



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Annual General Meeting, November 6th, 2024 at 7 pm, UNC 200 Ballroom

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 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

24/11/06.01

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Be it resolved that \_\_\_\_\_ serve as the meeting chair.

24/11/06.02

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/11/06.03

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 be adopted as attached.

## 4. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Presented by Vice-President Finance and Administration, Aryan Arora.

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

24/11/06.04

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Be it resolved that the audited financial statements and the Auditor's Report for the 2023/2024 fiscal year be approved as presented (See <https://www.suo.ca/budget/> ).

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

24/11/06.05

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Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny, LLP be appointed as auditors for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

## **7. PRESENTATION OF BYLAWS**

Presented by Vice-President Internal, Rajat Arora.

## **8. ADOPTION OF NEW BYLAWS**

24/11/06.06 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that the changes to the Bylaws be adopted as presented to the members of the Society (See the attached).

## **9. THE PETITION BY THE ALLIANCE FOR STUDENT EMPOWERMENT SUBMITTED ON OCTOBER 21,2024 (See the attached)**

## **10. PRESENTATION OF 2024/2025 BUDGET**

Presented by Vice-President Finance and Administration, Aryan Arora.

## **11. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR.**

Presented by President, Danial Asif.

## **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

### **12.1 Campus Life Committee**

Presented by Vice-President Campus Life, Saaim Imran.

### **12.2 Campaigns Committee**

Presented by Vice-President External, Abby Newman.

### **12.3 Graduate Student Committee**

Presented by College of Graduate Studies Faculty Representative, Mhamoda Moli.

### **12.4 Oversight Committee**

Presented by Director-at-Large, Aliasgar Sakarwala.

### **12.5 Policy Committee**

Presented by Vice-President Internal, Rajat Arora.

### **13. QUESTION PERIOD**

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

24/11/06.07

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Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

# Proposed Policy Changes for the Term 1 November 2024 SUO AGM

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## PREFACE FOR RECOMMENDED BYLAW CHANGES

Over the last few years, the SUO of UBC has been internally reorganizing itself to better serve the needs of our students. Our aim is to continue to rebuild and improve our policies to reinforce structures of accountability and transparency. As our membership continues to grow, we as your Students' Union must develop and improve our model of representation. As was the case last year, the Board of Directors recommends the following outlined bylaw amendments be ratified to better align the internal guiding principles with the future development of the organization. Many of these changes reflect the continued efforts of the SUO to maintain good governance, as well as attempts to better align our organization with important relevant local law, such as the Societies Act, and BC Labour Law.

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw IV-General Meetings:6 (d)]:

The following business shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting:

d. receiving the report of the President and/or the General Manager with respect to the activities of the Students' Union for the previous academic year of the University.

be amended by striking "\or" and adding "and the report of the trainings completed by the Directors, Executive Directors, and the SUO staff" after "the University" so that the Bylaw now reads:

d. receiving the report of the President **and** the General Manager with respect to the activities of the Students' Union for the previous academic year of the University and **the report of the trainings completed by the Directors, Executive Directors, and the SUO staff.**

24/11/06.06 (2)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw XIII:2]

2. The financial statements of the Students' Union shall be published annually, no later than the fifteenth (15th) of November of each year, in a Students' Union publication, or any other campus newspaper, and shall be made available at the main office of the Union.

be struck out and substituted with the following policy:

The audited financial statements of the Students' Union and the auditor's report shall be published annually after they are approved by the Board of Directors, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, on the Students' Union website, and shall be made available at the main office of the Students' Union.

