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## REGULATION I - COMMITTEES

- 1 In this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. "Ad Hoc Committee" means a temporary Committee established in accordance with this Regulation;
  - b. "Committee" means a Committee established in accordance with this Regulation, unless otherwise specified;
  - c. "Committee Member" means a voting member of a Committee;
  - d. "Resource" means an individual who shall advise a Committee on an as-needed basis;
  - e. "Student at Large" means any Member of the Union, as defined in Bylaw II (2), who is not already mandated to sit on a Committee;

### Types of Committees

- 2 There shall be two types of Committees: (Standing) Committees and Ad Hoc Committees. These bodies shall serve to facilitate the work of the Board; provide a venue for further study of complex issues; gather input from and facilitate communication with general members; and execute functions as directed by the UBCSUO bylaws, collective agreement, and other statutes.
- 3 The Board of Directors shall establish Committees in accordance with the bylaws and regulations to carry out specific functions, study issues in greater detail and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors. Committee structure and membership shall be specified in this Regulation. All Committees shall meet at least once a month, unless otherwise specified in this Regulation. In accordance with the UBCSUO bylaws and regulations, the Board shall maintain the following Standing Committees:
  - a. Campaigns Committee;
  - b. Campus Life Committee;
  - c. Finance Committee;
  - d. Oversight Committee; and
  - e. Policy Committee
- 4 The Board of Directors may establish Ad Hoc Committees by Resolution in accordance with Bylaw XVII (17) and with this Regulation. A motion to establish and/or dissolve an Ad Hoc Committee must satisfy this Regulation. Though other Ad Hoc Committees may be established by the Board on an as-needed basis, the following Ad Hoc Committees must be established and dissolved by the Board in the timeframes specified in this Regulation:
  - a. Student Association Funding Committee;
  - b. Electoral Committee; and
  - c. Media Fund Committee.

## General Membership

- 5** The Board of Directors shall appoint Committee Members for a term not normally exceeding twelve (12) months and may rescind the appointment of any Committee Member, by majority vote.
- 6** A student and/or Director ceases to be a Committee Member:
  - a. at the conclusion of their term, unless it is extended by the Board of Directors;
  - b. upon the winding up or dissolution of the Committee;
  - c. upon their resignation or death;
  - d. if they cease to be a General Member of the UBCSUO, or is no longer a Member in good standing, as defined in Bylaw II (2); or
  - e. if their appointment is rescinded by the Board of Directors.
- 7** Every Committee Member is entitled and has the obligation to:
  - a. attend and participate in meetings of the Committee;
  - b. provide their opinions and represent, to the best of their ability, the interests of the Members and the Student Union in their participation as Committee Members; and
  - c. for Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, exercise one (1) vote on any matter before the Committee or Ad Hoc Committee.
- 8** Every Committee shall have a chair, to be appointed in accordance with this Regulation.
- 9** The chair of a Committee has the power and duty to:
  - a. schedule Committee meetings in accordance with this Regulation;
  - b. prepare, or cause to be prepared, the agenda and the minutes of Committee meetings;
  - c. preside over Committee meetings;
  - d. provide a tie-breaker vote in instances of a dead-lock; and
  - e. communicate and provide to the Board of Directors:
    - i. minutes of each Committee meeting, said minutes to be provided for approval at the next possible board meeting;
    - ii. advice and recommendations of the Committee;
    - iii. reports on the progress of the Committee; and
    - iv. advice regarding filling vacancies on the Committee.
- 10** The General Manager shall serve as a resource on an as-needed basis to all committees they do not already serve on.

### Conduct of Committee Members

- 11** A Committee Member who misses three (3) Committee meetings without properly sending the chair the regrets shall be automatically removed from the Committee, and may only be reinstated at the direction of the Board.
- 12** The Board of Directors has the discretion to remove a member from a Committee by majority vote.
- 13** If a Committee Member is removed from a Committee, it shall be up to the discretion of the Board to determine whether the Committee vacancy must be filled.

### Schedule of Meetings

- 14** Committee meetings shall be scheduled in consultation with Committee members and in accordance with this Regulation.

### Conduct of Meetings

- 15** Unless otherwise specified, the quorum for meetings is at least 50% of the total number of active Committee members and must include the presence of the chair.
- 16** The chair shall preside over Committee meetings.
- 17** Committee meetings shall normally be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- 18** Committees may establish their own rules of order, provided that the rules:
  - a. facilitate the effective and democratic conduct of meetings; and
  - b. do not limit any Committee member from their participation in the Committee.
- 19** Committee meetings shall be open to the Members unless the Board of Directors has empowered the Committee and the Committee duly resolves to move the meeting *in camera*.

### Applications Process for Students at Large

- 20** Within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the UBCSUO general elections each March, the outgoing Board, in consultation with the Advocacy and Governance Coordinator, shall develop and release an application process to identify and select candidates for all Committees which explicitly permits Students at Large to sit on such Committees.
- 21** The incoming Board shall decide upon and ratify the Students at Large who shall serve on each Committee by the thirtieth (30) day of the new fiscal year.

**22** As part of this process, the Board shall make every reasonable effort to advertise to Members the details of:

- a. Which Committees Students at Large are permitted to sit on;
- b. the mandate, purpose, and ideal candidate(s) for each Committee; and
- c. how Students at Large may apply for a position on each Committee.

**23** The advertising process for contacting Students at Large to sit on Committees shall include but need not be limited to:

- a. mass email;
- b. social media postings; and
- c. the creation and dispersion of posters.

### Standing Committees

**24** All Standing Committees have the power and duty to:

- a. convene meetings for the purpose of fulfilling their mandate;
- b. prepare and provide the minutes of meetings of the Committee to the Board of Directors;
- c. report to the Board of Directors, as required;
- d. engage in consultation with the Members as needed;
- e. provide advice and recommendations to the Board of Directors related to the mandate of the Committee; and
- f. discharge other powers and duties delegated by the Board of Directors.

**25** All Standing Committees shall meet at least once a month unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors.

### Campaigns Committee

**26** In accordance with Bylaw XVII (17), the mandate of the Committee is to coordinate and execute the advocacy campaigns of the Students' Union.

**27** The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. President;
- b. Vice President External;
- c. Advocacy and Governance Coordinator;
- d. at least two (2) additional directors; and
- e. up to three (3) Students at Large.

**28** Vice President External shall serve as chair of the Committee.

- 29** The Campaigns Committee shall have the additional power and duty to:
- plan and implement campaigns relating to issues important to members as directed by the Board;
  - plan and execute the local implementation of campaigns of the BC Federation of Students;
  - liaise with and review the work of other organizations and Student Associations to ensure that the Students' Union is working collectively, where appropriate;
  - make recommendations to the Board of Directors for new campaigns; and
  - make recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters referred to the Campaigns Committee.

### Campus Life Committee

- 30** In accordance with Bylaw XVII (17), the mandate of the Committee is to coordinate and execute the events, activities, student engagement and volunteerism activities of the Students' Union.
- 31** The Committee shall ensure consultation with all pertinent university partners on all planned events. Partners consulted shall include but not be limited to: the Student Experience Office, Health and Wellness, Residence Life, and SVPRO.
- 32** The Committee Members shall consist of the:
- VP Campus Life;
  - VP Internal;
  - at least three (3) additional directors;
  - a minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) students at large;
  - Campus Health and Well-being Specialist; and
  - Student Experience Office Representative
- 33** Pursuant to Bylaw X (4)(h), The Vice President Campus Life shall serve as the chair of the Committee.
- 34** The Membership Outreach Coordinator and the Well Pub Manager shall serve as Resources to this Committee.
- 35** The Committee has the additional power and duty to:
- plan and implement annual campus life events including but not limited to Frosh, Recess, Well events, and campus entertainment/wellness events;
  - ensure that events are planned which can provide service to the unique communities within the student body;

- c. plan and implement the Students' Union's participation with ongoing UBCO events including but not limited to Welcome Week, speaker series, convocation, and Thrive Week;
- d. regularly review work relating to Campus Life of coalition partners and other like-minded organizations in order to enhance UBC Students' Union Okanagan Campus Life;
- e. make recommendations to the Board on the branding and marketing activities and projects of the Students' Union;
- f. make recommendations to the Board on partnerships and sponsorships to provide enhanced campus life and increased events for the membership; and
- g. make recommendations to the Board of Directors on matters referred to it.

### Finance Committee

**36** The mandate of the Committee is to:

- a. assist the Vice President Finance and Administration with the production of the budget;
- b. advise the Board of Directors and Executive Committee on general finances of the Student Union;
- c. assess the availability of funds for capital purchases and major projects; and develop long-term financial plans for the Students' Union;
- d. oversee and provide input on the financial services and operations of the Students' Union, including but not limited to the Health and Dental Plan and office services; and
- e. make recommendations to the Board of Directors on adoption of the audit, appointment of the auditor and action arising from the auditor's recommendations.

**37** The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. President;
- b. Vice President Finance and Administration;
- c. General Manager;
- d. Finance Manager; and
- e. up to two (2) additional directors.

**38** Pursuant to Bylaw X (5)(b), the Vice President Finance and Administration shall serve as the chair of the Committee.

- 39** The Finance Committee has the additional power and duty to:
- a. hold part or all of a meeting *in camera* as necessary;
  - b. oversee the finances of the Student Union;
  - c. review the monthly financial statements of the Student Union;
  - d. provide a written report to the Board of Directors each fiscal quarter on the finances of the Student Union and, pursuant to Bylaw IX (3)(h), recommend amendments to the budget as required; and
  - e. assist the Vice President Administration and the General Manager in the discharge of their duties with respect to the finances of the Student Union.
- 40** The powers and duties of the Committee shall be discharged on the basis of consensus among the Committee Members. For matters which cannot be determined by consensus the Committee shall refer such matters to the Executive Committee for resolution in consultation with the General Manager.

#### Oversight Committee

- 41** The mandate of the Committee is to oversee the performance of Executive Directors and to hold Executives accountable for their actions.
- 42** The Committee shall meet monthly to review Executive bi-weekly work reports and approve Executive pay.
- 43** The Oversight Committee shall conduct Trimester Reviews of each Executive Director. The Committee shall review Trimester Reports and meet with all staff partners and other relevant individuals to assess the performance of each Executive in relation to Appendix A of this Regulation and their established Executive goals. These Reviews shall occur:
- a. during the September Oversight Committee Meeting;
  - b. during the January Oversight Committee Meeting; and
  - c. during the final Oversight Committee meeting in April.
- 44** The Committee Members shall consist of five total members, including:
- a. General Manager
  - b. Three non-Executive (3) Directors; and
  - c. One (1) Student at Large.
- 45** All staff members shall serve as resources to the Committee on an as-needed basis.
- 46** The Committee shall elect a chair at the first Committee meeting to serve throughout the duration of their term.

- 47** If the Committee has insufficient members due to vacancies or Conflict of Interest, the Board shall, as soon as possible, appoint sufficiently qualified persons as interim members.
- 48** Interim members, appointed by the Board, remain members of the Committee until the pre-existing vacancy has been filled.
- 49** In the case of a vacancy in the position of the Committee Chair, the Committee shall appoint an acting Chair from amongst the remaining Committee members to assume the duties of the Chair until a replacement is appointed.
- 50** If the Committee Chair is unable to assume the Chair's duties for a meeting due to a Conflict of Interest, the Committee members shall choose an acting Chair from among themselves to assume the duties of Chair for that meeting.
- 51** The Student Union must provide the Committee with any documentation relevant to committee business upon request.
- 52** If the Committee requires more than one meeting to determine the outcome of a particular matter, the same members of the Committee must be present at all additional meetings.
- 53** A Committee member may not serve or remain on the Oversight Committee if that person:
  - a. is or becomes a member of the Executive Committee;
  - b. is or becomes an employee of any Student Union business;
  - c. is an Executive Member of a Student Association;
  - d. is deemed by the Board of Directors to be an unsuitable candidate for fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of an Oversight Committee member;
  - e. misses two (2) consecutive Committee meetings; or
  - f. is guilty of violating any policy of the UBCSUO Regulations and Bylaws.

#### Policy Committee

- 54** The mandate of the Committee is to review, facilitate consultation of the Members, and advise the Board of Directors on the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations, and other policies of the Student Union.
- 55** The Committee shall study the Regulations and other policies of the Student Union on an as-needed basis or as instructed by the Board of Directors.

**56** The Committee shall, as needed, be responsible for drafting, or causing to be drafted:

- a. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws;
- b. Amendments to the Regulations or other policies of the Student Union; and
- c. New Bylaws, Regulations, or policies of the Student Union.

**57** The Committee Members shall consist of the:

- a. Vice President Internal;
- b. General Manager;
- c. At least two (2) additional Directors; and
- d. At least one (1) Student at Large.

**58** Pursuant to Bylaw X (2)(c), the Vice President Internal shall serve as the chair of the Committee.

**59** The Committee has the additional power and duty to hold part or all of a meeting *in camera* as necessary.

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

**60** Pursuant to Bylaw XVII (5), the Board of Directors may by Resolution establish an Ad Hoc Committee in accordance with this Regulation.

#### Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees

**61** A motion to establish an Ad Hoc Committee must satisfy the requirements in this portion of the Regulation.

**62** The following aspects must be addressed by the Board of Directors when establishing an Ad Hoc Committee:

- a. the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee;
- b. the membership of the Ad Hoc Committee;
- c. the powers and duties of the Ad Hoc Committee;
- d. whether the Ad Hoc Committee may hold meetings *in camera*; and
- e. the expected timeline for the Ad Hoc Committee to fulfill its purpose, if applicable.

### Ad Hoc Committee Mandate and Structure

- 63** The mandate of an Ad Hoc Committee may fulfill either of the following purposes:
- a. To study a specific matter and provide advice to the Board of Directors or Executive Committee; or
  - b. For other purposes required by the Board of Directors.
- 64** Unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors, an Ad Hoc Committee shall consist of five (5) Members, including at least one (1) director.
- 65** The chair of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, unless they choose to delegate this duty to the Committee Members. If delegated to the Committee Members, the chair shall be appointed at the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee.

