewed resumes and assessed candidate fit for committee roles	13/05/2026 – 19/05/2026
5	Collaborated with Mike to explore concert/event opportunities; contacted artist management teams and external vendors; researched other university programming strategies	14/05/2026
6	Met with Bounce and Showpass teams to explore event logistics and ticketing partnerships	14/05/2026
7	Worked on The Well menu ideas and operations; engaged with Clint and discussed sponsorship opportunities with Naden	15/05/2026
8	Sent communications to committee members to organize Campus Life Committee scheduling and structure	18/05/2026
9	Developed preliminary event budgets and began structuring volunteer framework	18/05/2026
10	Participated in Campaigns Committee and Executive Committee meetings	19/05/2026 – 20/05/2026
11	Attended BCFS Skills training conference focused on leadership, governance, and student union operations	21/05/2026 – 24/05/2026
12	Prepared and distributed Campus Life Committee agenda and meeting minutes	24/05/2026
13	Chaired Campus Life Committee meeting and collaborated with Mike on follow-up planning	25/05/2026
14	Participated in budget meeting with VP Finance and Mike; discussed financial planning for upcoming initiatives	26/05/2026

15	Conducted SAL interviews (including rescheduled candidate) and evaluated committee fit	26/05/2026 – 27/05/2026
16	Attended SUO representation at Recreation Facility opening event (supporting Naden's address)	28/05/2026
17	Prepared and worked on monthly executive report documentation	28/05/2026 – 29/05/2026
18	Chaired/participated in Media Fund Committee meeting	29/05/2026

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

No.	Activity in progress *(eg: event/initiative name, role being played in the event/initiative)*	Date/Range of dates by which the activity will be completed. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	Planning and coordination of major Campus Life events (concerts, programming, and student engagement initiatives) including artist outreach and vendor partnerships	20/07/2026
2.	Development of Campus Life Committee structure, volunteer teams, and Student-at-Large engagement framework	15/06/2026
3.	Sponsorship outreach and partnership development for upcoming events and initiatives	20/07/2026
4.	Budget refinement and financial planning for Campus Life programming in collaboration with VP Finance	15/06/2026

ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

No.	Activity to be started *(Brief. description)*

1.	

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES STARTED (IF ANY)

No.	Issue for immediate attention *(Brief description)*	Level of emergency *(High/Medium/Low)*
1.		
2.		

NOTES / OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION / HELP REQUIRED (IF ANY).

No.	Notes/Issues *(Brief description)*	Level of help required(if any) *(High/Medium/Low)*
1.		

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SUO Executive Monthly Report

Name of the Executive: Shreya Patnaik

Report Month: May

Outline the hours fulfilled for each week within the reporting month:
25 except week 1.

Provide an explanation for the particular week(s) in which you did not fulfill the required hours:
I was sick after the Board training.

ACTIVITES COMPLETED IN THIS PERIOD

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No.	Activity Completed (Brief description, e.g.: event/initiative name, role played in the event/initiative)	Date/Range of dates on which the activity has been completed/started. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	Board Training-12 hours	29/04/2026
2.	Board Training-10 hours	30/04/2026
3.	Board Training -10 hours	01/05/2026
4.	Meeting with Leanne-1.5 hours	07/05/2026
5.	Meeting with Leanne-2 hours	12/05/2026
6.	Exec Lunch-2 hours	13/05/2026
7.	Finance Committee meeting-1.15 hours	14/05/2026
8.	Office hours-2 hours	14/05/2026
9.	Executive Meeting-1.15 hours	20/05/2026
10.	Campus Life Committee Meeting-1 hour	25/05/2026
11.	Meeting with Izzy and Naden for Budget (Resource Centers)-1 hour	26/05/2026 26/05/2026
12.	Office Hours-1 hour	26/05/2026
13.	Meeting with Mike and Guransh for Budget-Campus life-1.5 hours	26/05/2026
14.	Media Fund Committee meeting-1 hour	29/05/2026
15.	Meeting with Arron-30 mins-tech stuff	12/05/2026
16.	Meeting with Arron for meeting setup-20 mins	14/05/2026
17.	Meeting with Cecily for Finance Committee Agenda and minutes-1 hour	12/05/2026
18.	Miscellaneous Emails-15-20 mins each day for signatures	07/05/2026-31/05/2026
19.	Signature set up RBC-20 mins	07/05/2026
20.	Signature set up Valley First-1 hour	07/05/2026

21. 22. 23. 24. 25.	BCFS-9 hours BCFS-12 hours BCFS-12 hours BCFS-12 hours BCFS-9 hours	21/05/2026 22/05/2026 23/05/2026 24/05/2026

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

No.	Activity in progress *(eg: event/initiative name, role being played in the event/initiative)*	Date/Range of dates by which the activity will be completed. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	Budget 2026-27	31/07/2026
2.	Action Plan 2026-27	10/06/2026

ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

No.	Activity to be started *(Brief description)*
1. *2.* *3.*	*Website tweak for budget* *Social media for budget* *SA Funding Committee*

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES STARTED (IF ANY)

No.	Issue for immediate attention *(Brief description)*	Level of emergency *(High/Medium/Low)*
1.		
2.		

NOTES / OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION / HELP REQUIRED (IF ANY).

No.	Notes/Issues *(Brief description)*	Level of help required(if any) *(High/Medium/Low)*
1.		

SUO Executive Monthly Report

Name of the Executive: Quinlin Osadczuk, VP Internal

Report Month: May 2026

Outline the hours fulfilled for each week within the reporting month:
W1: 40 (Includes office hours every workday of the week.)
W2: 35 (Includes office hours every workday of the week.)
W3: 12 (Approved time off to visit family begins)
W4: 6 (Approved time off ends on June 1st, one workday completed before end of month.)

Provide an explanation for the particular week(s) in which you did not fulfill the required hours:
I underwent a board-approved break through the middle of the month to its end.