24/11/06.06 (3)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw IV:4]

If a petition bearing the signatures of at least five (5) percent of the Members of the Students' Union in support of having one (1) or more Special Resolutions or Ordinary Resolutions considered at an Annual General Meeting is delivered to the President of the Students' Union at least seven (7) days in advance of the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Special Resolution or Ordinary Resolution shall be added to the agenda.

be amended by striking the words "in advance of the date of the Annual General Meeting" and inserting the following words "before notice of the annual general meeting is sent" after the words "at least seven (7) days", so [Bylaw IV:4] then reads:

4. If a petition bearing the signatures of at least five (5) percent of the Members of the Students' Union in support of having one (1) or more Special Resolutions or Ordinary Resolutions considered at an Annual General Meeting is delivered to the President of the Students' Union at least seven (7) days **before notice of the annual general meeting is sent**, the Special Resolution or Ordinary Resolution shall be added to the agenda.

24/11/06.06 (4)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw VIII:2]

2 In addition to their duties as Directors under the Societies Act and these Bylaws, the Directors-at-Large shall:

- a. provide the Board with the perspective of students of the University as a whole including the views of marginalized groups on campus; and
- b. serve on at least one (1) committee of the Board; and
- c. attend and assist with Students' Union events and engagement activities.

be amended by adding Point (d) "submit a written report at the end of each term to the Board of Directors summarizing their interactions with students", so [Bylaw VIII:2] then reads:

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- a. provide the Board with the perspective of students of the University as a whole including the views of marginalized groups on campus;
- b. serve on at least one (1) committee of the Board;
- c. attend and assist with Students' Union events and engagement activities; and
- d. submit a written report at the end of each term to the Board of Directors summarizing their interactions with students.

24/11/06.06 (5)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw X:2 (b)] be struck out from the Bylaw, which reads:

2. The Vice-President Internal shall:

- b. oversee, coordinate and liaise with the Resource Centres and delegate related responsibilities, as required, to the appropriate staff members;

Be it further resolved that [Bylaw X:3] be amended by adding the following new policy after Point (e) and renumbering the consecutive points as needed:

3. Vice-President External shall:

- f. oversee and coordinate the advocacy activities and campaigns of the Resource Centres.

24/11/06.06 (6)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw X:1 (a)]

1. The president shall:  
chair and coordinate the activities of the Executive Committee;

be amended by adding “and the Disciplinary Committee”, so that [Bylaw X:1 (a)] reads:

1. The president shall:  
chair and coordinate the activities of the Executive Committee **and the Disciplinary  
Committee;**

# **Petition Penned by *The Alliance for Student Empowerment* to be Submitted to the *SUO* for the Inclusion of the Following Fourteen (14) Resolutions on the Agenda of the Next General Meeting**

Published on August 25th, 2024

*Preamble:* Given the lack of confidence in the ability of the Students' Union Okanagan (SUO) to adequately listen to the voices of the students and appropriately respond to their demands for change in several areas, the signatories of this petition, pursuant to Bylaws IV-4 and IV-8, call upon the SUO to include the following Resolutions, in their entirety, with no change to their order or content, on the Agenda for the next General Meeting immediately after the date of the submission of the petition.

While the signatories of this petition might have differing views on each of the Resolutions, they are united in believing that all of these Resolutions deserve to be debated by the general membership at a General Meeting.

The signatories of this petition, furthermore, request that the SUO ensure full participation and accessible debate by dedicating adequate time to this meeting and allowing hybrid (in-person and online) attendance.

## **Resolution 1 (Special):**

*Whereas* students must have the right to hold their elected representatives accountable by observing Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and other Committee meetings, and

*Whereas* students need to know when and where Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and other Committee meetings are held to be able to exercise their right to observe them, then

*Be it resolved*, That Bylaw VII be amended to include two new Bylaws after Bylaw VII:12, which shall read as such:

“The notice and agenda for regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings shall be posted at least one week in advance of the meeting on the SUO website.”

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“The notice and agenda for non-regularly scheduled Board of Directors meetings shall be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting on the SUO website.”

*Be it further resolved*, That Bylaw IX be amended to include three new Bylaws after Bylaw IX-8, which shall read as such:



“Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to the membership unless the Executive Committee resolves to move the meeting in camera.”

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“The notice and agenda for regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings shall be posted at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting on the SUO website.”

