



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, July 18 at 9 am, 2024, Zoom

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Danial Asif
Vice President Finance and Administration	Aryan Arora
Vice-President External	Abby Newman
Vice-President Internal	Rajat Arora
Vice-President Campus Life	Saaim Imran
Director-at-Large	Mariam Al Barazi
Director-at-Large	Sheela Mbogo
Director-at-Large	Aliasgar Sakarwala
Director-at-Large	Ananya Bhattacharya
Faculty of Science Representative	Veeru Seethanaboyina
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Sahar Sowdagar
Faculty of Education Representative	Elnaz Zamanzade
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Amy Wang
College of Graduate Studies Representative	Mhamoda Moli
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Ali Wasti
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)	Vacant

Directors Absent with Notice

Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)	Isabella Bravo
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Olivia Lai

Directors Absent without Notice

Faculty of Management Representative	Riko Otsuka
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Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Governance Coordinator	Cecily Qiu
Well Pub Manager	Michael Ouellet
Finance Manager	Leanne Smailes

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:07 A.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

24/07/18.01

Newman/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Wang/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a discussion "Tracy Gray's visit to the SUO" under New Business.

Amendment failed.

Asif/Newman

Be it resolved that Motion #5 adoption of the CRO report be amended by adding a subsidiary motion: "Be it future resolved that the board of directors approve the destruction of the nomination forms used in the 2024/2025 General Election."

Amendment carried.

Moli/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the discussion "Tracy Gray's visit to the SUO" be added under New Business. Moli stated that she was not able to participate in the voting process.

Wang provided information on the political views of Tracy Gray (the MP Kelowna-Lake Country).

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/07/18.02

Bhattacharya/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 18th, 2024 be adopted.

Sowdagar stated that she was not absent for that long time though she had the connectivity issue. She was there for the first and second round of voting during the appointment of Health & Social Development Representative.

Sowdagar/Al Barazi

Be it resolved that the voting process for the appointment of Health & Social Development Representative be described as follows:

Sowdagar was experiencing connectivity issues but was present for both votes.

10/16 members voted in favor, and Mbogo abstained.

Asif called the motion Carried. Sowdagar and Al Barazi noted the 10/16 was less than the 2/3 majority required for the Resolution. The vote was conducted again.

11/16 members voted in favor, and Mbogo abstained.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Annual Operating Budget Presentation for 2024-2025

[Sakarwala entered at 9:32 a.m.]

A.Arora presented the draft budget with a focus on the adjustments made recently since the last presentation in June. He explained how the deficit was brought down through budget adjustments on the main three pillars of the SUO: general budget, campus life and advocacy. Mbogo asked what the Staff Conference entailed. A. Arora explained that the Director training and staff training were different budget lines. Staff Conference budget covered the staff training and their conference such as the AMICCUS. Al Barazi asked Evans for more information regarding the Staff Conference. Evans explained that AMICCUS is a national conference held twice a year, which the staff rotate to participate in. The conference covers training on advocacy, campus life, governance and operation; and is only geared towards the post-secondary Students' Unions across the country. This budget line also covers the conference that staff see the value in their department or under their portfolio. Al Barazi asked if staff submit reports to reflect the value of the conference as the directors do. Evans confirmed that starting from this year, due to the implementation of the conference report suggested by the VP External, the staff would submit the report to the General Manager after attending the conference. Al Barazi asked how to access the staff report. Evans replied that the directors could book a meeting with him as the staff report to him.

24/07/18.03

A.Arora/Bhattacharya

Be it resolved that the Annual Operating Budget for 2024-2025 be adopted.