### Powers and Duties

- 66** Subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors, Ad Hoc Committees have the power and duty to:
- a. Convene meetings for the purpose of fulfilling the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee;
  - b. Prepare and provide minutes of meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee to the Board of Directors;
  - c. Report to the Board of Directors, as required; and
  - d. Discharge other powers and duties delegated by the Board of Directors.

### Schedule of Meetings and Timelines

- 67** Ad Hoc Committees shall normally meet at least once per month from September through April.
- 68** The chair of the Ad Hoc Committee is responsible for reporting to the Board of Directors in accordance with the timeline set out by the Board of Directors.

### Dissolution of Ad Hoc Committees

- 69** An Ad Hoc Committee is dissolved and ceases to exist:
- a. when it has fulfilled its mandate; or
  - b. at any time, upon a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### Student Association Funding Committee

- 70** The mandate of the Committee is to review submitted Student Association funding applications, determine the allocation of funding, and present these funding recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- 71** The Committee shall meet as necessary to make funding recommendations in a timely manner.
- 72** The Committee Members shall consist of the:
- a. Vice President Finance;
  - b. Vice President Internal;
  - c. Membership Outreach Coordinator;
  - d. General Manager; and
  - e. A Student at Large
- 73** Pursuant to Bylaw X (5)(b), the Vice President Finance and Administration shall serve as the chair of the Committee.
- 74** The Committee shall have the additional power and duty to:
- a. review and evaluate submitted Student Association funding applications;
  - b. consult with Student Associations on an as-needed basis;
  - c. approve, reject, or modify Student Association funding requests up to and including two thousand dollars (\$2,000);
  - d. make recommendations on all Student Association funding requests greater than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to the Board of Directors; and
  - e. compile a report for the Board of Directors with details on how the Committee arrived at their decisions each semester.
- 75** The maximum amount of funding a Student Association can receive in a year is \$3,500. Under special circumstances, the Board of Directors may approve amounts larger than \$3,500 by two-third (2/3) resolution.
- 76** The Vice President Finance shall be responsible for compiling the Student Association Funding report each semester.
- 77** The Committee shall meet as necessary in the beginning of each semester in order to fulfill the obligations set out in the Student Associations Regulation.

## Electoral Committee

- 78** The mandate of the Committee is to administer all elections of the Student Union, and to ensure that all elections occur in the manner prescribed by the UBCSUO Bylaws and Election Regulations.
- 79** All Committee Members shall study and remain familiar with the UBCSUO Election Regulations in order to properly exercise their duties and judgements.
- 80** The Committee Members shall consist of the:
- a. Chief Returning Officer;
  - b. Up to two Deputy Returning Officers;
  - c. General Manager; and
  - d. Advocacy Governance Coordinator; and
  - e. Project Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.
- 81** The General Manager shall serve as the chair of the Committee.
- 82** As specified in the Election Regulations, the Electoral Committee shall have the additional power and duty to:
- a. determine the eligibility of all nominated candidates;
  - b. investigate, substantiate, and determine the validity of a complaint for any violation of the Election Regulations or other UBCSUO Bylaws or Regulations;
  - c. when verifying the validity of a complaint, determine whether the offence which has occurred is minor or major, in accordance with the Election Regulations;
  - d. determine what penalty or penalties shall apply to a candidate who has committed a minor offence;
  - e. rule an election invalid for any violation of the Election Regulations or other UBCSUO Bylaws or Regulations;
  - f. publish the reasons for decisions on all complaints in writing;
  - g. determine when an extension is necessary to adequately complete an investigation into a complaint, or to properly evaluate an appeal;
  - h. decide, in the event of a strike, circumstances beyond human control, or any other event which may delay the electoral procedure, how and when the electoral procedure shall best be followed;
  - i. submit a report on the conduct and results of all elections to the Board of Directors for ratification; and
  - j. carry out other responsibilities as specified in the Election Regulations.

- 83** The Committee shall meet as deemed necessary by the CRO prior to the campaigning and voting periods of an election.
- 84** The Committee shall meet at least once every twenty-four (24) hours during all but the last two days of the voting period of an election, unless the CRO determines that a meeting is unnecessary.
- 85** The Committee shall meet at least once every twelve (12) hours during the last two days of the voting period of an election, unless the CRO determines that a meeting is unnecessary.
- 86** The CRO may schedule additional meetings of the Committee during any period of an election if they deem necessary.
- 87** The Committee shall meet as deemed necessary by the CRO while administering a referendum.

### Media Fund Committee

- 88** The mandate of the Committee is to administer funds collected from the student media fund fee.
- 89** The Committee shall meet:
- a. as necessary to make funding recommendations to the Board by the end of August; and
  - b. on an as-needed basis.
- 90** The Committee Members shall consist of the:
- a. Vice-President Campus Life;
  - b. Vice-President Internal;
  - c. a member of the Board of Directors;
  - d. a member of the Phoenix and/or its successor; and
  - e. a member of Heatwave Radio and/or its successor.
- 91** The General Manager shall serve as the chair of the Committee.
- 92** Pursuant to Bylaw X (90)(h), the Vice-President Campus Life shall serve as the chair of the Committee.
- 93** The Committee shall have the additional power and duty of:
- a. reviewing and evaluating funding requests;
  - b. compiling a report for the Board of Directors with details on how the Committee arrived at their decision on allocating funds; and
  - c. overseeing and making recommendations on the allocation of unawarded funds to the Board.

## REGULATION II – ELECTIONS & REFERENDA

- 1** In this Regulation unless the context otherwise requires:
- a. "Ballot" means an official ballot for use in an Election or Referendum;
  - b. "Candidate" means any Member who is duly nominated and accepts their nomination for a position on the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee during an Election in accordance with this Regulation;
  - c. "Campaigning" means the promotion of an individual who has intentions to become a Candidate or has been duly nominated as a Candidate, especially when such promotion is of a political capacity.
  - d. "Campaign Volunteer" means any Member that actively contributes to the candidate's campaign, including but not limited to: printing and putting up posters, assisting with tabling and assisting with social media advertising.
  - e. "Committee" means the Electoral Committee unless otherwise specified as to mean the Executive or any other committee besides the Electoral Committee.
  - f. "CRO" means the person appointed as Chief Returning Officer in accordance with Bylaws V (29) and VIII (74) (h);
  - g. "DRO" means a Deputy Returning Officer appointed by the CRO to assist in the conduct of an Election or Referendum;
  - h. "Election" means an election to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee, including a by-election, as required by the Bylaws;
  - i. "Referendum" means a referendum of the Members held in accordance with the Bylaws and this Regulation; and
  - j. "Sponsorship" means the supporting or backing of a Candidate through financial, advisory, marketing, or other means of assistance.

### Election and Referenda Officials

- 2** In addition to those powers and duties set out in Bylaw V, and subject to the requirements of the UBCSUO Bylaws and this Regulation, the CRO has the power and duty to:
- a. require the Student Union to provide adequate resources for the administration of an Election or Referendum in accordance with the budget for each Election or Referendum;
  - b. reserve adequate space under the care and control of the Student Union in consultation with the General Manager for the purposes of conducting an Election or Referendum;
  - c. create or cause to be created all requisite forms necessary for the conduct of and Election or Referendum;
  - d. produce the Ballots or arrange for online voting;
  - e. appoint and direct one or more DROs, as required;

- f. consult at their discretion with the legal counsel for the Student Union with respect to matters pertaining to the administration of an Election or Referendum;
  - g. receive, initiate, and investigate all complaints from Members regarding the administration of an Election or Referendum with the General Manager and Electoral Committee;
  - h. address complaints and take appropriate disciplinary action against a Candidate within a 24-hour period, and 12-hour period of the last two days of election, unless the electoral committee determines that an extension is necessary to adequately complete the investigation;
  - i. publish on the UBCSUO website and social media pages
  - j. their determinations with respect to complaints, including the reasons for the determinations;
  - k. prepare and propose to the Electoral Committee any additional rules and requirements for the administration of the Election or Referendum that are consistent with the Bylaws or Regulations; and
  - l. otherwise be responsible for the implementation of this Regulation.
- 3** Within twenty-one (21) days of the conclusion of any election or referendum, the CRO must submit to the Board of Directors for inclusion in the annual report of the Student Union a letter that:
- a. summarizes the role of the CRO, as defined by the Bylaws and this Regulation;
  - b. certifies that the Elections and Referenda held since the previous annual general meeting were conducted in accordance with the Bylaws and the Regulations; and
  - c. restates for every Election or Referendum held since the previous annual general meeting the:
    - i. names of any Candidates;
    - i. questions put to Referenda; and
    - ii. official results of the Elections and/or Referenda.
- 4** The board of directors shall facilitate an application process to select three outstanding candidates for DRO in a manner similar to the process for selecting the CRO.
- 5** Upon selecting these three candidates, the board shall provide the CRO with the applications materials from these candidates and allow the CRO to appoint the one or more candidates they believe to be best fit to serve as DROs.
- 6** Under the instruction of the CRO, any DRO shall assist with the supervision and administration of all elections and referenda including the conduct of voting.

## Schedule of Elections and Referenda

- 7** Wherever possible the schedule for **General Elections** shall be as follows:
  - a. Nomination period will open at 8:00am PST on the second Monday in February, and will run until 4:00pm PST the Friday of that week;
  - b. The All-Candidates meeting will take place on the same Friday that Nomination period ends;
  - c. Campaigning period will begin at 8:00am PST on the fourth Monday of February and will run until the close of voting;
  - d. Voting will commence at 8:00am PST on the first Monday of March, and will close at 11:59pm PST on the Wednesday of that week; and
  - e. Election results will be released no later than 5:00pm PST on the following Monday.
  
- 8** The CRO will determine and set out the schedule of any required By-Elections, including dates for:
  - a. Posting notice of vacancies;
  - b. The acceptance of nominations;
  - c. Publication of Candidate names;
  - d. Election forums; and
  - e. Voting.
  
- 9** The CRO must post vacancies and the nomination process for each Election in accordance with the electoral schedule.
  
- 10** Nominations will be accepted in accordance with the Election or By-Election schedules.
  
- 11** Following the close of nominations the CRO must cause to be posted, in accordance with Bylaw VI, the:
  - a. names of the Candidates for each position;
  - b. schedule of the Election, including voting days; and
  - c. contact information for the CRO.
  
- 12** Voting shall take place in accordance with the Election or By-Election schedule.
  
- 13** At least one (1) Election forum shall be held in accordance with the Election or By-Election schedule, at a time determined by the CRO.
  
- 14** A Referendum shall coincide with regularly scheduled Elections provided that it is held within a reasonable time period after it is called for in accordance with Bylaw V (36)

- 15** Upon the calling of a Referendum the CRO must cause to be posted, in accordance with Bylaw VI, the:
- a. question to be voted on by the Members;
  - b. schedule of the Referendum, including voting days; and
  - c. contact information of the CRO.

### Candidates

- 16** Subject to Bylaw VII, every Member is eligible to nominate and to be nominated for candidacy in an Election.
- 17** The nomination papers of a Member must include:
- a. the Candidate's full legal name and student identification number as it appears on their University-issued student identification;
  - b. the name by which the Candidate is preferred or which is found on a legal document;
  - c. the endorsement of at least fifteen (15) Members, evidenced by their:
  - d. full name and student identification number as it appears on their University-issued student identification; and
  - e. signature and the date of the nomination;
  - f. a declaration of acceptance of the nomination signed and dated by the Candidate.
- 18** A Member may be nominated to run for only one (1) position in an Election.
- 19** Incomplete nominations and nominations received after the deadline for submission of nominations shall be rejected.

### Campaigns & Candidate Conduct

- 20** It is the responsibility of Candidates to be familiar and comply with the Regulations and Bylaws.
- 21** The CRO will convene a meeting following the close of nominations to review with Candidates the campaign rules and requirements set out in this Regulation and the Bylaws.
- a. candidates shall be declared ineligible if they fail to attend the All-Candidates Meeting. The candidate is entirely responsible for obtaining all information provided at that meeting.

- b. in situations such as but not limited to, academic conflict, work obligation or extenuating circumstances, the CRO may consider waiving the disqualification of a candidate for failure to attend the All-Candidates meeting. However, the Candidate must communicate and provide proof of a valid excuse no later than 24 hours prior to the end of nomination period. In addition, an absence is only considered valid if approved by the CRO prior to the start of the All-Candidates meeting.

**22** Candidates are liable for their conduct and are responsible for the conduct of other parties who are acting under the instructions of the Candidate.

**23** Candidates may campaign by any means except may not:

- a. Campaign:
  - i. in Student Union businesses and other premises except as permitted by the CRO;
  - ii. in any University classroom during or immediately before a class without obtaining the prior permission of the professor;
  - iii. within the proximity of the polling location as designated by the CRO;
  - iv. by pooling campaign finances. Further, candidates must individually report campaign spending. Each instance of spending must be reported to the CRO within 24 hours of the expenditure occurring, with a final official report submitted within 24 hours of polls closing.
  - v. using another candidate's name or picture in the same graphic, poster, or video.
  - vi. as a slate. Each candidate must maintain separate finances, produce unique campaign materials, present campaign platforms distinct from other candidates, refrain from endorsing another candidate in the election, or engage in any other activity which would make the candidate a slate as determined by the Electoral Committee.
  - vii. while receiving or encouraging sponsorship from an outside body, including but not limited to corporations or organizations.
  - viii. by putting up posters or advertisements, or actively campaigning anywhere that is outside of the designated UBCO campus boundaries.
  - ix. by manipulating their preferred name in any way that suggests that candidates are affiliated on the ballot.
  - x. while having campaign managers or volunteers that are not members of the UBCSUO.
  - xi. by soliciting off-campus businesses or organizations to provide services that might be deemed to exceed the campaign-spending limit.

