



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, August 20th at 12 pm, 2024, Zoom

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)
Vice President Finance and Administration
Vice-President External
Vice-President Internal
Vice-President Campus Life
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Director-at-Large
Faculty of Science Representative
Faculty of Applied Science Representative
Faculty of Education Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative
College of Graduate Studies Representative
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)

Danial Asif
Aryan Arora
Abby Newman
Rajat Arora
Saa'im Imran
Mariam Al Barazi
Sheela Mbogo
Aliasgar Sakarwala
Ananya Bhattacharya
Veeru Seethanaboyina
Sahar Sowdagar
Elnaz Zamanzade
Olivia Lai
Riko Otsuka
Amy Wang
Mhamoda Moli
Ali Wasti
Isabella Bravo

Directors Absent

Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator
Well Pub Manager
Membership Outreach Coordinator
Communications & Marketing Manager

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu
Michael Ouellet
Izzy Rusch
Becca Evans

Guests:

UBCO Professor & Research Chair in Social Innovation Hub
Sustainability Course Union Representative
Student guest

Dr. Eric Li
Jacqueline Rowe
Teddy

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:08 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

24/08/20.01

Seethanaboyina/Imran

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Asif/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by moving item 9.1 "Emails regarding Smart Meals" to New Business after item 7.2 "September Concert Headliner Contract Approval".

Be it further resolved that New Business be moved before the Committee business.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/08/20.02

Bhattacharya/Sowdagar

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

Carried.

4. PRESENTATION

5. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

5.1 Senate

5.2 Board of Governors

Bravo introduced herself and encouraged board members to contact her for any further communication or questions.

5.3 Other University Committees

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.

Al Barazi nominated herself and was appointed by the board to the committee.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 AGM Date & Location

24/08/20.03

Asif/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that the 2024 SUO AGM be held on November 6th, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Members discussed the possibility of having the meeting earlier in the day to allow more student participation. While recognizing the issue of space availability, Asif would keep working on the location and time.

Carried.

6.2 September Concert Headliner Contract Approval

Be it resolved that the SUO approve the signing of the headlining artist contract for the September 2024 concert, with a total amount of (40,000 USD + 2,000 CAD) / (70,000 CAD).

Motion carried outside of a board meeting.

President Danial Asif sent the board the resolution via email for approval on Friday, August 2nd, 2024. By Sunday, August 4th, twelve (12) Board of Directors voted in favor of the resolution. Al Barazi abstained. Emails were attached to the agenda.

[Zamanzade entered at 12:53 p.m.]

6.3 Emails Regarding Smart Meals 2.0

Dr. Eric Li shared information about Social Innovation Hub and their collaboration with the SUO on the Smart Meals campaign. He clarified that Social Innovation Hub does not decide the menu but provides research support for the Smart Meals campaign to make sure the program would benefit students. He also answered some questions from the board and student guest regarding the food security, healthy food option, nutrition components of smart meals and sponsorship.

24/08/20.04

Mbogo/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that student Teddy be granted the right to ask Dr. Eric Li questions.

Carried.

In terms of sustainability, concern was raised by the sustainability course union and some other members about adding meat and eggs to the meal as a protein source. Newman explained how she incorporated sustainability in Smart Meal 2.0 and her plans/campaigns to educate students on sustainability. Newman also shared the feedback of the survey on Smart Meals last year.

24/08/20.05

Asif/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera (legal). [1:12 p.m.]

Carried.

24/08/20.06

Asif/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [1:35 p.m.]

Carried.

6.4 Student Association Policy Amendments (Special Resolution)

24/08/20.07

R. Arora/Lai

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:5]

5 New Student Associations applications will only be accepted during the periods of August 1 to the second (2nd) Friday of October; and January 1 to the second (2nd) Friday of February. New Student Association applications may only be ratified in the months of September, October, January and February.

be amended by inserting the word “August” before “September”, so [Regulation VIII:5] then reads:

5 New Student Associations applications will only be accepted during the periods of August 1 to the second (2nd) Friday of October; and January 1 to the second (2nd) Friday of February. New Student Association applications may only be ratified in the months of **August**, September, October, January and February.

Carried.

24/08/20.08

R. Arora/Sakarwala

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:15]

15 Student Associations are not permitted to accept any legal obligation for the Student Union including any of the following:

- a. entering into contracts either on behalf of the Student Union or the Student Association;
- b. hiring employees;
- c. open an account with a financial institution; or
- d. use a personal account to process Student Association transactions.

be amended by inserting the words “or external account with a financial institution” after the words “use a personal account” under Point (d), so [Regulation VIII:5] then reads:

15 Student Associations are not permitted to accept any legal obligation for the Student Union including any of the following:

- a. entering into contracts either on behalf of the Student Union or the Student Association;
- b. hiring employees;
- c. open an account with a financial institution; or
- d. use a personal account **or external account with a financial institution** to process Student Association transactions.

Carried.

24/08/20.09

R. Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that [Regulation VIII:29]

29 A Student Association which has been deemed inactive for a period of at least twelve (12) months may be dissolved by the Board of Directors.

be amended by striking out the words “twelve (12) months” and inserting the words “six (6) months”, so [Regulation VIII:29] then reads:

29 A Student Association which has been deemed inactive for a period of at least **six (6) months** may be dissolved by the Board of Directors.

Carried.

6.5 Student Association Ratification

24/08/20.10

R. Arora/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that SUO Tune Titans Student Association be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: Be a club that allows music producers and musicians to make music together.

Carried.

24/08/20.11

R. Arora/Imran

Be it resolved that SUO Photography Student Association be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: The aim is to provide a diverse and inclusive space for individuals to

discover, create and pursue their passions of photography or modelling.

