



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, February 28, 2025 at 4 PM, 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
Director-at-Large
Faculty of Education Representative
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative
Faculty of Science Representative
Faculty of Management Representative
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative
Faculty of Applied Science Representative
College of Graduate Studies Representative
Board of Governors Representative (ex-officio)
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Danial Asif
Aryan Arora
Abby Newman
Rajat Arora
Saaim Imran
Sheela Mboogo
Ananya Bhattacharya
Aliasgar Sakarwala
Mariam Al Barazi
Elnaz Zamanzade
Amy Wang
Ali Wasti
Aman Waseem
Riko Otsuka
Olivia Lai
Sahar Sowdagar
Mhamoda Moli
Isabella Bravo
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu

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

25/02/28.01

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25//02/28.02

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 29th, 2025 be adopted.

25//02/28.03

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the emergency meeting held on February 12th, 2025 be adopted.

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Dermatology Club

4.2 International Student Association

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

25/02/28.04

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 27th, 2025 be adopted.

25/02/28.05

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 10th, 2025 be adopted.

25/02/28.06

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 24th, 2025 be adopted.

5.2 Finance Committee

25/02/28.07

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 29th, 2025 be adopted.

* The chair will send the minutes to the board in a separate email/document due to some technical issue.

5.3 Policy Committee

5.4 Campus Life Committee

25/02/28.08

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 22nd, 2025 be adopted.

5.5 Campaigns Committee

25/02/28.09

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 30th, 2025 be adopted.

5.6 Graduate Student Committee

25/02/28.10

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 23rd, 2024 be adopted.

25/02/28.11

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Be it resolved that the December GSC SAL honoraria be disbursed as follows:

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

5.7 Oversight Committee

5.8 Student Association Oversight Club Committee

25/02/28.12

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 10th, 2025 be adopted.

5.9 Electoral Committee

25/02/28.13

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 27th, 2025 be adopted.

25/02/28.14

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 5th, 2025 be adopted.

25/02/28.15

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 11th, 2025 be adopted.

25/02/28.16

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 14th, 2025 be adopted.

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Senate

6.2 Board of Governors

6.3 Other University Committees

25/02/28.17

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Be it resolved that Rajat Arora be appointed to UBC Learning Spaces Subcommittee (1 year term).

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Establishment of the SUO Resource Center Review Committee (Ad-hoc Committee)

25/02/28.18

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Be it resolved that the SUO Resource Center Review Committee Terms of Reference be adopted as attached; and be it further resolved that the SUO Resource Center Review Committee be struck.

25/02/28.19

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Be it resolved that _____ (a non-executive director) be appointed to the SUO Resource Center Review Committee.

7.2 Establishment of Student Associations Strategic Committee (Ad-hoc Committee)

25/02/28.20

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Be it resolved that the SUO Student Associations Strategic Committee Terms of Reference be adopted as presented; and be it further resolved that the Student Associations Strategic Committee be struck.

25/02/28.21

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Be it resolved that _____ (one Executive) be appointed to the Student Associations Strategic Committee.

25/02/28.22

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Be it resolved that _____ and _____ (two non-Executive directors) be appointed to the Student Associations Strategic Committee.

7.3 Student Association Ratification

25/02/28.23

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Be it resolved that Dermatology Club be ratified.
To teach the importance of skincare to all students. To create a healthy community for...

25/02/28.24

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Be it resolved that International Student Association be ratified.
Aims and Purposes: Our club fosters cultural exchange through events showcasing diverse traditions and customs. We aim to build an inclusive community where all students feel valued,

promoting dialogue and global awareness. By sharing unique cultural identities, we aim to bridge gaps, inspire respect, and enrich the university experience.

25/02/28.25

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Be it resolved that Pickleball Club be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: Unites pickleball enthusiasts within SUO and organized pickleball matches and events.

25/02/28.26

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Be it resolved that Okanagan Conservative Club be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: foster open discussion, intellectual engagement and community among....

25/02/28.27

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Be it resolved that Backcountry Squatters be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: Backcountry Squatters builds an inclusive outdoor community by providing leadership personal growth and professional development opportunities for women and non-binary individuals. This is offered through events focused on community building, DEI education and ...technical skills

25/02/28.28

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Be it resolved that Baking Club be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: To bring students together through the joy of baking by hosting hands-on workshops that foster creativity, collaboration and independence while giving back to the community through charity events and fundraisers featuring student-made treats.

25/02/28.29

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Be it resolved that Football watching Student Association be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: To get students together to watch soccer. Promoting inclusiveness among soccer fans across UBC.

25/02/28.30

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Be it resolved that Jack. Org Student Association be ratified.

Aims and Purposes: to spread mental health awareness around UBCO.

25/02/28.31

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Be it resolved that Biological sciences Course Union be ratified.

25/02/28.32

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Be it resolved that Kelowna Ismaili Student Association be ratified.

25/02/28.33

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Be it resolved that Game Development Club be ratified.

25/02/28.34

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Be it resolved that Okanagan Student Golf Club be ratified.

25/02/28.35

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Be it resolved that Philosophy Course Union be ratified.

8. DISCUSSION

8.1 Yes Campaign Tabling

9. ADJOURNMENT



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, January 29, 2025 at 6 PM, 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
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Amy Wang
Ali Wasti
Aman Waseem
Riko Otsuka
Olivia Lai
Sahar Sowdagar
Isabella Bravo

Directors Absent

College of Graduate Studies Representative
Student Senate Caucus Representative (ex-officio)

Mhamoda Moli
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator
Pub and Events Manager

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu
Mike Ouellet

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15 P.M.**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/01/29.01

Mbogo/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Mbogo/A.Arora

Be it resolved that a discussion on AGM be added.

