

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, September 13, 2021, Virtual Call

18:00 Call to Order

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Tashia Kootenayoo
Vice-President Finance & Operations	Muhammad Waseem
Vice-President External	Ahmed Ahmed
Vice-President Internal	Shiven Vinod Khera
Vice-President Campus Life	Jakson Pashelka
Director at Large	Kai Rogers
Director at Large	Priscilla Uribe
Director at Large	Jaanvi Shah
Director at Large	Cade Desjarlais
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Representative	Lindsay McGrail
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative	Laavanya Prakash
Graduate Studies Representative	Kirthana Ganesh
Faculty of Science Representative	Leoul Woldemariam
Faculty of Management Representative	Josie Leung
Faculty of Applied Science Representative	Sam Diab
Faculty of Health & Social Development Representative	Grace Halpin
Faculty of Education Representative	Serena Slonowski
Board of Governors Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Shola Fashanu
Senate Caucus Student Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Dylan Rogers

Directors Absent

Staff Present

General Manager	Jason Evans
Advocacy & Governance Coordinator	Sarah Furgason

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

21/09/13.01

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

21/09/13.02

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held August 23, 2021 be adopted.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

21/09/13.03

Be it resolved that the Executive Reports be adopted as attached.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Oversight Committee Regulation

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

6.1 Executive Committee

21/09/13.04

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meetings held August 25 and 31, 2021 be adopted.

6.2 Finance Committee

6.3 Policy Committee

21/09/13.05

Khera/

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 26, 2021 be adopted.

6.4 Campus Life Committee

6.5 Campaigns Committee

21/09/13.06

Ahmed/

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 31, 2021 be adopted.

6.6 Oversight Committee

6.7 Graduate Student Committee

21/09/13.07

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 26, 2021 be adopted.

21/09/13.08

Be it resolved that the Graduate Student Committee honoraria be disbursed as follows:

Name	August 26 th Meeting	Honoraria
Anne Claret	Present	\$50
Rina Garcia	Present	\$50
Nibirh Jawad	Present	\$50
Maya Pilin	Absent	\$0
Ben Wiltshire	Present	\$50

6.8 SUO Capital Building Steering Committee

21/09/13.09

Be it resolved that Muhammad Waseem be appointed to the Capital Building Steering Committee.

7. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

7.1 Board of Governors

7.2 Senate

7.3 Other University Committees

8. NEW BUSINESS

21/09/13.10

Be it resolved that Noah Saini be appointed to the position of Chief Returning Officer.

21/09/13.11

Be it resolved that the following student associations be ratified:

Brain Exercise Initiative

Debate and Public Speaking

History Course Union

21/09/13.12

Be it resolved that the Sex Positivity Club be ratified as a resource centre under the MOU conditions as attached.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Next Board Meeting Date

10. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students
Board of Directors Meeting, August 23, 2021, Virtual Call

Meeting called to order at 13:04

Directors Present

President (meeting chair)	Tashia Kootenayoo
Vice-President Finance & Operations	Muhammad Waseem
Vice-President External	Ahmed Ahmed
Vice-President Internal	Shiven Vinod Khera
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Faculty of Education Representative	Serena Slonowski

Directors on Leave

Director at Large	Cade Desjarlais
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Directors Absent

Board of Governors Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Shola Fashanu
Senate Caucus Student Representative (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Dylan Rogers

Staff Present

Advocacy & Governance Coordinator	Sarah Furgason
Well Pub Manager	Mike Ouellet

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

21/08/23.01

Khera/Ahmed

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

21/08/23.02

Waseem/Ahmed

Be it resolved that a leave of absence be approved for Cade Desjarlais from August 15 to September 20, 2021, inclusive.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

21/08/23.03

Ahmed/Khera

Be it resolved that minutes of the meeting held August 9, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

21/08/23.04

McGrail/Khera

Be it resolved that the Executive Reports be adopted as attached.

