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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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	Laisa Pertet
Director-at-Large	Tim Liao
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

Directors Absent with Regrets

Director-at-Large	Fikayo Adeleke

Directors Absent without Regrets

Faculty of Education Representative	Marci Brooks
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Peter Idoko
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Saami Hafeez

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Operational Manager	Micheal Ouellet
Governance Coordinator	Lijie Qiu
Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes
Students' Advocate	Rachel Fortin

Guests

Phoenix	Samaira Talwar
Phoenix	Charlotte Tappin

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:33 A.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

26/07/13.01
Qually/Bolton
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

26/07/13.02
Lai/Pertet
Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held June 11, 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.1 Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

26/07/13.03
Patnaik/Osadczuk
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.

Carried.

4.2 Executive Monthly Report Approval

26/07/13.04
Bolton/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that Executive May Reports be approved as attached.
Carried.

4.3 Media Fund Committee Business Discussion

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

Phoenix representatives expressed they would discontinue podcast production and reallocate resources toward writing initiatives and collaborative events, which require more functional space. They expressed concerns about the limitations of their current space and proposed dismantling the recording booth and relocating it to another space for storage. Lai confirmed it would be a board decision and she would facilitate further discussion.

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

The VP Campus Life clarified that, following the 2025 Media Fund policy changes, any unawarded Media Fund fee remains in the Media Fund account and can only be accessed for funding accredited student media outlet, rather than being transferred to the SUO operating budget. He also noted that he was still awaiting a response from the Heatwave group, whose application for media outlet ratification was deferred last year due to insufficient funding. The VP Finance updated that Media Fund applications are due at the end of August. To better support Phoenix's financial needs, the Media Fund Committee decided to complete this year's allocation earlier than usual. She and the VP Campus Life explained the rationale for the allocation amount, noting that it exceeded last year's allocation and that Phoenix still had a surplus of previously allocated funds. The VP Finance further noted that under the revised policy, the SUO can no longer cover Media Fund deficits as it had in previous years, and that maintaining a reserve for student media outlet operations may be necessary.

Phoenix representatives asked whether they could receive the remaining unawarded Media Fund from last year. The board confirmed that the final amount was still under audit. Directors serving on the media fund committee also noted that if additional student media outlets are accredited, media fund allocation could be affected. If Phoenix remains the only accredited student media outlet this year, the media fund committee could have further discussion and revisit the allocation. Qiu reminded the directors of their responsibility to oversee the appropriate use of Media Fund.

[Dhawan entered at 9:57 a.m.]

5. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

5.1 Senate

5.2 Board of Governors

5.3 Other University Committees

Liao updated that at the previous senate meeting they approved the consent agenda policy and academic policy for exams. They tabled the Academic freedom policy for further discussion. Qually updated that the board of governors at the previous meeting approved the UBC Okanagan neighborhood plan and vision updates. The board of governors were working on the issue of the cross-campus class. Lai also noted that in September the executives would give a presentation to the board of governors regarding their priorities for this year.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Budget Presentation

26/07/13.05
Osadczuk/Rader
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Carried. [10:12 a.m.]

26/07/13.06
Sandhu/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Carried. [11:13 a.m.]

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

6.2 Concert Motivation and approval

26/07/13.08

Wallace/Bolton

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

The VP Campus Life noted that he had heard students expressing interest in having a concert and presented his vision of hosting one every two years to enhance the student experience while maintaining financial sustainability. He added that he would reach out to

campus partners for resources and support, including consultation with SVPRO. Qually noted that Picnic also offers a variety of resources and would be a valuable partner to connect with.

Carried.

6.3 Action Plan Approval

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

6.4 Media Fund Allocation

26/07/13.10
Rader/Wallace
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.
Carried.
[Smailes and Fortin left at 11:25 a.m.]

7. IN-CAMERA (LEGAL)

26/07/13.11
Sandhu/Bolton
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Carried. [11:26 a.m.]

-CCS Agreement
-MOU with Third Space
-GSA Draft MOU to SUO
[Rader left at 12:06 p.m.]

26/07/13.12
Qually/Hale
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Carried. [12:09 p.m.]
[Liao left at 12:09 p.m.]

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

Qually/Hale

Be it resolved that the motion be rephrased as : Be it resolved that the executives be empowered to send the CCS agreement as discussed for further discussion.
Amendment carried.
Carried as amended.
[Evans left at 12:16 p.m.]

8. DISCUSSION/ INFORMATION

8.1 BCFS Proposed AGM & Skills Delegate Revised Fees

Qually presented the proposed delegate fees and provided the rationale behind the increase. He invited feedback from directors. A question was raised regarding the benefits of maintaining membership with BCFS. Qually highlighted BCFS's advocacy strength and the value of its collective representation.

8.2 SUO Health and Dental Plan and ALUMO Update

The VP Internal and Finance reported that the trip strengthened networking with executives from other student unions and provided a deeper understanding of the ALUMO rebranding changes.

8.3 Summer BBQ Update

BBQ was scheduled for August 5 for summer students.

8.4 Preparing for the 2026-2027 year

Lai encouraged directors to actively check their outlook and team.

8.5 Social Media Update

Lai introduced the portfolio of the social media ambassador they hired.

8.6 Building Referendum

Pertet addressed concerns regarding space and noted that greater trust had been built between students and their union. She recommended revisiting the building referendum and shared her interest in presenting a 3D model of the building to better engage students.

8.7 Sustainability Working Group

Pertet proposed establishing a working group to focus on the sustainability initiatives. Lai recommended the working group collaborate with Campus Planning department for more support.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.