

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, May 29 at 12:30 pm, UNC133C

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)

Vice President Finance and Administration

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Campus Life

Danial Asif

Aryan Arora

Rajat Arora

Saaim Imran

Directors Absent

Vice-President External

Abby Newman

Staff Present

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:41 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.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/05/29.01

R. Arora/A. Arora

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Imran/R. Arora

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding 4.3 Sponsorship and 5.2 SUO Swag.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/05/29.02

Imran/R. Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of meeting held on May 14, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 SUO Building

Asif provided the context. In 2021, in response to students' request for more learning and activity space, the SUO struck a building committee to work on a proposal of building a student center. However, that proposal was voted down by the previous board due to the huge cost of a building. Then the last board was seeking a possibility to build an attached building. As the space issue still existed on campus, Asif suggested that they strike a building committee to continue working on solutions to address the issue. Other executives recognized the space issue. Imran thought it necessary for students in a long run to have their own building for events and activities. R. Arora was in favor of expanding the building to have more space. A. Arora was concerned about students' financial situation. He reminded them of the increased student fees this year due to the fieldhouse referendum which was passed last year. He also pointed out students' priority may shift over these three years. Asif stated that the building committee was just to

work on solutions and make recommendations. The final decision would be made by the membership.

4.2 Recent conferences

Asif asked executives for the feedback of the recent conferences. R. Arora stated through the conference organized by the StudentCare, he learnt a lot on the service StudentCare provided. He got to know some other student union leaders. Imran stated that the Skills organized by the BCFS focused more on advocacy. It provided an opportunity to connect with other student leaders across the BC. He talked about the benefits he had from the training as well as his concerns. A. Arora stated that he learnt a lot of insurance knowledge from the StudentCare conferences. He stated that the insurance and finance knowledge is important and beneficial for student leaders.

4.3 Sponsorship

Imran stated that he was looking for as many sponsors as possible in order to provide better events. He was also looking into the possibility of collaborating with the Okanagan College to hold events together to increase the ticket sale. The executives discussed the sponsorship and the potential sponsors.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 2024-2025 Conferences Finalize

A. Arora presented a budget for the 2024-2025 conference and explained how he determined those numbers. The Executives had no questions.

5.2 SUO Swag

Imran showed some design ideas for the SUO swag. The executives expressed their preference.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.