- xii. by soliciting endorsements from: UBC professors or administrators or; UBCSUO run businesses, services or UBCSUO administrators.
  - xiii. by using profanity on any election material. This includes any statement or imagery that suggests hatred or intolerance towards any group.
  - xiv. by making discriminatory or defamatory statements against another candidate.
  - xv. while being endorsed by any student who is an Executive or Director of the UBCSUO, nor can candidates recruit these individuals to work on their campaigns; or
  - xvi. outside of the rules of fair play as determined by the Electoral committee. Breaking the rules of fair play includes, but is not limited to, libel, slander, general sabotage of the campaigns of other candidates, misrepresentation of fact, and malicious or intentional breach of applicable regulations.
- b. harass or display aggressive, violent, or threatening behaviour;
  - c. interfere, or attempt to interfere, with the administration of the Election;
  - d. jeopardize, or take any action which could reasonably be expected to jeopardize, the integrity of the Election;
  - e. impede or interfere with the ability of another Candidate to campaign;
  - f. remove, replace, modify, or damage the materials of, or cause similar harm to, another Candidate;
  - g. provide money or items of monetary value as an incentive or any form of consideration to a Member in exchange for his or her support; and
  - h. otherwise act in a manner inconsistent with the University policies related to student conduct.

**24** Candidates shall be responsible for the actions or violations stemming from such actions of any volunteer(s) party unless the CRO determines that they did not direct the action, and could not have reasonably foreseen that such an action would occur.

- a. candidates may dissociate themselves from any person or organization who would otherwise be considered a volunteer, provided that they give immediate written notice to the CRO, and that the Committee is satisfied that the dissociation is genuine.
- b. candidates shall not be held responsible for the actions of any person or organization if the candidate had previously and adequately dissociated themselves from that person or organization
- c. candidates shall compile and maintain an up-to-date list of the names, phone numbers, and email addresses of all campaign volunteers. The list shall be forwarded to the CRO within 24 hours of the CRO's request.

**25** Candidates may display posters and other campaign materials at the locations designated by the CRO.

- 26** Failing to get approval from the CRO for campaign materials that are later deemed to have violated campaign regulations will result in disqualification.
- 27** There shall be no campaigning by any candidate outside of the campaigning period.
- 28** Every Candidate shall be required to limit their campaign expenditure to a maximum of seventy-five (\$75 CAD) Canadian dollars. This shall be reimbursed by the Student Union following the conclusion of the elections, except if the candidate:
  - a. is disqualified;
  - b. voluntarily withdraws their candidacy; or
  - c. does not use funds solely on necessary campaign materials.
- 29** Candidates who spend over the campaign limit will be subject to disqualification.

#### Promotion of Elections and Referenda

- 30** The CRO shall promote awareness of Elections and Referenda among the Members, including, but not limited to, through the following means:
  - a. Online platforms including Social media and the UBCSUO Website;
  - b. Posters and other print material;
  - c. Tabling and direct student engagement;
  - d. Election information forums and debates
- 31** The Student Union will allocate at least five hundred dollars (\$500) to the CRO, for each Election and Referendum, for the purposes of promoting awareness and participation in the Election or Referendum
- 32** Except as otherwise noted Referenda shall be conducted in accordance with the same manner as Elections.

#### Voting

- 33** Pursuant to Bylaw III (14), every Member in good standing is entitled to one (1) vote in every Election and Referendum.
- 34** Voting shall take place either online or at one or more locations on University premises designated by the CRO.
- 35** If online voting is utilized, software must be secure and not vulnerable to outside and/or any other forms of interference.

- 36** All students shall have equal access to cast their vote and voter integrity and privacy must be maintained.
- 37** If physical ballots are used, the voting place will be arranged in such a way as to allow the Members to cast their Ballots in secret. If online ballots are used, members should be encouraged to cast their ballots in confidentiality.
- 38** Physical Ballots shall conform to the following specifications:
- a. be, in all regards, legible and uniformly formatted and typewritten in a standard font and text size;
  - b. allows the Members to deliberately mark their Ballots in a manner that clearly and distinguishably indicates their support for a Candidate or preference with respect to a Referendum;
  - c. bear a unique alphanumeric serial identification;
  - d. designate a space for the authorization of the Ballot, evidenced by the initials of at least one (1) Election official present at the time the Ballot is issued;
  - e. contain one (1) or more security features reasonably necessary to frustrate an attempt to produce counterfeit or otherwise fraudulent representations of a Ballot, and to allow for the detection of such representations;
  - f. list the Candidates' names by last name in an order determined by lottery; and
  - g. contain the name of the candidate matching a government issued identification (or preferred nickname) with nothing else
- 39** Online Ballots shall conform to the following specifications:
- a. be, in all regards, legible and uniformly formatted;
  - b. display the name of the candidate matching their UBCO student card (or preferred nickname);
  - c. list the Candidates' names by last name in an order determined by lottery; and
  - d. allow the Members to easily and deliberately select a candidate and cast their vote.
- 40** For each election or referendum which uses physical ballots, a ballot registry shall be produced which must contain:
- a. the serial numbers of every Ballot produced for use in the Election or Referendum; and
  - b. a designated area for the initials of the CRO to be recorded upon the issuance of each Ballot.
- 41** When elections use physical ballots, members shall be issued one Ballot subject to:
- a. presentation of their University-issued student identification and verification of their identity;

- b. verification that the Member has not previously voted in the Election or Referendum; and
- c. acknowledgement by the Member that they have received a Ballot evidenced by their initial beside their name on the list of Members eligible to vote and a notation on the list that they have voted.

**42** A DRO must aid in marking a voter's Ballot if they are otherwise unable to do so and request assistance.

### Results

**43** Ballots shall be counted immediately following the conclusion of voting, without delay.

**44** The CRO shall supervise and coordinate the counting of Ballots.

**45** Every Candidate may appoint one (1) representative who may be present and act as a scrutineer during the counting of physical Ballots by providing written notice to the CRO in advance of the counting of Ballots.

**46** A candidate shall be declared elected if they receive the most votes for that position.

**47** A request for a recount when using physical ballots shall be granted where:

- a. the request is in writing and signed by a candidate who is contesting the position;
- b. the difference between the candidates for any one position is less than the three percent (3%) of the total votes cast for that position; and
- c. the CRO deems it necessary.

**48** Upon the conclusion of Ballot counting, and any recounts required, the CRO, without delay, must announce the results and post the results of the Election or Referendum:

- a. on the Student Union website; and
- b. in a prominent location in the Student Union's offices.

**49** In the case of online voting the results shall be tallied by the system in place and the results made available to members via the voting platform. There shall be no allowance for recounts when utilizing an online voting platform.

### Election Offences and Complaints

- 50** The CRO shall receive and investigate complaints and shall report their findings to the electoral committee.
- 51** Any Member may file a complaint in the format designated by the CRO regarding the administration of an Election or Referendum or the conduct of a Candidate.
- 52** Complaints must be filed within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence or discovery of the evidence forming the basis of the complaint.
- 53** A complaint must include:
- the name and contact information of the Member submitting the complaint;
  - a description of the complaint including the relevant section or sections of this Regulation that are alleged to have been violated; and
  - all information and evidence relevant to the complaint.

### Burden and Standard of Proof

- 54** The onus to prove the complaint is upon the complainant.
- 55** Any person accused of committing an Election offence shall be presumed not to have committed that offence until they are found guilty through an investigation conducted by the CRO in accordance with this Regulation.
- 56** Any person accused of committing an Election offence shall be permitted to be accompanied or represented by a person of his or her choice during the investigation of a complaint.
- 57** A person accused of committing an Election offence must be:
- provided with a copy of the complaint including all of the evidence supporting the complaint;
  - made aware of the procedure for investigating complaints set out in this Regulation; and
  - permitted to respond in writing to the accusations made against them.
- 58** The CRO must make every reasonable effort to meet with a candidate over the course of the investigation before rendering a decision on a complaint or disqualification.
- at least one other member of the Electoral Committee must also be present at this meeting; and
  - this meeting shall be recorded.

- 59** The CRO shall provide a signed, clearly articulated copy of the decision on the complaint to the electoral committee, complainant, and respondent prior to it being released publicly.
- 60** The candidate(s) may appeal the ruling of the electoral committee using the guidelines outlined under the sub-section below entitled "Appeals".

### Investigation of Complaints

- 61** The CRO shall investigate and decide a complaint along with the General Manager within twenty-four (24) hours of its receipt or twelve (12) hours on the last two days of the election. The CRO must bring the complaint to the Electoral Committee.
- 62** The CRO must give fair consideration to all evidence relevant to a complaint.
- 63** Upon the conclusion of an investigation of a complaint the CRO must decide whether an offence has occurred and, if so, whether the offence is minor or major.
- 64** Upon the conclusion of an investigation of a complaint relating to the administration of an Election or Referendum or the conduct of a candidate, if the CRO along with General Manager decides that the complaint is valid, the CRO must also determine whether the integrity or result of the Election or Referendum has been materially affected. If the CRO decides that the integrity or result of the Election or Referendum has been materially affected, the CRO must determine whether all or part of the Election or Referendum is invalid.
- 65** The CRO and General Manager must publish the reasons for his or her decisions in writing.

### Appeals

- 66** If a candidate wishes to appeal any ruling of the CRO, the appeal must be issued in writing to the electoral committee within 12 hours of said ruling; all appeals must be signed by the candidate.
- 67** Time limits for the appeals process can be extended, but not reduced, at the discretion of the CRO or the electoral committee.
- 68** The decision of the electoral committee on the appeal is final and may not be contested.
- 69** The election results will not be considered official nor may they be announced to the public until rulings are made on all outstanding appeals.
- 70** If an appeal would reverse the disqualification of a candidate after said candidate's name has been removed from any active ballots, the electoral committee shall acknowledge that if the appeal is successful a revote must be conducted for the position in dispute, ensuring that the reinstated candidate's name appears on the ballot

for the entire duration of the revote. This shall not apply if a candidate's disqualification is reversed prior to the beginning of voting, so long as their name appears on all ballots used in the election.

### Candidate Misconduct

- 71** A Candidate shall be disqualified from an Election if they are found to have committed either:
- three (3) separate Minor Offences; or
  - one (1) Major Offence.
- 72** A Candidate is guilty of a Minor Offence if they willingly violate any provision of this regulation that does not result in the integrity of the Election being materially compromised or result in serious harm or undue disadvantage to another Candidate.
- 73** A Candidate is guilty of a Major Offence if they willingly commit, or attempt to commit, any act which a reasonable person exercising an ordinary standard of care would have known was likely to:
- materially compromise the integrity of the Election;
  - result in serious harm or undue disadvantage to another Candidate; or
  - constitute two minor violations that occur within the last twenty-four (24) hours of the campaign period.
- 74** Penalties for violating minor offences shall include but not be limited to:
- 24-hour suspension of a candidate's campaign for each offence; and/or
  - a written apology which may either be directed to a specific person/organization or made known to members of the Student Union.
- 75** Elections may be considered null if:
- a candidate commits a Major Violation during the voting period; or
  - the Electoral Committee deems the integrity of the election to be compromised.

## REGULATION III – FINANCE

- 1 In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. “Bonds” means a fixed income instrument that represents a loan made by an investor to a borrower;
  - b. “Commercial paper” means an unsecured, short-term debt instrument issued by a corporation, typically for the financing of accounts payable and inventories and meeting short-term liabilities;
  - c. “Custodian” means an individual who will physically maintain possession of investments owned by the Student Union, collect dividend and interest payments, redeem maturing securities, and effect receipt and delivery following purchases and sales. May also perform regular accounting of all assets owned, purchased or sold;
  - d. “ESG” means environmental, social and governance;
  - e. “Investment” means any investment of funds permitted by Bylaw XII ;
  - f. “Investment Manager” means an individual who has discretion to purchase, sell, or hold the specific investment vehicles authorized by the finance committee to meet the Student Union’s investment objectives;
  - g. “Moody’s” means the bond credit rating business of Moody's Corporation, representing the company's traditional line of business and its historical name;
  - h. “Money Market Mutual Funds” means a kind of mutual fund that invests only in highly liquid instruments such as cash, cash equivalent securities, and high credit rating debt-based securities with a short-term, maturity—less than 13 months;
  - i. “Notes” means is a legal document that serves as an IOU from a borrower to a creditor or to an investor;
  - j. “Signing Officer” means a person who is designated by Bylaw XII (99) to serve as a signing officer of the Student Union; and
  - k. “Standard & Poor’s” means is a leading index provider and data source of independent credit ratings.

### Budget

- 2 The Vice President Finance and Administration, in consultation with the Finance Committee, shall draft the budget for consideration by the Board of Directors by May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 3 The Executive Committee, on the advice of the Vice President Finance and Administration and General Manager, shall recommend the budget for adoption by the Board of Directors by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- 4 Pursuant to Bylaw VIII (74)(e), the Board of Directors must adopt the budget on or before July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

- 5** The budget must:
  - a. reasonably project revenues and expenditures; and
  - b. designate who is responsible for oversight of each line item.
- 6** The Board may amend the budget at any time by Two-Thirds (2/3) Resolution.
- 7** Budgeted amounts may be reallocated by up to ten percent (10%) by resolution of the Executive Committee provided that there is no net increase to the budget.

#### Disbursement of Funds

- 8** Expenses up to and including ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) must be approved by the person responsible for the relevant line item.
- 9** Expenses greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) but less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) must be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 10** The Board of Directors must approve all expenses equal to or greater than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).
- 11** Signing Officers may sign-off on payments if they are reasonably satisfied, upon the inspection of supporting documentation, that the disbursement is valid and duly authorized in accordance with this Regulation.
- 12** Pursuant to Bylaw XII (99), payments must be signed by two Signing Officers.
- 13** Signing Officers must not request or sign-off on payments made payable to themselves, or in any other cases where there could reasonably appear to be a conflict of interest.
- 14** Pursuant to Bylaw XII (100), the General Manager shall oversee the issuance of all cheques.