Mbogo stated that she would like to table the budget approval. She stated that the draft budget should be attached to the agenda as they need time to understand the budget. She also stated that the way the numbers were presented was not as clear as that of the published budget in the past. She sent a link of the published SUO budget to the board. Asif stated that all the numbers were seen and discussed by the finance committee, which was the purpose of having the

committee. A.Arora explained the reasons why he did not present every budget line. He stated that there were so many budget lines they had worked on, and some of them were not a concern for the board, for example, the office supply. He explained some budget lines could not be decided by the director. He took the director's honoraria for example, saying that this expense would be affected by the CPI. Due to the limited time for the board meeting, he chose to present the budget lines under the SUO pillars which he thought could be a concern for directors. He also stated that he had been and would be happy to meet them to answer any questions regarding the budget. He stated that they could not attach the budget as it was just a draft and was not approved.

Mbogo/Al Barazi

Be it resolved that the Annual Operating Budget for 2024-2025 be tabled.

R. Arora reminded the board that as per their regulation, they would need to approve the budget by July 31. Al Barazi asked if the budget was subject to change during the year and if there was any chance of reallocation. A.Arora confirmed that if there was any unspent fund, they could make reallocation through the finance committee and the executive committee depending on the amount left. A.Arora strongly suggested that the board read the finance committee meeting minutes, saying that they did not have anything in camera, and the board could see what had been discussed. Evans clarified that the executive could make reallocation up to ten percent and would explain the reason to the board. If the budget change is above ten percent, it would have to be brought to the board for a decision. Evans also explained that the budget A.Arora presented was related to the pillars that affect the board while the other part of budget was driven by contracts which had to be carried through due to legal obligations. Evans mentioned that their revenue decreased as a result of the decreased number in the enrollment this year. He also commended the hard work A.Arora had done to reduce the deficit. Evans provided more information about the budget and budget planning. Al Barazi asked for specific numbers that Evans mentioned. She stated that sometimes the meeting minutes did not provide reasoning behind the decision. She would prefer to see another board meeting to adopt the budget after they fully understand the budget numbers.

Motion to table the budget approval failed.

The original motion carried.

Asif commended the work and efforts A.Arora had made for the budget planning. A.Arora encouraged the directors to set up meetings with himself if they have questions. Smalles (Finance Manager) expressed her thanks to A.Arora and the Finance committee for the work they had done, and also expressed her thanks to the board for their questions and engagement.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan

24/07/18.04

R. Arora/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan be adopted as attached.

Al Barazi asked for the executives' motivation behind their plan and wondered if there was any change from that of the previous year. Asif and Evans explained that the action plan was under the jurisdiction of the current executives. They may choose to carry through the goal set by the previous executives or start their own initiatives. Most of the action items this year were driven by their promises during the election. The oversight committee would review the executive action plan and assist them in achieving their goals. Therefore, the action plan would be different from year to year and that was the reason why they called it annual action plan.

Carried.

5.2 2024 SUO of UBC General Elections CRO Report

24/07/18.05

Imran/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the 2024 SUO of UBC General Elections CRO Report be adopted as attached.

Be it future resolved that the board of directors approve the destruction of the nomination forms used in the 2024/2025 General Election.

Mbogo pointed out a mismatch between the number and the percentage under the VP Internal voting numbers. Evans stated that the CRO resigned last month, but the board could mandate the Governance Coordinator and A. White to look into it. Newman stated that the election result was sent by the UBC, and the information had been already published. Mbogo stated that the error was generated by the system, and she did not want to see the error happen again and impact the future election. Asif stated that he could get in touch with the UBC returning officer Jessica Iverson to see what they could do, so that in the future the number would be accurately reflected.

Carried.

5.3 SUO Building Steering Committee

24/07/18.06

A.Arora/Bhattacharya

Be it resolved that the SUO 2024 Building Steering Committee Terms of Reference be adopted as attached.

Al Barazi asked why the Building Steering Committee was struck down by the previous board. Evans stated that he did not recall the board striking down the committee. From his understanding, the work started but did not carry through, and the committee dissolved by itself. Newman stated that she was on the committee the previous year. However, it was not the

priority of the previous President, and no meeting was held in the past. The term of the committee was about half a year. Al Barazi had some questions about the referendum passed last year regarding the field house building. Asif clarified that the field house building is a UBCO building but not a SUO building. A group of students presented a petition for the field house building to the SUO, which triggered their referendum process.

