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# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, August 21st, 2026 at 9am, UNC 105 Boardroom/Zoom

**Directors Present**

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| President (meeting chair) | Olivia Lai |
| Vice President Finance and Administration | Shreya Patnaik |
| Vice-President Internal | Quinlin Osadczuk |
| Vice-President Campus Life | Guransh Sandhu |
| Vice-President External | Naden Qually |
| Director-at-Large | Oliver Hale |
| 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 Creative & Critical Studies Representative | Neela Rader |
| Faculty of Applied Science Representative | Krishansh Dhawan |

**Directors Absent with Regrets**

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| Director-at-Large | Laisa Pertet |
| Faculty of Education Representative | Marci Brooks |
| Faculty of Management Representative | Mansi Sharma |

**Directors Absent without Regrets**

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| Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio) | Peter Idoko |
| Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio) | Saami Hafeez |

**Staff Present**

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| General Manager | Jason Evans |
| Operational Manager | Micheal Ouellet |
| Governance Coordinator | Lijie Qiu |
| Student Advocate | Rachel Fortin |

## 1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:03 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

26/08/21.01
Wallace/Qually
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Rader/Qually
Be it resolved the agenda be amended by adding a director appointment motion to the new business, which reads " Be it resolved that Neela Rader be appointed to the Sustainability committee. "
Amendment carried.

Lai/Rader
Be it resolved that ALUMO Agreement Approval motion be added after the in-camera session.
Amendment carried.

**Carried as amended.**

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

26/08/21.02
Osadczuk/Bolton
Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 7th, 2026 be adopted.
**Carried.**

## 4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 4.1 Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

26/08/21.03
Bolton/Qually
Be it resolved that the minutes of following meetings be adopted:

- Executive meeting held August 6th;

- Campus Life Committee meeting held August 8th

**Carried.**

## 5. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

### 5.1 Senate

### 5.2 Board of Governors

Qually updated their advocacy priorities which would be presented to the Board of Governors:

-food security and affordability

-a potential Students Union building focusing on student space

-support services for students such as work-study hours and TA positions

### 5.3 Other University Committees

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1 Committee Appointment

26/08/21.04
Bolton/Liao
Be it resolved that Neela Rader be appointed to the Sustainability committee.
**Carried.**

### 6.2 Club Ratification

26/08/21.05
Osadczuk/Rader
Be it resolved that Spark Student Association be ratified.

Aims and Purposes:

The goal of SPARK is to bridge the students of UBCO to the greater Kelowna Community, while also developing an active community here on campus. We hope to achieve this goal not only through our events and fundraisers– but also by showing students what the city offers like facilitating volunteer opportunities; collaborating with the local organizations and highlighting their causes; and promoting local businesses. In truth, every club creates a community but what we hope to do differently in SPARK is to not only focus on one aspect of Kelowna but the city as a whole. We believe that the beauty of Kelowna is all of these things combined: the Sylix Okanagan people; the local business owners; the homeless shelters; the schools; the organizations and retirement homes– by bridging students to all of these aspects, we hope to bring the community a little closer together.
Ultimately, our club strives to show how Kelowna can be their home, just like how it became ours. We want SPARK to help students: make long-lasting connections; build new and

existing skills; empower them to become leaders in the community and give them the opportunities to make the city a better place. We hope to make UBCO not the castle on the hill that everyone but us, the students, is afraid to enter or approach.

Liao/Rader
Be it resolved the ratification be tabled until next board meeting.
Carried. **Ratification tabled.**

Directors asked how their membership fee is being used and how the club differentiates itself from other clubs that also bring community resources, such as small businesses, to students. Osadczuk noted that the club president would like to give a presentation.

26/08/21.06
Osadczuk/Qually
Be it resolved that Student Concert band be ratified.

Aims and Purposes:
The Okanagan Student Concert Band aims to create an inclusive, student-led concert band where students can continue developing their musical abilities, participate in structured ensemble performance, and foster teamwork and community building through music.

The association will provide opportunities for students of all academic backgrounds and any level of instrument experience to participate in rehearsals, concerts, and other musical events.