ACTIVITES COMPLETED IN THIS PERIOD

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No.	Activity Completed (Brief description, e.g.: event/initiative name, role played in the event/initiative)	Date/Range of dates on which the activity has been completed/started. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	Board orientation and first board meeting.	1/05/2026
2.	U-Pass meeting, peripheral involvement As a part of the ongoing discussions occurring between BC Transit and UBC, I have involved myself in some of the meetings surrounding this matter, including in meeting with various officials to better ensure a coherent approach to the topic in question.	11/05/2026
3.	First executive meeting.	11/05/2026
4.	Met with Izzy to draft a preliminary budget for the year, particularly regarding the possibility of a second club gala, funding for existing services, etc. This draft was submitted to the VP Finance, as requested.	14/05/2026
5.	Interviewed four students-at-large candidates for the policy committee.	11/05/2026-14/05/2026
6.	Ombuds' office introduction, meeting with Ombuds' office officials in a formal meeting environment. For the sake of future cooperation between the SUO and campus services, this is likely to continue into the coming months.	19/05/2026

7.	Meeting with staff partner Lijie on goals, intents for the coming year, discussion on capabilities of the role of VP Internal and possible plans.	15/05/2026
8.	2nd monthly executive meeting	20/05/2026
9.	Office hours	4/05/2026-08/05/2026, 11/05/2026-15/05/2026

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

No.	Activity in progress *(eg: event/initiative name, role being played in the event/initiative)*	Date/Range of dates by which the activity will be completed. (DD/MM/YYYY)
1.	Budget draft discussions.	Until such a time as a budget is finalized.
2.	Action plan development, discussion (plans to accomplish specific goals for the coming year).	10/06/2026
3.	Establishment of a music-specific space on campus.	01/12/2026
4.	Preliminary planning for EXPO	Until such a time as EXPO has been finished and all according teardown is completed.

ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

No.	Activity to be started *(Brief description)*
1.	*N/A*

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES STARTED (IF ANY)

No.	Issue for immediate attention *(Brief description)*	Level of emergency *(High/Medium/Low)*

1.	N/A	
2.		

NOTES / OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION / HELP REQUIRED (IF ANY).

No.	Notes/Issues *(Brief description)*	Level of help required(if any) *(High/Medium/Low)*
1.	*N/A*	

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EXECUTIVE ACTION PLAN

Pushing Forward Together Through Collaboration

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC

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Introduction

The 2026-2027 Executive Action Plan sets out the priorities of the Students' Union Okanagan of UBC for the year ahead. Guided by the theme, "Pushing Forward Together Through Collaboration," this plan reflects a shared commitment to student-centred leadership, meaningful partnership, and practical action that students can see and experience.

This year, the SUO will continue strengthening its work across Advocacy, Campus Life, Services, and Governance. These four pillars are connected by a common purpose: to ensure students are heard, supported, represented, and invited into the life and decision-making of their Union.

Pushing forward together means recognizing that progress does not happen in isolation. It requires executives, board members, staff, student associations, clubs, course unions, university partners, community organizations, and students working with one another, not around one another. Collaboration is therefore not only the theme of this plan; it is the standard by which this work will be carried out.

The body of this document preserves the core goals, priorities, actions, outcomes, and success measures developed by the executive team. It has been organized into one cohesive roadmap so that students, staff, board members, partners, and future leaders can clearly understand what the SUO intends to advance in 2026-2027 and how progress will be measured.

Through this plan, the SUO commits to affordability advocacy, food security, student wellbeing, inclusive campus programming, stronger services, transparent governance, responsible financial stewardship, better communication, and measurable follow-through. The goal is not simply to plan for students, but to move with students - together, collaboratively, and with accountability.

Mission Statement

The Students' Union's Mission

PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE, HIGH-QUALITY SERVICES.
FACILITATE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND STUDENT CLUBS TO ENHANCE CAMPUS LIFE.
UNDERTAKE ADVOCACY TO ENSURE STUDENTS' RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED, AND CONCERNS ARE HEARD BY DECISION-MAKERS.
PRACTICE GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE STUDENTS' UNION.

We achieve our mission by ensuring that all of our priorities fall into one of three areas of activity: Service, Advocacy, and Campus Life; all guided by strong governance practices.

Value Statement

The Students' Union of UBC Okanagan strives to create an atmosphere that is:

DYNAMIC

- For and by students through governance, employment, programs, and involvement.
- Entertaining, fun, and high-energy environment.
- Able to ensure that all our membership and staff have their voice heard on issues that are important to them, protect and promote their rights, and have their views and wishes genuinely considered when decisions are being made about their lives.

PROTECTED

- Welcoming, friendly, and respectful.
- Clean and well-maintained facility.
- Accessible to the campus community.

INCLUSIVE

- Promote and practice diversity through opportunities and programs.
- Encourage comradeship and interaction.

CENTRE OF CAMPUS LIFE

- Convenient and quality retail, food, services, and activities.
- Safe, comfortable, and relaxing place to be.
- Numerous versatile, flexible, and well-equipped gathering spaces.
- Diverse, equitable, multi-cultural events, and engagement opportunities.

Principles

COMMUNITY	We continuously cultivate a community of care that ensures our members and staff feel welcomed and appreciated.
INTEGRITY	We lead with a good example by ensuring we always take responsibility for our actions and words, and by ensuring our decisions are aligned with bettering the student experience.
RESPECT	We appreciate the value of diverse opinions in developing approaches to varying situations.
TRANSPARENCY	We create an environment where our members and staff are encouraged to engage with us and where we are able to share openly about our business practices and actions.
ACCOUNTABILITY	We understand and accept the consequences of our actions for the areas in which we assume responsibility.

Current Board and Staff

The Board of Directors for the Students' Union is comprised of three types of positions. The elected officials for the 2026/27 year are indicated below. Full-time current staff are also noted below. The Students' Union also employs several casual, part-time student staff who assist with the provision of front-line service in the Students' Union businesses.

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Executive Members

Position	Name
President	Olivia Lai
Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Vice-President Finance and Administration	Shreya Patnaik
Vice-President Internal	Quinline Osadczuk
Vice-President Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu

Faculty Representatives

Position	Name
Faculty of Science	Amanda Bolton
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	Liam Wallace
Faculty of Management	Mansi Sharma
Faculty of Applied Science	Krishansh Dhawan
Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies	Neela Rader
Faculty of Health and Social Development	Ali Wasti
Faculty of Education Representative	Marci Brooks

Directors-at-Large

Position	Name
Director-at-Large	Fikayo Adeleke
Director-at-Large	Laisa Pertet

Director-at-Large	Oliver Hale
Director-at-Large	Tim Liao

Ex-Officio Members

Position	Name
Board of Governors Representative	Peter Idoko
Student Senate Caucus Representative	Saami Hafeez

Staff

Position	Name
General Manager	Jason Evans
Project Manager	Aaron White
Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes
Receptionist / Service Assistant	Kishan Reid
Governance Coordinator	Lijie Qiu
Membership Outreach Coordinator	Elezabeth Rusch
Paper and Supply Co Lead	Kayla Schuster
Students' Advocate	Rachel Fortin

Executive Direction at a Glance

The priorities in this plan are organized into four connected pillars. Each pillar supports the same student-centred purpose: stronger representation, stronger support, stronger community, and stronger accountability.

