

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC
Executive Committee Meeting, June 22, 2021, Virtual Call

Meeting called to order at 11:06

Committee Members Present

President (meeting chair)

Vice-President External

Vice-President Finance & Operations

Vice-President Internal

Vice-President Campus Life

Tashia Kootenayoo

Ahmed Ahmed

Muhammad Waseem

Shiven Vinod Khera

Jakson Pashelka

Staff Present

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. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

21/06/22.01

Khera/Ahmed

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Budget

Waseem gave an update on the budget planning and next steps.

Kootenayoo said she will have more information on her budget items by July 9th. Khera said he should have numbers ready soon but asked for clarification on who should budget for the policy review. Directors agreed that Khera should research external consulting firms for a suitable option for a full review.

3.2 Strategic Plan

Kootenayoo reminded Executive Directors of the upcoming strategic planning session on June 29th. A final draft will be presented at the Board of Directors meeting on July 12th.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Indigenous Peoples Day Socials

Kootenayoo asked for information on the lack of social media for Indigenous Peoples Day. Directors agreed that there was confusion around who was responsible for ensuring social media assets are created. Kootenayoo suggested having social posts planned in advance and adding a social media discussion to the strategic planning session.

4.2 KSS Donation Update

Khera said the donation and letters are ready to be delivered. Khera and Desjarlais will be stopping by the school on June 28th.

4.3 WorkSafe Procedures

Kootenayoo requested that Executive Directors provide their schedules so the SUO can create an updated worksafe plan.

4.4 Transport Survey

Ahmed discussed the need for a route between campus, Academy Hill and Quail Ridge. He suggested a petition to put pressure on BC Transit to create a new route. Waseem

liked the idea since so many students live in these areas. Khera agreed but cautioned against expecting a quick resolution. Furgason cautioned not to make an immediate decision on the petition but to reach out for more information first. Kootenayoo said that the SUO should take a collaborative approach, working with the University. Waseem said the investment should not be substantial since transit already services these areas; however, he wanted to see a collaborative approach as well. Khera agreed. Ahmed agreed that he would meet with BC Transit and report back to the Executive Committee to discuss next steps.

4.5 Fair Trade Programming

Kootenayoo gave an update on the implementation of Fair Trade products at the University. Kootenayoo expressed concerns about SUO businesses being able to accommodate that change, especially with a focus on local products. Waseem did not think it was reasonable to expect the SUO to take on the expense, with no direct benefit to students.

4.6 Staff Executive Meeting

Kootenayoo provided information about the recent staff meeting; going forward, staff members would like more opportunities to discuss action items and updates at staff meetings.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:29