Goals and Distinction:
The recreational music field has potential for expansion at UBCO.
Our primary goal is to maintain a structured instrumental ensemble by welcoming students interested in performing music. We have the potential to hold a rich concert-band repertoire as we not only count with wind, brass, and percussion players, but violinists, pianists, and other instrumentalists.

Rather than duplicating existing broader music or recreational organizations, our goal is to complement and collaborate with other performing-arts groups. We have already begun building these connections through a post collaboration with the Theatre Club, discussions with the Karaoke Club, and potential collaboration with the UBC Vancouver Concert Band. Through these partnerships, we hope to contribute to UBCO's music community while creating opportunities for inter-campus collaboration

Qually/Osadczuk
Be it resolved that the ratification be tabled.
Failed.

Liao/Qually
Be it resolved that the board of directors recommend the ratification of Student Concert Band be referred to the Student Association Oversight Committee for further deliberation before it is brought back to the board.
Carried. **Ratification was referred to the Student Association Oversight committee.**

Directors sought clarification on whether the proposed club is primarily focused on performance or intended to provide students with an opportunity to play and practice music. They also discussed the potential practice location for the band and asked how the club would differentiate itself from the existing Music Club. Given that the policies do not permit duplicate clubs and require the Student Association to review applications and address any underlying concerns before they are forwarded to the Board for consideration, directors suggested referring the ratification to the Student Association Oversight Committee. Fortin also suggested their collaboration with existing clubs.

26/08/21.07
Qually/Rader
Be it resolved that Craft N Dough club be ratified.

Aims and Purposes:

- Beginner baking workshops where students can learn how to make different pastries and desserts from different cultures, traditions and learn new techniques.
- A place where students with an interest in baking can meet new people in a comfortable space.
- Making pastries that are accessible to different dietary needs
- Fundraising initiative towards the homeless in the Okanagan
- Connect with local baking businesses to bring benefits such as discounts to students on campus.

Osadczuk/Rader
Be it resolved that the ratification of the Craft N Dough club be brought to Student Association Oversight Committee for review and they bring the recommendation to the board at the next meeting.
Carried. **Ratification was referred to the Student Association Oversight Committee.**

Directors discussed the location for the club to cook and asked how membership fees would be used. They also sought clarification on whether the club had obtained the required food safety certificates.

## 7. IN-CAMERA (LEGAL)

26/08/21.08
Osadczuk/Rader
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
**Carried. [9:54 a.m.]**

-MOU/Agreement Updates

26/08/21.09
Bolton/Liao
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
**Carried. [10:24 a.m.]**
[Patnaik left the in-camera session and came back after the meeting was moved ex-camera.]

26/08/21.10
Lai/Bolton
Be it resolved that ALUMO Agreement be renewed for this year.
**Carried.**

## 8. DISCUSSION/ INFORMATION

### 8.1 Recap of Meeting with MP Fuhr

Qually recapped the meeting with MP Fuhr and their main discussions: Students affordability; impact of IRCC's cap on the International student permit and advocacy for more student consultation regarding this issue; more investment on UBCO students.

### 8.2 Your City Your Vote Campaign Tabling

Qually updated that tabling for municipal elections would be held around September to October and encouraged directors to engage in the tabling. He reminded that campaigns materials designed by BCFS for municipal elections would be only used for SUO purpose and any directors should not use their position in the Student Union to endorse any candidates. Lai updated that there would be polling on campus.

### 8.3 Community Meals Term 1 Schedule

Qually announced the dates and menus for community meals in Term 1.

### 8.4 AGM Date Approval

26/08/21.11
Lai/Wallace
Be it resolved that the AGM be held on November 4 at 4 p.m. at UNC Ballroom.
**Carried.**

### 8.5 Term 1 Schedule Reminders

Lai reminded the directors to send their term 1 schedule to help her with the decision on the board meeting dates and time.

### 8.6 Student Association Clerk Update

Lai introduced that they hired a student association clerk and her job would start next Monday.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.