

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

UBC Students' Union, Okanagan
Executive Committee Meeting, July 21, 2020, Virtual Call

12:30 – Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 12:32

Directors Present

President (meeting chair).....	Ali Poostizadeh
Vice-President Finance & Operations.....	Abid Wahab
Vice-President Internal	Tashia Kootenayoo
Vice-President Campus Life	Ahmed Fayed
Vice-President External	Taylor Dotto

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager	Lori Stevenson
Advocacy & Governance Coordinator	Sarah Furgason

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional, ancestral territory of the Okanagan Nation. We would like to recognize that learning happened in this place long before this institution was established. It's important that we understand that we are very privileged to be living, working, and learning in these territories that are not our own.

2. PRESENTATIONS

3. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- 1.1 President
- 2.1 VP Finance and Operations
- 3.1 VP Internal
- 4.1 VP External
- 5.1 VP Campus Life
- 6.1 General Manager

4. OLD BUSINESS
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Discussion and Announcements

7.1.1 Recreation Fee

Poostizadeh gave an update on the UBCO Recreation Fee. The fee will still be charged to UBC Okanagan students. Dotto thought the fee should be waived. Stevenson provided information on the perspective from the university administration; the fee is used for building maintenance. Abid wondered if students could opt out of the fee. Poostizadeh said the majority of the fee is used for the varsity teams. Dotto stated the fee should be waived. Poostizadeh suggested a discussion with Michelle Lowton to see if there is any potential to waive the fee. Fayed volunteered to meet with Michelle.

7.1.2 Subscriptions

Dotto asked if it would be possible to obtain more Zoom licenses so that executives can do their online meetings more easily.

Kootenayoo wanted to discuss other licenses like slack, mailchimp, and other scheduling platforms.

Stevenson has been working with Aaron White on getting the transition to Microsoft done as soon as the budget approved, which will solve many of these issues.

Dotto wanted to ensure equal access for executives. Stevenson confirmed.

Poostizadeh stated that we would still need Zoom for our video calls.

Fayed wanted to know if the Student-at-Large committee members will have to do anything other than download Microsoft Teams. Poostizadeh confirmed it will be an email link and easy for the Student-at-Large members to use.

7.1.3 Lessees

Stevenson confirmed the number of students who will be in residence, a lower number than what was previously expected. The general expectation of student numbers had been circulated to the owners of the leased businesses. Stevenson will be reaching out to the business owners with the confirmed numbers; business owners previously expressed concern over the low number of students on campus.

7.1.5 Executive Time Off Form

Kootenayoo wanted more information about the Time Off form that Executive Directors are expected to fill out. She expressed concerns about the workload of the Oversight Committee and that Executive Directors have some heavier work weeks followed by lighter ones. Stevenson wanted to stress that the form is to provide the committee with information on when directors are not available.

Dotto suggested having a calendar for the Executive Directors so that it's the same as the full-time staff. Directors discussed the best way to do that and agreed that adding the Executive Directors to the "Who's Off" calendar that Full-Time staff use would be the best solution.

Dotto asked why no one is filling out time-sheets, as it is a requirement for Executive Directors. She suggested Directors use a calendar reminder so they do not forget.

7.1.6 Student Media

Poostizadeh asked for feedback on upcoming meetings regarding the Media Fund. Kootenayoo suggested they should focus on the Phoenix. Poostizadeh suggested that Heatwave should be absorbed by the Phoenix. Kootenayoo expressed that she wanted to see changes in the way the Phoenix operates.

Kootenayoo said that a signed agreement would help establish goals and create accountability.

Stevenson emphasized that any proposed changes are consistent with the work already being done at the Students' Union.

7.1.7 Budget

Poostizadeh asked for any further questions or concerns on the budget.

7.1.8 Survey

Kootenayoo requested direction on what to do about her survey on accessibility during distance learning. She has had the survey ready for some time but is now waiting as another director has a similar survey that is to be launched shortly.

Dotto said that the survey that is ready should be posted now.

Kootenayoo said that she wanted to wait but would like a reminder for board members to ensure they are communicating effectively.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 13:45