Pillar	Core Priorities	Student Impact
Advocacy	Affordability, food security, housing, student supports, career readiness, government and university relations.	Students are represented in decisions that affect their cost of living, wellbeing, access, and future opportunities.
Campus Life	Signature events, inclusive cultural programming, wellness events, student talent, clubs, course unions, and community building.	Students have more reasons to connect, participate, belong, and build community at UBCO.
Services	Pantry, PICNIC collaborations, resource centres, sustainable initiative, student association financial processes, and sponsorships.	Students can access practical supports, stronger student services, and better-funded initiatives.
Governance	Indigenous board representation, bylaws and regulations, balanced budgeting, oversight, reporting, transparency, communication, and accountability.	Students can trust that the SUO is financially responsible, transparent, representative, and easier to engage with.

1. Advocacy

Advocacy priorities focus on representing students in decisions about affordability, food security, housing, support services, career readiness, equity, and government or university investment. This pillar ensures student voices are present in the spaces where policy, funding, infrastructure, and institutional priorities are decided.

1. Affordability, Tuition, and Food Security Advocacy

Goal / Priority: Continue advocating for affordability, food security, and increased student support funding through municipal, provincial, federal, university, and student-union partnerships.

Why This Matters: Rising costs related to tuition, housing, food, and transportation are placing real pressure on students. Food insecurity remains a major concern at UBC Okanagan, and affordability directly affects student wellbeing, accessibility, retention, and academic success.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Protect and publicly support the 2% tuition cap policy while ensuring rural student voices are represented in provincial decision-making spaces.
- Push for transparency and the public release of the provincial post-secondary review findings in Fall 2026.
- Continue lobbying the Board of Governors, UBC administration, AMS, student unions, BCFS, and government representatives for long-term affordability and student support funding.
- Advocate for a more equitable Food Security Initiative funding distribution model that better reflects student need at UBC Okanagan.
- Use student survey data, food security research, and direct student feedback to support advocacy positions and strengthen public messaging.
- Coordinate affordability advocacy with the VP External portfolio, Campaigns Committee, PICNIC, the City of Kelowna, and other partners.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students see consistent, visible advocacy on tuition, food security, and the cost of living.
- UBCO student needs are better represented in university and government funding conversations.
- The SUO is positioned as a strong, credible voice for affordability in the Okanagan.

Success Measures

- Regular lobbying meetings and advocacy presentations completed throughout the year.
- Progress toward reviewing or reassessing the Food Security Initiative funding model.
- Increased student awareness of affordability advocacy and provincial review updates.
- Ongoing collaboration with AMS, BCFS, student unions, government representatives, and university partners.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: President, VP External, Campaigns Committee, Board of Governors, UBC, AMS, BCFS, PICNIC, City of Kelowna, provincial and federal government representatives.

Timeline: Summer/Fall 2026 advocacy launch; September 2026 Board advocacy; Fall 2026 post-secondary review transparency push; March 2027 progress updates.

2. Student Housing and Campus Infrastructure Advocacy

Goal / Priority: Advocate for public and institutional investment in campus expansion, student housing, and infrastructure projects that better meet the needs of UBCO students.

Why This Matters: UBCO's current residence capacity houses only a portion of the student population. Housing instability, long commutes, unsafe housing conditions, and rising costs affect access to campus, student wellbeing, and environmental sustainability.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Meet with MLAs, the Government of British Columbia, UBC administration, Campus Planning, and the Board of Governors to keep student housing a visible priority.
- Gather historical housing project information, student housing statistics, and survey data to support advocacy asks.
- Send letters and formal advocacy materials to provincial decision-makers with coalition support where possible.
- Work with UBC and the City of Kelowna to address the impact of local housing pressures, including the local short-term rental context.
- Engage with university leadership on infrastructure projects such as the ICI building and recreation fieldhouse to ensure student needs are prioritized.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students experience stronger advocacy for safe, accessible, affordable housing close to campus.
- Student needs are embedded in future campus planning and infrastructure conversations.
- Housing remains a visible priority for provincial and university decision-makers.

Success Measures

- Meetings completed with MLAs and senior UBC administration.
- Letters or advocacy submissions sent to provincial government with supporting data.
- Commitments from elected officials or administrators to elevate student housing concerns.
- Ongoing student consultation on housing and infrastructure priorities.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP External, President, UBC, UBC Board of Governors, Campus Planning, Government of British Columbia, City of Kelowna, students.

Timeline: Summer–Fall 2026 meetings, data collection, and survey work; Fall–Winter provincial lobbying; ongoing throughout the term.

3. Student Support, Wellness, Equity, and Accessibility Advocacy

Goal / Priority: Strengthen student wellness, accessibility, equity, and support systems through collaborative advocacy, inclusive programming, and student-centered partnerships.

Why This Matters: Students deserve access to supportive resources, safe and inclusive campus spaces, and meaningful opportunities to connect. Wellness, equity, and belonging are essential to academic and personal success.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Collaborate with campus services, GEO, academic and career services, student organizations, university departments, and community partners to strengthen student wellness initiatives.
- Advocate to the Board of Governors for increased investment in student support services without additional ancillary fee increases for students.
- Support marginalized students through improved resource centre safety, structure, visibility, and access.
- Partner with wellness offices, campus security, Residence Life, equity and inclusion groups, women's shelters, and community non-profits to address real student needs.
- Use events, campaigns, and outreach to make support resources more accessible and less intimidating to students.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students are better connected to mental health, wellness, accessibility, equity, and peer-support resources.
- Resource spaces are safer, better supported, and more effective for marginalized students.

- The SUO’s advocacy remains rooted in lived student experience and measurable student need.

Success Measures

- Increased collaboration with campus support offices and community partners.
- Student support priorities presented to the Board of Governors.
- Resource Centre Facilitators report stronger support and safer working environments.
- Positive student feedback regarding support access and sense of belonging.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: President, VP External, VP Campus Life, VP Students portfolio, GEO, Academic and Career Services, Resource Centres, Campus Security, Residence Life, community organizations, Board of Governors.

Timeline: Summer/Fall partnership priorities; September Board advocacy; Fall–Spring ongoing wellness and support initiatives; April 2027 review.

