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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, October 23, 2026 at 4 pm, UNC 105 Boardroom

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
Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Director-at-Large	Oliver Hale
Director-at-Large	Tim Liao
Director-at-Large	Jenna Bierwirth
Director-at-Large	Laisa Pertet
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
Faculty of Education Representative	Marci Brooks (zoom)
Faculty of Management Representative	Mansi Sharma
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Peter Idoko
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Saami Hafeez

Directors Absent with Regrets

Directors Absent without Regrets

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Operational Manager	Micheal Ouellet
Governance Coordinator	Lijie Qiu

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at _____

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

Motion#26/10/23.01

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion#26/10/23.02

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held October 15, 2026 be adopted.

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.1 Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion#26/10/23.03

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

- Executive meeting held October 6th;
- Finance Committee meeting held September 24th and October 6th ;
- Campus Life Committee meeting held September 14th and October 9th;
- Policy Committee meeting held October 8th;
- Building Steering Committee meeting held October 6th and October 15th ;
- Campaigns Committee meeting held September 28th

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____.

5. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

5.1 Senate

5.2 Board of Governors

5.3 Other University Committees

Motion#26/10/23.04
Be it resolved _____ be appointed to the UBC VP Finance Search Committee as the SUO representative.

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Adopted Resolutions at 2025 SUO AGM (see Appendix B)

6.2 AGM Preparation

- Attendance
- Volunteer: Registration table (4); starts from 3:30 p.m.
  Food Service (4); starts from 3:30 p.
  Clean up (2)

6.3 Electoral Committee Update Regarding the voting system bylaw changes

6.4 Tuition Engagement Feedback

6.5 Community Meals Updates

6.6 Provincial Post-Secondary Landscape Update

6.7 Student Associations Code of Conduct

Motion #26/10/23.05
Be it resolved that the Student Associations Code of Conduct be adopted as attached.
Move by _____; seconded by ____;

6.8 Club Ratification

7. IN-CAMERA (LEGAL)

Motion #26/10/23.05
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Move by _____; seconded by ____;

-Third Space MOU
-Graduate Student MOU
-Recreation Fieldhouse MOU and Opt-Out

Motion #26/10/23.06
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Move by _____; seconded by _____.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Board of Directors Meeting, October 15, 2026 at 9 am, 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
Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Director-at-Large	Oliver Hale
Director-at-Large	Tim Liao
Director-at-Large	Jenna Bierwirth
Director-at-Large	Laisa Pertet
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Directors Absent with Regrets

Directors Absent without Regrets	
Faculty of Management Representative	Mansi Sharma
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
Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

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ACCESSBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

Motion# 26/10/15.01

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Moved by Liao; Seconded by Wallace.

Be it resolved that SUO Electoral Reform Amendment be added.
Moved by Liao; Seconded by Patnaik.
Amendment carried.

Be it resolved that the Indigenous Student Representative and bylaw changes be moved before the Presentation of Auditor's report.
Moved by Lai; Seconded by Liao.
Amendment Carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion# 26/10/15.02

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held September 25th, 2026 be adopted.

Moved by Wallace; Seconded by Bolton.

Carried.

4. New Business

4.1 Bylaw Amendment

4.1.1 Indigenous Student Representative

Three approaches to consider

1) Election through an independent external organization

Example: Indigenous student society (ISS) in UBC Vancouver elect their representative to sit on the AMS board of directors. The rep is an indigenous student, and they are elected by the indigenous student community independent from the student union.

2) Election through a resource center/advocacy group under student union

Example: The Native Students' union (NSU, an advocacy group under UVSS) elect their representative at their AGM to sit on the UVSS board of directors. The rep is an indigenous student, and they are elected by the indigenous student community under the student union.

3) Election by all student Members

CCSS(Camosun college student society) & Douglas Students' Union

Indigenous representative is elected by all members of the society. The rep is self-identified indigenous student.

Recommendation:

SUO Indigenous Student Representative- self-identified indigenous UBCO student elected by all Members of SUO.

Proposed bylaw changes:

1. Add the definition of Indigenous Student Representative and add the position to the board of director's structure:

[Bylaw I- Interpretation and Definitions]

Indigenous Peoples of Canada refers inclusively to members of First Nations, status and non-status, treaty and non-treaty Indians, Métis, and Inuit peoples in Canada in accordance with Section 35(2) of the Canadian Constitution.

Indigenous Student Representative shall mean the Director who is an Indigenous UBCO student and is in good standing with the SUO; Indigenous Student Representative shall be a member of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada; and shall be elected by all the Members of the Students Union to represent and advocate for the interests and concerns of Indigenous students on campus.

[Bylaw VII-Board of Directors :2]

d. Indigenous Student Representative

[Bylaw VII] after Section7

Add: Indigenous Student Representative Director position may only be contested by Members who have self-identified as an Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

2. Add Election policy

[Bylaw V Elections & Referenda] after section 6

Add: Candidates seeking election to the position of Indigenous Student Representative shall be required to submit a completed Indigenous self-identification form as part of their nomination package.

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Indigenous Self-Identification Form

1. Do you identify yourself as an Indigenous Peoples of Canada?

Yes/No

2. Do you identify with one of the following:
First Nation
Inuit
Métis
3. Are you status or non-status _____
4. Please identify the Band/ Nation /Community/Settlement/Treaty Area you are affiliate or hold membership _____
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3. Add Roles & Responsibilities
[Bylaw VIII Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors] after section 3
Add: In addition to their duties as Directors under the Societies Act and these Bylaws, the Indigenous Student Representative shall:
a. Consult regularly with Indigenous students to identify emerging concerns, priorities, and barriers affecting their academic, social, cultural, and financial experiences;
b. Provide the Board with an Indigenous perspective and ensure that the Board of Directors is informed of Indigenous issues, particularly those affecting the university and its Indigenous student community;
c. Conduct the work of the SUO Indigenous Peoples Collective (IPC), undertake outreach to Indigenous students, promote membership and participation, and organize advocacy events, campaigns, and initiatives;
d. Collaborate with other Students' Union representatives and university Indigenous departments on initiatives involving Indigenous students;
e. Work alongside other SUO affiliated organizations on Indigenous Peoples' advocacy;
f. Serve on the Campaigns Committee and regularly assist with the planning and implementation of Students' Union campaigns, events, and initiatives.

Three approaches to the Indigenous Student Representative Election were presented based on community consultation and policy research. The systemic barriers associated with the first two approaches were outlined, along with the rationale for recommending the third approach. The Board of Directors agreed that Indigenous identity information is privileged and that the third approach would establish low-barrier process while encouraging the broader student body to collaborate with and learn from Indigenous student groups.
The Board also discussed whether eligibility for the Indigenous Student Representative position should extend to Indigenous students from Washington State who are members of the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA), given ONA's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UBC Okanagan. It was clarified that the MOU primarily supports academic collaboration between ONA and UBCO. The discussion also noted that the term "Indigenous Peoples of Canada," as used by UBCO's Indigenous, Peoples, and Communities (IPC) department, is grounded in the Canadian constitutional framework.

Concerns were also raised regarding the representative's workload.

The board adopted the third approach by unanimous consent.

Motion# 26/10/15.03
Be it resolved that the proposed bylaw changes be adopted.
Moved by Bierwirth; Seconded by Bolton.

Be it resolved that Point C under the Roles and Responsibility be amended as :
c. work in collaboration with the SUO Indigenous Peoples Collective (IPC), to help undertake outreach to Indigenous students, promote membership and participation, and organize advocacy events, campaigns, and initiatives;
Moved by Qually; Seconded by Wallace.
Amendment carried.

Be it resolved that the policy under Election be amended by adding the words " or appointment" after the words "Candidates seeking election", so that the policy reads as:
Candidates seeking election or appointment to the position of Indigenous Student Representative shall be required to submit a completed Indigenous self-identification form as part of their nomination package.