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“The notice and agenda for non-regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings shall be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting on the SUO website.”

*Be it further resolved*, That Bylaw XVIII be amended to include three new Bylaws after Bylaw XVIII-6, which shall read as such:

“Meetings of all Committees shall be open to the membership unless the respective Committee resolves to move the meeting in camera.”

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“The notice and agenda for regularly scheduled Committee meetings shall be posted at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting on the SUO website.”

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“The notice and agenda for non-regularly scheduled Committee meetings shall be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting on the SUO website.”

## **Resolution 2 (Ordinary):**

*Whereas*, the original pilot Smart Meals program was a successful and popular campaign, and

*Whereas*, the Smart Meals 2.0 program fails to follow the standards set by its predecessor, and

*Whereas*, the Smart Meals program must be continued irrespective of the composition of each Board of Directors, then

*Be it resolved*, the SUO shall ensure the continuation of the Smart Meals program by:

1. dedicating a separate budget line of a minimum \$60,000, and
2. forming a Committee, consisting of 1 Executive Director, 3 Non-Executive Directors, and 3 Students-at-Large, with the purpose of executing the Smart Meals program through gathering feedback from previous iterations, negotiating with the vendors, forming a student engagement strategy, and collaborating with the University and other external partners for research, sponsorship, and execution,

3. preparing relevant amendments to the Bylaws and Regulations to establish the above Committee as a Standing Committee, and
4. adhering to the three pillars of affordability, sustainability, and student wellness.

### **Resolution 3 (Special):**

*Whereas* in camera sessions cannot be observed by the general membership, and

*Whereas* current and future Boards of Directors have the right to make in camera sessions public, and

*Whereas* the current way in camera minutes are taken prevents the Board of Directors from exercising this right, then

*Be it resolved*, Bylaw XVI be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

“Public minutes of in camera sessions shall state the general topic of discussion in as much detail that does not betray the sensitive information.”

*Be it further resolved*, Bylaw VIII-1:

“The management, administration, and control of the property, revenue, business, and affairs of the Students’ Union are vested in the Board of Directors. Pursuant to the foregoing, the Board of Directors:

- a. shall approve the Annual Action Plan by Resolution;
- b. shall adhere to the mission statement of the Students’ Union and Annual Action Plan;
- c. may amend the Action Plan as required by Resolution;
- d. shall approve the annual operating budget by July 31st of each year by Resolution;
- e. may amend the annual operating budget by a Special Resolution;
- f. may borrow and raise money upon terms and conditions which the Board of Directors deems appropriate;
- g. shall have the power to amend, repeal, or adopt Regulations by a Special Resolution;
- h. shall appoint the Chief Returning Officer by Resolution;
- i. upon a Special Resolution, may remove any person appointed by the Board of Directors to that position, except for a duly appointed Director, provided that the person to be removed has been provided with seven (7) days notice of the meeting at which such Resolution is proposed;
- j. may by Resolution overrule or amend any item arising out of minutes submitted to it pursuant to the Bylaws or the Regulations;

- k. may make such further rules as may be considered necessary for the Students' Union, provided such rules and regulations are consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of the Students' Union;
- l. shall approve minutes of committees; and
- m. shall not delegate any of its powers and duties except as may be provided for in the Bylaws."

shall be amended to include a new item after item (l), to be renumbered as necessary, which shall read as such:

"shall approve minutes of the in camera sessions of committees; and"

#### **Resolution 4 (Ordinary):**

*Whereas* Graduate Students have established a new Society, and

*Whereas* Graduate Students are entitled to a share of the SUO revenue commensurate with their population, and

*Whereas* the SUO, for many years, has failed to ensure that Graduate Students' fees are spent on services that Graduate Students use, then

*Be it resolved*, the SUO shall offer the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) at the University of British Columbia Okanagan funding in the form of:

1. a lump sum of \$400,000 to be paid in four \$100,000 yearly installments, with the first installment paid by the end of January 2025; and
2. additional yearly funding, for as long as SUO collects fees from graduate students, no less than: the sum of total operation fees, as defined in Bylaw III-3(a), collected from graduate students by the SUO each year; and
3. additional yearly funding, for as long as SUO collects fees from graduate students, no less than: a percentage of the SUO's total revenue minus operating fees, UPass fees, Health and Dental Fees, and Media Fund fees commensurate with the percentage of the graduate student membership of the SUO.

