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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
Vice-President Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu
Director-at-Large	Tim Liao
Director-at-Large	Oliver Hale
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

Directors Absent

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

Staff Present

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

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral territory of the Okanagan Nation. We would like to recognize that learning happened in this place long before this institution was established. It is important to understand the privilege we hold to be living, working, and learning on Syilx territory.

ACCESSBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

26/06/11.01
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.]

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- 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