



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, October 17th at 4:30 pm, 2024, UNC105

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
Faculty of Applied Science Representative
Faculty of Education Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative
Faculty of Science Representative
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)

Danial Asif
Aryan Arora
Abby Newman
Rajat Arora
Saaim Imran
Mariam Al Barazi
Sheela Mbogo
Ananya Bhattacharya
Sahar Sowdagar
Elnaz Zamanzade
Olivia Lai
Amy Wang
Ali Wasti
Vacant
Isabella Bravo

Directors Absent

Faculty of Management Representative
Director-at-Large
College of Graduate Studies Representative
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Riko Otsuka
Aliasgar Sakarwala
Mhamoda Moli
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu

Guests:

Executives of the Potential SUO Drawing and Discourse Student Association
Executive of the Potential SUO Community Support and Engagement Student Association

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:38 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

24/10/17.01

A.Arora/Lai

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

R.Arora/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding two club presentations, SUO Drawing and Discourse Student Association and SUO Community Support and Engagement Student Association, before the committee business.

Be it further resolved that two ratification motions regarding student associations mentioned above be added under 7.2 Student Association ratification.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/10/17.02

Imran/Sowdagar

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

Carried.

24/10/17.03

Zamanzade/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the minutes of the emergency meeting held on October 11th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 SUO Drawing and Discourse Student Association

The executives introduced their goals and plans, the benefits the club could bring to the community, and the main expenses in the budget. Their faculty representative suggested collaboration in the faculty events. Other directors asked about the potential membership makeup and funding situation from their faculty.

4.2 SUO Community Support and Engagement Student Association

The executive introduced the background and aims of the potential club. She also differentiated the club from another existing charity club. Directors asked how the club would serve students and secure the volunteer opportunities, and what were the difference between them and the UBCO Student Experience Office which also provides the similar service by offering volunteer information and helping students connect with the organization. Directors also wondered if the club would conduct background checks when they connect students with the organization as some of the volunteer jobs may need a clean criminal record.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

24/10/17.04

R.Arora/A.Arora

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

Carried.

24/10/17.05

Wasti/Zamanzade

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

Carried.

5.2 Finance Committee

24/10/17.06

A.Arora/Mbogo

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

Carried.

5.3 Policy Committee

24/10/17.07

R.Arora/Newman

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

Carried.

24/10/17.08 (Special Resolution)

R. Arora/Bhattacharya

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

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 a new point after Point e, which reads as:

3. Vice-President External shall:

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

R. Arora explained that the Recourse centers in their nature are advocating student groups. By transferring the responsibility of the Resource Centers from VP Internal 's portfolio to VP External portfolio, the Resource Centers would be able to receive more support and resources from the campaigns committee in their advocacy activities and campaigns.

Carried.

24/10/17.09 (Special Resolution)

R.Arora/Mbogo

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;**

R.Arora motivated that it was just an update in the bylaw regarding the role of president as they added the Disciplinary Committee in their bylaw the year before previous year.

Carried.

5.4 Campus Life Committee

24/10/17.10

Imran/Wasti

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

Carried.

5.5 Campaigns Committee

24/10/17.11

Newman/Zamanzade

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

Carried.

5.6 Graduate Student Committee

24/10/17.12

Newman/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on September 30th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/10/17.13

Mbogo/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the SAL Honoraria be disbursed as follows:

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

Carried.

5.7 Oversight Committee

5.8 Student Association Funding and Clubs Oversight Committee

24/10/17.14

A.Arora/R. Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 4th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

24/10/17.15

A.Arora/Lai

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

Carried.

24/10/17.16

A.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that Graduate Health and Exercise Sciences Society (GHESS) and Canadian Society for Civil Engineering be allocated \$2500 and \$2500 respectively.

A.Arora explained in detail the funding requests and event plannings of those two clubs. He also explained the consideration behind the recommendation.

Carried.