The SUO may not request any commitments from the GSA in exchange for this funding. The SUO shall formalize the aforementioned terms in a binding contract offered by the end of December 2024 to the GSA to be signed by both parties. The aforementioned terms shall only be modified if a formal secondary offer is proposed by the GSA to be signed by both parties.

## **Resolution 5 (Special):**

*Whereas* Graduate Students have established a new Society, and

*Whereas* Resolution 4 on the SUO offering funding to the GSA has been approved, and

*Whereas* the SUO should not have parallel responsibility in representing graduate students, and

*Whereas* Graduate Students are entitled to representation in proportion to their population, then

*Be it resolved*, the SUO shall dissolve the Graduate Student Committee by striking out Bylaw XVIII-4(f) “a Graduate Student Committee that shall be responsible for providing the Board of Directors with recommendations on various internal and external affairs based on graduate student input.” and relevant Regulations.

*Be it further resolved*, the SUO Constitution Article 2:

“The purposes of the Union shall be:

- a. to direct, coordinate, and promote the activities of the students of the institution;
- b. to promote artistic, literary, educational, social, recreational, charitable, and sporting activities for the advancement of the interests of its members and of others;
- c. to represent students, receive complaints, and investigate problems and decisions that affect students;
- d. to serve as a medium of communication between the students of the institution and the governing bodies of the institution.”

shall be amended by adding the word “undergraduate” before the word “student” in Articles 2(c) and 2(d) so that the amended Articles 2 shall read:

“The purposes of the Union shall be:

- a. to direct, coordinate, and promote the activities of the students of the institution;
- b. to promote artistic, literary, educational, social, recreational, charitable, and sporting activities for the advancement of the interests of its members and of others;
- c. to represent undergraduate students, receive complaints, and investigate problems and decisions that affect undergraduate students;
- d. to serve as a medium of communication between the undergraduate students of the institution and the governing bodies of the institution.”

*Be it further resolved*, Bylaw VII-2:

“The voting members of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the following:

- a) five (5) Executive Committee Directors;

- b) four (4) Director-at-Large Directors; and
- c) eight (8) Faculty Representatives as follows:
  - i. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences in a program leading to an Arts & Social Sciences;
  - ii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences in a program leading to a Science;
  - iii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Management;
  - iv. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Applied Science;
  - v. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Health and Social Development;
  - vi. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Education;
  - vii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies; and
  - viii. one (1) Faculty Representative from the College of Graduate Studies.”

Shall be amended by crossing out item c)viii and adding item d) “two (2) Graduate Student Representatives appointed by the Graduate Students’ Association” so that that Bylaw VII-2 shall read:

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- a) five (5) Executive Committee Directors;
- b) four (4) Director-at-Large Directors; and
- c) eight (8) Faculty Representatives as follows:
  - i. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences in a program leading to an Arts & Social Sciences;
  - ii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Irving K. Barber School of Arts & Sciences in a program leading to a Science;
  - iii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Management;
  - iv. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Applied Science;
  - v. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Health and Social Development;
  - vi. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Education;
  - vii. one (1) Faculty Representative enrolled in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies; and
- d) two (2) Graduate Student Representatives appointed by the Graduate Students’ Association”

**Resolution 6 (Ordinary):**

*Whereas* the General Manager has unique influence in the running of the SUO, and

*Whereas* the renewal, termination, and performance of the General Manager are solely overseen by the Executive Committee, and

*Whereas* the elected student representatives cannot directly oversee the SUO staff, then

*Be it resolved*, the SUO shall form a committee, consisting of two Executive Directors, three non-Executive Directors, and two Students-at-Large, with the following purposes:

1. to conduct a quarterly performance review of the General Manager,
2. to offer a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the termination or renewal of the General Manager's appointment,
3. to devise a framework for future standardized reviews, and
4. to devise a framework for the involvement of the Directors in the performance review of the SUO staff.