#### Investments

- 15** The Finance Committee shall oversee the Investments of the Student Union.
- 16** The Finance Committee has authorization to delegate certain responsibilities to professional experts in various fields. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - a. Investment Manager;
  - b. Custodian; or
  - c. Additional specialists such as attorneys, auditors and others who may be employed by the Student Union to assist in meeting its responsibilities and obligations to administer investment assets prudently.

- 17** As a responsible owner, the Student Union, will regularly engage and collaborate with its active investment managers on matters related to environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities. Specifically, the Student Union will:
- a. integrate the consideration of ESG factors into the investment process as an additional 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 Investment Committee's annual report.

*Asset Quality and Allocation*

- 18** The quality rating of fixed-income securities, bonds and notes, must be "A" or better, as rated by Standard & Poor's or Moody's. The portfolio may consist of only traditional principal and interest obligations with maturities of seven years or less.
- 19** The quality of commercial paper must be A-1, as rated by Standard & Poor's, and/or P-1, as rated by Moody's, or better. The assets of any money market mutual funds must comply with this standard and/or quality provisions for fixed-income securities.
- 20** Prohibited investments includes, but are not limited to, the following:
- a. commodities and futures contracts;
  - b. private placements;
  - c. options; and
  - d. non-registered securities.
- 21** Subject to market conditions, donated securities will generally be sold immediately upon receipt by the Student Union. Where it is advantageous to do so, and subject to the constraints of this policy, UBCSUO may hold these securities internally
- 22** Rebalancing of the portfolio's strategic asset allocation shall be adopted as a risk-management strategy. Once an asset allocation is implemented that matches the portfolio's risk tolerance, rebalancing approximately semi-annually, when necessary, should allow the maintenance of risk exposure at an appropriate level. Investment managers must consult with the UBCSUO before rebalancing.

- 23** The investment manager will maintain reasonable diversification at all times. They may not allow the investments in equity securities of any one company to exceed ten percent (10%) of the portfolio or the total securities position (debt and equity) in any one company to exceed ten percent (10%) of the portfolio. Reasonable sector allocations and diversification must also be maintained. No more than twenty-five (25) percent of the portfolio may be invested in the securities of any one sector.

#### *Asset Quality and Allocation*

- 24** The funds of the UBCSUO may be invested as Investments, provided that sufficient cash, or cash equivalents, are held to ensure sufficient operating liquidity throughout the fiscal year.
- 25** To accomplish the organization's investment objectives, based on its time horizon, risk tolerances, performance expectations, and asset class preferences, an optimal portfolio was identified. The investment manager is authorized to utilize portfolios with the following strategic asset allocations.

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Lower Limit</b>	<b>Strategic Allocations</b>	<b>Upper Limit</b>
Canadian Bond	0%	18%	70%
Global Bond	0%	45%	90%
Canadian Equity	0%	6%	30%
Global Equity	0%	18%	30%
High Yield	0%	13%	60%
Cash	0%	0%	20%

#### *Reporting Requirements*

- 26** Quarterly - The investment manager shall provide the committee with detailed information about asset allocation, investment performance, future strategies, and other matters of interest.
- 27** Annually - The investment manager will provide an annual summary of all transactions in each fiscal year, together with a report of investment performance for the year by portfolio, to the Board. Investment objectives will be reviewed to confirm that they are in line with goals and objectives contained herein.

#### *Review of Performance and Policy*

- 28** The committee shall meet at least annually with the investment manager to review the results of the investment portfolio to determine whether the performance benchmarks have been met. At this meeting, the committee will decide if they would like to reappoint the investment manager for the following year.

- 29** The investment policy in Regulation III - Finance shall be reviewed at least two years by the Board.

#### Student Association Grants

- 30** Student Associations may apply in writing to the Student Union for financial or other extraordinary support in accordance with this Regulation.
- 31** The Ad-Hoc Student Association Funding Committee shall consider and approve Student Association funding requests of up to and including two thousand dollars (\$2,000).
- 32** The Board of Directors shall consider and approve Student Association funding requests over two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

#### Audit & Financial Statements

- 33** In advance of the Annual General Meeting of each year, the Board of Directors shall recommend the appointment or reappointment of the auditor.
- 34** The audited financial statements, upon their acceptance by the Members, shall be published on the Student Union website for inspection by the Members.

## REGULATION IV - GOVERNANCE

- 1 In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. "Professional Misconduct" means behavior by an elected official which may damage the reputation of the Student Union, including: verbal, physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; breach of federal, provincial, or municipal law; misappropriation of Student Union resources or private property; falsification of records; acting upon Conflicts of Interest or Potential Conflicts of Interest; publication or encouragement of publication of information which is false, fraudulent, deceptive, misleading, or in violation of Student Union policy.
  - b. "Reprimand" means a formal, publicly released written statement of disapproval by the Board of Directors specifying the nature of a complaint and the reason it was determined valid.
  - c. "Warning" means a written notice issued by the Board of Directors that an Executive's conduct is not appropriate and could result in further consequences.

### Directors and Executive Committee Directors

- 2 The Student Union shall insure and indemnify every Director for liabilities arising from their service, provided that their actions are in accordance with the Society Act of British Columbia and the Bylaws and Regulations.
- 3 Certificates of insurance shall be made available to Directors upon request.
- 4 Pursuant to the Bylaws, Executive Committee Directors shall be bonded in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).
- 5 In the fulfillment of their responsibilities, Executive Committee Directors are expected to dedicate a minimum of fifty (50) hours every two weeks throughout the year to their duties as set out under the Bylaws and Regulations.
- 6 Of these fifty (50) hours, Executive Directors must be in the Student Union office at least three (3) days and fifteen (15) hours per week, and this must be during typical office hours. Of these fifteen (15) hours, Executive Committee Directors must schedule, post notice, and be available for student appointments for at least five (5) hours per week on average.
- 7 Executive Directors are entitled to the following time off with pay:
  - a. Winter Term 1 Reading Break – Two (2) days
  - b. SUO Office Christmas Closure
  - c. Winter Term 2 Break – Five (5) days
  - d. Ten (10) additional paid vacation days to use at their discretion over the course of their term of office.

- 8** If necessary, Executive Directors may opt to take up to ten (10) UNPAID additional days off over the course of their term of office. These unpaid days may be used in combination with paid vacation periods to allow for longer absences.
- 9** Absences or time off requirements in excess of those discussed above will be in the form of an unpaid Leave of Absence, which must be approved by the board.
- 10** Executive Directors are required to be in office and may not take vacation or leaves of absence during the following black-out periods:
  - a. May; and
  - b. The last two weeks of August and the month of September.
- 11** In addition to regulation thirty-five (35), the Vice President Finance and Administration is required to be in the office and may not take a leave of absence during the months of June and July.
- 12** Notwithstanding regulation thirty-five (35) & thirty-six (36), Executive Directors may request, and the Oversight Committee consider, leaves of absence during black-out periods due to extenuating circumstances.
- 13** Each Executive Committee Director must provide a bi-weekly report on their activities. These reports shall be submitted to the President and General Manager in accordance with the payroll schedule provided, and must include all significant information which may affect the Student Union's operations or membership.
- 14** The above reports are to be included and reviewed as a standing agenda item at each Board of Directors meeting.

- 15** Each Executive Committee Director must provide a Trimester Report to the Oversight Committee on the status of their Executive Goals:
- For the Oversight Committee meeting in September;
  - During an Oversight Committee meeting in the Second Winter Term, prior to the campaigning period for general elections; and
  - During the final Oversight Committee meeting in April.

### Meetings of the Board of Directors

- 16** The President shall serve notice of the date, time, and location of meetings of the Board of Directors to all Directors at least seven (7) days in advance of each meeting.
- 17** The President shall prepare or cause to be prepared the agenda for each meeting of the Board of Directors in accordance with this Regulation.
- 18** Subject to approval by the Board of Directors at the beginning of each meeting, the President may:
- determine the format of the Agenda; and
  - prioritize the business of meetings of the Board of Directors.
- 19** At least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of a meeting of the Board of Directors, the agenda shall be:
- distributed electronically to every Director;
- 20** Any Director may require an item to be placed on the agenda for a meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that it is:
- received by the President at least five (5) days in advance of the meeting, whether electronically or in writing;
  - endorsed by two other Directors; and
  - relevant to the business of the Student Union, as determined by the President.
- 21** If within thirty (30) minutes from the time appointed for a meeting of the Board of Directors, a quorum is not present at or above fifty (50) percent of all members, the minutes shall reflect those in attendance and the meeting shall be adjourned.
- 22** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall not normally exceed three (3) hours in duration except if extended by Resolution.
- 23** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall adjourn at or before 10:00PM except if extended by Resolution.
- 24** Minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be taken and approved at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

- 25** Minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors shall reflect the general nature of the business to be discussed in camera, but not disclose the content of the discussion or any confidential or privileged information.
- 26** Confidential minutes shall be taken of meetings of the Board of Directors held in camera and be maintained by the Student Union in a confidential manner.

#### Director and Executive Honoraria

- 27** Pursuant to Bylaw VII (73), every Director shall receive a base honorarium of \$155 per month. This shall be known as the base honorarium and shall be paid monthly. The base amounts of honorarium shall be automatically adjusted on May 1<sup>st</sup> to match the Consumer Price Index as measured by Statistics Canada, using 2014 as the base year.
- 28** Director base honoraria shall be determined as follows:
- a. \$50 flat fee for attendance at the monthly board meetings; and
  - b. remainder based upon a report of participation and engagement in Students' Union general work and activities.
- 29** Director honoraria shall be approved by the executive committee.
- 30** Pursuant to Bylaw X (92), every Executive shall be paid an honorarium.
- 31** Each Executive Director shall receive a base honorarium in the amount of \$1000 bi-weekly. The base amounts of honorarium shall be automatically adjusted on May 1<sup>st</sup> to match the Consumer Price Index as measured by Statistics Canada, using 2021 as the base year.
- 32** Executive Directors shall submit timesheets indicating hours worked to the Oversight Committee. Timesheets shall be due and honoraria shall be paid in accordance with the payroll schedule for employees of the Student Union.
- 33** Directors shall submit timesheets indicating hours worked to the General Manager for approval from the Executive Committee. Timesheets shall be due and honoraria shall be paid in accordance with the payroll schedule for employees of the Student Union.
- 34** Subject to the requirements of Bylaw VII (73), the base amounts of honoraria may be amended by the Board of Directors by Resolution.
- 35** Subject to the requirements of Bylaw X (92), the base amounts of the Executive Director honoraria may be amended by the Board of Directors by Resolution provided that the new amount:
- a. reflects the responsibilities and time commitments of Executive Directors; and
  - b. reasonably ensures that Members are able to serve as Executive Directors without enduring financial hardship.

- 36** These two honoraria amounts are mutually exclusive. Individuals may collect either a Director or Executive honoraria, not both.

Executive Accountability/Disciplinary Process

- 37** The Oversight Committee may recommend disciplinary measures of Executive Directors to the Board of Directors on the following grounds:

- a. Ceasing to fulfill eligibility requirements outlined in Student Union policy;
- b. Failing to adequately fulfill one's duties and responsibilities as outlined in Student Union policy, including working required hours as outlined under Sections five (5) and six (6) of this Regulation;
- c. Failing to adhere to the Code of Conduct or any other portion of Student Union Policy;
- d. Engaging in professional misconduct when acting or perceived to be acting as representatives of the Student Union;
- e. Failing to disclose a Conflict of Interest;
- f. Failing to respect confidentiality;
- g. Inappropriately using one's position for personal gain; or
- h. Engaging in willful deceit.

- 38** A complaint may be brought to the Oversight Committee by any of the following:

- a. Any Active Member;
- b. Any corporate body or association that the Student Union is a member of; or
- c. Any member of the University.

- 39** A complaint may be established as frivolous or vexatious at the discretion of the Oversight Committee. Such complaints shall not be made, and repeated violations may lead to disciplinary action.

- 40** The Oversight Committee may recommend, and the Board of Directors approve, any of the following sanctions on Executive Directors who have engaged in behaviors outlined in section thirty (30) of this Regulation:
- a. Issuance of a Warning;
  - b. Issuance of a Reprimand;
  - c. Reduction or suspension of compensation;
  - d. Temporary or permanent revocation of powers and privileges; or
  - e. A move for impeachment.
- 41** The Oversight Committee shall be responsible for judging the performance of Executive Directors. The Oversight Committee is required to solicit evidence to facilitate fair judgement, including consideration of:
- a. Timesheets and Executive reports;
  - b. Review of any complaints filed; and
  - c. When deemed necessary, input from any executives, directors, or staff members.

#### Correspondence

- 42** Correspondence to and from the Board of Directors and Executive Committee shall normally be received and sent by the President on behalf of the Executive Committee.
- 43** Outgoing correspondence shall normally be prepared by the Executive Committee Director most responsible for the matter.
- 44** Media releases shall be prepared by or under the supervision of the Vice President External and approved by the Executive Committee.

## Contracts

- 45** The Executive Committee may, from time to time, enter into contracts in the name of the Student Union, provided that the amount has been budgeted for and the contract does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in value.
- 46** The Board of Directors may approve by Resolution and on the advice of the Executive Committee any contract equal to or greater than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in value.
- 47** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the General Manager may negotiate and enter into employment contracts on behalf of the Student Union, in consultation with the Executive Committee, from time to time.
- 48** Duly approved contracts shall be executed by two Signing Officers.

## Human Resources

- 49** Pursuant to Bylaw X (87) (h), the Executive Committee shall oversee the General Manager.
- 50** The President, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall oversee the human resources of the Student Union through the General Manager.
- 51** Every Director and Member shall direct any opinion or concern regarding:
  - a. an employee or the human resources of the Student Union to any member of the Executive Committee or the General Manager; or
  - b. the General Manager to the Executive Committee.