Carried as amended.

4.1.2 Faculty Representative Duties

Motion# 26/10/15.04
Be it resolved that a new policy be added to [Bylaw VIII:3] following Point (b), with all subsequent points renumbered accordingly:
c. make reasonable effort to attend the AGM(s) of the course union(s) within their faculty and report any material barriers to participation to the board if they are unable to attend.
Moved by Osadczuk; Seconded by Liao.

The Board discussed the workload of faculty representatives, noting that the number of course unions varies across faculties and may result in differences in representatives' responsibilities and workload. A member suggested limiting faculty representatives' attendance at course union Annual General Meetings (AGMs) to three meetings. It was also noted that the responsibility for attending course union Annual General Meetings (AGMs) initially fell under the VP Internals' portfolio. It was also required in their regulation that VP Internal or a SUO director attend the course union AGMs. Faculty representatives could coordinate with the VP Internal accordingly to ensure these responsibilities are managed effectively.

Be it resolved that the policy be rephrased as:
c. make reasonable effort to attend the AGM(s) of the course union(s) within their faculty in conjunction with the Vice President Internal and report any material barriers to participation to the board if they are unable to attend.
Moved by Osadczuk; Seconded by Liao.
Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

4.2 Presentation - Auditor's Report

Motion# 26/10/15.05

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

Moved by Lai; Seconded by Wallace.

Carried. [10:15 a.m.]

Motion# 26/10/15.06

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved out of camera.

Moved by Qually; Seconded by Osadczuk.

Carried. [10:30 a.m.]

Motion# 26/10/15.07
Be it resolved that the audited financial statements and the Auditor's Report for the 2025/2026 fiscal year be approved as presented.

Moved by Qually; Seconded by Sandhu.

Carried.

4.3 Discussion on the Implementation of the Adopted Resolutions at 2025 SUO AGM(see Appendix B of the Annual General Meeting Minutes 2025 pp.25-28)

Tabled to next board meeting.

4.4 AGM Agenda

Motion# 26/10/15.08

Be it resolved that the AGM Agenda be approved as presented. (see draft of AGM agenda attached.)

Moved by Qually; Seconded by Wallace.

Carried.

4.5 AGM Preparation

Tabled to next board meeting.

4.6 SUO Electoral Reform Amendment

Recommendation
SUO Electoral Reform: All SUO elections starting from the 2027-2028 academic year to use ranked choice voting. More specifically, all SUO elections starting from the 2027-2028 year will utilize Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) for all positions where there is one winner and STV with Redistribution of Surplus Votes at a discount for all positions where there are multiple winners. Droop Quota will be used for quota calculation in both instances.
Proposed Bylaw Changes:

1. Add the definition of Acclamation, Droop Quota, Ranked Choice Voting, Instant Runoff Voting, and Single Transferable Vote

[Bylaw I- Interpretation and Definitions]
"Acclamation" refers to winning an elected position by default without an election;
"Droop Quota" refers to a method to determine quotas for ranked choice voting. It is calculated as [v/(w+1)] + 1, where v is the number of valid votes cast (i.e. excluding abstentions and spoiled votes) and w is the number of winners to elect (i.e. the number of seats to fill);
"Election" means an election to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee, including a by-election, as required by the Bylaws;
The above definition is copied directly from the definition of "election" in the SUO Regulation
"Instant Runoff Voting" is a single-winner election system in which each voter casts a single vote in the form of a ranked ballot to determine one winner;
"Ranked Choice Voting" is any voting system where voters cast a single vote in the form of a ranked ballot to determine one or more winner(s);
"Single Transferable Vote" is a multi-winner electoral system in which each voter casts a single vote in the form of a ranked ballot to determine more than one winner;

2. Amending Election Policy

[Bylaw V Elections & Referenda]
After section 5
6.SUO Elections shall use ranked choice voting for all positions in all elections on or after the 2027 – 2028 Academic Year.
Amend Section 19 (part b)
Previous Wording
b. allows the Members to deliberately mark their ballots in a manner that clearly and distinguishably indicates their support for a Candidate or preference with respect to a Referendum

Amended Wording

b. allows the Members to deliberately mark their ballots in a manner that clearly and distinguishably indicates their ranked choices for the Candidate(s) or preference with respect to a Referendum

Amend Section 20 (part d)

Previous wording

d. allow the Members to easily and deliberately select a candidate and cast their vote.

Amended wording

d. allow Members to easily and deliberately rank the candidate(s) by their choosing and cast their vote.

Amend Section 27

Previous Wording

27. A candidate shall be declared elected if they receive the most votes for that position.

Amended Wording

27. In elections, for all positions where only one (1) person is needed to fill the seat, Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) shall be used:

a. On the first round of counting, each candidate shall receive a first preference vote for each vote indicating the candidate as first preference;
b. Should a candidate meet the Droop Quota of first preference votes after any round, the candidate shall be declared elected;
c. If no candidate reached the Droop Quota, then the candidate with the fewest number of first preference votes shall be eliminated from the election of that position. Should there be a tie for the fewest number of first preference votes, then among these, the candidate with the fewest number of second preference votes shall be eliminated. Should a tie persist, the procedure shall continue with third preference votes, et cetera. Should a tie still persist, the candidate with the fewest number of original first preference votes, shall be eliminated. Should a tie still persist, the procedures shall continue with original second preference votes et cetera. Should a tie still persist, a candidate shall be eliminated by random draw. Multiple candidates are never eliminated simultaneously;
d. When a candidate is eliminated, all first preference votes for that candidate shall be replaced by the vote's first preferred candidate that is not yet elected or eliminated. All second preference votes for that candidate shall be replaced by the vote's next preferred candidate that is not yet elected or eliminated, and so on;
e. This procedure of eliminating candidate(s) and redistributing first preference votes shall continue until the winner is elected or there is one candidate remaining in which then the remaining candidate will be elected.

The above section amendment is a direct modification from Simply Voting election explained
After section 27
28. In elections, for all positions where more than one (1) person is needed to fill the seat, STV with Redistribution of Surplus Votes at a discount shall be used:

a. On the first round of counting, each candidate shall receive a first preference vote for each vote indicating the candidate as first preference;
b. Should a candidate meet the Droop Quota of first preference votes after any round, the candidate shall be declared elected. If there are several candidates meeting the Droop Quota the one with the most votes shall be elected. If there is a tie one of those candidates shall be elected by random draw. Multiple candidates are never elected simultaneously;
c. When a candidate is elected by meeting the Droop Quota, the votes for that candidate are discounted and redistributed: All first preference votes for that candidate shall be replaced by the vote's first preferred candidate that is not yet elected or eliminated. All second preference votes for that candidate shall be replaced by the vote's next preferred candidate that is not yet elected or eliminated, and so on;
d. If no candidate is elected or further winners are required without any candidate meeting the Droop Quota, then the candidate with the fewest number of first preference votes shall be eliminated from the question. Should there be a tie for the fewest number of first preference votes, then among these, the candidate with the fewest number of second preference votes shall be eliminated. Should a tie persist, the procedure shall continue with third preference votes, et cetera. Should a tie still persist, the candidate with the fewest number of original first preference votes shall be eliminated. Should a tie still persist, the procedures shall continue with original second preference votes et cetera. Should a tie still persist, a candidate shall be eliminated by random draw. Multiple candidates are never eliminated simultaneously;
e. When a candidate is eliminated, all first preference votes for that candidate shall be replaced by the vote's first preferred candidate that is not yet elected or eliminated. All second preference votes for that candidate shall be replaced by the vote's next preferred candidate that is not yet elected or eliminated, and so on;
f. This procedure of electing and eliminating candidate(s) and redistributing first preference votes shall continue until all winners are elected or the number of candidates left equals the number of winners (this may occur due to exhausted ballots, and those candidates shall be declared elected).