Carried.

24/08/20.12

R. Arora/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that SUO Ecology and Zoology Course Union Student Association be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: To provide resources and organize workshops and events to further build our peers' learning and research skills. Facilitate collaboration between students and faculty to help gain valuable experience with research projects. Foster a sense of community among peers with similar interests. To promote ecology and zoology within the university via various events, outreaches and activities.

Carried.

24/08/20.13

R. Arora/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that SUO Okanagan Steel Bridge Team Student Association be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: The UBCO Steel Bridget Team is a group of students that aims to compete at the National CISC Steel Bridge Competition representing the University of British Columbia Okanagan.

More information was requested by the board. Members were also reminded to keep the budget in mind when approving the student association.

R.Arora/Bhattacharya

Be it resolved that the ratification of the SUO Okanagan Steel Bridge Team Student Association be tabled.

Carried.

24/08/20.14

R. Arora/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that SUO NextGen STEM Outreach Student Association be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: The club aims to do three things.

- 1) Mainly we want to run STEM outreach workshops to high school and elementary students to get them more interested in STEM+getting them to learn about opportunities in those respective fields;
- 2) Run networking activities through the SHAD Canada alumni network (they are an affiliate to this club);
- 3) Develop a community where we're able to help one another pursue our goals in life

and our careers.

More information was requested.

R. Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the ratification of the SUO NextGen STEM Outreach Student Association be tabled.

Carried.

24/08/20.15

R. Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that SUO Creative Writing Course Union Student Association be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: To make safe, creative, and welcoming events for all UBCO students interested in creative writing and foster community amongst those who are registered as Creative Writing majors and minors.

Carried.

24/08/20.16

R. Arora/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that SUO Sociology Course Union Student Association be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: We will act as a voice for Sociology students within the University, advocating for their needs and concerns by: providing students with additional learning opportunities outside of regular coursework; creating opportunities for students to network with faculty, alumni, and professionals in the field; hosting social events for students to connect with one another; fostering a sense of community and belonging; and by providing resources and events focused on career development.

Carried.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7.1 Executive Committee

24/08/20.17

Asif/Seethanaboyina

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

Carried.

24/08/20.18

Asif/Bhattacharya

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on August 7th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

7.2 Finance Committee

7.3 Policy Committee

7.4 Campus Life Committee

24/08/20.19

Imran/R. Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on June 27th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/08/20.20

Imran/A.Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 3rd, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

7.5 Campaigns Committee

24/08/20.21

Newman/Lai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 25th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/08/20.22

Newman/Wasti

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

Carried.

7.6 Graduate Student Committee

24/08/20.23

Moli/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 29th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/08/20.24

Moli/R. Arora

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

GSC July

Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)	Note
1	Dina Khrabshesh	50	
2	Fatima Canales	0	
3	Nibirh Jawad	50	
4	Satabdi Das	50	
5	Yazdanmehr Gordanpour	50	
6	Hammad Ahmad	50	
7	Omang Baheti	0	
8	Ghulam Hussain	50	
9	Rohit Dandamudi	50	
GSC August			
Sr. No	Name of SAL	Amount (\$)	Note
1	Dina Khrabshesh	50	
2	Fatima Canales	0	
3	Nibirh Jawad	50	
4	Satabdi Das	50	
5	Yazdanmehr Gordanpour	50	
6	Hammad Ahmad	50	
7	Omang Baheti	0	
8	Ghulam Hussain	50	
9	Rohit Dandamudi	0	

Carried.

7.7 Oversight Committee

24/08/20.25

Sakarwala/Newman

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on July 31st, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/08/20.26

Sakarwala/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the June Executive Reports be adopted as attached.

Carried.

7.8 Media Fund Committee

24/08/20.27

Imran/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on August 7th, 2024 be adopted.

Wang wanted the minutes to reflect that Ana from Phoenix was not satisfied with the delay

in their budget approval process, which affected their hiring. She also proposed the board to work on a sustained budget line for Phoenix. The board requested reasons for the delay. Imran explained the process and suggested some policy changes for the committee to streamline the budgeting process. The board mandated the chair to update the minutes and bring it back at the next meeting.

24/08/20.28

Imran/Wang

Be it resolved that the funds in the amount of \$45,000 be allocated to Phoenix News as recommended by the Media Fund Committee.

Imran and A.Arora explained how media fund works and clarified that media fund is collected by UBC to be paid to the student media; and is not under the SUO general budget.

Carried.

7.9 Electoral Committee

24/08/20.29

Asif/Bhattacharya

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

Carried.

24/08/20.30

Asif/Seethanaboyina

Be it resolved that Trophy Ewila be appointed as Chief Returning Officer for the By-Election 2024.

Carried.

8. INFORMATION

8.1 Women's Leadership Conference

Bhattacharya introduced her initiative of the Women's Leadership Conference scheduled for the second week of February. She talked about her motivation, the conference structure and the budgeting. She extended her invitation to board members to join their working group.

8.2 Conference and Travel Summary Report for Review

Attached:

BCFS Skills Symposium Report from Mariam Al Barazi

BCFS Skills Symposium Report from Olivia Lai

BCFS Skills Symposium Report from Sahar Sowdagar

BCFS Skills Symposium Report from Ananya Bhattacharya

BCFS June Executive Meeting from Abby Newman

Student Union Development Submit (SUDS) from SUO Executive Committee

9. DISCUSSION

9.1 Meeting Minutes Format

24/08/20.31

Asif/A.Arora

Be it resolved that "Meeting Minutes Format" be tabled to the next meeting.

Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.