4. Career Readiness and Equitable Opportunity

Goal / Priority: Advocate for expanded experiential learning, accessible career development resources, and stronger industry and university partnerships that support student career readiness and long-term success.

Why This Matters: Career readiness is a core part of student success. Domestic and international students need equitable access to career programming, co-op opportunities, experiential learning, and industry connections.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Establish recurring meetings with the Career Development Office and AVPS office to ensure student priorities are represented.
- Support and monitor the university’s three-year pilot initiatives, including international career support workers, co-op enhancements, and expanded career programming.
- Advocate for student involvement in career service restructuring and funding conversations.
- Promote experiential learning opportunities, career events, workshops, and industry engagement initiatives across campus.
- Build stronger connections with employers, industry partners, university departments, and student organizations.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students have greater awareness of career resources and more equitable access to opportunities.
- Career service changes reflect student priorities and the needs of domestic and international students.
- The SUO helps connect students to professional development pathways beyond the classroom.

Success Measures

- Recurring meetings established with career services and university partners.
- Student priorities included in career service restructuring discussions.
- Increased promotion of career events, experiential learning, and co-op opportunities.
- Stronger student feedback loop on career readiness needs.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: President, Career Development Office, AVPS Office, VP Students portfolio, university departments, employers, industry partners, student organizations.

Timeline: Summer/Fall 2026 recurring meetings and consultations; Fall/Winter pilot initiative support; ongoing advocacy and outreach through April 2027.

5. Stronger University, Government, and Community Partnerships

Goal / Priority: Build stronger relationships with university departments, the GSA, AMS, community organizations, sponsors, and government representatives to advance shared student priorities.

Why This Matters: Meaningful change requires relationships, coordination, and credibility. Partnerships help ensure student voices are represented in decision-making spaces while creating practical opportunities for students.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Establish partnership priorities and recurring collaboration meetings with university departments, GSA, AMS, and community stakeholders.
- Coordinate with local leaders and community organizations to support student advocacy, affordability, wellness, events, and sponsorship opportunities.
- Maintain transparent communication with partners and align shared goals early in the process.
- Leverage sponsor, alumni, community, and university relationships to support advocacy and programming.
- Review partnership outcomes in Winter/Spring 2027 and identify opportunities for continued growth.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students benefit from more coordinated services, stronger advocacy outcomes, and expanded opportunities.
- The SUO becomes a more consistent and respected partner across campus and the community.
- Executive portfolios work together more effectively on shared priorities.

Success Measures

- Increased number of partnership meetings and collaborative initiatives.
- Positive feedback from partners regarding communication and coordination.
- Expanded opportunities for students through external partnerships.
- Documented partnership outcomes and transition notes for future executive teams.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: President, VP External, VP Campus Life, GSA, AMS, university departments, community organizations, local leaders, sponsors, alumni, student organizations.

Timeline: Summer/Fall 2026 partnership planning; ongoing collaboration throughout the academic year; Winter/Spring 2027 review.

6. Direct Student Voice and Public Consultation

Goal / Priority: Create regular, low-barrier opportunities for students to speak with the SUO, ask questions, raise concerns, and access support.

Why This Matters: Many students do not know what the SUO does or how to engage with student leadership. Regular, visible consultation helps build trust, improve services, and ensure advocacy reflects real student experience.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Establish bi-monthly townhall-style meetings in well-trafficked campus spaces.
- Use tabling, short-form media, and direct outreach to make student engagement more approachable.
- Record recurring student questions, requests, and concerns to identify broader trends and service gaps.
- Report findings back to the Board and use them to improve outreach protocols and advocacy priorities.
- Assess the future of permanent townhall meetings by March 2027.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students have easier access to SUO representatives and campus resources.
- The SUO gains better information about student needs and service barriers.
- Student participation and organizational visibility increase.

Success Measures

- Improved SUO recognition among students.
- Increased use of SUO and campus services.
- Board reporting on townhall themes and recommendations.
- First townhall launched within the first month of Term 1 where feasible.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Internal, VP Campus Life, SUO Board of Directors, Communications Team, staff, students.

Timeline: Board discussion and approval early in the term; first townhall in Term 1; regular reporting; March 2027 program assessment.

2. Campus Life

Campus Life priorities focus on building a vibrant, inclusive, and engaging student experience. The executive team will strengthen signature traditions, student talent platforms, wellness events, cultural programming, and stronger support for clubs, course unions, and student associations.

1. Signature Events and Annual Campus Traditions

Goal / Priority: Create a year-round calendar of engaging events that become recognizable UBCO traditions and increase student participation across the academic year.

Why This Matters: Many students struggle with isolation and feel disconnected from campus life. Signature events create shared memories, strengthen belonging, and give students more reasons to participate in campus community.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Deliver Frosh Week programming, including Expo, BBQ, Sensory Space, Heat Homecoming, and other major welcome initiatives.
- Bring back Takeoff as a flagship spring concert event, with a sustainable approach such as hosting it every second year so students can experience it during their degree.
- Establish monthly signature events and recurring low-barrier programming such as Wings Wednesday, Karaoke Nights, campus-wide games, Hot Takes, Boiler Room, Battle of the Bands, Guess the Major, and ladder-style challenges.
- Expand event variety beyond parties to include social, creative, cultural, competitive, wellness, and faculty-based programming.
- End the year with a Carnival-style celebration that brings students together before the academic year closes.
- Collect post-event feedback to improve future events and better understand student interests.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students have more opportunities to connect, make friends, and build community.
- UBCO develops stronger traditions that students recognize and look forward to.
- Campus life feels more consistent, inclusive, and active across the full year.

Success Measures

- Attendance growth compared to previous years.
- Representation from multiple faculties, clubs, student groups, and student communities.
- Post-event feedback collected and used for planning.
- Balanced event calendar delivered from August through April.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Campus Life, SUO Events Team, VP External, President, Student Experience Office, Campus Security, local sponsors, student associations, volunteers, marketing team.

Timeline: August–September Frosh Week; October–December recurring events; January–March Heat Night, campus-wide games, and major social events; April Carnival.

2. Student Talent, Creativity, and Recognition

Goal / Priority: Showcase student talent and creativity through large campus platforms that give students confidence, exposure, visibility, and community recognition.