Carried

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 Executive Committee

21/08/23.05

Ahmed/Khera

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 6, 10, and 17, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

5.2 Finance Committee

21/08/23.06

Waseem/Khera

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 18, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

5.3 Policy Committee

21/08/23.07

Khera/Leung

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held August 12, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

5.4 Campus Life Committee

5.5 Campaigns Committee

5.6 Oversight Committee

21/08/23.08

Rogers/Khera

Be it resolved that Priscilla Uribe be appointed to the Oversight Committee.

Carried

5.7 Graduate Student Committee

21/08/23.09

Ganesh/Ahmed

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held July 20, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

21/08/23.10

Ganesh/Waseem

Be it resolved that Graduate Student Committee honoraria be disbursed as follows:

Name	July 30 th Meeting	Honoraria
Anne Claret	Present	\$50
Rina Garcia	Present	\$50
Nibirh Jawad	Present	\$50
Maya Pilin	Absent	\$0
Ben Wiltshire	Present	\$50

Carried

6. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

6.1 Board of Governors

6.2 Senate

6.3 Other University Committees

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Annual General Meeting

21/08/23.11

Rogers/Khera

Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting be held November 24, 2021.

Carried

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Return to Campus

Kootenayoo said that Faculty Representatives and Executive Committee members have been meeting with Faculty and the University to advocate for student access to instruction.

Kootenayoo led a discussion on the possibility of taking a stand on mandatory vaccinations, and what the possible implications could be for SUO staffing.

Waseem was in favour of mandatory vaccination, noting Santa Ono has said publicly he is in favour of mandatory vaccinations.

Rogers was in favour, with the caveat that there be mandatory testing available if students, staff, and faculty do not want to disclose their vaccination status.

21/08/23.12

Rogers/Khera

Be it resolved that the SUO undertake a public-facing campaign advocating for mandatory vaccinations.

Carried

The board reached a consensus that advocacy work should primarily focus on education and agreed a regular testing option should be available for students/staff/faculty that cannot be vaccinated or do not wish to disclose vaccination status.

Ganesh added that graduate students are at a higher risk since they are required to be in-person to deliver instruction, and extra precautions are necessary to keep them safe. TAs should be given some discretion over how instruction is delivered. She also noted the different vaccines that are available in other countries, that are not currently approved in Canada.

Waseem said that the Finance Committee has been working on how to support vaccinations on campus. He has met with Dale Mullings, AVP Students to discuss the matter. The University has requested that the SUO fund half of the cost of the initiative; he has confirmed that the funds can be taken from the Student Health and Dental Plan reserves.

21/08/23.13

Waseem/Khera

Be it resolved that up to \$20,000 from the Health and Dental Fund reserve be allocated to the Covid-19 Student Initiative.

Carried

Waseem provided information about the initiative and how it will work.

Directors discussed additional concerns around the return to campus. There are still concerns around how students who cannot get into the country will access in-person instruction.

Rogers said he is in favour of meeting with the Union to see how mandatory vaccination could work for SUO staff members. Directors reached a consensus that the issue be referred to the Executive Committee.

Ganesh was in favour of mandatory vaccination for SUO staff, considering how many students may come in contact with staff members throughout the day.

Waseem agreed and noted that both part-time and full-time staff should be included.

8.2 Communications Coordinator

Khera brought forward a discussion on the hiring of the Communications Coordinator.

Waseem added that the role will be responsible for external communications and media relations. The responsibilities for the position are being finalized.

Rogers added that the previous board had made the decision to hire the position but that the incoming General Manager will oversee the hiring process.

8.3 Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Furgason led a discussion on the TRC and the purpose of reviewing the 94 calls to action.

8.4 Next Board Meeting Date

The next board meeting will be scheduled when fall semester schedules have been received by the chair.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 14:25

SUO EXECUTIVE BI-WEEKLY SUMMARY

NAME: Tashia Kootenayoo
WORKED: 57

REPORT END DATE : 08-31-21

#HOURS

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED THIS PERIOD

- Met with UBC and other community partners to discuss the Fall semester and student concerns. Continued advocacy efforts from last report on the hybrid model and safety issues with the return to campus.
- Prepared presentation on Executive committee focuses for UBC Executive and Administration meetings. Met with Santa Ono, Julie Wagemaker, and others to present these goals.
- Met with UBC Alumni to finalize the SUO involvement in the upcoming HomeComing events.
- Organized CRO interviews with Sarah Furgason
- Met with Aaron White to review SUO projects and on-going solutions for construction problems etc.
- Attended Policy committee x2 to facilitate by-law prep for the Annual General Meeting