Amendment carried.

A.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the presentations from Poker club and Echo club be added.

Amendment carried.

Mbogo/Asif

Be it resolved that the discussion on AGM be moved right after the adoption of the minutes.

Amendment carried.

Asif/Al Barazi

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding the approval of dates for the 2025 General Election under New Business.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

25//01/29.02

Wasti/Waseem

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

Carried.

5. DISCUSSION ON AGM

Directors discussed two resolutions (Resolution 8 and Resolution 1) that were reconsidered at the AGM (II). Mbogo expressed her concern as there was a smaller quorum at the AGM(II). She also doubted if the reconsideration process violated the BC Societies Act. Directors discussed the requirement for the motion of reconsideration, the quorum decided by their current bylaw and the impact on students. It was explained that the students who initially voted in favor of those resolutions received new information and suggested the membership reconsider the resolutions at the AGM (II) which was regarded as the same meeting. The executives stated that the process of the AGM was directed by the membership and the chair followed the Robert's Rule of Order as required by their bylaw. The membership at the AGM (I) chose to recess the meeting, and the board had no control of which students or student groups would attend the AGM (II). And AGM(II) did meet the quorum required by their bylaw. Directors agreed that it was a learning process for students and the board. Newman suggested they work on the quorum for the AGM as the total number of students had increased over the years. Directors also discussed the impact of Resolution 8 regarding UNC contracts.

25//01/29.03

Newman/Imran

Be it resolved that the Policy Committee be mandated by the Board to research and present their findings on strategies to increase the quorum for general meetings and provide recommendations on how to review of UNC contracts.

Carried.

Directors discussed the difference and impact of publishing the board meeting notice 7 days in advance compared with 3 days in advance. It was noted that some of the policies regarding the meeting notice were already in place, for example, the SUO Regulation states that the SUO committee meetings are open to membership.

6. PRESENTATION

25//01/29.04

R. Arora/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the presentations from Poker club and Echo club be moved after the AGM discussion.

Carried.

The representatives of Poker club and Echo club gave their presentations regarding the purpose and event planning of their clubs. They also answered questions from directors.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

7.1 Executive Committee

25/01/29.05

A.Arora/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 5th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

25/01/29.06

Lai/Mbogo

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

Carried.

25/01/29.07

Otsuka/Bhattacharya

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 13th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

7.2 Finance Committee

25/01/29.08

A.Arora/Lai

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

Carried.

25/01/29.09

A.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 5th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

7.3 Policy Committee

7.4 Campus Life Committee

25/01/29.10

Imran/Otsuka

Be it resolved that Isaiah Smith and Guransh Sandhu be appointed to Campus Life Committee as Students at Large.

Imran introduced those two students and provided reasons why he would like to appoint them as Students at Large at this time of the year.

Carried.

7.5 Campaigns Committee

25/01/29.11

Newman/Lai

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

7.6 Graduate Student Committee

7.7 Oversight Committee

25/01/29.12

Sakarwala/Waseem

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 6th, 2024 be adopted.

Sakarwala pointed out the concern from the VP External that the other executives were not involved in her campaign events and her frustration with the quorum within her committee. Asif encouraged the executives and directors to actively involve in the campaign events and campaigns committee. Directors thought the minutes were poor written and recommended the chair to make some edits.

25/01/29.13

Asif/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of the oversight committee meeting be tabled until the next meeting.

Carried. Tabled.

7.8 Student Association Oversight Club

Asif introduced the new committee and its responsibilities, and informed them that two Directors at large were needed to sit on the committee. Al Barazi and Mbogo nominated themselves.

25/01/29.14

R.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that Mariam Al Barazi and Sheela Mbogo be appointed to Student Association Oversight Club.

Carried.

8. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

8.1 Senate

8.2 Board of Governors

Bravo provided updates on their recent Board of Governors meeting. Directors requested more information regarding how to advocate for students on tuition and the new immigration policy. Newman expressed her frustration with the Board of Governor UBCO student representative not speaking against the tuition increase at the Board of Governors meeting. Mbogo was frustrated that the decision on the tuition increase did not reflect the result of the tuition increase survey.

25/01/29.15

Asif/Al Barazi

Be it resolved that the SUO pen a letter to the UBC Board of Governors to oppose the tuition increase.

Newman thought it an ineffective way as they had done it before but received no response. Al Barazi and Newman were in favor of an email campaign. Directors discussed methods to advocate students against the tuition increase.

Asif/Lai

Be it resolved that the resolution of sending a letter to oppose the tuition increase be tabled.

Carried. Tabled.

8.3 Other University Committees

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 CRO Appointment

25/01/29.16

Asif/Imran

Be it resolved that Grace Halpin be appointed as the SUO Chief Returning Officer for 2 years.

Motion carried outside of a board meeting. President Danial Asif sent the resolution to the board via email on January 7th. By January 8th, 9 Directors had voted in favor of the motion.

9.2 Student Association Ratification

25/01/29.17

R.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that International Student Association be ratified.

Directors thought there were many International student associations under the SUO. Students may feel more comfortable joining their own group with their specific culture. Directors wondered how this student association could differentiate itself from the Global Engagement office in terms of information and service they could provide.