The above section amendment is a direct modification from Simply Voting election explained

After Section 28
29. Notwithstanding Bylaw V:6, Bylaw V:27, Bylaw V:28, if an election occurs for any position where the number of candidate(s) equals or less than the number of person(s) needed to fill the seat, fifty percent (50%) of the votes or more must be in favor of each individual candidate for the individual candidate to be successfully elected to the position. Under no circumstance shall an elected position be elected by acclamation.
To codify our "Yes" and "No" elections for candidates that have no opposition. I couldn't find a bylaw or regulation having it but I might have missed it.
Simply Voting Source: https://help.simplyvoting.com/docs/preferential-voting-methods

Liao explained the rationale for transitioning from the First-Past-the-Post (FPTP) system to a ranked-choice voting system, highlighting the limitations of FPTP and the benefits of ranked-choice elections.

Motion# 26/10/15.09
Be it resolved that the proposed bylaw changes be adopted and sent to the Electoral Committee for further review and recommendations.
Moved by Lai; Seconded by Rader.
Carried.

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, October 6, 2026 at 11a.m., UNC133C/zoom

Executives Present

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

KOUP Representatives

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

Motion#26/10/06.01
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Moved by Sandhu; seconded by Qually.
Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion#26/10/06.02
Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held September 22, 2026 be adopted.
Moved by Qually; seconded by Sandhu.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 PRESENTATION BY KOUP

KOUP was a campus app for UBCO students. The representatives introduced features of the app, their safety and privacy policies and the proposed fee charge. Executives asked questions regarding their content moderation, data safety and summer coverage.

4.2 HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL AGM

- a preparation meeting with staff in advance
- keep in mind they represent the best interest of SUO. Their statement should be aligned with the organization's stance
- recommend some executives reach out to BCFS for some media training regarding how to respond to a lot of questions
- not distracted by electronic devices; use laptops rather than phones for communication if needed
- be comfortable with the answer you give
- Loop oversight chair in their conversation
- Direct Contract-related questions to president

Executives also discussed the big concerns from students such as contract, RBC, finance transparency and pantry expenditure.

5. **IN CAMERA**

Motion#26/10/06.03
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Moved by Qually; seconded by Osadczuk.
Carried. [11:40 a.m.]

-J's Café Update
-MOU and Services
-Social media: Needs and expectations

Motion#26/10/06.04
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Moved by Sandhu; seconded by Osadczuk.
Carried. [11:58 a.m.]

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Finance Committee Meeting, September 24, 2026 at 11 am, SUO 133

Members Present

VP Finance & Admin (chair)	Shreya Patnaik
President	Olivia Lai
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

Director at Large	Laisa Pertet

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:04 A.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

26/09/24.01
Sharma/Smailes
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

26/09/24.02
Evans/Smailes
Be it resolved that the minutes of meetings held August 27, 2026 be adopted.
Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 PRESENTATION OF August 2026 YTD Budget

Patnaik presented summary of the August Year to Dates 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 PRESENTATION OF Investment Portfolio

Patnaik presented the summary of SUO's Investment portfolio and concluded that it showed healthy trends and growth since inception. She also informed the Committee that she would invite Kuan to the Board Meeting for an Investment Portfolio Presentation to the Board due to our policies.

4.3 Social Media Content for Finances

Patnaik shared her idea of creating short finance vidoes on social media to inform student body more about the budget. However, the committee emphasised on the importance of not revealing audited numbers. Patnaik reiterated that she would reach out to the Social Media Coordinator to know more about the details of the video to seek feedback.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union of UBC Okanagan

Date: Friday, October 9, 2026

Called to order: 11:05 a.m.

Adjourned: 11:48 a.m.

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

Members Absent with Regrets

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

Members Absent without Regrets

None

Guests

Tompkins Wozny LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants (external auditor)

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

2. 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.

3. Adoption of Agenda and Review of Membership

26/10/09.01 Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

No motion was moved. The committee proceeded directly to New Business.

4. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

26/10/09.02 Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held September 24, 2026 be adopted.

No motion was moved.

5. New Business

5.1 Presentation of Audited Statements 2025-2026

The Students' Union's external auditor, Tompkins Wozny LLP, presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2026 in depth, together with the Audit Findings Letter dated October 2, 2026.

The auditor reported that the audit came back clean, as per the auditor's report. The audit was conducted to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Students' Union in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

As set out in the Audit Findings Letter:

- No significant difficulties were encountered during the audit.
- There were no significant changes in accounting policies.
- The auditor was satisfied with the estimates made by management.
- All misstatements identified during the audit were corrected by management.

Committee members asked questions of the auditor, which were answered.

The audited financial statements for 2025-2026 will be referred to the Board of Directors meeting for the directors' approval.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campus Life Committee Meeting, September 14, 2026 at 4:00 PM, UNC 105 Boardroom

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
Director at Large	Oliver hale
Student at Large	Audrey Teng
Student at Large	Dylan Snaggs
Student at Large	Julian JD
Student at Large	Saanjh Jaura
Student at Large	Camilla Cloutier
Student at Large	Arshida Moosavi
Student at Large	Georgia Goerz
Membership Outreach Coordinator (Non-voting Staff)	Izzy Rusch
Operations and Service Manager (non-voting Staff)	Mike Ouellet

Members Absent with Regrets

Members Absent without Regrets

1. **CALL TO ORDER 4:07 PM**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS CHECK

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

26/09/14.01
Qually/Lai
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

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

26/09/14.02
Hale/Pertet
Be it resolved that the minutes of meetings held August 24, 2026 be adopted.

Carried

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Concert Review

Hale wanted to let people know he will be performing at the concert

Pertet asked for an update on ticket sales, Sandhu said a thousand had been sold at this time, but that he is planning to table to encourage further ticket sales.

Wallace asked when members became aware of the artists booked for concert

Sandhu explained to members because of the nature of the contract process no one from the committee could be informed about the artist selection before the decision was finalized.

Qually wanted it noted that contracts move quickly

Pertet asked to follow up on the buddy program

Sandhu stated that the program fell through because he had a difficult time getting motivated to get it done due to the way he was affected by the controversy surrounding the concert, said the program could be brought in for the white lies event.

Qually urged for members to download the Okanagan safe app as it has a variety of ways to contact campus and emergency services

Sandhu said that was great to know and that it would be a good idea for members to take that step

Sandhu asked who would be willing to volunteer for the buddy program

Osadchuk discussed how the red frog's organization was able to fill some of the gaps the buddy system would provide but that they were not able to fully focus on getting people home.

Sandhu explained that the buddy system was about going up to people by themselves at events to check if they are ok, and if any situation arises, they call campus security. Said it was often an issue that security could not see all that was going on.

Sandhu said Tabeling dates would be every day from today till the concert and encouraged members to join him

Pertet asked for a walkthrough of the concert event on Friday for volunteers

Sandhu said he would get in touch with mike to get a walkthrough of what the event would look like

4.2 Volunteering

Sandhu explained some of the volunteer roles such as fencing which involves setting up a barrier to the concert venue, doing tickets and wristbands.

Sandhu said he would take steps to prevent people from bringing in drugs by having signs posted and by using the rcmp members present and campus security, who would also prevent students from jumping the fences

Bolton asked how much security would be at the event

Guransh said that oullet was working on numbers of around 3 cops, 3 security managers, 20-24 guards as security personnel.

Oullet outlined the event as 12-4 wristbands and ticket scanning primarily in teams of two, putting mesh screens on the fence would involve members using zip ties to fasten the mesh to the fence. 6-9 would be for the later arrivals in line, no one will be let in if they entered line after 9pm. Stated that a fence has never been taken down at an event and that guards would be patting people down at the entrance. Also added that there would be medical professionals there and a red bull set up for people to chill. Said there needs to be a video put out about the do's and don'ts around the concert.