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

- Conducted staff feedback for the Communications Coordinator role, and provided update to the Executive committee on the progress for hiring. Working with the General Manager to configure the feedback with LP from Potentia HR
- On-boarding the General Manager to the organization (continuous)
- Chairing the SUO Steering Committee for the building, met with UBC project committee to review documents and chaired internal committee.
- Redrafting Strategic plan, will be sending to the General Manager this coming week for review and continued completion.
- Redrafting RFP for JEDI Audit. Met with UBC Equity to overview the process and next steps for GM.
- Working with Steph and Shiven to discuss Fair Trade certification vs ethical sourcing and advocating to UBC on the student perspective.
- Conducting CRO interviews and report on recommendations with Sarah Furgason

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- Slides for Student Association Orientation.

NOTES

- I was sick the week of the 24th and notified chair of sick days.

SUO EXECUTIVE BI-WEEKLY SUMMARY

NAME: Jakson

REPORT END DATE: 09-03-2021

#HOURS WORKED: 50

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED THIS PERIOD

- Media fund Terms of Agreement all signors completed, pay to be allocated as semester begins.
- Created a FROSH month schedule with Redbull, for sponsorship and on-campus planning.
- All SUO general swag to come in. Placed in some swag to be given out first few weeks of class and EXPO??
- Volunteer scheduling notes completed, waiting to be implemented in collab w/ SEO.

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

- Pending talent forms from artist managers to be completed for October events.
- Preparing for another presentation with the RPCC and UBC Risk management committees for future events.
- In collaboration with Sunset Booking agency to seek guest speakers to be held in term 1.
- Creating a schedule for volunteers to be at hot desk, tabling and first few events in late September/early October.

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

- An activation around Harmony in Spring 2022, brand sponsorship packages w/ VP External
- Office Calendar to be updated once concrete events are set.

NOTES / OTHER

- Folder of the Be Mindful campaign for September/mental health push for fall resumption.

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR REPORT TO ONE PAGE

SUO EXECUTIVE BI-WEEKLY SUMMARY

NAME: Ahmed Ahmed
#HOURS WORKED: 50

PAY PERIOD ENDED: 01-09-21

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED THIS PERIOD

- Attended all Positive Space, Student Task Affordability, Climate action plan 2030 and OER Committee committees' meetings and followed up with my duties in providing a student point of view
- Worked on with SUO president and VP internal and filmed mental health awareness video for health and dental plan enhancements
- Partnered with Elections Canada to receive Elections Canada posters and brochures and have them around campus in residences and buildings
- Worked along with BCFS and Advocacy coordinator for the Influence the Vote Campaign on UBCO campus
- Collaborated with VP internal Shiven and did check ins with student experience office on orientations days, Delivered SUO swag to orientations (SEO) and filmed social media stories encouraging students to reach out to SUO
- Promoted the Deals App personally to business locally and had them sign up

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

- Planning and scheduled (postponed) Expo as restrictions in the Okanagan will be taking place till September 2021
- Working on sponsors custom made packages for businesses as there is a lot of uncertainty around major events
- Filming awareness videos for the federal elections along with VP Campus life
- Working with Advocacy coordinator on an all candidate's forum for the elections

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- Expo might be cancelled again if Covid restrictions are extended

ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

- Working with a third party company for our media assets for local campaigns

NOTES / OTHER

- There aren't any notes at the moment!
- Thank you!

