

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, August 24th, 2022, Zoom

Called to order at 13:28

Directors Present

Vice-President Internal (meeting chair)
Vice-President External
Vice-President Campus Life

Dhruv Bihani
Cade Desjarlais
Danial Asif

Directors Absent

President
Vice President Finance and Administration

Jakson Pashelka
Vrushank Kekre

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans
Bri Fedoruk

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional, unceded, 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.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

22/08/24.01

Desjarlais/Asif

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/08/24.02

Desjarlais/Asif

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held August 10th, 2022 be adopted.

22/08/24.03

Desjarlais/Asif

Evans moved to add two (2) topics under "discussion items" called "AGM Meeting Date" and "Next BoD Meeting Date."

Carried as amended

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Board/Staff Training Review

Evans wanted to get general feedback from the executives about the training.

Bihani wanted to say that he would have liked Crystal to talk more about personal conflict with a friend on the Board, for example, but he enjoyed it, and thought it was helpful.

Asif felt humbled by the Emotional Intelligence training, and liked the choice of presenter.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Sorority and Fraternity in the Club Expo

Bihani introduced that Rusch let him know that the Sorority and Fraternity wanted a table for tabling at Expo. He has been told that in the past they have tried to be a part of the SUO, but they cannot follow our Bylaws due to their parties, so they are not a part of our organization.

Desjarlais responded that he held pause since they are an external organization, issues have arisen in the past, and he is unsure if this is the correct forum for this. He is not in full support of them, but not completely opposed to them being there. He was open to hearing what the rest of the committee had to say.

Asif wondered, since they are an external organization, if they would be paying for a table, or if it would be free of cost?

Bihani stated that they are covered under UBC, not as an external body. He is also not opposed or for the idea. He is not too opposed because there is no harm in having them at Expo, but we can definitely not take them under the SUO due to their inability to follow our Bylaws.

Evans stated that this may be a good way to bridge the gap between the Sororities and Fraternities and the SUO. He does not see this as a negative thing to extend an olive branch to them to mend the relationship. He stated that he did hear the concern that Desjarlais mentioned.

Asif agreed with Dhruv and Evans, while he was campaigning he heard the state of the relationship between the SUO and the Sororities and Fraternities.

5.2 AGM Meeting date

Evans introduced that normally AGMs are held in November. The level of preparation that is required by the executive team, and the demands from the Bylaws for a certain timeframe, lead him to conclude that it may be best to push it back to November, so that we have enough time.

Bihani replied that he agrees, there are many policies that we need to address prior to this, and this time shift would help the Policy Committee complete the work they need to do, so that we may represent ourselves best at the AGM.

Desjarlais thought that having the AGM in November like we historically have made more sense. It would be better to have it in November, since midterms will be happening in October and November, we have to work around them either way. The goal of the move forward may have been lost in communication.

Evans addressed that the purpose of the push forward was due to Smailes and the auditors as a courtesy, however, we are limited by our Bylaws, and the timelines outlined there. It is better for our organization to meet our Bylaw requirements, and the auditors must work around this.

5.3 Next Board Meeting date

Evans was not sure if a date had been selected, but he had been told that Pashelka had a date in mind, the 14th of September.

Asif stated that according to his chat with Jakson, the meeting would be held in person.

Desjarlais responded that the Expo on the 14th is from ten until three (10am – 3pm). He thought that perhaps we should hold it a different day, as many of the Board will have had a busy day on the 14th. Could we push it to the 21st? How many meetings do we have to hold in September?

The other executives agreed that a different day should be considered. It is within the purview of the president to decide the date and time of the Board meetings as per the Regulations.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 13:51.