4.3 Upcoming Events

Talked about the possibility of the after party in the well, may or may not occur depending on whether twenty-three or felix wanted to go for some extra cash

Sandhu said he really wanted to do an afterparty with felix cartel, members argued for it to be 19 plus so the event could be free entry.

Hale proposed making some short form content around the Tabeling having students ask questions

Qually said he was against the idea as it would be difficult not to alienate students who had questions the Suo was not comfortable posting if it made the event look bad.

Osadchuk said red frogs would be available for the after party if needed.

Sandhu talked about the possibility of doing a car show event in October to raise cancer donations or women's shelter donations. Also a petting zoo event. Also talked about organizing a run for her event.

Moosavi suggested moving the white lies event to a different day because there was also another party happening on the same day. Sandhu said he wanted the party on the same day so there was a safer party for students to go to as an alternative.

Moosavi suggested giving people who bought takeoff tickets a discount on white lies tickets to encourage more involvement in both events.

Discussed the possibility of movie night and whether or not it would be popular enough to justify the cost. Different ways to make the event more popular such as advertisement and scheduling.

Discussed day drinking event for Oktoberfest, Halloween parties on 30th 31st, possibility of casino or poker night, sports trivia

4.4 Updates on Tasks Assigned

DND night is in the works, heat have still not gotten back to us

Reminded members about beer garden where snaggs, pillons ect are playing, and concert.

5. ADJOURNMENT 5:17

CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campus Life Committee Meeting, October 9, 2026 at 4:00 PM, UNC 105 Boardroom

Members Present

VP Campus Life (chair)	Guransh Sandhu
President	Olivia Lai
VP Internal	Quinlin Osadczuk
VP External	Naden Qually
Faculty of Arts & Social Science Rep	Liam Wallace
Faculty of Science Rep	Amanda Bolton
Director at Large	Laisa Pertet
Director at Large	Oliver hale
Student at Large	Audrey Teng
Student at Large	Dylan Snaggs
Student at Large	Saanjh Jaura
Student at Large	Camilla Cloutier
Student at Large	Jiteesh Reddy
Membership Outreach Coordinator (Non-voting Staff)	Izzy Rusch (staff absent)
Operations and Service Manager (non-voting Staff)	Mike Ouellet (staff absent)

Members Absent with Regrets

VP Finance	Shreya Patnaik

Members Absent without Regrets

Student at Large	Georgia Goerz
Student at Large	Julian JD
Student at Large	Arshida Moosavi

1. **CALL TO ORDER 4:08 PM**

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS CHECK

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

26/10/09.01
Hale/Bolton
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

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

26/10/09.02
Pertet/Qually
Be it resolved that the minutes of meetings held September 14, 2026 be adopted.

Carried

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Communication Review

Sandhu expressed appreciation for members showing up to events and communicating on WhatsApp

Asked members to do their best in showing up to events moving forward and communicating effectively

4.2 October Events Calendar

Reviewed October events with membership

- Make us laugh, Disney trivia, and karaoke all went well
- Oktoberfest coming up on the 14th (like beer garden), free food and maybe live band, photo booths, 19+, staffed by mike, no volunteer list yet, will be out shortly if needed.
- ISA event on 16, helping with DJ and food, Diwali night on 24th in ballroom, same DJ
- Shark tank event in the works in collab with girls in tech
- Car show 17th,

- Esports tournament 19th
- Pinot & Pumpkins 20th, Encouraged members to come to event
- MCU trivia 21st
- Wine & paint 22nd
- Celeb dress up night in the works for the 23rd with dj and staff in the well all ages. Reedy suggested having a contest to see who best dressed but making the event non specific may cause too much overlap with Halloween. Sandhu said it could be dress like Kendrick or dress like Drake night, it was supposed to be a pre-Halloween party. Pertet asked if this event could be aligned with glasshouse being a recuring thing. Sandhu said for this particular event a student dj would be selected.
- Wings cup sponsored by redbull will be on the 27th
- Discussed the possibility of doing DND in the well, talked about having collaboration with boardgame club
- Reedy mentioned that there were no events planned for thanksgiving weekend and asked if it would be possible to do something for the students who were statying on campus. Sandhu said it would be difficult getting staff and Mike is on vacation so it might not be possible.
- Working with Asian student association to do a spooky Halloween Market on campus, hopefully can do something with pumpkins and photo booths. Reedy asked if people could be brought in to sell Halloween costumes. Sandhu said he would look into it.
- Live band night on the 29th in the works at the well, spooky live band from around 7-10.
- Movie night in the works for the 30th with a Halloween movie that is done by 9:30pm. reedy said the Halloween Friday may not be the best day. Sandhu said it was not confirmed yet.
- Halloween night hopefully will be Halloween party night with party in the well but also on the first floor of the UNC. Waiting on confirmation from campus. Previously events on the first floor have not been encouraged but it is now allowed.

4.3 Events Brainstorming

Sandhu said he wanted to do hot ones, petting zoo, the voice, country

night, Cocktail and defence, naughty bingo, ect event in November

Reedy recommended the 5th or 6th of November as a glowfest event in the well because it would have high turnout and look good for pictures. Said he also wanted it all ages and for there to be more all ages events in general. Feels there is high demand for all ages events.

Pertet noted that there was already a community market going on where many of the vendors were already students. Also asked who would be leading the cocktails and defense event. Sandhu said a group had already been found to teach the session

Snaggs said doing a market that was a 100% student led market

Bolton shared info from rec hoping to reach out to them.

Hale asked how naughty the proposed naughty bingo would be, Sandhu said the details were still being worked out.

Snaggs said having more events in the unc rather than the well would have the potential to bring out a lot more attendance. Also noted that people leave early for the break so even having events right before the break could have lower turnout than excepted.

Qually mentioned that November is thrive month and that they would be providing grants for events that are centered around mental health. Noted that a few events already proposed could be made to qualify.

Reedy mentioned the weekend 23rd 24th was heavy midterm week and wanted to do a pancake serving event.

Camilla shared an update about her work participating in events, said she had not gotten a reply yet but she would follow up to see about the possibility of her work participating in a few coffee centric events.

5. ADJOURNMENT 4:57PM

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Policy Committee Meeting, October 8, 2026 at 1 p.m. UNC 133C/Zoom

Members Present

VP Internal (chair)	Quinlin Osadczuk
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Rep	Neela Rader
Arts & Social Science Rep	Liam Wallace
Student at Large	Isaac Humeniuk
General Manager (staff)	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator (staff)	Lijie Qiu
Membership Outreach Coordinator (Non-voting Staff)	Izzy Rusch

Members Absent

VP Finance	Shreya Patnaik
Faculty of Science Rep	Amanda Bolton
Student at Large	Renata Yessenbayeva

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

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

Motion #26/10/08.01

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Moved by Humeniuk; seconded by Wallace.
Carried.

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

Motion #26/10/08.02

Be it resolved that the minutes of meeting held September 21st, 2026 be adopted.
Moved by Rader; seconded by Wallace.
Carried.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 Discussion regarding Student Association Code of Conduct Amendment

Section 2.3.7 "*Public and Online Conduct:* Executive and non-executive members in the council must maintain a professional and respectful presence on social media and other public platforms where they are acting on behalf of their association and SUO. Content must be accurate, inclusive, and aligned with the association's values and mission. Student association social media platforms can only promote campaigns or events of SUO ratified student associations. "

Concerns from the board:
Directors supporting this amendment: promoting campaigns or events of external organization creates liability. Directors against the amendment: too restrictive; in the past, this practice was allowed. What if the sharing is for the purpose of awareness reason.