SUO EXECUTIVE BI-WEEKLY SUMMARY

NAME: Muhammad Waseem

REPORT END DATE: 08-27-21

#HOURS WORKED: 50

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED THIS PERIOD

- Meetings with Finance Manager
- Preparation of quarterly financial reports
- Meeting with RBC regarding SUO investments
- Finance committee meeting
- Gathering and preparing information for Student Covid Initiative
- Review/signing of payroll, budget YTD, expenses
- Review Legacy Fund applications
- Meetings around advocacy for students regarding vaccine mandates
- Meeting with UBC regarding career fair
- Meeting with VP internal sustainability initiatives

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

- Mapping out plans for SA Orientation
- Meeting course union VP Finances and discussing budgets (Delayed due to exams)

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- Preparation for meeting with UBC Executive

ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

NOTES / OTHER

SUO EXECUTIVE BI-WEEKLY SUMMARY

NAME: Shiven Vinod Khera
#HOURS WORKED:60

PAY PERIOD ENDED: 09-03-2021

ACTIVITIES COMPLETED THIS PERIOD

- Multiple meetings with UBC's housing Ambassador to spearhead a solution for the housing crisis that students are facing
- Met with the provost office to advocate for more online classes for individuals who cannot make it to campus
- Chaired the Policy committee meeting – Reviewed our locker policy, made sustainability policy plans etc
- Met with climate relations to spearhead Plant Forward Mondays
- All other UBC committee and internal committee meetings
- Partnered with Project Equifood – SUO X UBC Food Services- Follow up meetings with parties involved – Working group created and weekly meetings scheduled.
- Working closely with Director at Large Priscilla Uribe on the outreach and marketing plan for plant forward Mondays.

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS

- Health and Dental plan promotion planning – Student engagement (Video created)
- Planning expo and collaborating with showcase – Weekly meetings with the SEO as mentioned above
- Draft for Green policies- Trying to make them more inclusive
- Working with housing related issues with VP External.
- Closely working with Director at Large (Priscilla) on all climate initiatives.

ISSUES FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- No issues that require immediate action, initiatives at this point are longer term and except for admin immediate actions, project actions are ongoing.

ACTIVITIES TO BE STARTED

- All logistical action items from the projects given most will enter their implementation phase starting August
- JEDI review – Policy committee

NOTES / OTHER

- All great so far!! Looking forward to all the learning 😊

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC
Executive Committee Meeting, August 25, 2021, Virtual Call

Meeting called to order at 13:47

Committee Members Present

President (meeting chair)

Tashia Kootenayoo

Vice-President External

Ahmed Ahmed

Vice-President Finance & Operations

Muhammad Waseem

Vice-President Internal

Shiven Vinod Khera

Committee Members Absent

Vice-President Campus Life

Jakson Pashelka

Staff Present

Advocacy & Governance Coordinator

Sarah Furgason

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

21/08/25.01

Ahmed/Khera

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Student Association Events

Khera said that there is currently a special approval process in order to host an on-campus event but for Student Associations it is not currently feasible. He asked Executive Committee members their thoughts. Kootenayoo said that in the short term, the SUO should communicate to the Student Associations that on-campus events will not take place until after September 20th or once the Province has lifted current restrictions.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Academic Integrity Working Group

Furgason asked Executive Committee members who would be interested in joining a university working group with the focus on academic integrity. Waseem agreed to represent the SUO on the working group.

4.2 GM Signing Authority

Waseem discussed the possibility of the General Manager becoming a signing authority. Directors agreed it would not be necessary in the short term.

4.3 Legacy Fund

21/08/25.02

Waseem/Khera

Be it resolved that application #42 be approved for \$500.00

Carried

21/08/25.03

Waseem/Khera

Be it resolved that application #43 be approved for \$194.00

Carried

The Executive Committee members agreed that the Legacy Fund will be placed on hold pending a review by the Finance Committee.

4.4 Remote Work

Kootenayoo brought forward the issue of when it is appropriate for employees to be required to work remotely. She requested that the Executive Committee approve Potentia HR come up with a plan for SUO employees.

Waseem asked for a quote before approving.

Kootenayoo said she will provide a quote prior to moving forward.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 14:24

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC
Executive Committee Meeting, August 31 2021, Virtual Call

Meeting called to order at 11:07

Committee Members Present

President (meeting chair)
Vice-President External
Vice-President Finance & Operations
Vice-President Campus Life

Tashia Kootenayoo
Ahmed Ahmed
Muhammad Waseem
Jakson Pashelka

Committee Members Absent

Vice-President Internal

Shiven Vinod Khera

Staff Present

General Manager
Advocacy & Governance Coordinator

Jason Evans
Sarah Furgason

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

21/08/31.01

Ahmed/Pashelka

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 SUO Capital Building Steering Committee

Kootenayoo discussed the steering committee for the new building. She said there would be a recommendation to the Board of Directors to add the VP Finance to the committee.