*Be it further resolved*, the SUO shall prepare amendments to the Bylaws and the Regulations to codify this as a standing committee.

#### **Resolution 7 (Special):**

*Whereas* in-person campaigning during the voting period of SUO Elections results in alleged instances of intimidation, coercion, or manipulation of students by candidates and their volunteers, and

*Whereas* informal slates are allegedly formed during SUO Elections and anti-slating Regulations are difficult to enforce, then

*Be it resolved*, That Bylaw V be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

"In-person campaigning period for the Elections must end prior to the beginning of the voting period and disciplinary action shall be taken against candidates who campaign in-person during the voting period."

*Be it further resolved*, That the SUO shall amend the Regulations to remove the ban on slates during elections (Regulation II-24(vi)) and establish a process for registering and running as a slate.

#### **Resolution 8 (Special):**

*Whereas*, the choice of UNC businesses deeply affects students, and

*Whereas*, the student fees enable the SUO to lease the UNC space, and

*Whereas*, the SUO does not currently consider direct student input in which businesses get to lease UNC spaces, then

*Be it resolved*, That Bylaw XIII be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

“The signing of new contracts, or renewing existing contracts pertaining to the leasing of Student’s Union spaces (the UNC or any new buildings) to external businesses shall be approved through an ordinary Resolution at a General Meeting.”

**Resolution 9 (Special):**

*Whereas*, the SUO’s commitment to environmental, social, and governance considerations in its finances are codified in the Regulations, and

*Whereas*, Regulations can be changed easily through a Special Resolution of the Board of Directors, and

*Whereas*, these considerations must be adhered to irrespective of the composition of each Board of Directors, then

*Be it resolved*, That Bylaw XIII be amended to include a new Bylaw, which shall be renumbered as necessary, and shall read as such:

“All financial dealing of the Students’ Union shall be conducted with consideration of matters related to environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. Specifically, the Students’ Union will:

- a. integrate the consideration of ESG factors into the investment process as a required criterion in the selection and ongoing monitoring of active investment managers;
- b. regularly review and track the engagement of active investment managers with their investee companies and their proxy voting records on ESG related issues;
- c. obtain and evaluate annual disclosure from all active investment managers on how ESG factors are incorporated into their investment decision making processes;
- d. collaborate with other institutional investors and industry associations on ESG matters where appropriate; and
- e. disclose and publish a detailed listing of its investments annually, and report on ESG matters in the Finance Committee’s annual report.”

### **Resolution 10 (Ordinary):**

*Whereas* the SUO and many Student Societies in British Columbia are dedicated to responsible financial planning based on environmental, social and governance criteria, and

*Whereas* many universities in British Columbia fail to follow their Student Societies in this endeavour, and

*Whereas* the SUO has the power and opportunity to exert positive influence on the University of British Columbia and other universities in BC, then

*Be it resolved*, the SUO shall propose a Resolution to the British Columbia Federation of Students (BCFS) to adopt a strategy in lobbying the universities in BC to adopt environmental, social and governance criteria in their investment strategies and divest from environmentally and socially destructive companies.

### **Resolution 11 (Ordinary):**

*Whereas* Resource Centres' volunteers who used to receive honouraria no longer do, and

*Whereas* Resource Centres struggle with a shortage of space, then

*Be it resolved*, the SUO shall, in consultation with Resource Centres, prioritize and improve Resource Centres by:

1. establishing honouraria for Resource Centre volunteers, including Resource Centre Advisor, Head Coordinator, and Volunteer Council Members, and
2. implementing an action plan to dedicate more space to Resource Centres in such a way that each Resource Centre has consistent and adequate access to space, and
3. lobbying the University to assist and collaborate with the allocation of space to Resource Centres.