Discussion from Policy committee:
Some members expressed concern that prohibiting clubs from sharing and promoting events organized by external organizations could make it difficult for certain clubs, particularly political, religious, and activism-oriented clubs, to fulfill their objectives and could reduce community engagement. Other members viewed

the restriction as a risk management measure, noting that promoting external events could expose the SUO to potential liability. They also emphasized that student associations should avoid becoming involved in broader systemic conflicts, given the diversity of beliefs and perspectives among club members. Student associations should maintain a neutral stance, represent all students, and foster a safe and inclusive environment. Members suggested that clubs wishing to promote external events could do so through their personal social media platforms rather than official student association channels.

Members also reviewed the existing waiver form as a potential means of mitigating liability. However, the current waiver primarily addresses alcohol-related incidents and injuries and therefore may not adequately cover the risks associated with promoting external events. Additionally, monitoring the social media accounts of all student associations to ensure compliance would exceed current staff capacity.

Following the discussion, members agreed that any promotion of external events through student association platforms should align with the club's objectives and clearly distinguish the role of the student association from that of the external event organizer.

Motion #26/10/08.03
Be it resolved that the Student Association Code of Conduct section2.3.7 be amended as follows:
Section 2.3.7 ***Public and Online Conduct:*** Executive and non-executive members in the council must maintain a professional and respectful presence on social media and other public platforms where they are acting on behalf of their association and SUO. Content must be accurate, inclusive, and aligned with the association's values and mission. Student association social media platforms can only promote campaigns or events of SUO ratified student associations or publicly held events and campaigns directly relevant to the student associations mandate and purpose, granted the student association makes it readily apparent that there is no direct affiliation between the organizer of the external event or campaign, and the SUO.
Moved by Wallace; seconded by Humeniuk.
Carried.

Section 2.4.8 "Posting or sharing misleading, offensive, exclusionary, or harmful content while acting in an executive capacity or under the association's name, including engagement in online arguments or controversial discussions that may harm the association's reputation."

Concerns from the board:
the wording “controversial discussion” is too broad; Some political topics themselves are controversial.

Discussion from Policy committee:
The committee expressed concern that the term “controversial discussion” is difficult to define objectively. Members noted that controversial topics are not necessarily harmful and can encourage engagement, critical thinking, and learning. Political, religious, and scientific topics, for example, may all generate controversy while still contributing to meaningful discussion and knowledge sharing. The committee therefore suggested that the policy should clearly define harmful content, with specific examples such as discriminatory content, rather than broadly restricting discussions based on whether a topic is considered controversial.

Motion #26/10/08.04
Be it resolved that the Student Association Code of Conduct section 2.4. 8 be amended by removing the words “controversial discussions”.
Moved by Wallace; seconded by Humeniuk.
Carried.

Motion # 26/10/08.05
Be it resolved that the Student Association Code of Conduct section 2.4.8 be replaced as follows:
Posting or sharing content while acting in an official association capacity that constitutes harassment, discrimination, intimidation, threats, deliberate misinformation, or encouragement of unlawful activity, including online conduct that violates applicable SUO or UBC policies.
Moved by Evans; seconded by Humeniuk.
Carried.

4.2 Faculty Representative Duty

Discussion: Adding a requirement for the Faculty Representative to attend the AGM(s) of the course union(s) within their faculty.

Proposed amendment:
Add a new policy under [Bylaw VIII – Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors] section 3, following Point (b), with all subsequent points renumbered accordingly.
3. In addition to their duties as Directors under the Societies Act and these Bylaws, the Faculty Representatives shall:
C. attend and assist with the AGM(s) of the course union(s) within their faculty

The committee was informed that attending course union AGMs falls under the responsibilities of the VP Internal. However, the VP Internal may not have the capacity to attend all course union AGMs. The proposed policy change aimed to require faculty representatives to support the VP Internal in representing the SUO at these meetings. However, what level of assistance is needed would depend on requests from the respective course unions.

Committee members raised concerns that the term “assist” is vague and does not clearly define the expected level of involvement or responsibility. Members also noted that faculty representatives may not have the capacity to attend all AGMs within their respective faculties, as required by the proposed policy change. The committee highlighted the need to clarify the expectations and reporting responsibilities of faculty representatives to ensure the proposed requirements are practical and achievable.

Motion # 26/10/08.06
Be it resolved that the proposed bylaw be replaced with the following:
c. make reasonable effort to attend the AGM(s) of the course union(s) within their faculty and report any material barriers to participation to the board if they are unable to attend.
Moved by Evans; seconded by Wallace.
Carried.
[Rader left 1:57 p.m.]

4.3 Discussion _ Support for Faith-based clubs with less than 35 members on campus

The discussion focused on whether faith-based groups with fewer than 35 members should be eligible to register as clubs to access room-booking services. Given the limited space available in the UBC Multi-Faith Room and UBC’s room booking policy, allowing these smaller faith-based groups to register as clubs was viewed as a potential way to support their needs and facilitate access to appropriate meeting spaces. The committee explored the possibility of allowing faith-based groups with fewer than 35 members to access room-booking services without being eligible for club funding. These groups would only become eligible for associated funding once they meet the minimum membership threshold of 35 members. However, members also raised concerns about fairness and consistency, noting that providing an exception for faith-based groups with fewer than 35 members could be perceived as inconsistent treatment compared with other small, non-religious student groups that may also wish to register as clubs without meeting the minimum membership requirement.
Further discussion was needed.

4.4 Indigenous Representative

Three approaches to consider

1.Appointed through an independent external organization

Example: Indigenous student society (ISS) in UBC Vancouver elect their representative to sit on the AMS board of directors. The rep is an indigenous student, and they are elected by the indigenous student community independent from the student union.

2. Elected through a resource center/advocacy group under student union

Example: The Native Students' union (NSU, an advocacy group under UVSS) elect their representative at their AGM to sit on the UVSS board of directors. The rep is an indigenous student, and they are elected by the indigenous student community under the student union.

3. Elected by all student Members

CCSS(Camosun college student society) & Douglas Students' Union
Indigenous representative is elected by all members of the society. The rep is self-identified indigenous student.

Recommendation:
SUO Indigenous Student Representative-
self-identified indigenous UBCO student elected by all Members of SUO.
Potential Policy amendments

1. Add the definition of Indigenous student representative and add the position to the board of director's structure:

Bylaw I- Interpretation and Definitions

Indigenous Peoples of Canada refers inclusively to members of First Nations, status and non-status, treaty and non-treaty Indians, Métis, and Inuit peoples in Canada in accordance with Section 35(2) of the Canadian Constitution.

Indigenous Student Representative shall mean the Director who is an Indigenous UBCO student and is in good standing with the SUO; Indigenous Student Representative shall be a member of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada; and shall be elected by all the Members of the Students Union to represent and advocate for the interests and concerns of Indigenous students on campus.

[Bylaw VII-Board of Directors :2]

d. Indigenous Student Representative

Bylaw VII after Section7

Add: Indigenous Student Representative Director position may only be contested by Members who have self-identified as an Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

2. Add Election policy

Bylaw V Elections & Referenda after section 6

Add: Candidates seeking election to the position of Indigenous Student Representative shall be required to submit a completed Indigenous self-identification form as part of their nomination package.