Why This Matters: UBCO has significant student talent that often lacks large, visible campus platforms. Talent-based programming helps students feel seen while strengthening campus culture.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Launch or expand showcase events such as UBCO Got Talent, The Voice UBCO, student-led comedy nights, and open mic events.
- Develop creative and competitive programming such as fashion runway shows, esports tournaments, pool table tournaments, DJ nights, and faculty nights.
- Explore 19+ initiatives at The Well where appropriate and in compliance with safety expectations.
- Work with student performers, music clubs, UBCO clubs, Residence Life, and faculty groups to recruit participants and promote events.
- Use judges, prizes, guest performers, and incentives to increase participation and excitement.
- Consider comedy or entertainment headliners where budget, sponsorship, and event strategy allow.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students gain meaningful platforms to perform, compete, create, and be recognized.
- Clubs and faculties have more opportunities to collaborate on visible student-led events.
- Campus programming reflects a broader range of student interests and identities.

Success Measures

- Major talent showcases delivered during the year.
- Partnerships with clubs, faculties, and student performers established.
- Participant registration and attendance tracked.
- Student feedback used to refine future showcase events.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Campus Life, Campus Life Committee, VP Internal Committee, student performers, music clubs, clubs, Residence Life, staff, judges, volunteers.

Timeline: Fall open mic, The Voice UBCO, and tournaments; Winter UBCO Got Talent, esports, and comedy; Spring additional showcases and closing events.

3. Cultural, Inclusive, and Community-Building Programming

Goal / Priority: Celebrate diversity and ensure domestic, international, Indigenous, and equity-deserving students see themselves reflected in campus programming.

Why This Matters: Campus life should reflect the diversity of the student body. Inclusive programming strengthens belonging, representation, cross-cultural connection, and respect across campus.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Launch an Indigenous Community BBQ focused on culture, community, and connection.
- Expand Harmony into a campus-wide celebration of diversity and inclusion.
- Support major student collaborations such as the BSA x PSA Heatwave collaboration and the ISA vs PSA Cricket Match as annual campus traditions.
- Strengthen collaboration among student associations through joint programming and shared partnerships.
- Engage cultural, faith-based, Indigenous, and equity-seeking student organizations early in the planning process.
- Collect feedback from participating communities and rotate programming to reflect the diversity of the campus.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students experience a stronger sense of belonging and representation.
- Student associations are more connected to one another and to the SUO.
- Cultural events become signature moments in the UBCO student experience.

Success Measures

- Multiple cultural collaborations delivered.

- Increased attendance from diverse student communities.
- Partnerships with Indigenous Programs & Services, student associations, and equity partners strengthened.
- Student feedback collected to improve inclusivity and representation.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Campus Life, Indigenous Programs & Services, Student Associations, Equity & Inclusion Office, cultural and faith-based organizations, Residence Life, volunteer teams.

Timeline: Planning begins early with student associations; major cultural and inclusive programs delivered throughout the academic year; April 2027 review.

4. Wellness Through Campus Life

Goal / Priority: Use events and campus programming to support student wellbeing, health awareness, safety, and prevention education in accessible and engaging ways.

Why This Matters: Students often avoid traditional educational campaigns. Wellness programming that is connected to campus life can make health, safety, and support information easier to access and more likely to reach students.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Deliver a Naloxone Awareness Campaign and safe partying education in partnership with campus and community partners.
- Host Run4Her, yoga and wellness events, mental health awareness programming, and year-end wellness campaigns.
- Work with non-profits, women's shelters, wellness partners, Campus Security, Residence Life, and equity groups.
- Combine education with entertainment, incentives, and student-friendly event formats.
- Schedule wellness initiatives strategically throughout the year and align them with student need and campus rhythms.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students engage with wellness, safety, and health awareness in a more accessible and enjoyable way.
- Campus life supports student wellbeing, not only entertainment.
- Students become more aware of support resources and safer community practices.

Success Measures

- At least 1,000 students reached through wellness-related programming where feasible.
- Partnerships with Health & Wellness and community organizations established or strengthened.
- Student participation and feedback tracked across wellness initiatives.
- Safe partying, naloxone, mental health, and wellness resources promoted effectively.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Campus Life, VP External, Wellness partners, Campus Security, Residence Life, Equity & Inclusion groups, Campaigns Committee, community non-profits, women's shelters.

Timeline: September–October safe partying and naloxone programming; January–February yoga and mental health awareness; March–April Run4Her and year-end wellness campaign.

5. Clubs, Course Unions, and Student Association Engagement

Goal / Priority: Strengthen SUO communication, coordination, and collaboration with clubs, fee-based course unions, student associations, and faculty representatives.

Why This Matters: Clubs and course unions are central to student life. Strong coordination helps reduce barriers, improve event capacity, share resources, prevent issues, and create a healthier campus life.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Reach out to major clubs, notable clubs, fee-based course unions, and student association leaders early in the year.

- Create regular meeting schedules with club leadership, fee-based course union executives, and faculty representatives.
- Develop a report summarizing the needs, challenges, and attainable requests of clubs and course unions.
- Bring recommendations and resource requests to the Campus Life Committee, Executive Committee, or Board as appropriate.
- Support shared events, better access to SUO resources, and stronger coordination on shared values and goals.
- Maintain communication throughout the year so student groups can access support before issues become crises.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Clubs and course unions experience clearer communication and better support from the SUO.
- Student groups can plan more events with fewer administrative barriers.
- The SUO strengthens goodwill and trust with active student communities.

Success Measures

- Regular meetings with club and course union leadership established.
- Needs report completed and shared with relevant committees.
- More shared events and stronger resource coordination between student groups and the SUO.
- Reduced confusion around SUO resources, rules, and support pathways.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Internal, VP Campus Life, Campus Life Committee, student clubs, fee-based course unions, Student Associations, Membership Outreach, faculty representatives, volunteers.

Timeline: Initial outreach over the summer or start of year; meeting schedule formalized by beginning of academic year; continuous engagement through year-end.

6. Campus Life Communication and Promotion

Goal / Priority: Increase student awareness of SUO events, services, and opportunities through creative, digestible, and relatable communication.

Why This Matters: Better advertisement leads to higher event participation, stronger service usage, and improved transparency to the membership. Students need to know what the SUO offers before they can participate.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Revitalize the Ask Me About Your SUO campaign and introduce In The Know With Your SUO as a recurring communication initiative.
- Increase social media presence, short-form content, in-person tabling, creative advertisements, and student-centered storytelling.
- Coordinate Campus Life and Campaigns Committee collaboration so events and advocacy campaigns support each other.
- Use mini microphones, recording equipment, digital screens, posters, newsletters, and campus outreach tools where appropriate.
- Keep content simple, relatable, digestible, and not overly long or overly frequent.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students better understand SUO events, services, campaigns, and leadership work.
- Event attendance, elections participation, and engagement with SUO content increase.
- Communication becomes more consistent and aligned across executive portfolios.