3.2 Communications Coordinator

Kootenayoo gave an overview of the consultation process for the Communications Coordinator position. Feedback on the job description has been provided to HR Potentia. Kootenayoo and Evans will bring forward the motion for appointments to the committee.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 SUO Merch

Ahmed brought forward the idea of making SUO branded merchandise available for students to purchase. Evans said that it was a great idea but wanted to gauge capacity first to see what the SUO can offer and when. Waseem agreed that there are logistics to consider prior to purchasing merchandise. Directors discussed pre-orders and how those could be facilitated. All agreed that an Instagram poll should be conducted to see how much interest there is.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:54

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC
Policy Committee Meeting, August 26, 2021, Virtual Call

Meeting called to order at 13:03

Committee Members Present

Vice-President Internal (meeting chair)
Director at Large
Faculty of Applied Science Representative
Faculty of Arts
President
General Manager

Shiven Vinod Khera
Kai Rogers
Sam Diab
Lindsay McGrail
Tashia Kootenayoo
vacant

Committee Members Absent

Student at Large
Director at Large

Nolan Shmeekle
Priscilla Uribe

Staff Present

Membership Outreach Coordinator
Advocacy & Governance Coordinator

Izzy Rusch
Sarah Furgason

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Rogers/McGrail

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Carried

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Student Association Lockers

McGrail provided an update on the AMS procedure for allocating locker space to clubs. Committee members discussed best practices for SUO Student Associations. Izzy will provide the number and sizes available and Khera will finalize the request form. The Project Manager will assist with putting the form online. Information about the lockers will be provided in the Student Association handbook. Kootenayoo suggested a clause in the Student Association regulations for the lockers. Khera confirmed there will be an agreement between the SUO and the Student Associations for each locker.

3.2 Sustainability Fund Allocation Procedure

Khera gave an overview of the policy document and handbook he and Uribe put together for the fund.

Committee members discussed how the fund will be implemented.

3.3 Oversight Committee Regulation

Rogers gave an overview of recommendations for changes to Oversight Committee regulation.

Rogers/Diab

Be it resolved that the changes to the Oversight Committee Regulation be recommended to the Board of Directors as presented.

Carried

3.4 Bylaw Changes

Khera reminded committee members to submit their recommendations for Bylaw changes via the feedback form circulated by Kootenayoo.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 14:14

CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC
Campaigns Committee Meeting, August 31, 2021, Virtual Call

Meeting called to order at 13:02

Committee Members Present

Vice-President External (meeting chair)
President
Faculty of Management Representative
Faculty of Creative & Critical Studies Representative
Advocacy & Governance Coordinator
Student At Large

Ahmed Ahmed
Tashia Kootenayoo
Josie Leung
Laavanya Prakash
Sarah Furgason
Mohamed Konain

Committee Members Absent

Faculty of Education Representative

Serena Slonowski

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Mental Health Campaign

Ahmed requested feedback from committee members on the campaign. Leung said the information should include links to resources, like Health & Wellness. Ahmed said he will be looking at getting assets created and asked committee members to submit their ideas for graphics and resources. Committee members offered other ideas for how to encourage students to engage with the campaign. Leung offered the idea of promoting a self-assessment tool. Prakash suggested involving the B.A.R.K. program.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Federal Elections

Ahmed led the discussion on the upcoming federal election. He has been in touch with Elections Canada to find out the best way to reach out to students. Kootenayoo asked if we have reached out to any local influencers to see if they would make a video for the campaign. Leung suggested reaching out to the Student Associations. Furgason said since there will not be on campus polling this year, a video explaining mail-in voting could be posted to social media, with a link to Elections Canada in the linktree. Leung added that posters and information could be distributed to the Residence Advisors. Committee members discussed other ways to reach students with information about the election.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 13:37

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC
Graduate Student Committee Meeting, August 26, 2021, Virtual Call

Meeting called to order at 10:04

Committee Members Present

Graduate Student Representative
Student at Large
Student at Large
Student at Large
Student at Large

Kirthana Ganesh
Anne Claret
Rina Garcia
Nibirh Jawad
Ben Wiltshire

Committee Members Absent

Student at Large

Maya Pilin

Staff Present

Advocacy & Governance Coordinator

Sarah Furgason

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Care Packages

Claret said the care packages will include a notebook with Indigenous artwork, tea, and a sticker or bookmark.