Asif/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the ratification of International Student Association be tabled.

Carried. Tabled.

25/01/29.18

R.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that Dermatology Club be ratified.

Directors discussed the purpose of the club, wondering if it is more focused on skin care or career development. Directors mentioned that they had a medical student association to invite guest speakers to educate students.

R.Arora/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the ratification of the Dermatology club be tabled.

Carried. Tabled.

25/01/29.19

R.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that Political Science Student Association be ratified.

Carried.

25/01/29.20

R.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that Poker club be ratified.

Directors showed their concern about the potential gambling it may promote, and they thought the club would need plans for safeguarding and oversight.

Failed.

25/01/29.21

R.Arora/Sakarwala

Be it resolved that Dine and Dialogue Student Association be ratified.

Directors thought its purpose was similar to Food for Thoughts Club.

Failed.

25/01/29.22

R.Arora/Otsuko

Be it resolved that ECHO Student Association be ratified.

Carried.

25/01/29.23

R.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that Okanagan latter-day Saint Student Association be ratified.

Carried.

9.3 General Election Dates

25/01/29.24

Wasti/Lai

Be it resolved that the following dates for the 2025 General Election be approved:

1) Nomination Period: February 3, 8:00 a.m.PST– February 14, 4:00 p.m. PST

- 2) **All-Candidates Meeting:** February 14, 5:00 p.m. PST
- 3) **Campaigning Period:** February 24, 8:00 a.m. PST – March 5, 11:59 p.m. PST
- 4) **Voting Period:** March 3, 8:00 a.m. PST – March 5, 11:59 p.m. PST

*During the voting period, in-person campaigning is not allowed.

*The election notice will be sent on Friday, February 14th.

Carried.

10. INFORMATION

10.1 SUO Advocacy Update

Newman provided updates on the upcoming advocacy campaigns for the term.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union UBC Okanagan, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Board of Directors Meeting, February 12th 2025 at 6:30 PM, Team

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)
Vice President Finance and Administration
Vice-President External
Vice-President Internal
Vice-President Campus Life
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Ananya Bhattacharya
Isabella Bravo
Salman Hafeez (Saami)

Staff Present

General Manager
Governance Coordinator
Receptionist and Service Assistant

Jason Evans
Cecily Qiu
Kishan Reid

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/02/12.01

Imran/Sowdagar

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Referendum Question

Asif gave a presentation regarding the referendum question. He introduced the context of the question and the need for more space from students. He presented the result from Student Engagement feedback in 2022, the summary of feedback from students regarding space and the SUO building in 2024-2025, the result of UBC Voice 6 survey and the voice for more space from their membership at 2024 AGM. Those results reflected a need for more space and support from majority students for the SUO building. Asif provided a financial overview to build a SUO building and the timeline for collecting the capital fee. At last, he presented the action the board could take and concluded that the SUO building would be a long-term investment, and it would provide space needed on campus and a better future for students. Other executives and directors expressed their support for the SUO building.

25/02/12.02

Asif/Newman

Be it resolved that the following referendum question be adopted.

Carried.

Referendum Question:

Do you support the Student Union of UBC Okanagan ("SUO of UBC") establishing a new capital fee (the "Capital Fee") to be used to pay for the construction (including financing costs) of a new SUO Student Building (the "Building"), and a new operational fee (the "Operational Fee") to cover associated operational and maintenance costs?

Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2028, with the project completed by 2030. The Building will be occupied by the SUO of UBC and used to provide informal learning, study, and

club spaces, as well as other services for students. The total cost of constructing the Building is estimated to be \$55.7 million, not including the cost of financing. UBC is expected to contribute an amount equal to 23% of the project cost, up to a limit of \$12.875 million. The balance of the project costs will be covered by the Capital Fee and any amounts required for the project costs that exceed the amount of the Capital Fee already collected will be financed through a loan and the Capital Fee will be used to repay the loan and to pay any interest and other financing costs. The Operational Fee will cover the costs of operating and maintaining the Building to ensure its sustainability and functionality. Details of the amount, collection, and payment of the Capital Fee and the Operational Fee are as follows:

1. **In the 2025/2026, 2026/2027, and 2027/2028 academic years** students will pay a Capital Fee of \$75.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Winter Session (for a total of \$150.00 per academic year) and \$37.50 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Summer Session (for a total of \$75.00 per Summer Session).
2. **Beginning in the 2028/2029 academic year**, students will pay a Capital Fee of \$100.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Winter Session (for a total of \$200.00 per academic year) and \$50.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Summer Session (for a total of \$100.00 per Summer Session).
3. **Beginning in the term during which the Building is opened**, students will also pay an Operational Fee of \$20.00 for each of Terms 1 and 2 of the Winter Session (for a total of \$40.00 per academic year) and \$10.00 per term during the Summer Session (for a total of \$20.00 per Summer Session). The Building is anticipated to open in March 2030. The Operational Fee will be indexed annually to the BC Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The SUO of UBC Board of Directors will establish a process and criteria for SUO members demonstrating financial need to apply for a full or partial refund on the new Capital Fee and Operational Fee.

Students will pay the Capital Fee until the project costs, including any loan, interest, and other financing costs are fully repaid. Students will pay the Operational Fee until the Building is no longer leased to the SUO of UBC.