## REGULATION V - POLITICAL POLICIES

- 1** In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. "External Communication" means any form of communication with any person or organization, except among the Student Union and its employees and Directors;
  - b. "Political Policy" means an official political position held by the Student Union established in accordance with this Regulation; and
  - c. "Spokesperson" means any person, including a Director or employee of the Student Union, who is authorized to make statements on behalf of the Student Union.
- 2** The purpose of Political Policies is to assert and communicate the thoughts, opinions, and beliefs of the Student Union.
- 3** The official political positions reflected as Political Policies shall be the official position of the Student Union for the purposes of External Communications.
- 4** The Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt political positions that are not expressed in the form of a Political Policy

### Establishment of Political Policies

- 5** Political Policies may be adopted by Two-thirds Resolution of the Directors.
- 6** Political Policies may be amended, renewed, or repealed at any time by a Two-thirds Resolution of the Directors.
- 7** Political Policies shall expire three (3) years after their adoption
- 8** Political Policies must contain:
  - a. a statement describing the subject of the Political Policy; and
  - b. the official political position of the Student Union regarding the subject of the Political Policy.
- 9** The subject of a Political Policy may be any matter:
  - a. consistent with the purposes of the Student Union as set out under the Constitution, and;
  - b. relevant to the interest of the Members in their capacity as University students.

- 10** The policy statement should be written such that it:
  - a. is clear and concise;
  - b. can be read and easily understood by the Members; and
  - c. sets out the desired action or expectations about the subject.
  - d. The Spokesperson must faithfully represent the views expressed in Political Policies in all means of External Communication.
  
- 11** In the absence of a Political Policy or other Resolution the President shall represent the opinions of the Members on a given matter to the best of his or her ability.
  
- 12** The President shall be the Spokesperson of the Student Union with respect to the opinions of the Student Union.
  
- 13** The Vice-President External shall be a Spokesperson of the Student Union:
  - a. in cooperation with the President, as required by Bylaw X (87)(i) in the performance of their duties; and
  - b. in the absence or incapacity of the President.
  
- 14** A Spokesperson may be appointed, from time to time, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of the Board of Directors in order to represent the views of the Student Union on a specific matter.

## REGULATION VI – PRIVACY

- 1** In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. “Employee Personal Information” means employment-related personal information about an individual that is collected, used or disclosed solely for the purposes reasonably required in an employment relationship between an organization and an individual;
  - b. “Express Consent” is written or verbal consent obtained through notifying an individual how and why their Personal Information is being collected and that individual willingly agreeing to this action;
  - c. “Implied Consent” is written or verbal consent in which notification of collection and use is not needed, because the purpose of collecting this Personal Information should be obvious to a reasonable person;
  - d. “Information Sharing Agreement” is a contract which outlines the terms and conditions for sharing Personal Information in accordance with PIPA;
  - e. “Opt-out Consent” is the same as Express Consent with the additional stipulation that the individual shall be given the option not to participate by un-checking an agreement box;
  - f. “Personal Information” means any information about an identifiable individual and includes Employee Personal Information but does not include contact or work product information;
  - g. “PIPA” means the Personal Information Protection Act of British Columbia; and
  - h. “Privacy Officer” means the employee appointed to ensure that the Student Union is in compliance with PIPA.

- 2** This Regulation applies to all operations of the Student Union.

### Privacy Officer

- 3** If the Student Union does not have an individual appointed as Privacy Officer, the Board of Directors shall appoint a staff member to fill this vacancy.
- 4** The Privacy Officer shall be responsible for:
  - a. Creating a Privacy Management Program for the Student Union;
  - b. With cooperation from the General Manager, implementing the Privacy Management Program for the Student Union;
  - c. Facilitating a privacy training program for Student Union staff and, on an annual basis, the incoming Executive Committee;
  - d. Representing the Student Union on all privacy-related matters;
  - e. Ensuring there are proper reporting mechanisms in place to monitor that the Privacy Management Program is functioning effectively;

- f. Developing and maintaining a Personal Information Inventory which records the type, use, and sensitivity of Personal Information the Student Union collects;
  - g. Submit a report to the policy committee on an annual basis on recommended changes to this Regulation and related policies in the procedural manual;
  - h. Fostering an overall culture of privacy within the Student Union; and
  - i. Any additional duties assigned to them in this Regulation or by PIPA.
- 5** The Student Union shall provide the contact information of their privacy officer on their website and any social media accounts and shall make this information clear and easily accessible.
- 6** The Privacy Officer must be aware of all provisions of both PIPA and this Privacy Policy and understand their duty to carry out all responsibilities designated to them in all parts of this Privacy Policy.

#### Collection and Use of Personal Information

- 7** Subject to this Regulation and compliance with PIPA, types of Personal Information collected by the Student Union shall include:
- a. Names;
  - b. Addresses;
  - c. Social Insurance Numbers;
  - d. Birth dates;
  - e. Email addresses;
  - f. Personal bank account information;
  - g. Personal phone numbers; and
  - h. Signatures.
- 8** Subject to this Regulation and compliance with PIPA, uses of Personal Information collected by the Student Union shall include but not be limited to:
- a. Employee records;
  - b. Volunteer signup;
  - c. Opt-out information;
  - d. Online event registration;
  - e. Providing information about Student Union elections;
  - f. Advocacy-related projects; and
  - g. Job application information.
- 9** The Student Union shall only collect and use Personal Information to the extent that a reasonable person would deem necessary to fulfill the specific purpose for which it is being collected and used.

- 10** The Student Union may not collect or use the Personal Information of any individual whose Personal Information isn't relevant to the specific purpose of collection or use.
- 11** The Student Union shall require either Express Consent or Implied Consent when collecting and using Personal Information and may only use Opt-Out Consent as a last resort, in accordance with PIPA.
- 12** The Student Union shall notify an individual each time their Personal Information is being collected or used for a new purpose, and an individual may withdraw their consent to having their Personal Information collected or used at any time.
  - a. The Student Union must notify individuals of the collection of their Personal Information at the time the collection occurs.
- 13** The Student Union may collect or use Employee Personal Information without consent if a reasonable person would deem it necessary to establish, manage, or terminate an employment relationship.

#### Consent

- 14** In accordance with PIPA, consent cannot be considered Implied Consent unless it was voluntarily given by the individual for the implicit purpose.
- 15** The Student Union must provide individuals enough information to allow them to make an informed decision when they must choose whether to give Express Consent.
- 16** Deceptive, false, or misleading practices used to collect Personal Information are not legitimate means of obtaining consent.
- 17** The Student Union may only collect, use, or disclose Personal Information with the consent of a source other than the owner of this Personal Information if:
  - a. It is clearly in the interests of the individual and consent cannot be obtained in a timely way;
  - b. The Personal Information is necessary for medical treatment and the individual is unable to give consent;
  - c. The Personal Information is collected visually at a public performance, sports meet or similar event that the individual voluntarily attends;
  - d. The information is used to decide if an individual is suitable for an honour, award or other similar benefit;
  - e. The information is necessary to collect or pay a debt owed to or by the Student Union; or
  - f. It is required by law.

- 18** The Student Union is required to provide an easily accessible, up-to-date copy of this privacy policy on their website due to recognition that all Members should be aware of their right to consent.

#### Disclosure of Personal Information

- 19** The Student Union shall only disclose Personal Information to the extent that a reasonable person would deem acceptable in the specific circumstance and when deemed necessary.
- 20** The Student Union shall require either Express Consent or Implied Consent when disclosing Personal Information and may only use Opt-Out Consent as a last resort, in accordance with PIPA.
- 21** The Student Union may disclose Employee Personal Information without consent if a reasonable person would deem it necessary to establish, manage, or terminate an employment relationship.
- 22** If a Board or staff member of the Student Union is unsure whether they have the authority to disclose Personal Information under PIPA, they shall consult the Privacy Officer before releasing any such information.
- 23** The Privacy Officer and Vice-President External shall be responsible for ensuring an Information Sharing Agreement is prepared and agreed upon for all intended exchanges of Personal Information between the Student Union and an external party. This Agreement must establish:
- The roles and responsibilities for each party;
  - When and how the sharing of Personal Information may occur;
  - Limits on use and disclosure of Personal Information;
  - Required safeguards;
  - How and when Personal Information shall be returned or destroyed;
  - The processes for all parties to report and manage any suspected breaches; and
  - How each party will monitor compliance with the Information Sharing Agreement.

#### Retention of Personal Information and Personal Information Inventory

- 24** For greater certainty, the Personal Information Inventory shall not contain the actual Personal Information collected by the Student Union.
- 25** The Personal Information Inventory shall only be accessible to the Privacy Officer and Finance Manager, and all other individuals must go through the Privacy Officer to obtain any of its contents.

- 26** The Privacy Officer must make a reasonable effort to ensure Personal Information is accurate and complete, and on an annual basis shall:
- Review and update the Personal Information Inventory;
  - Review and provide recommendations to this Regulation and related policies;
  - Assess risks to security of Personal Information and evaluate whether security controls are functioning effectively;
  - Propose revisions to security controls if they are not functioning effectively; and
  - Review the privacy management training program to see if it is still current, ensuring all staff and executives have participated in training *before* accessing Personal Information.
- 27** The Personal Information Inventory shall specify the sensitivity of the Personal Information collected by the Student Union, and therefore the stringency with which this information must be secured.
- 28** The Personal Information Inventory shall also specify who Personal Information may be collected from, why it is collected, and where it is stored.

#### Destruction of Personal Information

- 29** As per PIPA, Personal Information must be destroyed or anonymized as soon as it is no longer needed for any legal or business reasons.
- 30** The Privacy Officer shall redact all additional Personal Information collected which is not relevant to the purpose of collection.
- 31** The Privacy Officer shall purge all Personal Information maintained by the Student Union no longer needed in the months of April and December each year.
- 32** If Personal Information is used to make a decision about an individual, it must be kept for a full year in accordance with PIPA so that the individual can request access to their Personal Information after the decision has been made.

#### Protection of Personal Information

- 33** Any Student Union Board or staff member who deems it necessary to access Personal Information to fulfill a specific purpose related to the duties of their position must go through the Privacy Officer to gain access to this information.
- 34** The Privacy Officer may refuse access to Personal Information for any individual if the Privacy Officer determines that providing them with access to this information would be in violation of PIPA.

- 35** If the Board of Directors believes that a specific scenario in which granting an individual access to Personal Information is in line with PIPA and necessary to accomplish a specific purpose of the Student Union, they may overrule the Privacy Officer by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- 36** In coordination with the Privacy Officer, the Vice-President External shall communicate on an annual basis to all external service providers or contractors who receive Personal Information from the Student Union its expectation on the privacy and security of the Personal Information of its Members in accordance with the relevant Information Sharing Agreement.
- 37** Any complaints received about the Student Union's management of Personal Information shall be directed to the Privacy Officer, who has a fiduciary duty to investigate and determine the legitimacy of these complaints and how they shall best be addressed.
- 38** The detailed process for the investigation and addressing of complaints regarding Personal Information shall be specified in the procedural manual and in the Privacy Management Program.
- 39** If the Privacy Officer believes a complaint has been substantiated, they shall determine and implement necessary revisions to the Privacy Management Program to better meet the Student Union's obligations to PIPA and to avoid similar occurrences in the future.
- 40** The protocol for breaches to the security of Personal Information possessed by the Student Union shall be specified in the procedural manual and in the Privacy Management Program.
- 41** In accordance with PIPA, any Personal Information stored on paper must be securely stored and only accessible to the Privacy Officer. Additionally, any Personal Information stored digitally must be properly encrypted and password protected, and only accessible to the Privacy Officer.
- 42** The Privacy Officer shall ensure on an annual basis that Student Union computer systems are protected with firewalls, anti-virus software, and intrusion detection, and that these protections are fully functioning.
- 43** The Privacy Officer shall ensure on an annual basis that all digitized Personal Information is backed up and encrypted in a password protected server located within Canada.
- 44** The Privacy Officer shall monitor Student Union Board and staff members on their compliance with PIPA on a continual basis, and in the event of non-compliance shall communicate to the Executive Committee the need for addressing such non-compliance. The Executive Committee, in coordination with the Privacy Officer, shall then develop and implement a plan to address this issue.

- 45** Any Student Union Board or staff member who is accessing Personal Information shall ensure such Personal Information is not accessible to anyone beyond themselves and the Privacy Officer, and that the Personal Information is returned to its secure storage location as soon as it is no longer needed by that individual.
- 46** Any Student Union Board or staff member who comes across a suspected breach of Personal Information shall report this to the Privacy Officer immediately upon discovery.

#### Right to Access

- 47** Any individual has the right to access and request corrections to their own Personal Information at any time, and the Student Union has the duty to provide them with their Personal Information as soon as it is able.
- 48** *Any student who has concerns about this Regulation, the Student Union's handling of Personal Information, or other privacy-related inquiries may contact the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) at 250-387-5629 or [info@oipc.bc.ca](mailto:info@oipc.bc.ca).*
- 49** An individual may request access to their Personal Information by filling out a Personal Information Request Form, contacting the privacy officer, or submitting an access request on the UBCSUO website.
- 50** If an individual requests that their Personal Information should be corrected, the Privacy Officer must correct this information or make a note that this correction was requested but not made, which must include the reason why this correction was not made.
- 51** An individual may file a complaint regarding the Student Union's collection, use or disclosure of Personal Information by filling out a Personal Information Complaint Form, contacting the privacy officer, or submitting a Personal Information Complaint on the UBCSUO website.