Success Measures

- Higher social media engagement and event participation.
- Increased student familiarity with the SUO.
- Improved visibility for services, events, advocacy, and elections.

- Collaborative promotional planning across committees and staff.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP External, President, VP Campus Life, Communications Team, Board of Directors, Staff, Campaigns Committee, Campus Life Committee.

Timeline: Throughout the term with major communication push in Fall and Winter; April 2027 review.

3. Services

Services priorities focus on practical supports students can use: food security, resource centres, sustainable resource sharing, student association financial systems, career and wellness partnerships, and sponsorships that strengthen student initiatives.

1. Food Security Services, Pantry Support, and Community Meals

Goal / Priority: Strengthen practical food security supports through PICNIC collaboration, Pantry donations, free or subsidized meals, sponsorships, and targeted funding.

Why This Matters: Students are being priced out of eating. Food insecurity affects mental health, physical wellbeing, academic focus, and daily student life.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Collaborate with PICNIC to explore accessible free meals once or twice a week where feasible.
- Solicit sponsorships, donations, grants, and community support to stock the Pantry and sustain food security initiatives.
- Explore subsidized free meal vouchers and simplified food cost models where appropriate.
- Coordinate Pantry, The Well, Campaigns Committee, PICNIC, sponsors, and donors around shared food security objectives.
- Use data and student feedback to identify who is being served, where gaps remain, and how funding can be better targeted.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students have better access to food supports during times of high financial pressure.
- The Pantry is better stocked and able to prioritize students with greatest need.
- Food security initiatives become more visible, coordinated, and sustainable.

Success Measures

- Successful Pantry donation drives and sponsorship outreach.
- Accessible community meals delivered in collaboration with PICNIC where budget permits.
- Grant applications and sponsorship packages pursued.
- Improved awareness and utilization of food security services.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP External, President, PICNIC, Pantry, The Well, Campaigns Committee, donors, sponsors, students.

Timeline: Summer planning and sponsorship packages; Fall community meals and Pantry donations; Winter–Spring ongoing meals and review.

2. SUO Sustainable Initiative / Free Resource Space

Goal / Priority: Advocate for a dedicated SUO Sustainable Initiative space that provides students with access to donated clothing, winter items, and daily essentials through an accessible, honor-based model.

Why This Matters: Rising living costs affect students' ability to access necessities. A sustainable, community-based resource space can reduce financial barriers while promoting mutual support and environmental responsibility.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Consult with the AVPS office, Campus Planning, Dale, and university stakeholders to identify and secure suitable campus space.

- Research the AMS Free Store model at UBC Vancouver and incorporate best practices for accessibility and sustainability.
- Develop an honor-based donation and collection system that allows students to donate and access clothing and essentials freely.
- Prepare storage, signage, donation bins, shelving, operating guidelines, volunteer coordination, and communications materials.
- Continue evaluating student needs and program sustainability after launch.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students gain access to free essentials, including winter clothing and daily necessities.
- The SUO supports affordability and sustainability through a practical, student-centered service.
- Campus resource-sharing becomes more organized and visible.

Success Measures

- Dedicated campus space identified and approved.
- Donation and collection system launched or prepared for launch.
- Student usage and donations tracked.
- Ongoing feedback gathered to improve operations.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: President, AVPS Office, Campus Planning, Dale, AMS, university administration, community donors, students, volunteers.

Timeline: June 2026 proposal and consultations; Summer 2026 space and operations planning; September 2026 initial launch target; ongoing development.

3. Resource Centre Revitalization and Improvements

Goal / Priority: Address safety, security, space, and structural concerns in SUO Resource Centres so they are well supported and able to serve students effectively.

Why This Matters: Resource Centres are only as strong as the support systems around them. Safe and effective resource spaces help marginalized students find community, support, and belonging.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Review safety and security concerns affecting Resource Centre spaces and facilitators.
- Assess whether a new space is needed and what options exist within the SUO's lease and the first floor of the UNC.
- Review the organizational structure of Resource Centres and identify support improvements.
- Engage Membership Outreach, Student Advocate, Policy Committee, Resource Centre Facilitators, and SUO leadership in the review process.
- Explore StEAR funding and capital project options if a move or space improvement is required.
- Frame space improvements as student safety and support priorities in conversations with Campus Planning.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Resource Centre Facilitators feel safer and better supported.
- Resource Centres have stronger structure, visibility, and capacity to serve students.
- Marginalized student communities are better supported by the SUO.

Success Measures

- Safety and structural review completed.
- Potential new space or improvement pathway identified.
- Engagement with Resource Centre Facilitators and relevant committees documented.
- Higher engagement with Resource Centres.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP External, Resource Centres, Membership Outreach, Student Advocate, Policy Committee, Campus Planning, SUO, StEAR funding partners.

Timeline: Summer planning and meetings; Fall policy meetings; Winter potential move or structural changes; April 2027 review.

4. Student Support, Career, and Campus Service Partnerships

Goal / Priority: Strengthen student services through coordinated partnerships with campus support offices, Career Development, GEO, academic support, student organizations, and community partners.

Why This Matters: Students need clear pathways to support. Stronger coordination among campus services helps students find resources, participate in opportunities, and succeed academically and personally.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Work with campus services, GEO, academic and career services, student organizations, and university departments to align support priorities.
- Promote career events, workshops, experiential learning, co-op opportunities, wellness programming, and support resources through SUO channels.
- Collaborate with the GSA, AMS, sponsors, community organizations, and university partners to expand opportunities.
- Use student consultation to identify service gaps and bring student priorities into university planning discussions.
- Evaluate progress in Winter/Spring and identify where continued support is needed.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students are more aware of available supports and opportunities.
- Campus partners have clearer communication with the SUO on shared student priorities.
- Student support becomes more coordinated, accessible, and student-centered.

Success Measures

- Partnership priorities established with key service offices.
- Increased promotion and usage of service resources.
- Positive student feedback regarding support and access.
- Recurring meetings and collaboration with relevant university offices.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: President, VP Students portfolio, Career Development Office, GEO, Academic and Career Services, GSA, AMS, student organizations, community organizations, sponsors.

Timeline: Summer/Fall partnership planning; ongoing promotion and collaboration; Winter/Spring evaluation.

5. Student Association Financial Processes and Rubric Support

Goal / Priority: Improve Student Association financial operations by increasing adoption and effective use of Rubric and standardizing financial processes.