### **Resolution 12 (Ordinary):**

*Whereas* the process for establishing and maintaining a Student Association is overly bureaucratic and complicated, and

*Whereas* the Student Associations are not consulted about the decisions and processes that affect them, then

*Be it resolved*, the SUO shall form an ad-hoc Student Associations Strategic Committee consisting of one Executive Director, one SUO Staff member, two Directors, and seven Students-at-Large who must be currently an executive of a Student Association. This committee



shall draft an action plan to be recommended to the SUO Board of Directors for adoption with the goals of improving the process for the establishment, renewal, funding, booking spaces, event planning, and reimbursement for Student Associations.

### **Resolution 13 (Special)**

*Whereas* the Media Fund Fee is a separately collected fee, then

*Be it resolved*, Bylaw XVII-4 “Any unawarded fund shall revert to the Students’ Union and be dealt with as a budgetary surplus.” shall be struck out and be replaced with a new bylaw which shall read “Any unawarded fund shall be maintained by the Students’ Union and can only be accessed for funding accredited Students’ Union based media outlets in good standing.”

### **Resolution 14 (Special):**

*Whereas* the Resolutions adopted at General Meetings are binding, and

*Whereas* the SUO has at times failed to adequately implement promises made at General Meetings, and

*Whereas* a procedure is needed to keep the Board of Directors accountable to implement these adopted Resolutions, then

*Be it resolved*, the SUO shall convene a Special General Meeting in the month of January 2025 with the purpose of reviewing the Board of Directors’ progress on fulfilling the resolutions adopted from this petition.

*Be it further resolved*, the agenda for the January 2025 Special Meeting shall include:

1. President’s report on the Resolutions adopted
2. Ordinary Resolution: *Whereas* the Membership deems the progress of the SUO on the implementation of the Resolutions adopted at the previous General Meeting unsatisfactory, then *Be it Resolved*, the Executive Directors (President, VP Finance and Administration, VP Internal, VP External, VP Campus Life) be impeached and removed from their respective positions.
3. Ordinary Resolution: *Whereas* the Membership deems the progress of the SUO on the implementation of the Resolutions adopted at the previous General Meeting unsatisfactory, then *Be it Resolved*, the Voting Non-executive Directors (four Directors-at-Large and eight Faculty Representatives) be impeached and removed from their respective positions.

Sign the petition on the attached physical signature sheets or online using this link and QR code: [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_38lKA4ysfz1VvU](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38lKA4ysfz1VvU)



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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Annual General Meeting, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, ADM 026

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## 1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:36 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

23/11/23.01

Halpin/Schuiteman

Be it resolved that Michael Gauld serve as the meeting chair.

**Carried.**

23/11/23.02

Qureshi/Yin

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Jawad/Gordanpour

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended, such that item eight, presentation of bylaws, and item nine, adoption of new bylaws, be moved ahead in the agenda, to appear immediately after item three, the adoption of minutes from the previous meeting, and they be renumbered as items four and five.

**Amendment carried.**

Richard/Gordanpour

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended such that a new item titled Divestment from Nine Recognized Companies Invested in Israeli Settlements in Palestine is added after the item Adoption of New Bylaws.

The divestment statement reads :

WHEREAS the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 has declared that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territories are a "flagrant violation of international law" and that they violate Palestinian human rights.

WHEREAS the United Nations has produced a database of companies which are wrongly contributing to the development of these illegal settlements.

And whereas this UN database includes six companies, shares of which are held by the University of British Columbia: Motorola Solutions Inc, General Mills Inc, Partner Commnications Ltd, Bezeq the Israeli Telecommunications Corporation, Cellcom Israel Ltd, and Bank hapoalim BM.