## REGULATION VII – CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1 In this Regulation unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. “Apparent Conflict of Interest” means a Private Interest which a reasonable person would think could lead to professional judgement being compromised;
  - b. “Conflict of Interest” means a Private Interest which, contrary to the obligation and duty to act in the best interests of the Student Union, exploits relationships or privileges for personal gain; and
  - c. “Private Interest” means any interest, including but not limited to pecuniary interest, whereby an individual would gain a benefit, privilege, exemption or advantage from the action of the Student Union which is not available to the Members.

### General Provisions

- 2 The Board of Directors shall conduct all business in accordance with the stipulations of the Societies Act and the UBCSUO Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and Procedural Manual. This commitment requires that the Board of Directors act ethically, professionally, and with the proper decorum as individuals and a group.
- 3 Directors shall:
  - a. Act in accordance with the Human Rights Act as it relates to the individual’s race, ethnicity, language, religion, marital status, preferred gender, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, economic status, political affiliation, and national ancestry;
  - b. Respect the professional and intellectual work of others, giving those others full credit and citations when reproduced in any form;
  - c. Attend Board and committee meetings having adequately prepared for all deliberations; and
  - d. Encourage constructive criticism and make themselves open to suggestions for improvement;
- 4 Directors shall not:
  - a. Attempt to exercise individual authority over the Student Union, except as set forth explicitly in the Board Policies, and to that end must:
    - i. Respect and apply the principle of confidentiality when dealing with issues of a sensitive nature, in accordance with the UBCSUO Privacy Regulation; and
    - ii. Sign with the acknowledgement and agreement to act in accordance with this code of conduct.

- b. Store recreational drugs or alcohol on Student Union premises;
  - c. Be under the influence of recreational drugs or intoxicated while conducting Student Union business or acting as a director in any capacity;
  - d. Engage in any form of sexual activity on Student Union premises;
  - e. Use confidential or privileged information for personal benefit or gain, and must obey the provisions of the SUO Privacy Regulation;
  - f. Disclose any information discussed in an *in camera* meeting of the Student Union without the authorization of the Board of Directors.
- 5** Upon taking office, all directors shall attend mandatory sexual harassment and wellness training. The General Manager shall be responsible for the coordination of these training sessions.

### Conflict of Interest

- 6** In addition to the provisions on Conflict of Interest in the Societies Act, Directors are also required to follow the subsequent provisions on Conflict of Interest in this Regulation.
- 7** If the Board of Directors or a Committee so directs by Resolution, a Director may answer questions pertaining to the issue on which they have a Conflict of Interest or an Apparent Conflict of Interest.
- 8** If a Director who has a Conflict of Interest or Apparent Conflict of Interest is chairing a Board Meeting or Committee Meeting, they shall relinquish the chair while the issue on which they have a Conflict of Interest or Apparent Conflict of Interest is being discussed.
- 9** If the Board or a Committee of the Board moves *in camera* to discuss an issue on which a Director is in a Conflict of interest or an Apparent Conflict of Interest, that Director shall be required to remove themselves from the *in camera* session in which the issue is to be discussed, unless specifically invited to stay by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution of the Board or Committee.
- 10** If a Director is uncertain about whether they are in either a Conflict of Interest or an Apparent Conflict of Interest, the Director shall inform the Board or Committee of the possible Conflict of Interest and the Board or Committee to decide upon the matter.
- 11** If a Director believes that another Director may be in a Conflict of Interest or an Apparent Conflict of Interest, they shall ask the Board or Committee to decide the matter.

- 12** If a staff member believes that a Director may be in a Conflict of Interest or an Apparent Conflict of Interest, they shall ask the Board or Committee to decide the matter.
- 13** A Director's Private Interest may include the Private Interests of the Director's family and the Private Interests of a companion, business associate or a close friend of the Director, to be determined at the discretion of the Board.
- 14** No Executive Member of the Board or other Director of the Student Union may accept a fee, a gift, a personal benefit or hospitality that is offered or tendered by virtue of their position as an Executive or a Director, unless authorized to do so by the Board.
- a. This shall not apply to a gift or personal benefit that is incidental to the protocol or social obligations that normally accompany the responsibilities of office; unless
  - b. The gift or personal benefit exceeds \$150 in value, or the total value received directly or indirectly from one source in any twelve (12) month period exceeds \$150. In this case, the Director must immediately disclose to the Board, in writing:
    - i. The nature of the gift or benefit;
    - ii. Its source; and
    - iii. The circumstances under which it was given and accepted.
  - c. Upon the disclosure of a gift or personal benefit as referred to in subsection b), the Board shall either allow the recipient to keep the gift or benefit, direct that the gift or benefit be returned, or direct that the gift or benefit be disposed of in any other manner it sees fit.
- 15** No Executive Member of the Board of Directors shall hold a significant position, including but not limited to executive positions, within a Student Association.

#### Non-compliance

- 16** Any Director who contravenes this Code of Conduct may be directed by a Resolution of the Board to:
- a. Pay restitution to the Student Union for any financial loss suffered by the Union as a direct result of the Director's action;
  - b. Account for, and dispose of, any profits made as a result of a breach of this Section;
  - c. Return or otherwise restore the Student Union's property taken, damaged or destroyed by a direct action of that Director;
  - d. Vacate/be removed from their office; or
  - e. May be subject to other disciplinary measures at the discretion of the board.

### Director Acknowledgement

- 17** In accordance with this Regulation, all Directors shall be required to sign a contract upon taking office acknowledging they have read, are familiar with, and will abide by this Code of Conduct and Appendices A, B and C of this Regulation
- 18** Any Director who fails to fulfill their commitment to this contract may be subject to the disciplinary measures in this Regulation and/or legal consequences of not fulfilling their end of a contract under Contract Law.
- 19** Any Director who refuses to sign this contract shall be removed from office.

## REGULATION VIII – STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

- 1** In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. “Club” means any organization ratified by the Student Union in accordance with this Regulation, except for a Course Union;
  - b. “Council” means the governing body of a Course Union;
  - c. “Course Union” means a Department-specific organization of Members, ratified by the Student Union in accordance with this Regulation;
  - d. “Course Union President” means the senior-most Executive Officer of a Course Union;
  - e. “Department” means any academic field available for study at the University;
  - f. “Executive Member” means any duty elected or appointed governing member of a Club or Course Union; and
  - g. “Student Association, per Bylaw 1, shall mean clubs or, course unions groups ratified by the Student Union.

### General Provisions

- 2** The Vice President Internal, or their designate, shall be responsible for the implementation, enforcement, and oversight of this Regulation.
- 3** It is the responsibility of the Vice President Internal to organize, advertise, and facilitate one Orientation/ Student Association meeting per year.
- 4** Student Associations are formed under and subject to this Regulation.

### Ratification of Student Associations

- 5** New Student Association applications may only be submitted and ratified in the months of September, October, January and February.
- 6** Members may establish a new Student Association or bring forward an existing organization for ratification into the Student Union as a Student Association by following the established application process and meeting the requirements of this Regulation. A proposed Student Association must satisfy all of the following criteria:
  - a. designate at least three executive members, including a President, Treasurer, and Secretary;
  - b. submit a completed Student Association registration form with a valid constitution in a timeframe in accordance with the guidelines in Part 4 of this regulation;
  - c. not have purposes inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Union;

- d. not overlap with the scope of an existing Student Association;
  - e. allow for membership in accordance with this Regulation; and
  - f. not engage in supporting any unlawful activity.
- 7** In addition to Bylaw VII(6), Course Union must also submit a constitution which shall include, but is not limited to, all articles and bylaws listed in the Sample Constitution provided by the Membership Outreach Coordinator.
- 8** There may be up to one (1) Course Union for every Department.
- 9** An application for ratification of a proposed Student Association must include:
- a. the proposed name;
  - b. the name of the first President;
  - c. the name and signatures of three signing authorities;
  - d. the purposes of the Student Association; and
  - e. A petition of at least fifteen (15) Members in support of the proposed Student Association.
- 10** The Vice President Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator shall receive and research all proposed Student Associations applications, in order to make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- 11** The Vice President Internal may require the applicants of a proposed Student Association to provide any additional information that they believe to be necessary to make a decision with respect to the ratification of the proposed Student Association.
- 12** The Student Union may reject any application for, or rescind at any time, the ratification of any Student Association if the Student Association does not meet the requirements of the Bylaws or this Regulation or if the Student Association, or its members in connection with the conduct of the Student Association, has been sanctioned by the University.

#### Effect of Ratification

- 13** All Student Associations assets, including membership fees and proceeds from their activities, shall be held by the Student Union.
- 14** Student Associations are not permitted to accept any legal obligation for the Student Union including any of the following:
- a. entering into contracts either on behalf of the Student Union or the Student Association;
  - b. hiring employees; or
  - c. open an account with a financial institution.

- 15** The VP Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator shall provide the following support to Student Associations:
- a. publish a list of Student Associations, including their contact information on its website;
  - b. assist Student Associations in booking space on campus where Student Union assistance is required;
  - c. designate and maintain space for promotion of Student Associations and/ or their events; and
  - d. poster printing support.
- 16** Student Associations may apply in writing to the Student Union for financial or other extraordinary support in accordance with this Regulation.
- 17** The Student Union shall not consider and approve applications for resources or funding for political or social causes, except those political or social causes which are consistent with and further the official Political Policies of the Student Union adopted by the Student Union in accordance with the Political Policies Regulation.

#### Responsibilities of Student Associations

- 18** Starting September 1st of every year, all Student Associations shall cease to receive support from the Student Union until:
- a. notifying the Student Union of their intent to maintain their Student Association status; and
  - b. submitting a registration form to renew this status.
- 19** A Student Association which accomplishes the above requirements and is approved by the Board shall receive support from the Student Union until September 1st of the next year.
- 20** If by October 1st of each year a Student Association has not accomplished the requirements listed above, they shall not receive support from the Student Union for the First Winter Term, including but not limited to:
- a. monetary support;
  - b. tabling and room booking privileges;
  - c. printing support; and
  - d. other forms of administrative support.

- 21** A Student Association which does not meet the First Winter Term deadline may receive support from the Student Union for the Second Winter Term if they accomplish the requirements under regulation twenty-three (23) prior to the first Friday of the Second Winter Term.
- 22** A minimum of one (1) executive from each Student Associations must attend Orientation for a Student Association to qualify for First Winter Term funding.
- 23** If a proposed Student Association does not officially have their registration renewed by the dates laid out in this regulation, they may still be ratified by the Board as a Club or Course Union but will not receive support except in accordance with above procedures.
- 24** A Student Association which has been deemed inactive for a period of at least eighteen (18) months may be dissolved by the Board of Directors.
- 25** Every Student Association must notify the Student Union of the name and contact information of their President.
- 26** All Student Associations must, at all times, abide by the rules for student conduct established by the University.
- 27** Complaints about the conduct of a Student Association shall be directed to the University.
- 28** If, upon the conclusion of an investigation of a complaint the University finds that misconduct has occurred, the Student Union may suspend or revoke the privileges of a Student Association or otherwise take remedial action in accordance with the findings of the University
- 29** All Executive Members of a Student Association have a fiduciary duty to report to the Student Union any activities by fellow Executives which violate any part of this Regulation. Executive Members shall be held personally accountable if it is revealed they had knowledge of such an activity and chose not to report it to the Student Union, or if they were unfamiliar with this Regulation.
- 30** It is the responsibility of the UBCSUO Board of Directors to determine the appropriate response to instances of wrongdoing by Executive Members of Student Associations.
- 31** Each Student Association must delegate three signing authorities.
- 32** Signing authorities shall not be recognized until their name and information has been submitted to the Membership Outreach Coordinator. A Student Association shall not receive funding until the Membership Outreach Coordinator confirms they have received a list of signing authorities.

- 33** All signing authorities of a Student Association are accountable to both their Student Association membership and the UBCSUO for any activities of the Student Association, including financial mismanagement.
- 34** Each Student Association must submit an end of term report outlining events hosted and funding used to the Students' Union by the first week of the following term to be eligible for funding for the following term.
- 35** If a Student Association is granted more than \$2,000 in student association funding, they are expected to display the UBCSUO logo on all promotional material. Evidence shall be provided to the Vice President Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator upon request.

### Clubs

- 36** A Club may be constituted for a purpose directly arising from the shared interests of students in connection with:
  - a. organizing and participation in social, leisure, and recreational activities; or
  - b. the expression of social, political, and religious opinions or causes.
- 37** Every Member is eligible for, and entitled to, membership and participation in the activities of every Club, subject to this Regulation.
- 38** Clubs may require a membership fee of up to thirty dollars (\$30). Any amount exceeding \$30 in membership must first be approved by the executive committee.
- 39** Executive Members shall either be elected or appointed in a manner consistent with their constitution
  - a. be clearly defined in the club's constitution prior to ratification; and
  - b. have the continued support of the majority of the club's members.
- 40** At least one Executive Member shall have the power and duty to represent the club when required by the Students' Union.
- 41** Clubs are required to hold at least two meetings per semester.
- 42** At least one Executive Member of every club is required to attend each Club Council meeting.

## Course Unions

- 43** The purposes of Course Unions are to:
- a. assist the Student Union in advocating for the specific needs of the members of a given Academic Department;
  - b. provide for extracurricular opportunities for members of the Course Union that:
    - i. enhance their learning experience;
    - ii. provide for social occasions; and
    - iii. create leadership opportunities; and
  - c. otherwise serve the purposes of the students.
- 44** Course Unions must have copies of their constitution available for members upon request, and must be able to provide such copies through all of the following means:
- a. hyperlink;
  - b. email; or
  - c. paper copy.
- 45** Voting membership of a Course Union shall be available exclusively to every member registered in the affiliated Department.
- 46** Course Unions shall be required to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) once every Winter Term, and executives shall make a reasonable effort to advertise to members at least 10 days in advance the significance, location, date and time of this meeting. The following business shall be conducted at a Course Union AGM:
- a. receiving and approving the preceding year's financial statement;
  - b. presenting the annual operating budget of the Course Union;
  - c. receiving the report of the President with respect to the activities of the Course Union in the present academic year of the University;
  - d. special Resolutions and/or Ordinary Resolutions per the agenda; and
  - e. receiving motions from the floor.
- 47** Quorum for a Course Union AGM shall be twenty-five (25) members or 5% of Course Union membership, whichever is less.
- 48** Course Unions may only introduce levied membership fees through referendum, and may only propose such a referendum at their AGM. The threshold for such a referendum to succeed is at least a simple majority of members.
- 49** If there are concerns that the introduction of levied membership fees by a Course Union was not conducted legitimately, the Board of Directors may vote to overturn this levied fee requirement or to order the Course Union to conduct a revote.