5.9 Electoral Committee

24/10/17.17

Mbogo/Lai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on October 9th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Senate

6.2 Board of Governors

Bravo informed that the Tuition Engagement Consultation Survey was released. R.Arora pointed out a technology issue as he and his friends could not submit the survey.

6.3 Other University Committees

Newman attended the UBC Food System committee meeting. She advocated for food security at the Okanagan campus and applied for more funding for Smart Meals.

Asif sat on the UBC VP HR Hiring Committee, and they were in the process of nomination.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 AGM Agenda

24/10/17.18

Asif/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the AGM Agenda be adopted as presented.

Asif presented the AGM agenda, and Qiu presented the proposed bylaw changes that were approved by the previous board and this board since last AGM.

Carried.

7.2 Student Association Ratification

24/10/17.19

R.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the SUO Weightlifting Club be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: build a supportive community for students passionate about weightlifting.

Carried.

24/10/17.20

R.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the SUO Anthropology Course Union be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: strives to create a safe and welcoming environment where students in, or interested in, anthropology can gather to share ideas, build connections and engage with peers and leaders in the field.

Directors wondered what the course union could offer to their members.

Asif/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the ratification of the SUO Anthropology Course Union be tabled.

Carried. Tabled.

24/10/17.21

R.Arora/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the SUO Heat Robotics Club be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: to provide a collaborative environment where students can apply engineering principles to the design, creation and programming of robots. We aim to develop technical skills, promote innovation and prepare students for competitive robotics events. Our club fosters teamwork, problem solving, and real world application of robotics, empowering members to advance their knowledge and contribute to the future of technology through robotics competition.

Carried.

24/10/17.22

R.Arora/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the SUO Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières (FoMSF) Club be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: Friends of MSF are student societies from various Canadian Universities and the official student support organizations for MSF in Canada. The goals of Friends of MSF are to (1) Raise awareness; (2) Fundraise; (3) encourage others to consider work with MSF.

Some directors introduced Doctors without Borders and what they do. Not enough information was given regarding their plan.

Failed.

24/10/17.23

R.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the SUO Loops of Love Club be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: To create a welcoming space for anyone interested in crocheting and knitting to help the Community. The goal is to accept yarn donations to give clothing and items to those in need of any crochet or knitwear.

Directors discussed if they could ratify a club that overlaps a potential craft club that was going to renew next term. Some suggested they should ratify the new club as there was no duplicate club at the moment. They should not stop a new club for a potential conflict which may not happen. Some suggested merging the two clubs if the other club decides to renew.

Carried.

24/10/17.24

R.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the SUO U Women's Rugby Club be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: the goals are to create a platform for people to learn and safely play rugby along with curating a safe space for people to grow as individuals and athletes. By offering an environment that fosters teamwork and leadership while breeding a...

Carried.

24/10/17.25

R.Arora/A.Arora

Be it resolved that the SUO Drawing and Discourse Student Association be ratified.

Carried.

24/10/17.26

R.Arora/Wasti

Be it resolved that the SUO Community Support and Engagement Student Association be ratified.

Directors did not see the difference between the club and the UBC Student Experience Office regarding the volunteer service they provide. They recommended that the SUO help promote the volunteer service from the Student Experience Office so as to help more students gain volunteer opportunities.

Failed.

8. INFORMATION

8.1 Conference and Travel Summary Report Review (attached)

8.2 Volunteers for AGM

- Registration Table: 5 volunteers
- Mic Assistant Arrangements (1-2 volunteers)
- Tear Down and Clean Up Team

Asif would send the volunteer form for directors to sign up.

9. IN CAMERA

As there was no pending question before the adjournment, Asif moved to amend the agenda by adding an in-camera session regarding a legal issue. No objection was raised by the board. Unanimous consent was obtained.

[Zamanzade left at 6:12 p.m.]

24/10/17.27

Asif/Imran

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera (legal). [6:12 p.m.]

Carried.

24/10/17.28

Asif/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [6:35 p.m.]

Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.