WHEREAS UBC also holds shares in here other companies that have been cited and documented by Investiagte (produced by the American friends Service Committee) and Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East to be violating Palestinian human rights: Catepillar, Hewlett Packard and Lockheed Martin.

And whereas UBC has a responsible ivestment policy and has signed onto the United Nations responsible investment program.

Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SUO will pen a letter to UBC and the Board of Governors to direct the UBC Endowment Fund to divest from the nine companies mentioned above, no later than a week after the 2023 AGM.

**Amendment carried.**

**The agenda was adopted as amended.**

### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

23/11/23.03

Todtmann/Ibbetson-Lyon

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted as attached.

**Carried.**

### **4. PRESENTATION OF BYLAWS**

Vice-President Internal, Shreyansh Mehendiratta, presented the proposed bylaw changes.

### **5. ADOPTION OF NEW BYLAWS**

23/11/23.04 (Special Resolution)

Allarakha/Musashi

Be it resolved that the changes to the Bylaws be adopted as presented to the members of the Society.

Mbogo/Gordanpour

Be it resolved that the motion, Adoption of New Bylaws, be amended such that it includes the following resolution in the attached document to the Agenda, Proposed Policy Changes for the Term 1 Novemember 2023 SUO AGM:

Be it resolved that [Bylaw XIII:2]

The financial statements of the Students' Union shall be pulished annually, no later than the fifeeth (15<sup>th</sup>) of November of each year, in a Students' Union publication, or any other campus newspaper, and shall be made available at the main office of the Union.

be amended by adding " and the auditor's report of those statements" after " The financial statements of the Students' Union"; replacing "the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of November of each year" with "two (2) weeks prior to the Annual General meeting"; and adding "on the Students' Union webiste" before "in a Students' Union publication"

Such that the new [Bylaw XIII:2] reads:

The financial statements of the Students' Union and the auditor's report of those statements shall be published annually, no later than two (2) weeks prior to the annual General Meeting, on the Students' Union webiste, in a Students' Union publication, or any other campus newspaper, and shall be made available at the main office of the Union.

**The chair ruled it out of order** as the wording of a special resolution in the AGM should be given for consideration at least 14 days prior to the AGM as per the SUO Bylaws and the Societies Act of British Columbia.

Jawad/Gordanpour

Be it resolved that #2 proposed bylaw change be amended by adding an additional point (g) "the Graduate Student Representative as a non-voting, advisory member", so [Bylaw IX:2] then reads:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration;
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life; and
- f. the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member;
- g. the Graduate Student Representative as a non-voting, advisory member.

**Amendment carried.**

Elbeltagy/Yaghi

Be it resolved that the amended #2 bylaw change be amended by striking out the point (f) “the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member”, so [Bylaw IX:2] then reads:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration;
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life; and
- f. the Graduate Student Representative as a non-voting, advisory member.

**Amendment failed.**

**The proposed policy changes for term 1 November 2023 SUO AGM were adopted as amended.**

**6. DIVESTMENT FROM NINE RECOGNIZED COMPANIES INVESTED IN ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN PALESTINE**

23/11/23.05

Jumper/MacPherson

WHEREAS the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 has declared that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian Territories are a “flagrant violation of international law” and that they violate Palestinian human rights.

WHEREAS the United Nations has produced a database of companies which are wrongly contributing to the development of these illegal settlements.

And whereas this UN database includes six companies, shares of which are held by the University of British Columbia: Motorola Solutions Inc, General Mills Inc. Partner Commnications Ltd, Bezeq the Israeli Telecommunications Corporation, Cellcom Israel Ltd, and Bank hapoalim BM.

WHEREAS UBC also holds shares in here other companies that have been cited and documented by Investiagte (produced by the American friends Service Committee) and Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East to be violating Palestinian human rights: Catepillar, Hewlett Packard and Lockheed Martin.

And whereas UBC has a responsible ivestment policy and has signed onto the United Nations responsible investment program.

Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SUO will pen a letter to UBC and the Board of Governors to direct the UBC Endowment Fund to divest from the nine companies mentioned above, no later than a week after the 2023 AGM.

**Carried.**

## **7. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT**

Erik Allas from Tompkins Wozny, LLP. presented the annual audit report. They obtained the information as needed from Students' Union management, the UBC and the bankers of the SUO. As independent accountants from Tompkins Wozny, they concluded that those financial statements did present fairly for the May 31st, 2023 fiscal year end in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Allas, Desjarlais and Gnanasivam answered students' questions regarding the financial statements and the annual audit report.

## **8. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT**

23/11/23.06

Ibbetson-Lyon/ Pfaender

Be it resolved that the Auditor's Report for the 2022/2023 fiscal year be approved as presented.

**Carried.**

## **9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

23/11/23.07

Ghiasvand/Mayhew

Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny, LLP be appointed as auditors for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

**Carried.**

## **10. PRESENTATION OF 2023/2024 BUDGET**

Vice-President Finance and Administration, Osho Gnanavisam, gave a presentation regarding the budget. Gnanasviam and other executives answered questions from the membership regarding various budget lines under the pillars.

## **11. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM THE 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR.**

President, Cade Desjarlais, presented a brief review of what the previous executive committee had done last year.

## **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

### **12.1 Campus Life Committee**

Vice-President Campus Life, Uday Gill, presented a report on the events held by the Campus Life Committee for the 2022/2023 academic year.

### **12.2 Campaigns Committee**

Vice-President External, Lakshay Karnwal, presented a report on the campaigns that had done during the 2022/2023 academic year by the VP External and the Campaigns Committee.

### **12.3 Graduate Student Committee**

College of Graduate Studies Faculty Representative, Anjali Desai, presented a report on the committee business for the 2022/2023 academic year.

### **12.4 Oversight Committee**

Chair of the Oversight Committee, Grace Halpin, presented a report on the committee business for the 2022/2023 academic year.

### **12.5 Policy Committee**

Vice-President Internal, Shreyansh Mehendiratta, presented the achievements and changes made by the previous VP Internal during the 2022/2023 academic year.

## **13. QUESTION PERIOD**

The Executives answered questions from the membership regarding the document updates, the timeline to ratify a club and the club orientation, as well as the previous by-election and referendum.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

23/11/23.08

Gordanpour/Arora

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

**Carried.**



# The Adopted New Bylaw Changes at 2023 SUO AGM

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#1

Be it resolved that [Bylaw V:9]:

A Referendum shall be called without delay by the President of the Students' Union upon:

a Resolution of the Board of Directors; or  
receipt of a petition duly signed by ten (10) percent of the Members delivered to the President of the Students' Union requisitioning a Referendum on a particular question.

be amended by adding a new point (c) "the Chief Returning Officer receiving the duly signed petition and the Referendum question at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day that the Students' Union is required to give notice of Referendum or Election", so [Bylaw V:9] then reads:

A Referendum shall be called without delay by the President of the Students' Union upon:

a Resolution of the Board of Directors; or  
receipt of a petition duly signed by ten (10) percent of the Members delivered to the President of the Students' Union requisitioning a Referendum on a particular question;

the Chief Returning Officer receiving the duly signed petition and the Referendum question at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day that the Students' Union is required to give notice of Referendum or Election.

#2

Be it resolved that [Bylaw IX:2]:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration; and
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life.

be amended by adding Point (f) " the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member" and Point (g) "the Graduate Student Representative as a non-voting, advisory member", so [Bylaw IX:2] then reads:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration;
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life; and
- f. the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member
- g. the Graduate Student Representative as a non-voting, advisory member

#3

Be it resolved that [Bylaw X:1] be amended by striking the point (k) "oversee the operation of the Pantry- a student food bank" from the roles and responsibilities of the President, and renumbering the consecutive points as needed.