The design, construction, and financing of the Building is subject to approval by UBC's Board of Governors and the Building project will require the negotiation of several agreements between UBC and the SUO of UBC. In the event the project does not proceed as scheduled for any reason, any fees already collected will be held with the SUO of UBC until the situation is resolved. In the event the UBC Board of Governors determines that the Building will not be built, the Capital Fee will cease to be collected and the Operational Fee will not be collected. In such event, the Board of Directors of the SUO of UBC may allocate any collected Capital Fees in such manner as may be approved by a future student referendum.

The SUO of UBC will pay administrative charges assessed by UBC from the Capital Fee and Operational Fee for managing the collection and remittance of the Capital Fee and Operational Fee.

Yes ___ **No** ___

25/02/12.03

Asif/Imran

Be it resolved that the board adopt the Yes Campaign for the referendum question.

Carried.

Asif introduced his plan on how to engage with students. Newman informed directors of the tabling dates for Yes Campaign and stated that Yes Campaign would be a collective effort from the whole board.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, January 27 at 12:30 pm, UNC105 and Zoom

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)

Vice President Finance and Administration

Vice-President External

Vice-President Campus Life

Vice-President Internal

Danial Asif

Aryan Arora

Abby Newman

Saaim Imran

Rajat Arora

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager

Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans

Cecily Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:45 P.M.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/01/27.01

R.Arora/Imran

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/01/27.02

Newman/Imran

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on January 13th, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 UBC Giving Day

Asif introduced the UBC Giving Day and how much donation the SUO made last year. Asif suggested they reallocate some unspent funds to the contribution on the UBC Giving Day. A.Arora and the Finance Committee would go through the budget and then make recommendations for the reallocation.

4.2 Election Open House

Asif invited the executives to attend the Election Open House on January 31st between 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The open house was organized by the CRO with the purpose of providing students with information on the role of executives and board of directors as well as some election information and tips.

5. IN CAMERA(LEGAL)

25/01/27.03

A.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [12:55 p.m.]

Carried.

25/01/27.04

Imran/A.Arora

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [1:24 p.m.]
Carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, February 10th at 12:30 pm, UNC 105

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

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Staff Present

General Manager

Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans

Cecily Qiu

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:39 P.M.

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R. Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/02/10.02

Newman/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the minutes of meeting held on January 27th, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Director Honoraria

25/02/10.03

R.Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that the January Honoraria for Board of Directors be disbursed as follows:

Name	Title	%/ \$
Al Barazi, Mariam	Director-at-Large	100%
Bhattacharya, Ananya	Director-at-Large	100%
Lai, Olivia	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Rep.	100%
Mbogo, Sheela	Director-at-Large	100%
Moli, Mhamoda	College of Graduate Studies Rep.	100%
Otsuka, Riko	Faculty of Management Rep.	\$50
Sakarwala, Aliasgar	Director-at-Large	100%
Sowdagar, Sahar	Faculty of Applied Sciences Rep.	100%
Wang, Amy	Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Rep.	100%
Waseem, Aman	Faculty of Science Rep.	100%
Wasti, Ali	Faculty of Health & Social Development Rep.	100%
Zamanzade, Elnaz	Faculty of Education Rep.	100%

Asif stated that Otsuka just submitted the report that day (Monday, February 10th). Executives had a discussion whether they should give the exemption but agreed not to do it as the report was one week after the deadline, which already passed

the grace period. Executives went through reports and discussed some issues. Evans suggested they include a section regarding the directors' report in the orientation for the future new board.

Carried.

4.2 Reallocation

[Imran entered at 12:51 p.m.]

25/02/10.04

Imran/Newman

Be it resolved that \$25,000 be reallocated from the Campus Life to Endowment and Grants Budget line under Student Services.

A.Arora stated that the recommendation was made by the finance committee after examining all the budget lines. Asif confirmed with Imran that the reallocation of unspent fund under the Campus Life budget would not impact the activities that Campus Life planned for Term 2.

Asif/R. Arora

Be it resolved the previous motion be amended by adding the words "for the transportation fund", so that it reads as follows:

Be it resolved that \$25,000 be reallocated from the Campus Life to Endowment and Grants Budget line under Student Services for the transportation fund.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

25/02/10.05

Asif/R.Arora

Be it resolved that \$5,000 be reallocated from the Campus Relations to Endowment and Grants Budget line under Student Services.

Asif provided information from the UBC regarding what areas they could make contribution to on UBC Giving Day. Executives discussed those areas that need fund and what they had contributed before. They agreed to contribute to the Disability Resource Center as it aligned with their campaigns this year.

Asif/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the previous motion be amended by adding the words " for a contribution to the Disability Resource Center Student Empowerment Fund", so that it reads as follows:

Be it resolved that \$5,000 be reallocated from the Campus Relations to Endowment and Grants Budget line under Student Services for a contribution to the Disability Resource Center Student Empowerment Fund.

Amendment carried.
Carried as amended.

5. IN CAMERA (LABOR)

25/02/10.06

Imran/Newman

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera. [1:03 p.m.]

Carried.

25/02/10.07

R.Arora/Imran

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [2:00 p.m.]

Carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Executive Committee Meeting, February 24 at 12:30 pm, UNC 105

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 12:40 P.M.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/02/24.01

R. Arora/Newman

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Asif/Imran

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding one discussion about SUO Building.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/02/24.02

R. Arora/Imran

Be it resolved that the minutes of meeting held on February 10th, 2025 be adopted.
Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Increase of Membership Fee for Fencing Club

25/02/24.03

R. Arora/Imran

Be it resolved that the membership fee increase for SUO Fencing Club be approved.