Ganesh will submit payment request for care package expenses

Committee members discussed how to package the items for sending out.

Garcia suggested getting in touch with UBC Alumni but she said it would be possible to purchase them from a local business.

Ganesh said she could check with Alumni and if they were not able to accommodate the request totes could be purchased.

Committee members agreed that if totes are purchased they should include the SUO logo. Each care package will include a note from the Graduate Student Committee.

4.2 Graduate Student Survey

Ganesh will send the survey to committee members for one final review prior to sending it out. All graduate students who fill out the survey will have the option to request a care package, which will be available while quantities last.

4.3 Town Hall

Ganesh will send committee members a doodle poll to finalize the date/time for the week of September 13th. The town hall will be virtual due to ensure students can attend safely.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Student at Large Position

Ganesh and Furgason will put out a call for the vacant Student at Large position and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for appointment.

5.2 BCGEU Collective Agreement

Jawad said the the BCGEU collective agreement will be up for negotiation this year. He wanted to ensure there was a mechanism for providing feedback on what graduate students would like to see for teaching assistant positions. Jawad elaborated on items of concern, such as guaranteed hours for TAs.

Ganesh said the GSC will reach out to the Union representative to invite them to the next meeting to see how the Union can receive feedback from students. She thanked

Jawad for bringing the item forward.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Vaccine Mandates

Ganesh provided an update from the most recent Board of Directors meeting. The Board voted to publicly endorse a vaccine mandate for students, staff, and faculty on campus. The SUO will be partnering with the University on an initiative to employ students to educate students about vaccines and encourage vaccinations.

Ganesh said the SUO Faculty Representatives have been working to advocate for greater flexibility for students returning to classes and asked committee members what items are top of mind for graduate students. Claret said she wanted the mental health and time management of Teaching Assistants to be prioritized. Previously, much of the work to make instruction accessible online has fallen to graduate students. She thought incoming Teaching Assistants could work with more experienced students so they are better prepared and understand how to deal with challenges.

Ganesh said she will bring those concerns to the SUO President.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:25

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Agreement between

The Student Union of the University of British Columbia Okanagan

Hereafter referred to as the SUO of UBC

and

The Sex Positivity Club

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REASON: The reason for this MOU to be drafted and signed is because the SUO of UBC recognizes the importance of the SPC and understands that their work adds a lot of value for students, however also recognizes the space constraints on campus and the MOU is to establish reasonable expectations between the SPC and the SUO of UBC if the SPC is voted by the board to be a resource centre.

If SPC will be voted to be a resource centre then the following terms will be applied:

- 1- Space and occupancy of the resource centre room will be provided to SPC, however it may or may not be equal to the amount of time or space which has been allocated for existing resource centres. The SUO of UBC would have the full discretion to allocate space and time to the SPC in consideration of existing resource centres.
- 2- SUO of UBC will need to follow #1 in good faith and would need to provide substantial reasoning to the exec committee before revoking space or reducing space or hours.
- 3- SPC will have the right to bring their concerns forward and in good faith the SUO of UBC shall make arrangements to have continuous, comprehensive meetings to resolve such scenarios if found to be valid and does not hinder the functioning of other resource centres in operation.
- 4- All other regulations as specified by the SUO of UBC that apply to existing resource centers will apply to the SPC. Any future changes of Resource Centre Regulations will be upheld by the SPC
- 5- Any future changes of Resource Centre Regulations will be upheld by the SPC, including regulations of how resource centres are operated under the SUO.

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SPC Vice President	Date
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SPC Treasurer/Financial Advisor	Date
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Tashia Kootenayoo President, The SUO of UBC	Date
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