

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, May 14th at 2 pm, UNC133C

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)

Vice President Finance and Administration

Vice-President External

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Campus Life

Danial Asif

Aryan Arora

Abby Newman

Rajat Arora

Saaim Imran

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager

Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans

Cecily Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:07 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

24/05/14.01

R. Arora/A. Arora

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/05/14.02

Newman/Imran

Be it resolved that the minutes of meeting held on April 19, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Trip Report

Newman suggested that directors or staff who attend a meeting/training should submit a report to share the information of the meeting/training. The purpose of her suggestion was to hold people accountable. She stated that they should be responsible for the students' money spent on the trip, and the information sharing could help others to make decisions if they would like to attend the meeting in the future. Evans stated that they have many external travels, and it would be an important and good way to see the positive of a meeting. Asif asked if they need to work on some policies to implement the requirement. Evans stated that they could make some policies, but right now they would need to have the report format ready for those who were going to conferences/trainings/meetings. Newman would take the lead to create a format. Imran asked if they should submit a report as a team as many directors would go to BCFS Skills the next week. Evans stated they could submit one report. Evans would work together with Newman on the format, saying Newman could work on the one for directors and he would work on staff report. The reports from directors could be presented to the board meeting for the purpose of information sharing. Imran asked about the requirement for the report. Newman replied that they could provide some insights of the valuable information they learn at the meeting.

24/05/14.03

Newman/Asif

Be it resolved that a format be created for trip reporting.

Carried.

4.2 Smart Meals

The executives had an open discussion and gave their feedback on Smart Meals. All members stated that Smart Meals was a successful and popular initiative last year. Most executives suggested adding non-vegetarian options to meet more students' needs. A. Arora stated that if they add non-vegetarian options, they could remove the sustainability budget line. He also suggested that Newman should have a discussion with the vendors and collect their feedback. R. Arora suggested that they could allow non-vegetarian options for extra dollars and stated that most students do not quite understand the concept of sustainability when they promoted the program last year. Newman added that what most students cared about was \$5 rather than sustainability. Imran suggested a consistent menu considering how fast the Smart Meals ran out last year. Evans stated that for the vendors, Smart Meals was more like a service they provided to students; and the money they earned from it was not enough to cover the cost of the meals. That was the reason why SUO changed the quantities of smart meals supply for some vendors. He stated that Newman could create her own initiative and encouraged her to ensure a dialogue with the vendors. He also pointed out some audit concerns about voucher use last year. Newman would like to see the program self-sustained and continue to roll on. She had a conversation with Clint, Well Kitchen Supervisor, and presented two options for the Smart Meals this year: 1. Subsidized permanent menu items. Students could choose to have the vegetarian food; and students could also ask to add some meat options. 2. \$2 Meals. She stated that Clint could do some batch cooking, and they could sell the meals at the Picnic for \$2, which would be similar to the Picnic community meal. They could also open partnerships with other vendors. She would like to do the Smart Meals in a different way this year and she believed that \$2 Meals would be feasible. A. Arora and R. Arora suggested that they serve \$2 Meals at the Well pub rather than the Picnic. They thought the Well has the space and capacity to serve meals, and it could differentiate their program from the Picnic community meal. R. Arora also suggested a fixed menu for \$2 Meals, and he believed that by adding options of meat, the challenges some vendors were faced with last year could be solved.

4.3 Executive Swag

Asif suggested buying Jerseys for the executive swag this year. A. Arora provided budget line information. Imran would take the lead to work together with Ouellet and B. Evans on the quote and design of Jersey.

4.4 2024-2025 Conferences

A. Arora provided information regarding conference budget line and its actual expense in the past. He asked the Executives to let him know if they had any other conferences they would like to attend except some regular conferences, such as BCFS Executive meetings. Evans advised him to have some flexibility in the conference budget line, so they could respond to some unforeseen travel needs from the president and other directors. Newman asked for clarification on the expense to attend the BCFS conference. Evans replied BCFS would provide accommodations and the SUO would make a contribution for each director who is attending the conference. The trip to the SUDS organized by AMS would be fully funded by the SUO. Evans did not want to see the budget limit the participation of directors.

4.5 Budget Line Discussion

A. Arora asked the executives to work together with their staff partners on their budget line. He planned to have individual meetings with them on the budget soon. Evans stated that they would have a rough budget by May, and finalized budget would be presented to the board by July.

4.6 Masters of Biotechnology Tuition Consultation (Document attached)

Asif asked the executives to send him their feedback by the next day. He stated that his feedback was that the international tuition fee is a lot, more than double of the domestic fee.

5. IN CAMERA (Legal)

24/05/14.03

Imran/R. Arora

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [2:56 p.m.]

Carried.

The meeting was moved ex-camera at 3:47 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.