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Indigenous Self-Identification Form

1. Do you identify yourself as an Indigenous Peoples of Canada?

Yes/No

2. Do you identify with one of the following:

First Nation
Inuit
Métis

3. Are you status or non-status _____
4. Please identify the Band/ Nation /Community/Settlement/Treaty Area you are affiliate or hold membership _____

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3. Add Roles & Responsibilities

Bylaw VIII Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors after section 3

Add: In addition to their duties as Directors under the Societies Act and these Bylaws, the Indigenous Student Representative shall:

a. Consult regularly with Indigenous students to identify emerging concerns, priorities, and barriers affecting their academic, social, cultural, and financial experiences;

b. Provide the Board with an Indigenous perspective and ensure that the Board of Directors is informed of Indigenous issues, particularly those affecting the university and its Indigenous student community;

c. Coordinate the work of the SUO Indigenous Peoples Collective (IPC), undertake outreach to Indigenous students, promote membership and participation, and organize advocacy events, campaigns, and initiatives;

d. Collaborate with other Students' Union representatives and university Indigenous departments on initiatives involving Indigenous students;

e. Work alongside other SUO affiliated organizations on Indigenous Peoples' advocacy;

f. Serve on the Campaigns Committee and regularly assist with the planning and implementation of Students' Union campaigns, events, and initiatives.

Discussion at the Policy committee meeting:
The committee members were presented with three approaches to electing the Indigenous Representative, informed by community consultation as well as policy research into practice at other universities and colleges.

Approach 1: Election through an external independent organization

Under this approach, an external independent organization, such as IPS at UBCO, would facilitate the election of the Indigenous Representative. This could involve sharing privileged information with the SUO, which may present feasibility concerns as indigenous identification was privileged information, or having the organization administer the election on behalf of the SUO, potentially requiring a MOU. At this stage, systemic barriers were identified as a significant challenge to implementing this approach.

Approach 2: Election through an Indigenous advocacy group or resource center

This approach would involve having an Indigenous advocacy group or resource center facilitate the election. However, the SUO Indigenous resource center currently operated through volunteers and did not have a formal membership structure. As a result, the center was not yet in a position to administer the election.

Approach 3: Election open to all student members

Under this approach, Indigenous students could self-identify and run for the Indigenous Representative position, with the election open to all SUO members. The proposed policy changes would require candidates to complete a self-identification form to confirm their Indigenous identity. The role would combine Indigenous student representation and advocacy with responsibilities related to the Indigenous resource center. The Representative would be tasked with building and supporting the Indigenous student community within the SUO, strengthening Indigenous student advocacy, and organize the work of the resource Center to support community engagement. This approach was considered relatively straightforward to administer and could provide a foundation for transitioning to either of the first two approaches if the Indigenous student community develops in

the future. It could also strengthen the resource center's capacity for advocacy and representation.

During the discussion, a member raised concerns about structuring the Board of Directors position around racial identity rather than a candidate's merit. In response, it was explained that the proposed position was part of the SUO's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and its action plan for the year to increase the indigenous student representation. Members also noted that the other Director positions are not structured solely around merit-based criteria. They emphasized that serving as a Director on the Board does not necessarily mean that an individual has greater merit than other members of the society.

Members also raised concerns about potential staffing issue and the workload associated with having the Representative coordinate the Resource Centre's activities. In response, it was clarified that the intention was to integrate the Representative's role with that of the Indigenous resource center facilitator, providing greater support from the Board and strengthening Indigenous student advocacy and representation. Regarding workload, members noted that the SUO previously had a Graduate Representative who led the Graduate Student Committee and organized events for the graduate student community. This precedent demonstrated that a Director could coordinate community activities and support the needs of a specific student group. It was emphasized that working with and supporting the Indigenous student community was a core expectation of the Indigenous Representative role, which was intended to strengthen community engagement, representation, and advocacy.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

BUILDING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Building Steering Committee Meeting,October 6 at 2 pm, 2026, UNC 133C

Members Present

President (meeting chair)	Olivia Lai
Director at Large (Co-chair)	Laisa Pertet
Vice-President Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu
Director at Large	Oliver Hale
Art & Social Science Representative	Liam Wallace
Science Representative	Amanda Bolton
General Manager (staff)	Jason Evans
Operations Manager (staff)	Mike Ouellet
Governance Coordinator (staff)	Lijie Qiu
Project Manager (Advisory staff)	Aaron White
SUO Communication Assistant (staff)	Chinedum Agwu

Members Absent

Vice President Finance and Administration	Shreya Patnaik
Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Vice-President Internal	Quinlin Osadczuk
SUO Social Media Ambassador (staff)	Sabhya Arora

Guest

UBC Planning	Michael Persinger

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

Motion#26/10/06.01

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Moved by Pertet; seconded by Wallace.
Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion#26/10/06.02

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held September 17, 2026 be adopted.
Moved by Wallace; seconded by Bolton.
Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Presentation by UBC

Persinger presented the student building schedule. The committee discussed the timeframe for the referendum question. Persigner suggested holding the referendum as the final step, after the completion of the project planning, design, and university approval processes. The team asked the possibility of holding the referendum in March to obtain a mandate from the student body earlier in the process, following preliminary planning and before proceeding with subsequent steps such as detailed design, UBC Board approval, and funding release. Persigner noted that a legal review could be conducted earlier to facilitate a March referendum. However, he reminded the team that holding the referendum earlier would involve greater risk, particularly because the project cost estimate could increase after the referendum.

4.2 Brainstorming Needs

The team discussed priorities for space in the new building and the current use of UNC space, including which spaces should be retained, modified, or reconsidered. It was suggested that the new building should avoid duplicating the purpose of existing spaces. Persinger also recommended engaging with Athletics to

understand their future plans for studio spaces in the new recreation building and to identify any potential overlap.

The team emphasized that the new building was intended primarily for student use. A multipurpose room and conference space were highlighted in the discussion as one priority. The team suggested ranking the space priorities to help guide the planning of the new building.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

BUILDING STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Building Steering Committee Meeting,October 15 at 1 pm, 2026, UNC 133C

Members Present

President (meeting chair)	Olivia Lai
Director at Large (Co-chair)	Laisa Pertet
Vice-President External	Naden Qually
Vice President Finance and Administration	Shreya Patnaik
Vice-President Internal	Quinlin Osadczuk
Vice-President Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu
Director at Large	Oliver Hale
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General Manager (staff)	Jason Evans
Operations Manager (staff)	Mike Ouellet
Governance Coordinator (staff)	Lijie Qiu
Project Manager (Advisory staff)	Aaron White
SUO Communication Assistant (staff)	Chinedum Agwu

Members Absent

SUO Social Media Ambassador (staff)	Sabhya Arora

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

Motion#26/10/15.01

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Moved by Hale; seconded by Bolton.
Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion#26/10/15.02

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held October 6, 2026 be adopted.
Moved by Osadczuk; seconded by Wallace.
Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Space Priorities

Committee members discussed space priorities. The size of the new building provided by UBC was expressed as a number only, without a unit of measurement. Lai will confirm the details with the university. The Operations Manager and Project Manager offered to provide measurements of study rooms in the Commons as references to support further consideration of space priorities.

4.2 Referendum Timeline

Lai provided an update on discussions with UBC, noting the recommendation to hold the final building referendum in fall 2027. In the meantime, a preliminary referendum could be held during the spring 2027 election to gauge student support for the proposed building. This would help establish consensus among the student membership and provide a basis for developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UBCO to continue working collaboratively on the building referendum. With the MOU in place, the incoming Board would continue advancing the building referendum process. It was also noted that some student unions collect capital project fee for future project.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campaigns Committee Meeting, September 28th, at 1 pm, UNC 133

Members Present

VP External (chair)	Naden Qually
VP Campus Life	Guransh Sandhu
Faculty of Arts & Social Rep.	Liam Wallace
Faculty of Science Rep.	Amanda Bolton
Director at Large	Oliver Hale
Director at Large	Laisa Pertet
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Rep.	Neela Rader
Student at Large	Arshida Moosavi
Student at Large	Amber Matlock
Student at Large	El Pleroma Mukete Nokoson

Members Absent with Regrets

Director at Large	Tim Liao
Director at Large	Jenna Bierwirth
President	Olivia Lai
Student at Large	Kene Onwumelu
VP Finance	Shreya Patnaik
Student at Large	Linnaya Boyer

Members Absent without Regrets

Staff

Students' Advocate (staff)	Rachel Fortin
Governance Coordinator (staff)	Lijie Qiu

1. **CALL TO ORDER 1:03 PM**

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.

ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS CHECK

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

26/09/28.011
Wallace/Sandhu
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
Carried.

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

26/09/28.02
Pertet/Rader
Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 25, 2026, be adopted.
Carried.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 **Snap Provincial Election Plan**

- Update on provincial and federal events as of late in Canada.
- Unfortunately, bad timing for this to happen since it is no running alongside municipal elections.

4.2 Community Meals

- Qually would like to see committee members volunteering for at least 1-2 community meal events this term.
- He also encourages committee members to help promote community meals as we get closer to it kicking off this year (first one scheduled October 15th, 2026)
- Committee members are advised that our Community Meals program will have reduced capacity this year due to the withdrawal of additional funding from UBC this year in comparison to last year.
- Food security funding through UBC cannot be something we can expect or readily rely on this year.
- Pertet and Bolton have secured a surplus of Community Meals containers – these containers were generously donated to the SUO by UBCO Food Services.
- We will be counting the number of graduate students who participate

in Community Meals this year (with undergrads counted separately) to collect data in coordination with the recent GSA MOU agreement.

4.3 Your City, Your Vote Tabling Reminders

- Still trying to set up a BBQ/mixer for running candidates to engage in discussions with students (waiting for nomination period to close before planning - Oct. 2nd)
- Qually plans to table about once per week for Municipal voting.
- He is reviewing additional funding opportunities for the Civil Connect BBQ (Oct. 8th) with VP Finance.
- Sandhu would like Qually to let him know what time his BBQ would run
- Qually informs Committee members that polling stations will be set up around campus closer to and during the voting period by UBC staff.
- We are reminded that any candidates that are invited to come to our campus are expected to abide by UBCO campus regulations, policies, and standards.

4.4 Harmony – October 20th

- Community in the courtyard (recess revival + farm market + SUO!)
- Mulitfaith and religious community Expo on campus (like last year)
    - This event will now include cultural groups and a culturally diverse community meal event in collaboration with PICNIC. This event aims to combine culture, community, and faith groups into one large event to showcase all forms of community and belonging.
    - Planning to advertise our upcoming AGM during this event and do tabling for SUO services,
    - Qually to follow up with Casey Hamilton to see if additional volunteer services/assistance are needed to help run the event.

4.5 **Vision for Post-Secondary – BCFS Working Group Update**

- Oct. 16th –18th 2026, Rachel Fortin to travel with Qually.
- Qually helped present the group's work so far – during online meeting
- The BCFS Working Group is working on a policy type document with the goal of creating concrete frameworks, solutions and/or examples to present to politicians (federal/provincial) during BCFS lobbying events - that address issues faced by students across the province.
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- Next meeting is likely to be held in New Westminster this winter in hope to solidify this document by Jan. 2027 – Qually says the document should be ready for use following this meeting and in future lobbying.
- Qually shared the Working Group's presentation slides (in-person + via email) with the Committee to showcase the work they've done so far.

5. ADJOURNMENT AT: 1:42 PM

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Appendix B
Adopted Motions at 2025 SUO AGM

#1

UBC Divest Resolution 1. UPDATE ON DIVESTMENT

WHEREAS the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2234 has declared that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territories are a "flagrant violation of international law" and that they violate Palestinian human rights;

WHEREAS the United Nations has produced a database of companies which are wrongly contributing to the development of these illegal settlements;

WHEREAS 33 of the 48 companies identified by the UN as part of the economy of genocide were reported in UBC's endowment Fund as of December 2024;

WHEREAS in 2023, the Student Union Okanagan (SUO) of UBC Okanagan passed a Resolution condemning Israeli apartheid in Palestine and supporting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement;

WHEREAS UBC has a responsible investment policy and has signed onto the United Nations' responsible investment program;

WHEREAS in response to student demands for divestment, in late-2024 UBC Investment Management initiated the formal development of a comprehensive Human rights Framework, to be integrated into UBC's broader responsible investing strategy;

WHEREAS the last public update on UBC and UBCIM's Responsible Investing Commitments posted in April 2025 did not contain any concrete information on a timeline for the completion of development of the human rights framework as well as the implementation and integration into UBCIM's Broader responsible investing strategy;

AND WHEREAS there has not been a public update provide to the UBC community since April 2025;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SUO will pen a letter, no later than one week after the 2025 AGM, to UBC President Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Principal Lesley Cormack, VP Finance Fran Laezza, and the UBC and UBCIM Board of Governors requesting that they publicly post an updated and concrete timeline regarding the development of a Human rights Framework by UBC Investment management.

#2

UBC Divest Resolution 2. ACADEMIC BOYCOTT

WHEREAS apartheid is an internationally recognized crime against humanity involving systematic persecution and forced segregation for the purpose of maintaining domination of one racial group over other racial groups;
WHEREAS a 2022 Special Report to the UN Human Rights Council states that “apartheid is being practiced by Israel in the occupied Palestinian territory”;
WHEREAS in 2023, the Student Union Okanagan (SUO) of UBC Okanagan passed a Resolution condemning Israeli apartheid in Palestine and supporting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement;
WHEREAS in 2024, the UBC Okanagan Senate passed a resolution that “condemns the perpetration of genocide, and the violation of international law pertaining to human rights; in this case the occupation, siege, and invasion of GAZA by the state of Israel.”
WHEREAS a 2025 UN Human Rights report states that Israeli universities “contribute to the ideological scaffolding of apartheid, cultivating state-aligned narratives, erasing Palestinian history and justifying occupation practices” while their science departments “contribute to producing the tools for surveillance, crowd control, urban warfare, facial recognition and targeted killing tools that are effectively tested on Palestinians”;
WHEREAS under Israeli apartheid in Palestine, UBC students and Faculty who are Palestinian face differential treatment compared to non-Palestinians when travelling within Israeli boarders and the West Bank – including restrictions on mobility through checkpoints, access to health and legal services, entry to certain regions and freedom of expression;
AND WHEREAS this treatment of Palestinian UBC students and faculty under Israeli apartheid violates UBC’s Discrimination Policy, which is mandated to protect students and faculty from Discrimination on grounds of “ancestry, colour, [..] place of origin, political belief, [or] race” as stated under the BC Human Rights Code;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the SUO will pen a letter, no later than one week after the 2025 AGM, addressed to UBC President Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Principal Lesley Cormack and the UBC Okanagan Senate demanding that UBC cancel all current student mobility agreements with institutions upholding apartheid including Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion – Israel institute of Technology, and Tel Aviv University, and that a moratorium is placed on student mobility agreements with Israeli Universities until the UN removes the classification of Israel as an apartheid state.

#3
Whereas, the SUO and RBC have signed legal contracts, the number and contents of which are not disclosed to the Members;

Whereas, Members require knowledge of the length, renewal procedures, and termination clauses of these contracts to be able to mandate the SUO to act on matters relating to them;
Be it resolved the SUO task their legal counsel to 1. Review the contracts between the SUO and RBC, 2. If necessary, redact sections that may not be publicly disclosed due to any confidentiality clause, and 3. Write a statement explaining why the redacted sections may not be disclosed and the penalty for disclosure; the SUO shall then make the statement and the redacted documents prepared by the legal counsel available to Members upon request in physical or digital format, no later than one month after the 2025 AGM.