Carried.

24/07/18.07

Asif/ Al Barazi

Be it resolved that the Building Steering Committee be struck for the SUO Board 2024-2025.

Carried.

24/07/18.08

Bhattacharya/Newman

Be it resolved that President Danial Asif and VP Finance & Administration Aryan Arora be appointed to the Building Steering Committee.

Carried.

24/07/18.09

Seethanaboyina/Bhattacharya

Be it resolved that Abby Newman be appointed to the Building Steering Committee. Newman motivated herself.

Carried.

24/07/18.10

Sowdagar/ Mbogo

Be it resolved that Mariam Al Barazi be appointed to the Building Steering Committee. Al Barazi motivated herself.

Carried.

5.4 Tracy Gray's Visit to the SUO

Wang was curious about what came out of the visit and wondered if there would be any collaboration between the SUO and Gray. She stated that what Gray had done was controversial in the community. Newman stated that it was her role to connect with leaders in all types of government. She stated Gray had reached out to connect and would like to learn more about student needs. Gray was particularly interested in pantry and food security program. Newman had sent emails to the executives and staff briefing Gray's history so that everyone was aware of her political views and history. It was an open conversation, and no promise was made. Newman stated that she could consider bringing the board to the future meetings with government officials. Mbogo expressed her interest in the involvement of meetings with government leaders.

Newman stated that the campaigns committee had planned a provincial election info fair in the fall, and they would invite the MLA candidates to the campus to connect with students.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Executive Committee

24/07/18.11

Asif/Seethanaboyina

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

Carried.

24/07/18.12

Asif/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 12th, 2024 be adopted.

Al Barazi asked for the time status for the in-camera session. Asif stated that he did not take notes of the in-camera time and confirmed with Qiu if it is required by any policy. Qiu stated that it was not required by their regulation, but a practice that she would usually do when taking minutes.

Carried.

24/07/18.13

Asif/Wasti

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 28th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/07/18.14

Asif/Wasti

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 10th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

6.2 Finance Committee

24/07/18.15

A.Arora/Bhattacharya

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 12th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/07/18.16

A.Arora/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 8th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

6.3 Policy Committee

6.4 Campus Life Committee

6.5 Campaigns Committee

24/07/18.17

Newman/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 24th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

6.6 Graduate Student Committee

24/07/18.18

Moli/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 26th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/07/18.19

Moli/Newman

Be it resolved that the May and June Honoraria for GSC Students at Large be disbursed as follows:

GSC May			
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)	Note
1	Dina Khrabshesh	50	
2	Fatima Canales	50	
3	Nibirh Jawad	50	
4	Satabdi Das	50	
5	Yazdanmehr Gordanpour	50	
6	Hammad Ahmad	50	

GSC June			
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)	Note
1	Dina Khrabshesh	50	
2	Fatima Canales	0	
3	Nibirh Jawad	50	
4	Satabdi Das	0	
5	Yazdanmehr Gordanpour	50	
6	Hammad Ahmad	50	

7	Omang Baheti	0	
8	Ghulam Hussain	50	
9	Rohit Dandamudi	0	

Carried.

6.7 Oversight Committee

7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

7.1 Senate

7.2 Board of Governors

7.3 Other University Committees

7.3.1 Call for a nomination from the board to serve on the adjudication committee for next year's Open Educational Resources (OER) Excellence and Impact Awards.

Ananya Bhattacharya and Mariam Al Barazi motivated themselves to sit on the committee. Mbogo asked what the committee does. Evans stated that the committee oversees the requirements for the award. The board checked the UBC website for more information about the committee. Newman added that the OER was also what the SUO had campaigned for, so that students do not need to pay for all the learning resources. The board noticed that on the website, the committee required an undergraduate student representative. As Al Barazi was a graduate student, the board reached a consensus to appoint Ananya Bhattacharya to sit on the committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.