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EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Board of Directors Meeting, August 7th 2026 at 9am, UNC 105 Boardroom/Zoom

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Olivia Lai
Vice President Finance and Administration	Shreya Patnaik
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
Director-at-Large	Jenna Bierwirth
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Ali Wasti
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Liam Wallace
Faculty of Science Representative	Amanda Bolton
Faculty of Management Representative	Mansi Sharma

Directors Absent with Regrets

Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Faculty of Education Representative	Marci Brooks

Directors Absent without Regrets

Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Neela Rader
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Krishansh Dhawan
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
Student Advocate	Rachel Fortin
SUO Social Media Ambassador	Sabhya Arora

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:04 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

26/08/07.01
Bolton/Sandhu
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Liao/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the following motion be added to the agenda regarding the Executive Report Approval:
Be it resolved that all executive report's for periods after June 2026 must include the hours worked for each week, explanations for which if the required hours were not fulfilled, the name, short reason/description, role played and estimated time for each activity/initiative. Be it further resolved that the amount of time listed in the activities/initiative must match with the amount of time reported for each week.
Amendment carried.

Lai/Liao
Be it resolved that the agenda items #6.4 and #6.5 be moved before Committee Business.
Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

26/08/07.02
Wallace/Pertet
Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held July 13, 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

Lai introduced the newly hired social media ambassador Sabhya Arora.

4. DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT (SPECIAL RESOLUTION)

26/08/07.03
Wallace/Bolton
Be it resolved that Jenna Bierwirth be appointed to the SUO Board of Director as the Director at Large until the By-Election 2026.
Bierwirth introduced herself.
Carried.

5. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

26/08/07.04
Osadczuk/Wallace
Be it resolved that Jenna Bierwirth be appointed to the SUO Campaigns Committee.
Carried.

26/08/07.05
Hale/Bolton
Be it resolved that Liam Wallace be appointed to the Policy Committee.
Carried.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

26/08/07.06
Osadczuk/Pertet
Be it resolved that the minutes of following meetings be adopted:

- Executive meetings held July 15th and July 27th;

- Finance Committee meeting held July 14th;

- Campaign Committee meeting held July 21st

* July Campus Life meeting could not be conducted due to a lack of quorum.

* Oversight Committee did not meet in July.

Carried.

Sandhu updated that their July meeting was rescheduled for August 8 and directors could contact him for details of the meeting.

Lai encouraged chairs of committees to schedule monthly meetings in advance and encouraged the members to show up.

6.2 June Executive Report Approval

26/08/07.07

Wallace/Sandhu

Be it resolved that the June Executive Reports be approved as attached.

Concerns were raised that the content of the executive reports did not align with the reporting requirements. The executives present provided an overview of their day-to-day responsibilities and office hours. They explained that, given their workload, the monthly reports were intended to summarize their primary tasks and activities for the month rather than provide a comprehensive account of every task completed. Moving forward, the executives indicated that they would make every effort to provide as much detail as possible in their reports.

Lai encouraged directors who have concerns about the executive reports to contact the Oversight Committee, which is responsible for reviewing the executive monthly reports and overseeing their performance and work. Evans further clarified that the policies require executives to complete 50 hours of work over a two-week period, rather than requiring a fixed 25 hours per week, and to provide a summary of their work. He noted that, if necessary, the Oversight Committee could review and revise the format of the monthly reports.

Carried.

26/08/07.08
Be it resolved that all executive report's for periods after June 2026 must include the hours worked for each week, explanations for which if the required hours were not fulfilled, the name, short reason/description, role played and estimated time for each activity/initiative. Be it further resolved that the amount of time listed in the activities/initiative must match with the amount of time reported for each week.
Motion was **withdrawn** by unanimous consent.

7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

7.1 Senate

Liao updated that the next Senate meeting would be held on September 24th.

7.2 Board of Governors

7.3 Other University Committees

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Review and approval of the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference

26/08/07.09

Pertet/Bolton

Be it resolved that the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference be adopted as attached.

Directors discussed some details of terms of reference and decided to strike a sustainability ad hoc committee to review and develop the terms of reference. The motion was referred to the sustainability ad hoc committee.

26/08/07.10
Lai/Bolton
Be it resolved the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee be struck.
Carried.

26/08/07.11
Wallace/ Sandhu
Be it resolved that Amanda Bolton, Oliver Hale, Tim Liao, Quinlin Osadczuk, Naden Qually, Laisa Pertet and Mike Ouellet (staff) be appointed to the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee.
Be it further resolved that Laisa Pertet be appointed as Chair of the Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee and Amanda Bolton as the alternate chair.
Carried.

8.2 Discussion of the Building Referendum Steering Group Terms of Reference

Evans shared historical knowledge and building referendum relaunch plan; Directors discussed the previous referendum question and provided their input. Although some concerns were raised, most directors expressed support for revisiting the building referendum. Directors also discussed their respective roles and responsibilities within the business and identified the immediate steps they needed to take.

26/08/07.12
Lai/Bolton
Be it resolved that the Building Steering committee be struck.
Carried.

26/08/07.13
Lai/Wallace
Be it resolved that the following members be appointed to the Building Steering committee:
-Executive directors: Guransh Sandhu, Naden Qually, Shreya Patnaik, Olivia Lai, Quinlin Osadczuk
-Non-Executive directors: Oliver Hale, Liam Wallace, Laisa Pertet, Amanda Bolton
-Staff: Mike Ouellet, Jason Evans, Lijie Qiu, Sabhya Arora, Chinedum Agwu, Aaron White (advisory);

Be it further resolved that Olivia Lai be appointed as Chair of the Building Steering committee and Laisa Pertet as co-chair of the committee.
Carried.

8.3 Resignation Approval

26/08/07.14

Lai/Osadczuk

Be it resolved that the resignation of Director-at-Large Fikayo Adeleke be accepted; and be it further resolved that her access to SUO director resources and systems be removed following the acceptance of her resignation.

Carried via email. The following nine directors voted in favor: Laisa Pertet, Amanda Bolton, Neela Rader, Shreya Patnaik, Naden Qually, Liam Wallace, Guransh Sandhu, Oliver Hale and Olivia Lai.

[Shreya Patnaik, Ali Wasti and Mansi Sharma left before In-camera session.]

9. IN-CAMERA (LEGAL)

26/08/07.15
Bolton/Pertet
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Carried. [10:31 a.m.]
Directors at present:
Olivia Lai, Quinlin Osadczuk, Guransh Sandhu, Oliver Hale, Laisa Pertet, Tim Liao, Liam Wallace, Amanda Bolton

-GSA MOU Draft Amendments
-Other Agreement Updates

The meeting was moved ex-camera at 11:52 a.m.
[Tim Liao left at 11:41 a.m.]

10. DISCUSSION/ INFORMATION

Lai quickly wrapped up the meeting due to lack of quorum at the moment.

10.1 Jumpstart Orientation Update/Dates

Orientation: September 5-7; Directors were invited to participate in the SUO panel session.

10.2 Term 1 Schedules

Directors were asked to share their Term1 schedule .

10.3 AGM Dates/Time

Possibly in November. Date would be decided at the next board meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.