R. Arora updated that the club requested an increase in their membership fee as their fencing equipment was expensive to purchase. As per the SUO policies, any increase over \$40 should be approved by the executives.

Carried.

4.2 Resource Center Review Committee Terms of Reference

25/02/24.04

Newman/A.Arora

Be it resolved that Resource Center Review Committee Terms of Reference be presented to the board of directors for adoption as attached.

Newman provided the context for the ad hoc committee and its responsibilities. Asif suggested VP Finance involve in the discussion of honoraria either as a member or as needed. Members had a discussion whether the ad hoc committee needs in-camera power as the committee may engage in HR and finance conversations.

Newman/A.Arora

Be it resolved that Resource Center Review Committee Terms of Reference be presented to the board of directors for adoption following the in-camera edits. Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

5. DISCUSSION ABOUT SUO BUILDING

Members discussed their promotion plans for the SUO building. The board and the campaigns committee would work on the tabling. Asif would have a showcase for the clubs. They would have trained building ambassadors to provide details of the SUO building to general students. They would have a professional video for the building and other regular marketing methods. They planned to post the assets of the building in their social media every day. Newman addressed the voice from course unions for faculties, who requested an office in the new building. They also discussed the balance of responsibilities as an Executive as well as a candidate running the election.

6. IN CAMERA (LABOR)

25/02/24.05

A.Arora/R.Arora

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in camera.

Carried. [1:07 p.m.]

25/02/24.06

R.Arora/Imran

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.

Carried. [1:57 p.m.]

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Campus Life Committee Meeting, January 22nd, 2025, UNC133C

Members Present

Vice-President Campus Life

Vice President Internal

President

Vice-President Finance

Director at Large

Director at Large

Faculty of Management Representative

Student-At-Large

Student-At-Large

Saaim Imran

Rajat Arora

Danial Asif

Aryan Arora

Sheela Mbogo

Aliasgar Sakarwala

Riko Otsuka

Tanin Zeraati

Georgia Goerz

Members Absent With Regrets and Approval

Student-At-Large

Darvesh Singh Dhillon

Members Absent Without Regrets and/or Approval

Vice-President External

Faculty of Science Representative

Abby Newman

Aman Ullah Waseem

Staff Present

Well Pub Manager

Michael Ouellet

Staff Absent

Communications Manager

Membership Outreach Coordinator

General Manager

Becca Evans

Izzy Rusch

Jason Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER 1:07PM

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/01/22.01

Otsuka/Goerz

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

carries

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/01/22.02

R. Arora/Sakarwala

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held Nov 28th 2024 be adopted.

4. KBC CLOSURE AND POTENTIAL IN THE WELL

Otsuka, Georz, Ouellet, and Imran circulated ideas regarding how the gap that KBC has left can be filled in. Zeraati asked if grad students can attend. Ouellet and Imran reassured that all students are available. Promotion and marketing ideas were provided by Zeraati and Goerz. Goerz added that the Well should try to get more involvement with the pool tables.

5. WELL EVENTS

- **Broadway Rave**

Imran covered general details and mentioned that the event needs to be supported by the team.

- **South Asian Party**

Imran covered general details and mentioned that the event needs to be supported by the team.

- **Galentines and Valentines**

Goerz mentioned stuff. Saaim mentioned stuff. Zeraati, Otsuka added to ideas to the conversation that were considered. The idea of a social experiment with roses or a speed friending event were popular.

- **Esports Smash Tourney**

Ouellet covered general details and mentioned that the event needs to be supported by the team. Zeraati asked for posters for all these events to add to the grad space.

- **Karaoke and Wings**

Different categories for prizes to avoid low attendance. Run by SUO events. Ouellet, Zeraati, Goerz, and Otsuka added to the conversation as to how the events potential can be maximized

- **Booze and Brushes**

Goerz covered general details and mentioned that the event needs to be supported by the team.

6. **GENERAL EVENTS**

- **Black History Month**

Imran and Mbogo led the conversation and explained possible events that can be done this month

- **Squid Game**

Imran overviewed the event and explained that ASA or KDT would be part of the process. Mbogo covered that the name or context could be changed based on ethical issues.

- **Beer Garden**

- **SHAG**

Led by Abby and Becca and more information is to be presented at the next meeting. A key component was to get the SPC and SVPRO involved.

- **Carnival**

Mike discussed that the carnival can be held in two spots depending on the attractions and potentially rides that would be added to the rotation.

7. **ADJOURNMENT 1:51PM**

CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students

Campaigns Committee Meeting, January 30, 2025, SUO 133 Boardroom

Called to Order at 12:04 pm

Committee Members Present

Vice President External (chair)

President

Vice President Internal

Director at Large

Director at Large

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Student at Large

Student at Large

Abby Newman

Danial Asif

Rajat Arora

Mariam Al Barazi

Sheela Mbogo

Olivia Lai

Norimasa Musashi

Shreya Patnaik

Committee Members Absent with Regrets

Director at Large

Student at Large

Ananya Bhattacharya

Harsh Patel

Committee Members Absent without Regrets

Student at Large (Graduate Student Representative)

Director at Large

Fatima Canales Gonzales

Aliasgar Sakarwala

Staff Present

Student's Advocate

Rachel Fortin

Guest

Naden Qually

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2. ARE EVERYONE'S ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS MET?