- 50** Every member of a Course Union is eligible to:
- seek election to any position within the Course Union;
  - exercise one (1) vote in the election of the Course Union President and for every other Executive Member; and
  - vote for each vacant position on a Council, provided that they may only cast one (1) vote for any given Candidate.
- 51** A Course Union must make a reasonable effort to ensure that every member of the Course Union is aware of:
- the time and location where the election of Executive Members and Council Members is to take place; and
  - how a member of the Course Union becomes a Candidate for election or appointment to Council or an Executive Member position.
- 52** Every Course Union must have a Council consisting of at least three (3) Executive Members all of whom shall be elected by and from amongst the members of the Course Union.
- 53** Every Course Union with levied fees must have a Council consisting of at least three (3) Executive Members and at least four (4) non-Executive Council Members, all of whom shall be voted upon by the members of the Course Union.
- 54** The Council is responsible for conducting the business of the Course Union and ensuring that the requirements of this Regulation are satisfied.
- 55** A member of a Council must, in exercising their duties to the Course Union, act in the best interests of the members of the Course Union.
- 56** A person who no longer meets the requirements of membership in that Course Union ceases to be a member of Council.
- 57** The Council must meet at least once per month from September through April.
- 58** The time and location of Council meetings must be published at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.
- 59** Council meetings must be open to the members of that Course Union, and to the Directors, Executive Committee Directors, and the Vice President Internal or their designate.
- 60** Every Course Union must elect a Course Union President, Treasurer, Secretary, and any other Executive Member listed in the governing documents, from amongst the members of the Course Union.

- 61** Executive Members shall serve for a term of twelve (12) months.
- 62** If members of a Course Union raise concerns to the Board regarding actions by a Course Union Executive Member, the Board shall delegate an individual(s) who will investigate these allegations and report their findings to the Board. If, upon the conclusion of this investigation, the Board determines that it is in the best interest of the Course Union for the Executive Members in question to be removed from office, they shall:
- a. remove these Executive Members from office; and
  - b. assist the Course Union in holding fresh elections for these positions in a timely manner.
- 63** The Course Union President or designate shall serve as a liaison between the Course Union and the Student Union.
- 64** The Course Union President may have other powers and duties, as determined by the members of the Course Union.
- 65** The Course Union President of a Course Union who no longer meets the requirements of membership in that Course Union ceases to be a member of Council.
- 66** Course Unions are required to hold at least one meeting per month.
- 67** At least one Course Union Executive Member is required to attend every Course Union Council meeting.

### Compliance

- 68** Each Student Association must be and remain in compliance with the following requirements in order to continue to be recognized and receive support from the Students' Union:
- a. adherence to all aspects of this policy;
  - b. adherence to the constitution and bylaws of the UBCSUO; and
  - c. adherence to all applicable policies of the University of British Columbia.

- 69** If a Student Association is found by the Board of Directors to be non-compliant with this regulation, the Student Association may be subject to discipline by the Board of Directors which may order any of the following in relation to the Student Association's activities and status as a Student Association:
- a. an order to cease the violation and to refrain from committing the same or a similar violation again;
  - b. public censure;
  - c. denial of funding or withdrawal of unspent funds for no more than one year;
  - d. withdrawal of tabling or room-booking privileges for no more than one year;
  - e. withdrawal of postering privileges for no more than one year;
  - f. withdrawal of Student Association status for no more than one year, at which point the Student Association may re-apply for status; or
  - g. other actions that the Board of Directors finds appropriate.
- 70** A Student Association shall automatically have all privileges temporarily revoked, and only restored at the discretion of the Board of Directors or by the Membership Outreach Coordinator, if they commit any of the following:
- a. damage to UBCO property;
  - b. hosting of an event outside of UBCO property without SUO permission;
  - c. forgery;
  - d. discovery of an external bank account linked to a Student Association; or a negative internal account balance.

## REGULATION IX - UBCSUO LEGACY FUND

- 1** In this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. "UBCSUO Legacy fund" means a fund established by the Students' Union to support active member initiatives;
  - b. "Member" means any student who is a member in good standing of the UBC Students' Union Okanagan;
  - c. "Travel expenses" mean any and all travel associated costs, including but not limited to transportation, transportation fees and taxes, accommodation, and meals.
  
- 2** The UBCSUO Legacy Fund shall be administered by the Executive Committee in accordance with the following provisions:
  - a. the purpose of this Fund shall be to provide funding to Active Members of the Society for:
    - i. projects that benefit the University community;
    - ii. projects that benefit the local community;
    - iii. philanthropic activities, and projects;
    - iv. conferences that benefit the University community and local community;
    - v. other projects deemed worthy by the Executive Committee.
  
- 3** Only individual active members of the Student Union or informal groups of such members shall be eligible to receive monies from this Fund.
  
- 4** Student Associations and Resource Centres are not eligible to receive monies from this Fund.
  
- 5** An individual or group wishing to receive monies from this Fund shall submit an application to the Vice-President Finance and Administration, who shall present the applications to the Executive Committee for discussion and decision.
  
- 6** Individuals working together on a project should form themselves into an informal group and submit one joint application for the project rather than submitting individual applications.
  
- 7** UBCSUO Legacy Funds shall not be used for:
  - a. business or entrepreneurial ventures of any kind;
  - b. standard educational fees such as tuition, books, or supplies;
  - c. purchases of alcohol or other controlled substances;
  - d. purchases of capital assets

- 8** The maximum amount of a grant from this Fund shall not exceed \$5,000. Grants larger than \$2,000 shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 9** Maximum amounts that will be granted for any travel costs will be:
  - a. \$150 for regional travel (within the Southern Interior of BC);
  - b. \$300 for travel within the province of British Columbia;
  - c. \$500 for travel within Canada;
  - d. \$1,000 for travel outside of Canada.
- 10** All travel expenses shall be in accordance with Regulation X – Travel & Accommodations.
- 11** No more than one grant shall be made to any applicant in any one fiscal year. An individual who is part of a group receiving a grant shall not be eligible for a separate grant as an individual in that same fiscal year.
- 12** Grants from the Fund shall cover no more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total cost of the project.
- 13** If a project is approved, money for the project shall be paid to the applicant only after the project is completed and a list of expenses has been submitted to the Vice-President Finance and Administration for verification.
- 14** In certain circumstances, funds may be paid to the applicant in advance of project completion should the applicant demonstrate need for earlier payment. This decision will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 15** Any unawarded funds shall revert to the Student Union and be dealt with as a budgetary surplus.

## REGULATION X - TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATIONS

- 1** In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. "Travel" means any travel required, in accordance with this Regulation, of any traveller beyond the municipal boundaries of Kelowna, British Columbia; and
  - b. "Traveller" means any Director or Executive Committee Director, or any other person designated by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee as such, who is required to engage in travel to conduct the business of the Students' Union.

### General Provisions

- 2** Travel is to be approved as required:
  - a. in advance, via a travel authorization form; and
  - b. whenever required to fulfill the obligations set out by a Regulation or Bylaw.
- 3** The Vice President Finance and Administration shall be responsible, in consultation with the General Manager, for approving Travel arrangements.
- 4** In approving arrangements for Travel, the Vice President Finance and Administration must consider:
  - a. the logistical and operational needs of Travellers;
  - b. the timeliness and duration of Travel;
  - c. cost-effectiveness; and
  - d. the reasonable comfort and any special needs of those who travel
- 5** Travellers shall be reimbursed by the Student Union for reasonably incurred costs arising from Travel.
- 6** The Student Union may provide an advance, where requested by the Traveller, for the costs of Travel, including the disbursements of any amounts provided for by this Regulation.
- 7** Requests for advances shall be considered for approval by the Vice President Finance and Administration in consultation with the General Manager.
- 8** Travel expense claims must include proof of payment of all travel expenses with the exception of meals which are covered under the per diem clause.
- 9** A claim for reimbursement must be submitted to the Student Union not later than thirty (30) days after the return date of Travel.
- 10** A claim for reimbursement must be accompanied by proof of payment.

## Transportation

- 11** No Traveller shall be required to operate a motor vehicle.
- 12** If a Traveller volunteers to operate a motor vehicle, he or she must:
- a. hold a valid "Class 5" British Columbia drivers licence, or equivalent;
  - b. rest for at least thirty (30) minutes within every four (4) hours of driving; and
  - c. not drive, in any 24-hour period, for more than:
    - i. five hundred (500) kilometers; and
    - ii. eight (8) hours.
- 13** A Traveller may volunteer the use of his or her personal vehicle, provided that he or she:
- a. has proof of insurance of his or her personal vehicle, including third-party liability insurance coverage, of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000);
  - b. certifies that, to the best of his or her knowledge, the vehicle is in good working order and is free of mechanical defects or other deficiencies; and
  - c. satisfies any other requirements set out by the General Manager.
- 14** The Student Union must be provided with copies of certificates of insurance and drivers licences.
- 15** A Traveller who volunteers the use of his or her personal vehicle is entitled to reimbursement:
- a. on a per kilometer basis in the amount of the Canada Revenue Agency automobile allowance rates in effect for the dates of travel; and
  - b. for all reasonably incurred parking expenses.
- 16** The Student Union is not liable for costs arising from any regular or unexpected maintenance or repairs needed during the use of a personal vehicle for Student Union business.
- 17** Vehicles may be rented for use by the Student Union, subject to:
- a. the purchase of third-party liability insurance in an amount determined by the General Manager, but not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000); and
  - b. indemnification of the driver of a rental vehicle against all damage and losses incurred, except those resulting from:
    - i. a contravention of the Motor Vehicle Act of British Columbia by the driver for which he or she is convicted; or
    - ii. a willful violation of the rental agreement
- 18** The Student Union shall normally purchase collision-loss insurance for all rental vehicles.

- 19** Where travel by air is required, flights must be booked a minimum of two weeks in advance whenever possible.
- 20** Only the lowest available fares appropriate to particular itineraries, to a maximum full economy fare, may be purchased or reimbursed.

#### Per Diems

- 21** For travel outside the city of Kelowna, where meals are not included as part of the conference or event, travellers shall receive a per-diem of \$55.00 per day to cover meals.
- 22** Each traveller will be reimbursed for the per diem expenses upon presentation of the per diem expense claim form, such form to be received within 30 days of date of travel.
- 23** If any meals are provided as part of the conference or event, the following amounts shall be deducted from the per diem:
  - a. breakfast: \$14.00
  - b. lunch: \$16.00
  - c. dinner: \$25.00
- 24** Should per diem reimbursements for any trip be made by another organization, they shall not be reimbursed by the Students' Union.

#### Accommodations

- 25** In cases where a Traveller is required by the Student Union to be away from his or her place of residence overnight, the Student Union shall provide accommodation subject to the following conditions:
  - a. each Traveller is provided with his or her own bed;
  - b. whenever possible, the place of accommodation has, at the time of travel, a "three star" rating or better by Canadian Star Quality Accommodation for Travel in Canada, or for international Travel, the equivalent rating by a reputable organization that specializes in the rating of accommodations; and
  - c. paragraph (b) does not apply when Travellers are provided with a room in the residences of a publicly funded Canadian post-secondary institution, so long as all other conditions of this Regulation are met.
- 26** In cases where a Traveller is provided accommodations by a third party, the Society is obligated to ensure that the requirements of this Regulation are reasonably met.

#### Sundry Expenses

- 27** The Student Union shall reimburse a traveller for the cost of internet access should it not be provided as an amenity of the accommodation booked

## REGULATION XI – HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN

### Definitions

- 1 In this Regulation, the Health and Dental Plan Reserve will be referred to as the HDPRF.

### General Provisions & Purpose

- 2 The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent principles, guidelines, and best practices for the maintenance, management, accounting, and use of the HDPRF. The primary purpose for the internal reserves:
  - a. Protect against short to medium term volatility in claims activity, and, therefore, premium unpredictability
  - b. Promotion of financial stability
  - c. Manage annual fee and/or premium adjustments that may be required due to fluctuation in claims experience
  - d. Provide flexibility to maintain, enhance and improve the program, coverage, and/or services in various capacities (ex. benefit modifications)
  - e. Capital expenditures directly related to the management and operations of the Health & Dental Plan program (optional)
  - f. Assist with administrative costs pertaining to the operation and management of the Health & Dental Plan program.

### Funding

- 3 Reserves can be established through the following channels:
  - a. The difference in the student fee levied and the premium charged
  - b. A specific fee (temporary or permanently) allocated to fund the reserve fund
  - c. Funding channels maybe be added as they arise (ex. donations)

### Applicable Administrative Usage

- 4 The HDPRF shall be used for administrative costs related to management of the Plan including, but not limited to:
  - a. payments to the Plan Administrator for costs related to the Plan,
  - b. payments to the Plan Consultant for costs related to the Plan,
  - c. payments for financial or accounting services related to the Plan,
  - d. investment management fees for Plan funds,
  - e. relationship management costs related to the Plan, and/or
  - f. payment of the salary in relation to the management or coordination of the Plan.

- 5** Annually, the Fund shall transfer the following amounts to the General Fund of the Students' Union to offset operational costs associated with the provision of the Health & Dental Plan service:
  - a. \$25,000 to cover annual lease, common area, and utility costs for service area;
  - b. \$2,000 per month flat fee towards the Project Manager's salary for IT and web support;
  - c. 100% of the annual salary and benefits expense for the Front Desk attendant;
  - d. 100% of the annual investment management fees for reserve fund as applicable; and
  - e. 100% of advertising costs associated with the Health and Dental Plan.
  