Why This Matters: A clear and consistent financial management system reduces administrative burden, minimizes processing delays, improves compliance, and allows Student Associations to focus on serving students.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Conduct a detailed audit of Student Association Rubric usage and identify barriers to adoption.
- Gather feedback from SA executives regarding financial process challenges and system usability.
- Develop recommendations to improve Rubric workflows and financial procedures.
- Deliver training sessions and resource guides for Student Association executives.

- Monitor adoption rates and provide ongoing support throughout the academic year.
- Coordinate with Finance Manager, Finance Committee, VP Internal, Membership Outreach, and IT support.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Student Associations can access funding, submit requests, and manage budgets more efficiently.
- Financial submission errors and processing delays decrease.
- SA executives feel better supported in managing their financial responsibilities.

Success Measures

- Rubric usage audit completed.
- Training resources and guides delivered.
- Improved satisfaction from SA executives regarding financial procedures.
- Reduction in common financial submission errors and delays.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Finance and Administration, Finance Manager, Finance Committee, Student Association executives, VP Internal, Membership Outreach, IT support.

Timeline: Audit, feedback, training, and monitoring through the academic year; April 30, 2027 final evaluation.

6. Sponsorship and Partnership Development for Student Initiatives

Goal / Priority: Raise $50,000 in sponsorship support with clear executive coordination to reduce financial pressure and strengthen events, services, food security, and student engagement initiatives.

Why This Matters: A stronger sponsorship base helps the SUO expand programming without placing additional financial pressure on student fees. It also brings more student-oriented vendors, partners, and community connections to campus.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Develop a comprehensive sponsorship package, prospectus, outreach database, marketing assets, and presentation materials.
- Secure a title sponsor for Frosh and pursue multi-event sponsor relationships rather than one-off sponsorships.
- Build partnerships with local businesses, non-profits, alumni, community partners, and student-oriented vendors.
- Coordinate between VP Campus Life, VP External, VP Internal, VP Finance, President, and staff to avoid competing sponsorship asks.
- Agree early on sponsorship allocation principles so funds support shared priorities and reduce conflict.
- Prepare sponsor appreciation, post-event reporting, and transition notes for the next executive team.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- More student initiatives are better funded and more memorable.
- The SUO reduces pressure on event and service budgets.
- Long-term sponsor relationships strengthen organizational sustainability and community visibility.

Success Measures

- $50,000 sponsorship target pursued and tracked.
- Prior sponsorship benchmark of $38,000 used as a baseline to surpass where possible.
- Multiple community partners secured.
- Clear executive agreement on sponsorship strategy and fund allocation.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Campus Life, VP External, VP Internal, VP Finance and Administration, President, Executive Committee, staff, local businesses, sponsors, student-oriented vendors.

Timeline: June strategy and package development; July–August outreach and Frosh sponsors; September–March sponsor activation; April sponsor review and transition report.

4. Governance

Governance priorities focus on representation, accountability, responsible financial management, clear policies, transparent communication, and stronger internal coordination. This pillar ensures the SUO is not only active, but trusted, organized, and accountable to students.

1. Indigenous Representation on the SUO Board

Goal / Priority: Finalize and implement a process to add a First Nations or Indigenous representative to the SUO Board.

Why This Matters: The SUO should ensure explicit Indigenous representation at the Board level. Indigenous students deserve a credible representative voice, and the Board benefits from perspective and guidance it may otherwise lack when addressing issues affecting Indigenous students and communities.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Recover and review the previous year's research, findings, concerns, and recommendations on Indigenous board representation.
- Bring findings from AMS, UBC administration, the previous Board, and Indigenous campus or community representatives to Policy Committee for discussion.
- Engage campus Indigenous representatives, the Indigenous Centre, Syilx community members, and other relevant resources as available.
- Develop a clear policy plan for implementation, including interim appointment and future election considerations.
- Bring the policy plan to the Board for approval and effective implementation.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- The SUO Board becomes more representative and better equipped to respond to Indigenous student concerns.
- Indigenous students have a clearer pathway for representation in SUO governance.
- The organization takes a meaningful step toward equity, representation, and accountability.

Success Measures

- Policy plan completed through Policy Committee.
- Consultation with Indigenous campus and community resources documented.
- Board approval secured.
- Indigenous representative position established and filled through appropriate process.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Internal, Policy Committee, Indigenous Centre, campus Indigenous representatives, Syilx community members, UBC administration, AMS, SUO Board.

Timeline: Research recovery and consultation early in the year; policy development through committee; target completion before Q1 2027 where feasible.

2. Bylaw and Regulation Reform for Clarity and Organizational Cohesion

Goal / Priority: Review and reform SUO bylaws and regulations that create confusion, contradict one another, or obstruct effective governance.

Why This Matters: Clear and effective rules are essential to good governance. Simplifying regulations can reduce friction for clubs, students, staff, committees, and Board members while making the SUO easier to work with.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Convene inquiries through Policy Committee to identify regulations causing complaints, confusion, barriers, or contradictions.
- Discuss potential resolutions through reasoned committee debate and consultation with affected stakeholders.
- Approve amendments or alterations to regulations where needed and bring recommendations to the Board.
- Ensure implementation is clear, practical, and does not create new unnecessary barriers.
- Communicate changes to affected clubs, course unions, students, staff, committees, and portfolio holders.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students and student organizations face fewer unnecessary hurdles when engaging with the SUO.
- Board and committee work becomes more consistent and easier to administer.
- Organizational cohesion improves across governance, campus life, services, and advocacy.

Success Measures

- Regulatory issues identified and reviewed by Policy Committee.
- Recommendations presented to the Board by March 2027 where feasible.
- Reduced friction for clubs and students navigating SUO processes.
- Affected stakeholders consulted before significant changes are implemented.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Internal, Policy Committee, Board of Directors, Lijie Qiu, Izzy Rusch, affected clubs, student associations, staff, and committees.

Timeline: Continuous review; general inquiries by November 2026; policy recommendations by March 2027.

3. Financial Sustainability and a Non-Deficit Budget

Goal / Priority: Develop and maintain a sustainable SUO budget that breaks even or produces a surplus while protecting essential student services, events, advocacy, and strategic initiatives.

