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EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Board of Directors Meeting, September 11, 2026 at 3 pm, 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
Faculty of Education Representative	Marci Brooks
Faculty of Management Representative	Mansi Sharma
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
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Peter Idoko

Directors Absent with Regrets

Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Krishansh Dhawan

Directors Absent without Regrets

Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Saami Hafeez

Staff Present

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

Guest Present

BCFS	Jill Adams

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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

ACCESSBILITY NEEDS CHECK

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

Motion# 26/09/11.01

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Moved by Qually; Seconded by Liao.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion# 26/09/11.02

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 21st, 2026 be adopted.

Moved by Sandhu; Seconded by Bolton.

Carried.

4. PRESENTATION-MEDIA AND PR ETIQUETTE

Adams provided some basic approaches to media relations.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Statement Approval Regarding Concert

Motion# 26/09/11.03

Be it resolved that the executive committee refer the statement discussed in the in-camera session to the board for release.

Moved by Qually; Seconded by Sandhu

The motion was passed via email. A majority of voting directors, 9 in total, voted in favor, namely Olivia Lai, Shreya Patnaik, Guransh Sandhu, Naden Qually, Liam Wallace, Oliver Hale, Laisa Pertet, Jenna Bierwirth, and Ali Wasti. Amanda Bolton's reply came after the announcement of the result. Email replies are attached to the agenda.

5.2 In-Camera (legal)

Motion# 26/09/11.04
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.
Moved by Qually; Seconded by Hale.
Carried. [3:44 p.m.]

-FCCS Agreement Update
-Concert

Motion# 26/09/11.05
Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.
Moved by Qually; Seconded by Wasti.
Carried. [4:48 p.m.]

Motion# 26/09/11.06
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 5 minutes.
Moved by Lai; Seconded by Osadczuk
Carried.

Meeting was called back to order at 4:54 p.m.

Motion# 26/09/11.07
Be it resolved that the meeting be extended by one hour.
Moved by Lai; Seconded by Qually.
Carried.

The board of directors discussed potential motions following the in-camera discussion to address concerns raised by the marginalized community and support all students, including Board members.

Motion# 26/09/11.08
Be it revolved THAT the Board of Directors affirm the continuation of TAKEOFF ’26 as scheduled on September 18, 2026, in accordance with the approved event plan, budget, and existing contractual commitments; and

THAT the campus life committee alongside the executive committee be directed to continue the operational delivery of the event, including appropriate safety, communications, financial oversight, and risk-management measures; and

THAT following the event, the policy committee must conduct a review of the artist-selection and

due-diligence process and provide recommendations to the Board for consideration in planning future major events.
Moved by Patnaik; Seconded by Rader.

Liao voiced his objection to this motion, stating that he did not believe that the motion appropriately addresses the concern. Rader, Osadczuk and Hale believed that the motion refers to two difference matters, one concerning the Board's direction regarding the concert and the other concerning a policy review.

Be it resolved that the motion be divided.
Moved by Rader; Seconded by Wallace.
Carried.
Therefore, Motion# 26/09/11.08 was divided into two motions below: Motion# 26/09/11.08 (1) and Motion# 26/09/11.08 (2).

Motion# 26/09/11.08 (1)
Be it revolved THAT the Board of Directors affirm the continuation of TAKEOFF '26 as scheduled on September 18, 2026, in accordance with the approved event plan, budget, and existing contractual commitments; and
THAT the campus life committee alongside the executive committee be directed to continue the operational delivery of the event, including appropriate safety, communications, financial oversight, and risk-management measures.
Moved by Qually; Seconded by Sandhu.
Carried.
Tim Liao, Neela Rader and Quinlin Osadczuk voted against it.

Motion# 26/09/11.08 (2)
Be it resolved that following the event, the policy committee must conduct a review of the artist-selection and due-diligence process and provide recommendations to the Board for consideration in planning future major events.
Moved by Osadczuk; Seconded by Sharma.
Carried.

Motion#26/09/11.09
Be it resolved that the board discuss motions (related to the concert) after the presentation of the SPARK Student Association.
Moved by Wallace; Seconded by Osadczuk.
Carried.