- 6** The HDPRF may be used to provide other health and wellness initiatives, programs or services to the student membership.

#### Approval of Use

- 7** Any use of funds from the HDPRF must be approved by special resolution of the Board of Directors.

## REGULATION XII – RESOURCE CENTRES

- 1 In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - a. “Resource Centre” shall mean an advocacy focused student group with a common interest that has been granted status by the Student Union
  - b. “Executive council” means the governing body of a Resource Centre
  - c. “Head coordinator” means the senior-most Executive Officer of a Resource centre
  - d. “Executive member” means any duty elected or appointed governing member of a Resource centre

### General Provisions

- 2 The Vice President Internal, or their designate, shall be responsible for the implementation, enforcement, and oversight of this Regulation.
- 3 It is the responsibility of the Vice President Internal to organize, advertise, and facilitate at least two (2) Resource Centre Council meetings per semester.
- 4 Resource Centres are formed under and subject to this Regulation.
- 5 The views expressed by the Resource Centres do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Students’ Union.
- 6 Any correspondence by a Resource Centre with a Student Union logo or letterhead shall still indicate that its views do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Students’ Union.

### Ratification of a Resource Centre

- 7 The Vice-President Internal or their designate may recommend that an organization become a Resource Centre given that the proposed group satisfy the requirements laid out in regulation sixteen (16) below, in addition to the following criteria:
  - a. the proposed Resource Centre is clearly defined and does not overlap with the scope of an already existing Resource Centre or Student Association;
  - b. the proposed Resource Centre has already been constituted as a “Student Association” and has been in existence for a minimum of two years;
  - c. the proposed Resource Centre’s finances are in good order, as determined by the Vice-President Finance
  - d. does not have purposes inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Students’ Union; and
  - e. does not engage in supporting any unlawful activity

- 8** The Board of Directors, may by a Two-thirds Resolution (2/3), ratify an organization to be, or to no longer be, a Resource Centre, provided that the Vice President Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator recommend such action. Should the Board so decide, regulation fifteen (15) below shall be deemed to be amended.
- 9** The Vice President Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator shall meet with and research all proposed Resource Centres, in order to make recommendations to the Board of the Directors.
- 10** The Vice President Internal may require the proposed Resource Centre to provide any additional information that they believe to be necessary to make a decision with respect to the ratification of the proposed Resource Centre.
- 11** The Student Union may reject any proposal for, or rescind at any time, the ratification of any Resource Centre if the Resource Centre does not meet the requirements of the Bylaws or this Regulation or if the Resource Centre, or its members in connection with the conduct of the Resource Centre, has been sanctioned by the University.

#### Effect of Ratification

- 12** All Resource Centre financial assets shall be held by the Students' Union.
- 13** Resource Centres are not permitted to accept any legal obligation for the Students' Union including any of the following:
  - a. entering into contracts either on behalf of the Student Union or the Resource Centre;
  - b. hiring employees; or
  - c. open an account with a financial institution
- 14** The VP Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator shall provide the following support to Resource Centres:
  - a. publish a list of Resource Centres, including their contact information on its website;
  - b. assist Resource Centres in booking space on campus where Student Union assistance is required;
  - c. designate and maintain bulletin boards on campus for use by Resource Centres; and poster printing support

## Responsibilities of Resource Centres

- 15** The following organizations shall be the Resource Centres of the Student's Union:
- Indigenous Student Council (ISC)
  - Peer Support Network (PSN)
  - Pride Resource Centre (PRC)
  - Women's Resource Centre (WRC)
- 16** As mandated by the Board of the Directors, a Resource Centre shall:
- provide information and raise awareness on issues of concern to the membership and the university at large, as defined by the mandate of the individual Resource Centre;
  - be involved in social issues relevant to society at large;
  - provide services to the membership, including but not limited to safe spaces, events, discussion groups, information seminars and;
  - propose and lobby for policy changes within the Student's Union, the University, and society at large
- 17** Starting June 1st of every year, all Resource Centres shall cease to receive support from the Student Union until:
- notifying the Student Union of their intent to maintain active status; and
  - submitting a resource centre funding package to renew this status
- 18** A Resource Centre which accomplishes the above requirements shall be eligible for support from the Student Union until May 31st of the next year.
- 19** If by July 15th of each year a Resource Centre has not accomplished the requirements listed above, they shall not receive support from the Student Union, including but not limited to:
- monetary support;
  - tabling and room booking privileges;
  - printing support; and
  - other forms of administrative support
- 20** At least the Head Coordinator of a Resource Centre must attend inclusivity training with the Vice President Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator to qualify for funding.
- 21** If a proposed Resource Centre does not officially have their registration renewed by the dates laid out in this regulation, they may still be ratified by the Board as a Resource Centre but will not receive monetary support except by Two-thirds(.) Resolution by the Finance committee.

- 22** A Resource Centre which has been deemed inactive for a period of at least eighteen (18) months may be dissolved by the Board of Directors.
- 23** Every Resource Centre must notify the Vice President Internal and the Membership Outreach Coordinator of the name and contact information of their Head Coordinator by June 30th of every year.
- 24** Every Member is eligible for, and entitled to, membership and participation in the activities of every Resource Centre, subject to this Regulation. This provision notwithstanding, a Resource Centre may, in its constitution, limit, for specifically defined groups of members to have:
- access to specific areas of that same Resource Centre's space– or attendance at specifically defined events or activities of that Resource Centre– but only within the circumstance of preserving and protecting the mental, emotional, or physical well-being of other members of said Resource Centre; and
  - the ability to hold a position on the executive council on that same Resource Centre, but only in the interests of protecting the mandate of the mentioned Resource Centre as set out in its constitution
- 25** If a member submits a written complaint about the application of regulation twenty-four (24) above, the Vice President Internal may liaison with the Resource Centre to respond to the complaint in writing and may, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution by the Executive, recommend that the Board of Directors take further action in the matter.
- 26** In regards to the Resolution referred to in regulation twenty-five (25) above, the Board may, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, take action as it deems necessary.
- 27** All Resource Centres must at all times, abide by the rules for student conduct established by the University.
- 28** If upon the conclusion of an investigation of a complaint the University finds that misconduct has occurred, the Student Union may suspend or revoke the privileges of a Resource Centre or otherwise take remedial action in accordance with the findings of the University.
- 29** All Executive Members of a Resource Centre have a fiduciary duty to report to the Student Union any activities by fellow Executives which violate any part of this Regulation. Executive Members shall be held personally accountable if it is revealed they had knowledge of such an activity and chose not to report it to the Student Union, or if they were unfamiliar with this Regulation.
- 30** It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to determine the appropriate response to instances of wrongdoing by Executive Members of a Resource Centre.
- 31** Each Resource Centre must delegate three signing authorities.

- 32** Signing authorities shall not be recognized until their name and information has been submitted to the Membership Outreach Coordinator.
- 33** A Resource Centre shall not receive funding until the Membership Outreach Coordinator confirms they have received a list of signing authorities.
- 34** All signing authorities of a Resource Centre are accountable to both their Resource Centre membership and the UBCSUO for any activities of the group, including financial mismanagement.
- 35** Each Resource Centre must submit a report outlining advocacy activities, events hosted and other information requested to the Vice President Internal and Membership outreach coordinator twice per academic year, one in January and one in April to maintain funding eligibility.
- 36** Each Resource Centre shall submit a financial report to the Finance Committee in April of every fiscal year. If a Resource Centre fails to submit this report; its financial account shall be frozen until it submits the required document or documents.

#### Internal Governance

- 37** Each Resource Centre shall be responsible for establishing its own guidelines, regulations, and procedures which shall be recorded in a constitution or other similar document which shall be submitted to the Vice President Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator for information purposes. Any amendments to the constitution or other document shall also be submitted to the Vice President Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator. If amendments significantly alter the mandate of the Resource centre, the Vice President Internal may recommend, by a Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution, recommend to the Board of Directors that it reject amendments.
- 38** Each Resource Centre shall ensure that only those members of the Resource Centre who are Active Members of the Students' Union shall:
  - a. hold a position on the Executive Council, or similar positions within the Resource Centre; and
  - b. exercise voting privileges at the Resource Centre meetings and other events
- 39** Executive Members of a Resource Centre shall either be elected or appointed in a manner consistent with their constitution; and must adhere to the following requirements:
  - a. be clearly defined within a Resource Centre's constitution; and
  - b. have the continued support of the majority of the Resource Centre's members
- 40** Each Resource Centre must elect or appoint only one (1) Head Coordinator that shall have the power and duty to represent the Resource Centre when required by the Students' Union.

- 41** Each Resource Centres' Head Coordinator must sign a contract with the Student's Union to be eligible for honorarium.
- 42** A Head Coordinator may become ineligible for honorarium if any of the following are or become applicable:
- the recipient is already receiving compensation from the Students' Union;
  - the recipient fails to comply to the Students' Union Regulations, Code of Conduct or bylaws;
  - the Board of Directors by Two-thirds (2/3) Resolution agrees there is significant cause for withholding and/or ineligibility of honorarium;
  - the recipient does not adhere to the requirements per their Head Coordinator contract; and/or
  - there is a clear conflict of interest
- 43** All Resource Centre Head Coordinators must attend at least two (2) Board of Directors meetings per year, one in August and one in December. The purpose of these meetings will be for the respective Resource Coordinator to present their activities and plans for the upcoming term and to provide an update on that progress to the Board of Directors. A written request for attendance shall be given by the Vice-President Internal no later than one week (7 days) prior to the meeting.
- 44** With the exception of the Head Coordinator, positions within a Resource Centres Executive Council must be on a voluntary basis and individuals must not receive salary or honoraria from the Resource Centre in their role as Executive Members.
- 45** Resource Centres' Executive Councils must hold at least three meetings per semester.

#### Space

- 46** Should a Resource Centre be provided space by the Students' Union, such spaces shall be subject to UBC's "Respectful Environment Policy" as well as any Students' Union policies and procedures, and shall be open to inspection by the Vice President Internal, the Membership Outreach Coordinator and the General Manager.
- 47** A Head Coordinator of a Resource Centre shall be the only Executive Member with SALTO access to a Resource Centre space. These privileges may be revoked if a coordinator is found at any time to be violating any relevant policies or procedures.
- 48** For security reasons, an Executive member of the specific Resource Centre must be present at all times during their allocated drop-in hours.
- 49** To respect the shared space, a Resource Centre's volunteers and members may only occupy a given space during their scheduled date(s) and/or time(s).

- 50** The Membership Outreach Coordinator shall within reason ensure that Resource Centres are given priority over Student Associations with regard to booking Student Union space. This may include but is not limited to, allowing the Resource Centres advance booking opportunities prior to the opportunities set aside for Student Associations. However, the Membership Outreach Coordinator and Vice President Internal may restrict the number of advance bookings granted to each Resource Centre.
- 51** Space priority shall also be made available to the Resource Centres on the Students' Union website, expo and in other communications media as appropriate and reasonable to allow the Resource Centres to publicize their events and activities.
- 52** Each Resource Centre must be and remain in compliance with the following requirements in order to continue to be recognized and receive support from the Students' Union:
- a. adherence to all aspects of this policy;
  - b. adherence to the constitution and bylaws of the UBCSUO; and
  - c. adherence to all applicable policies of the University of British Columbia
- 53** If a Resource Centre is found by the Board of Directors to be non-compliant with this regulation, the Resource Centre may be subject to discipline by the Board of Directors which may order any of the following in relation to the Resource Centre's activities and status as a Resource Centre:
- a. an order to cease the violation and to refrain from committing the same or a similar violation again;
  - b. public censure;
  - c. denial of funding or withdrawal of unspent funds for no more than one year;
  - d. withdrawal of tabling or room-booking privileges for no more than one year;
  - e. withdrawal of postering privileges for no more than one year;
  - f. withdrawal of Resource Centre status for no more than one year, at which point the Resource Centre may re-apply for status; or
  - d. other actions that the Board of Directors finds appropriate
- 54** A Resource Centre shall automatically have all privileges temporarily revoked, and only restored at the discretion of the Board of Directors or by the Membership Outreach Coordinator, if they commit any of the following:
- a. damage to UBCO property;
  - b. hosting of an event outside of UBCO property without Student Union permission;
  - c. forgery;
  - d. discovery of an external bank account linked to a Resource Centre; or
  - e. a negative internal account balance

### Resource Centre Funding

- 55** The Board of Directors shall annually budget for and provide Resource Centres with grants to assist in development, operations and maintenance of the Resource Centres.
- 56** A Resource Centre must be in good and active status; in addition to successfully completing and submitting a Funding Application to be eligible for financial support from the Students' Union.
- 57** The Vice-President Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator shall consider and approve Resource Centre funding requests up to and including two thousand dollars (\$2,000).
- 58** The Finance Committee shall consider and approve Resource Centre funding requests that exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000).
- 59** The maximum amount of funding a Resource Centre can receive in a year is \$3,500. Under special circumstances, the Board of Directors may approve amounts larger than \$3,500 by Two-third (2/3) Resolution.
- 60** If a Resource Centre does not spend all of its funding over a fiscal year, the unspent money shall be noted as a surplus and taken into consideration for future funding requests.
- 61** The Vice President Internal and Membership Outreach Coordinator shall notify the Finance Committee of the amounts each respective organization will be receiving. The notification shall be in writing, with a report of the funding process and be signed by both the Vice President Internal and the Membership Outreach Coordinator in addition copies of the Resource Centre budgets should be attached. Allocations into the appropriate Resource Centre accounts by the Vice President Finance are to be completed within seven (7) to ten (10) business days of receiving notice.
- 62** No Resource Group shall make any expenditure or incur any liability that puts it into a deficit situation.