Please send me a message if your accessibility needs are not met (If you need captioning, larger text agenda, use of the chat, etc.) Eat/drink if you need to

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/01/30.01

Arora/Musashi

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Newman/Al Barazi

Be it resolved that item 5.8 Tuition Advocacy be added to the agenda

Carried

Mbogo/Musashi

Be it resolved that item 5.9 Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) recap be added to the agenda

Carried

Original motion carried as amended

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/01/30.02

Musashi / Mbogo

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on December 13th, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Day of the Dot planning update

Newman provided the committee with an update on the event planning with Campus Education and Wellness and Facilities Management. She provided an outline on the flow of the event and the importance of everyone being welcomed as the event is not just female identifying students. Al Barazi suggested highlighting the "Pink Tax" through infographics. Newman informed that signup sheets for this event is in the main committee volunteer excel.

5.2 Smart Meals – Brunch and Learn

Newman put an open call out to committee members to join a working group to get this event planned. Event is inspired by Smart Fair last year with booths and campus partners highlighting sustainability. A call out will be sent shortly that will include student associations to be a part of the planning group.

5.3 Disability advocacy update

An update on recent meeting with graduate students was given by Newman and Fortin. They are currently working on creating promotional materials of the DRC and the supports/accommodations specific for graduate students. Newman also asked the committee if anyone would be interested in helping her with an accessibility audit of the SUO spaces.

5.4 Provincial and Federal Advocacy Update

Newman gave a rundown of the advocacy work she have been doing in terms of BC3, BCFS and other emails with elected officials.

5.5 UBC Experience tabling opportunity

Student Recruitment and Advising invited the SUO to have a table for their upcoming event on Tuesday on Feb 18 from 9:15 – 11 am. A signup sheet will be distributed.

5.6 Movie and documentary screenings

Musashi provided context to their idea. Newman and Asif suggested connecting with the Campus life team for collaboration.

5.7 Transit advocacy for September routes

Newman informed members of an upcoming survey tactic to gather data to help advocate for better bus routes for September 2025. Members will receive a questionnaire and buttons to use as they survey students around campus for the next two weeks.

5.8 Tuition Advocacy

Based on conversations had during the board meeting, Newman introduced the idea of creating a letter and seeking endorsements from student associations, faculty and community members and encouraging students to sign on to the letter to show the Board of Governors students' frustrations with tuition increases. Mbogo and Al Barazi shared their ideas. Asif will try to connect with Governors around a face-to-face engagement with UBCO students.

5.9 Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) recap

Mbogo highlighted the lack of engagement with the SAAM march and teach-in, wondering if it was a result of promotion, awareness, or another variable. Newman said the cookies and consent event was a success due to the style of the event. The committee noted that it is good that there was an attempted to host events for SAAM, despite the low turnout of participants, and that hopefully next year's team continues this work.

6. ADJOURNMENT AT 1:24 PM

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students

Graduate Committee Meeting, December 23, at 11:00 am, 2024, Team

Committee Members Present

Graduate Student Representative

Executive

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Mhamoda Akter Moli

Abby Newman

Dina Khrabsheh

Nibirh Jawad

Omang Baheti

Yazdanmehr Gordanpour

Hammad Ahmad

Ghulam Hussain

Committee Members Absent

Student at Large

Student at Large

Student at Large

Satabdi Das

Rohit Dandamodi

Fatima Canales

Staff Member Present

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 11.05AM

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

24/12/23.01

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Gordanpour /Baheti

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted. (Motion Carried)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

24/12/23.02

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Gordanpour /Hussain

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted. (Motion Carried)

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Future Events Planning

Last month, due to a medical emergency, Marium was unable to present her ideas. However, this month, she joined our meeting and shared a range of exciting proposals for collaboration between the Graduate Student Committee (GSC) and the Student Experience Office. Her presentation focused on potential joint events for graduate students in the upcoming term, highlighting ways to enhance student engagement and community building. Following Marium's presentation, Moli shared the idea of a Winter Tubing Event for graduate students. She mentioned that in the next monthly meeting, she would provide more details and encouraged other GSC members to contribute their ideas to ensure the event's success. Additionally, Newman offered to reach out to her contacts to explore possible discounts for the event, further supporting efforts to make it accessible and enjoyable for all participants.

5. ADJOURNEMENT

24/12/23/03

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Ahmad/Hussain

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Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:16 p.m. / Carried

STUDENT ASSOCIATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Student Association Funding Committee Meeting, February 10th, 2025, at 2:00 PM, In-
Person

Members Present

Vice-President Internal (Chair)

Director-at-Large

Director-at-Large

Rajat Arora

Mariam Al Barazi

Sheela Mbogo

Members Absent With Regrets and Approval

Members Absent Without Regrets and/or Approval

Staff Present

Membership Outreach Coordinator

General Manager

Students' Advocate

Izzy Rusch

Jason Evans

Rachel Fortin

Staff Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:11 PM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/02/10.01

Fortin/Mbogo

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No previous meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 Committee Operations

The committee reviewed its structure, roles, and responsibilities. Two ideas were proposed by R. Arora

1. If we get a complaint, R. Arora (VP Internal) and Izzy (Membership Outreach Coordinator) will speak to the club. Or
2. The entire committee can meet with the club to discuss their concern, but it may be harder to organize

Discussion on how to frame the process for complaints brought forward. Key ideas brought forward were neutrality and ensuring both parties get to tell their version of the events, when a situation gets escalated or resolved, and ensuring persons bringing complaints feel empowered and in control. Furthermore, a discussion ensued on whether there would be fixed committee members hearing the complaints, or rotating committee members.