Motion#26/09/11.10

Be it resolved that #5.6 Club Ratification be moved before 5.3 Committee Meeting Minutes Approval.
Moved by Lai; Seconded by Rader.
Carried.

-the SPARK Student Association presentation

Osadczuk updated the information from Student Association Oversight committee and recommended, on behalf of the Student Association Oversight committee, that the board approve the SPARK.

The SPARK Student Association executives gave a presentation and answered questions from the board.

[Jenna Bierwirth left at 5:29 p.m.]

The directors further discussed motions to address concerns about the concert.
Motion#26/09/11.11
Be it resolved that the board of directors condemns all forms of homophobia, transphobia, and any attacks against any marginalized community or personal identity. The board also condemns any personalized attacks on any member of the community.
Moved by Liao; Seconded by Qually.

Directors discussed different approaches to communicate this message to students, with the goal of ensuring that marginalized communities on campus feel supported and that every member of the student community feels included and supported.

Be it resolved that the motion (Motion#26/09/11.11) be amended by adding “Be it further resolved the board of directors approve the motion to be posted online”.
Moved by Liao; Seconded by Hale.
Amendment failed.

The board discussed the original motion (Motion#26/09/11.11).
Wallace opposed the motion, stating it would be ineffective if no concrete action would follow, while emphasizing that they care about supporting communities.
Rader was also opposed to the motion, noting that, without canceling the concert as requested by the marginalized group, the motion might have the same impact as their previous statement and could further worsen public reception.
Some directors noted that, regardless of whether the concert was canceled, there would likely be students who were dissatisfied with the decision.

Liao emphasized the importance of clearly demonstrating the SUO's position in condemning all forms of homophobia and transphobia, particularly given that the marginalized group thought the SUO was actively accommodating such views, which was not the case.
Osadczuk stated that the motion would primarily serve to reiterate the SUO's position, a practice commonly used by the Student Association Oversight Committee when addressing complaints involving course unions.
Evans noted that the motion needed to be directive and advised that the Board should either use a motion to issue a statement condemning any attacks or use the minutes to formally record and demonstrate the Board's consensus position.
Liao withdrew the motion and preferred to rephrase it as the board consensus.
The board reached their consensus that they condemn all forms of homophobia, transphobia, and any attacks against any marginalized community or personal identity. The board also condemn any personalized attacks on any member of the community.

5.3 Club Ratification

Motion# 26/09/11.12

Be it resolved that the SPARK Student Association be ratified by the board.

Moved by Osadczuk; Seconded by Qually.

Carried.

Motion# 26/09/11.13

Be it resolved that the Craft N Dough Club be ratified by the board.

Moved by Osadczuk; Seconded by Liao.

Carried.

Motion# 26/09/11.14

Be it resolved that the Okanagan Figure Skating Student Association be ratified by the board.

Moved by Osadczuk; Seconded by Wallace.

Carried.

Motion# 26/09/11.15

Be it resolved that the SUO Cricket club be ratified by the board.

Moved by Osadczuk; Seconded by Sandhu.

Carried.

5.4 Committee Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion# 26/09/11.16
Be it resolved that the minutes of following meetings be adopted:

- Executive meeting held August 18th and September 8th;

- Campus Life Committee meeting held August 24th

- Campaigns Committee meeting held August 25th

- Student Association Oversight Committee meeting held July 27th

- Oversight Committee meeting held August 27th

Moved by Liao; Seconded by Bolton.
Carried.
Qually asked why the Oversight committee did not review the executives' July report. Wasti replied that unfortunately they did not have a July committee meeting to conduct the report review.

5.5 Oversight Committee Membership Review/Chair Appointment

Motion# 26/09/11.17

Be it resolved that Ali Wasti be appointed as chair of the SUO Oversight Committee.
Moved by Sandhu; Seconded by Patnaik.
Carried.

5.6 CRO Appointment

Motion# 26/09/11.18

Be it resolved that Trophy Ewila be appointed as the SUO Chief Returning Officer for 2026-2027 elections.

Moved by Hale; Seconded by Bolton.
Carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.