Why This Matters: A financially stable SUO protects the value of student fees, ensures continuity of student programs, and maintains long-term organizational credibility.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Collaborate with the Finance Manager and Finance Committee on realistic revenue and expenditure projections.
- Review historical financial data, current trends, enrollment assumptions, and operational needs when planning the budget.
- Present budget recommendations and financial analysis to the Finance Committee and Board.
- Monitor budget performance monthly and identify potential deficit risks early.
- Recommend corrective actions, reallocations, or cost-saving measures when financial risks are identified.
- Use conservative revenue projections and preserve essential services when evaluating new spending.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Student fees are managed responsibly and strategically.
- Core services, events, and advocacy work remain funded throughout the year.
- Financial risks are identified and addressed before they become organizational problems.

Success Measures

- Final approved budget projects a break-even or surplus position.
- Monthly budget reports reviewed by the Finance Committee.
- No significant unplanned deficit incurred during the fiscal year.
- Variance between actual and budgeted expenditures remains within acceptable thresholds.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Finance and Administration, Finance Manager, Finance Committee, Board of Directors, Executive Committee.

Timeline: May–July budget planning, consultation, and approval; August–April monthly monitoring and reporting; April 30, 2027 completion.

4. Budget Oversight, Spending Controls, and Reallocation Discipline

Goal / Priority: Strengthen financial accountability by establishing spending limits, conducting regular budget reviews, and ensuring reallocations are carefully monitored and approved.

Why This Matters: Strong budget oversight prevents overspending, improves discipline, and ensures funding remains available for student programs, services, and advocacy throughout the year.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Establish and communicate spending limits for all executive and staff portfolios at the start of the fiscal year.
- Conduct regular budget check-ins with executives and staff, especially those approaching budget limits.
- Review and approve significant budget reallocation requests through the Finance Committee.
- Develop reporting mechanisms to improve transparency and accountability in budget usage.
- Create early-warning processes to identify overspending risks before they become critical.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Executives and staff understand their budget responsibilities and limits.
- Budget decisions are more transparent and better documented.
- Student funds are allocated effectively and in alignment with SUO priorities.

Success Measures

- Spending limits established across portfolios.
- Regular budget check-ins completed.
- No significant budget overruns without prior approval.
- All budget reallocations reviewed through the Finance Committee.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Finance and Administration, Finance Manager, Finance Committee, SUO executives, SUO staff, Board of Directors.

Timeline: May spending limits and expectations; monthly review meetings; reallocation reviews as required; April 2027 evaluation.

5. Financial Transparency and Student-Friendly Reporting

Goal / Priority: Make SUO financial information more accessible, understandable, and visible to students through simplified reporting, visual summaries, and public disclosure of key budget information.

Why This Matters: As a student-funded organization, the SUO must show students how their fees are collected, allocated, and used. Clear financial reporting strengthens trust and informed participation.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Develop a simplified student-friendly budget summary explaining major revenue and expenditure categories.
- Create visual budget breakdowns using charts, infographics, and other easy-to-understand formats.
- Publish budget summaries, financial reports, and visual materials on the SUO website.
- Share key budget highlights through student communications, Instagram, social media, and annual reporting.
- Review and update public financial information regularly to ensure accuracy and relevance.

- Work closely with the Finance Manager and communications team so financial information is accurate, plain-language, and not misleading.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students better understand where their fees go and how SUO decisions are made.
- Financial transparency strengthens student trust in the organization.
- Students can engage more meaningfully in budget-related conversations.

Success Measures

- Student-friendly budget summary published.
- Visual budget breakdowns created and shared.
- Budget information publicly accessible on the SUO website.
- Student feedback indicates improved clarity and accessibility.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: VP Finance and Administration, Finance Manager, Finance Committee, Communications and Marketing Team, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, IT support, student body.

Timeline: Prepare summary by April 2027; publish budget information and financial highlights during the year; review effectiveness by April 30, 2027.

6. SUO Communication, Accountability, and Executive Coordination

Goal / Priority: Strengthen transparency, accountability, and communication within the SUO by improving outreach, internal coordination, and organizational collaboration.

Why This Matters: Student leadership earns trust through action, visibility, and follow-through. Many students feel disconnected from the SUO because initiatives, services, advocacy, and governance decisions are not always communicated clearly.

Key Actions / How It Will Be Achieved

- Work with the General Manager, communications team, staff, and executives to restructure and strengthen the SUO communication model.
- Develop an SUO promotional video highlighting services, advocacy efforts, and campus initiatives in an accessible and engaging way.
- Create and maintain a centralized executive calendar for campaigns, events, bookings, meetings, and initiatives across portfolios.
- Expand newsletters, posters, digital screens, tabling, social media, and campus outreach tools.
- Set clearer internal expectations for coordination between executive portfolios and staff teams.
- Build a collaborative office culture rooted in respect, professionalism, accountability, and shared student service.

Expected Outcome / Impact

- Students feel better informed, represented, and connected to the SUO.
- Executive portfolios coordinate more effectively and avoid unnecessary overlap.
- Communication becomes a consistent tool for transparency, not just promotion.

Success Measures

- SUO promotional video completed and launched.
- Centralized executive calendar established.
- Increased engagement with communications and events.
- Positive student feedback regarding SUO accessibility and transparency.
- Improved coordination between executives and staff.

Key Partners, Resources, and Timeline

Partners / Teams: President, VP External, Executive Team, General Manager, Communications Team, SUO staff, Board, students, university partners.

Timeline: Early Fall communications hiring/onboarding; Fall strategy and calendar development; Fall/Winter promotional video and expanded outreach; ongoing through April 2027.

Accountability and Follow-Through Framework

To make this plan actionable, each priority will be tracked through regular executive, oversight committee, and Board reporting. The purpose of accountability is not only to confirm that work is happening, but to show students how decisions, challenges, and outcomes are being handled throughout the year.

- Quarterly progress updates to the oversight committee will identify completed work, current challenges, next steps, and any changes to timelines or scope.
- Executives will use student feedback, event data, financial reports, partnership updates, and committee records to support progress reporting.
- Where priorities overlap, executives will clarify shared ownership early so initiatives do not compete for attention, funding, sponsorships, or staff capacity.
- Major changes to the action plan will be communicated clearly to students, the Board, staff, and relevant partners.
- Transition reports will document lessons learned, sponsor relationships, partnership outcomes, policy work, and recommendations for future executive teams.

Closing Statement

This Executive Action Plan reflects a commitment to student-centered leadership, practical action, and measurable follow-through. The SUO executive team will advance these priorities with transparency, accountability, and integrity, ensuring students can see how their Union is advocating for them, supporting them, and strengthening campus life. Success will be measured not only by completed initiatives, but by whether students feel more informed, supported, represented, and connected to the SUO and the wider UBC Okanagan community.