It was decided that the first points of contact would be Izzy and Rajat, and they would extend an invitation to the clubs if they are comfortable including other committee members.

5.2 Complaints

25/02/10.02

Arora/Rusch

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera.

Carried. [2:42 p.m.]

25/02/10.03

Fortin/ Mbogo

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera.

Carried. [3:25 p.m.]

25/02/10.04

Arora/ Mbogo

Be It Resolved that the Bhangra Club executives send a written apology to their membership and the SUO President.

Carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 pm

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, January 27, 10am, UNC133C

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer	Grace Halpin
General Manager	Jason Evans
Deputy Returning Officer	VACANT
Deputy Returning Officer	VACANT
Governance Coordinator	Cecily Qiu
Students' Advocate	Rachel Fortin

Committee Members Absent

Project Manager	Aaron White
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. Evans officially welcomed Halpin. Unanimous consent from the committee was obtained for Grace to chair the electoral committee meetings.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/01/27.01

Fortin/Qiu

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Evans/Halpin

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding the topic of Referendum Question under the Discussion section.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/01/27.02

Fortin/Qiu

Be it resolved that the minute from the meeting held on October 9, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Deputy Returning Officers

25/01/27.03

Fortin/Qiu

Be it resolved that Chad Owens and Thomas Hargreaves-Kessler be appointed as the Deputy Returning Officers for a 1- year contract.

Carried.

5.2 Candidate Debates Date

25/01/27.04

Fortin/Qiu

Be it resolved that the Candidate Debates be held on February 25th, 27th, 28th from 6 -8:30 p.m.

Carried.

5.3 Dates and Deadlines

25/01/27.05

Qiu/Fortin

Be it resolved that the following dates and deadlines be adopted:

- 1) **Nomination Period:** Feb. 3, 8:00 a.m. PST – Feb. 14, 4:00 p.m.
- 2) **All-Candidates Meeting:** Feb. 14, 5:00 p.m.
- 3) **Campaigning Period:** Feb. 24, 8:00 a.m. PST – Mar. 5, 11:59 p.m.
- 4) **Voting Period:** Mar. 3, 8:00 a.m. PST – Mar. 5, 11:59 p.m.
During the voting period, in-person campaigning will not be allowed.
- 5) **Notice of Election or Referendum Deadline:**
Feb. 16 (*Includes polling dates, times, locations, positions, and referendum question.*) As February 16th is Sunday, the committee recommended that they send the notice on Friday, February 14th.
- 6) **Results Due:** Mar. 10, 5:00 p.m.
- 7) **CRO Report Due:** Mar. 31
- 8) **Election Information Forum:** January 30th on Zoom & January 31st in office for an “Election Open House”

Carried.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Preparation and materials for CRO (Nomination packages, slideshows, etc)

Qiu would send Halpin the nomination package, information package and slideshows this week.

6.2 Next meeting date: during Monday to Wednesday next week.

6.3 Referendum Question

Evans explained the procedure to approve the referendum question; and suggested they meet on Wednesday to discuss the referendum question on the SUO building after the UBC decides on their contribution.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, February 5, 2025, 1pm, In Person

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer

Grace Halpin

General Manager

Jason Evans

Deputy Returning Officer

Thomas Hargreaves-Kessler

Deputy Returning Officer

Chad Owens

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

Students' Advocate

Rachel Fortin

Project Manager

Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

1. CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:08 P.M.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/02/05.01

Fortin/ Hargreaves-Kessler

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Qiu/White

Be it resolved that the Discussion Items be moved before New Business.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/02/05.02

Fortin/ Hargreaves-Kessler

Be it resolved that the minute from the meeting held January 27, 2025, be adopted at this time.

Carried.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Marketing for nomination period and elections

Halpin introduced the marketing they had done and other plans that they were going to do. She commented B.Evans for her work to promote the elections. White recommended sending email blast to their members, in which the CRO could simply share the message of election and nomination deadline; and encourage students to join the election by attaching the link to the nomination package.

5.2 Update on nomination submissions

Halpin updated that she had not received any submission as the nomination just opened. J. Evans pointed out that many candidates submitted their forms on the last day of nomination in the previous general election. Qiu stated that in the past they once extended the nomination period to receive more nominations. Halpin asked about the process after she receives the nomination. White informed her that he would start the verification process of nominators and nominees once they receive nomination packages. The nomination package was available at the SUO front desk and the SUO website. Qiu informed that the faculty representative could only be nominated by students from the respective faculty.

5.3 Election Open House – Friday, February 7, 10:30am-12:30pm

Halpin introduced her plan for the Election Open House. Newman, the VP External and Fortin, Students' Advocate, would help with the event. Halpin would inform the staff of the event.

5.4 Reading week plan

J.Evans informed the CRO and DROs that they would need to approve the documents, social media holders, campaign posters or materials etc. from the candidates during the reading break. Halpin also asked about the reimbursement process. Owens would share with her the spreadsheet they used last year.

5.5 Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 11 – 1pm

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Referendum Question

25/02/05.03

Fortin/ Hargreaves-Kessler

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved in-camera. [1:27p.m.]

Carried.

25/02/05.04

Fortin/White

Be it resolved that the meeting be moved ex-camera. [1:39p.m.]

Carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Electoral Committee Meeting, February 11 at 1 pm, 2025, UNC 133C/Zoom

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer

Grace Halpin

General Manager

Jason Evans

Deputy Returning Officer

Thomas Hargreaves-Kessler

Deputy Returning Officer

Chad Owens

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

Students' Advocate

Rachel Fortin

Project Manager

Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

25/02/11.01

Fortin/Hargreaves-Kessler

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Evans/Fortin

Be it resolved that a motion be added under New Business, which reads: Be it resolved that the referendum question be approved by the Electoral Committee to be presented to the board at the upcoming board meeting.

Amendment carried.

Carried as amended.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/02/11.02

Fortin/White

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held February 5, 2025, be adopted at this time.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 All Candidates Meeting

Members discussed the plan for All Candidates Meeting. White would email candidates the meeting link during 4-4:15 p.m. while the vetting process remains. Tabling was scheduled during the campaigning period.

4.2 Referendum Question

Evans read the referendum question and explained the edits made by the committee, SUO legal and UBC legal.

25/02/11.03

Evans/White

Be it resolved that the referendum question be approved by the Electoral Committee to be presented to the board at the upcoming board meeting.

Carried.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Election Open House update

The open house went well. About 10-12 students showed up.

5.2 Referendum question update

5.3 Update on nomination submission

Halpin updated that there were not many nominations so far. Committee members were not concerned as students usually submitted the nomination package on the last day of nomination period in the past.

5.4 Next meeting date after reading week

CRO and DROs would meet during the Reading Break. Qiu and Hargreaves-Kessler would do a tabling during the nomination period if they could book a space on campus.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

EMERGENCY ELECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Emergency Electoral Committee Meeting, February 14, 10:30am, Teams

Committee Members Present

Chief Returning Officer

Grace Halpin

Governance Coordinator

Cecily Qiu

Students' Advocate

Rachel Fortin

Project Manager

Aaron White

Committee Members Absent

General Manager

Jason Evans

Deputy Returning Officer

Thomas Hargreaves-Kessler

Deputy Returning Officer

Chad Owens

1. CALLED TO ORDER: 10:32 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

25/02/14.01

Fortin/White

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

25/02/14.02

Fortin/White

Be it resolved that the minute from the meeting held February 11, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Extending nomination period

Halpin updated the nomination numbers: so far there was no nomination for VP Internal , only a few nominations for Faculty representatives and insufficient nominations for Directors at large. As it was mid-term season, she thought students were pretty busy with their academic life, which may affect the turnout. She would like to see more engagement and nominations, and suggested they extend the nomination period.

25/02/14.03

White/Fortin

Be it resolved that the nomination period of the SUO General Election 2025-2026 be extended until February 19th 11:59 p.m.

Carried.

Fortin/Qiu

Be it resolved that All-Candidates Meeting be moved to Thursday, February 20th at 5 p.m.

Carried.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

Members discussed the impact of delaying All-Candidates Meeting especially for the candidates who have already submitted their nominations and already scheduled their time for the meeting. Halpin would share with the absent candidates the recording of All-Candidates Meeting and ask Communications Manager to update changes of the schedules in their social media; notice of the election and referendum question would be sent that day as scheduled. She would inform all candidates of the change by email.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

SUO Resource Center Review Committee Terms of Reference

1) Purpose:

Following the direction of our membership regarding Resource Centers set at the 2024 AGM¹, the SUO Resource Center Review Committee is established to review the structure of Resource Centers and revise the policies and procedures to ensure that Resource Centers are better aligned with the need of our membership.

2) Objectives:

The ad hoc committee shall accomplish the following objectives:

- a) Review the current resource center policies and procedures and proposed changes as needed;
- b) Research and propose a new structure for Resource Centers to optimize the operational efficiency of each center.
- c) Create a structure that outlines the honoraria process for the Resource Center Council members.

3) Committee Composition:

The Resource Center Review Committee will consist of the following representatives:

- a) Chairperson: VP External
- b) Student Representatives/Executives: VP Internal, one (1) non-executive director from the SUO Board of Directors and two (2) resource center lead volunteers
- c) SUO Staff Representatives: Membership Outreach Coordinator, Membership Outreach Coordinator Assistant, Governance Coordinator and Students' Advocate

4) Duty and Responsibility:

The Resource Center Review Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Conduct a thorough assessment of the current Resource Center structure and general utilization of each center.
- b) Research methods to improve the operations of the current centers and explore the possibility of additional centers based on membership feedback.

¹ At the 2024 Students' Union Okanagan AGM, the membership passed a motion that reads, "Whereas Resource Centers' volunteers who used to receive honoraria no longer do, and Whereas Resource Centers struggle with a shortage of space, then Be it resolved, the SUO shall, in consultation with Resource Centers, prioritize and improve Resource Centers by:
1. establishing honoraria 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 Centers 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 Centers."

- c) Assess current policies, identify the discrepancies between current practices and desired standards and draft revisions to the policies and procedures.
- d) Develop and present to the SUO board a detailed plan for implementation of the policy changes and honoraria distribution.

5) In Camera ability

The ad hoc committee shall have the ability to hold in-camera sessions as the outlined responsibilities will result in the discussion of sensitive matters that relate to labour. The committee must have a majority in favor in order to move in-camera.

6) Timeline:

The Resource Center Review Committee shall operate until April 30th, 2025.