#4
Whereas, RBC is the top financier of fossil fuels in Canada, the 5th largest financer in the world and the lead financier of the Coastal GasLink Pipeline which does not have Free, Prior and Informed Consent from Indigenous Peoples;
Whereas, the SUO has divested its own funds from fossil fuels and has commitments to environmental and socially-responsible investments in their bylaws;
Whereas, by partnering with and being a client of RBC, the student union directly supports RBC's business model and enhances RBC's reputation among students and youth;
Be it resolved, the SUO, after consultation with legal counsel, shall release a statement, no later than one week after the 2025 AGM, to be published on the SUO social media, website, and bulletin board, and delivered to the RBC Branch Manager and RBC Regional Manager, stating that the SUO will explore not to renew the RBC on Campus' lease upon expiry and will explore its rights to early termination due to RBC's investment in fossil fuel extraction projects which cause environmental harm and violate Indigenous rights and sovereignty. If legal counsel discourages the release of this statement and they and board consent, SUO shall publish the legal opinion and reason for this decision, if approved by the board of council.

#5
Whereas, RBC is the top financier of fossil fuels in Canada, the 5th largest financer in the world and the lead financier of the Coastal GasLink Pipeline which does not have Free, Prior and Informed Consent from Indigenous Peoples;
Whereas, the SUO has divested its own funds from fossil fuels and has commitments to environmental and socially-responsible investments in their bylaws;

Whereas, by partnering with and being a client of RBC, the student union directly supports RBC's business model and enhances RBC's reputation among students and youth;
Be it resolved, the SUO shall lobby RBC to consent to the early termination of the RBC on Campus' lease based on mutual agreement and with no penalty, and lease the space to a suitable Credit Union alternative that is divested from fossil fuels. The SUO shall provide updates on its actions pertaining to this resolution, at the Board of Directors' meetings held in February 2026 and April 2026 and then annually at a Board of Directors' meeting held every October and February until the termination of the RBC on Campus' lease.

#6
Whereas, the SUO Board of Directors discussed matters pertaining to its contracts with RBC in meetings held on October 23, 2025; April 11, 2025; and March 26, 2025 in in-camera sessions;
Whereas, the minutes of in-camera sessions are not disclosed to Members;
Whereas, Members have the right to revoke the secrecy of in-camera session minutes through a Resolution of the general assembly according to the Robert's Rules of Oder section 49:19;
Be it resolved, the secrecy of the summary of the in-camera sessions of the Board of Directors' Meetings held on October 23, 2025; April 11, 2025; and March 26, 2025 be lifted and these summaries be made available for public inspection.

#7
In the interest of transparency, be it resolved the SUO board shall establish regulations and process for the taking and maintaining of minutes of in-camera sessions.

#8
Be it resolved that the board of director post questions to the relevant UBCO authorities 1.whether or not the SUO may legally purchase I Lot from University for free operation for SUO members; 2. what is the amount of money for which the University would be willing to sell I Lot to the SUO.

Student Associations Code of Conduct

For executive and non-executive and non-executive members in the council

1. Purpose and Scope

1.1 This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for Student Association executive and non-executive members in the council (including clubs and course unions) to ensure all activities and events are fair, safe, transparent, and inclusive. It applies to all executive and non-executive members in the council organizing or leading on-campus and off-campus events. Executive and non-executive members in the council represent the SUO, UBC, and (where applicable) their faculty, and must uphold this Code, Student Association Regulations and UBC guidelines and policies at all times.

2. Code of Conduct and Expectations

2.1 All executive and non-executive members in the council must comply with UBC policies, including the Respectful Environment Statement, Sexual Misconduct Policy (SC17), and Retaliation Policy (SC18). Retaliation against anyone who raises concerns or participates in investigations is strictly prohibited.

2.2 Executive and non-executive members in the council are expected to act professionally, responsibly, and safely always and to demonstrate positive leadership on behalf of their association, the SUO, and UBC.

2.3 Expected behaviour of Student Association executive and non-executive members in the council include, but are not limited to:

2.3.1 ***Fairness and Professionalism:*** Executive and non-executive members in the council must treat all individuals with respect and dignity and must refrain from any conduct that is discriminatory, demeaning, harassing or otherwise inappropriate. Executive and non-executive members in the council are expected to be punctual, prepared, and actively engaged in their responsibilities during meetings and events.

2.3.2 ***Transparency and Accountability:*** Executive and non-executive members in the council must communicate decisions, events, and

organizational matters clearly and openly with membership. Records such as meeting minutes, decisions, and relevant documentation must be maintained in an accessible manner, subject to privacy and confidentiality requirements.

2.3.3 ***Inclusivity and Respect:*** Executive and non-executive members in the council must foster a welcoming environment that values diversity and inclusion. Reasonable efforts should be made to ensure that activities and leadership opportunities are accessible and welcoming to all students, including those from underrepresented groups.

2.3.4 ***Engagement and Representation:*** Executive and non-executive members in the council are responsible for encouraging meaningful membership participation in association activities and decision-making. Executive and non-executive members in the council must act in the best interests of their membership and represent member concerns accurately and responsibly.

2.3.5 ***Leadership and Governance:*** Executive and non-executive members in the council must model positive leadership, comply with SUO policies, bylaws and student association regulations as well as attend required SUO training sessions. Course union executive and non-executive members in the council (club elections, if applicable) must ensure that elections are conducted fairly and in accordance with applicable governance requirements.

2.3.6 ***Financial Responsibility:*** Executive and non-executive members in the council must manage association funds responsibly, ensure that all financial transactions are documented, and submit required reports to the SUO. Executive and non-executive members in the council must ensure that all financial transactions are processed with the SUO financial system and accessible for review by SUO auditors if required. Resources must be used in a manner that benefits the membership broadly and avoids favouritism or misuse.

2.3.7 ***Public and Online Conduct:*** Executive and non-executive members in the council must maintain a professional and respectful presence on social media and other public platforms where they are acting on behalf of their association and SUO. Content must be accurate, inclusive, and aligned with the association's values and mission. Student association social media platforms can only promote campaigns or events of SUO ratified student associations or publicly held events and campaigns directly relevant to the student

associations mandate and purpose, granted the student association makes it readily apparent that there is no direct affiliation between the organizer of the external event or campaign, and the SUO.

2.4 Unacceptable behaviours of Student Association executive and non-executive members in the council include, but are not limited to:

2.4.1 Any conduct, whether a single incident or repeated behaviour, that a reasonable person would consider to be harassing, intimidating, abusive, discriminatory, derogatory, or demeaning.

2.4.2 Conduct that threatens or negatively affects the physical or psychological safety of any individual, including violence, intimidation, or coercion.

2.4.3 Misuse of executive authority or any conduct that creates a real or perceived conflict of interest.

2.4.4 Illegal activities, including the use, possession, or distribution of illegal substances at any time during association activities or events.

2.4.5 Failure to comply with applicable laws, venue regulations, or SUO and UBC policies, including smoking, vaping, or alcohol use where prohibited.

2.4.6 Smoking, vaping, and drinking where these actions are not permitted. Executive and non-executive members in the council must follow local laws and venue regulations.

2.4.7 Misuse of association funds, using external financial institutions to process association transactions including fundraising initiatives, purchasing capitol purchases without approval

2.4.8 Posting or sharing content while acting in an official association capacity that constitutes harassment, discrimination, intimidation, threats, deliberate misinformation, or encouragement of unlawful activity, including online conduct that violates applicable SUO or UBC policies.

3. Failure to comply with this Policy

3.1 Failure to comply with this Code may result in warnings, removal from events, investigation by the Student Association Oversight Committee, removal from an executive and non-executive role in the council or suspension or revocation of the association's SUO status

3.2 Any concerns or incidents must be reported to the SUO, which will prioritize the safety and well-being of all parties involved.

4 Concluding Remarks

4.1 This Code supports a positive, inclusive student community. Executive and non-executive members in the council are required to review and acknowledge this Code annually as part of the renewal process.