

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Students' Union Okanagan of UBC, Local 12 British Columbia Federation of Students  
Annual General Meeting, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, ADM 026 & Zoom

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

23/11/23.01

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Be it resolved that Michael Gauld serve meeting chair.

23/11/23.02

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Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

23/11/23.03

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Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted as attached.

## 4. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Presented by Tompkins Wozny, LLP.

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

23/11/23.04

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Be it resolved that the Auditor's Report for the 2022/2023 fiscal year be approved as presented.

## 6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

23/11/23.05

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Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny, LLP be appointed as auditors for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

**7. PRESENTATION OF 2023/2024 BUDGET**

Presented by Vice-President Finance and Administration, Osho Gnanavisam.

**8. PRESENTATION OF BYLAWS**

Presented by Vice-President Internal, Shreyansh Mehendiratta.

**9. ADOPTION OF NEW BYLAWS**

23/11/23.06 (Special Resolution)

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Be it resolved that the changes to the Bylaws be adopted as presented to the members of the Society.

**10. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM THE 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR.**

Presented by President, Cade Desjarlais.

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**11.1 Campus Life Committee**

Presented by Vice-President Campus Life, Uday Gill.

**11.2 Campaigns Committee**

Presented by Vice-President External, Lakshay Karnwal.

**11.3 Graduate Student Committee**

Presented by College of Graduate Studies Faculty Representative, Anjali Desai.

**11.4 Oversight Committee**

Presented by Faculty of Health and Social Development Representative, Grace Halpin.

**11.5 Policy Committee**

Presented by Vice-President Internal, Shreyansh Mehendiratta.

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

# Proposed Policy Changes for the Term 1 November 2023 SUO AGM

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## PREFACE FOR RECOMMENDED BYLAW CHANGES

Over the last few years, the SUO of UBC has been internally reorganizing itself to better serve the needs of our students. Our aim is to continue to rebuild and improve our policies to reinforce structures of accountability and transparency. As our membership continues to grow, we as your Students' Union must develop and improve our model of representation. As was the case last year, the Board of Directors recommends the following outlined bylaw amendments be ratified to better align the internal guiding principles with the future development of the organization. Many of these changes reflect the continued efforts of the SUO to maintain good governance, as well as attempts to better align our organization with important relevant local law, such as the Societies Act, and BC Labour Law.

23/11/23.06 (1)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw V:9]:

A Referendum shall be called without delay by the President of the Students' Union upon:

- a. a Resolution of the Board of Directors; or
- b. receipt of a petition duly signed by ten (10) percent of the Members delivered to the President of the Students' Union requisitioning a Referendum on a particular question.

be amended by adding a new point (c) "the Chief Returning Officer receiving the duly signed petition and the Referendum question at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day that the Students' Union is required to give notice of Referendum or Election", so [Bylaw V:9] then reads:

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- c. the Chief Returning Officer receiving the duly signed petition and the Referendum question at least fourteen (14) days prior to the first day that the Students' Union is required to give notice of Referendum or Election.

23/11/23.06 (2)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw IX:2]:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration; and
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life.

be amended by adding a new point (f) “ the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member”, so [Bylaw IX:2] then reads:

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Vice-President Internal;
- c. the Vice-President External;
- d. the Vice-President Finance and Administration;
- e. the Vice-President Campus Life; and
- f. the General Manager as a non-voting, advisory member.

23/11/23.06 (3)

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Be it resolved that [Bylaw X:1] be amended by striking the point (k) “oversee the operation of the Pantry- a student food bank” from the roles and responsibilities of the President, and renumbering the consecutive points as needed.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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Called to Order at 6:30 p.m.

## 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

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## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP

22/11/24.01

Mindi/Johnston

Be it resolved that Joey Hansen serve meeting chair.

**Carried.**

22/11/24.02

Johnston/Dwivedi

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

Kekre/Pashelka

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended by adding a point called adopting auditor's report with a motion which reads "Be it resolved that the auditor's report of 2022 be approved as presented."

**Amendment carried.**

**Carried as amended.**

## 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/11/24.03

Donaldson/Halpin

Be it resolved that the minutes from the meeting held November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted.

**Carried.**

## 4. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Erik Allas from Tompkins Wozny, LLP. presented the annual audit report. As independent accountants from Tompkins Wozny, they concluded that those financial statements did present fairly for the May 31st, 2022 fiscal year end in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Gordanpour asked where they could access the audit report. Kekre responded that the audit report would be posted on the SUO website after being adopted.

## **5. APPROVAL OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT**

22/11/24.04

Ghevriya/Mindi

Be it resolved that the auditor's report of 2022 be approved as presented.

**Carried.**

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

22/11/24.05

Pashelka/Mindi

Be it resolved that Tompkins Wozny, LLP be appointed as auditors for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

**Carried.**

## **7. PRESENTATION OF 2022/2023 BUDGET**

Vice-President Finance and Administration, Vrushank Kekre, presented the budget for the 2022/2023 academic year. He compared the 2022/2023 budget with those from 2021/2022 and 2020/2021, and provided the revenue summary and expenditure summary. For the 2022/2023 academic year, they expected a negative net revenue at about \$120,000.00 as they planed to increase services to students. Kekre also explained in detail the budget of the pillars, the services that students would benefit from.

Kekre answered questions from members about the budget and operation.

## **8. PRESENTATION OF BYLAWS**

Vice-President Internal, Dhruv Bihani, presented Bylaw amendments recommended by the SUO Board of Directors, and explained the reasons for those changes.

Bihani answered questions from members about the Bylaw amendments.

## **9. ADOPTION OF NEW BYLAWS**

22/11/24.06

Putwa/Dossani

Be it resolved that the changes to the Bylaws be adopted as presented to the members of the Society.

Gordanpour/Stephen

Be it resolved that the motion 12 be removed.

Motion 12:

Be it resolved that the following be added to Bylaw IV-General Meetings, following the Bylaw it mentions as S. 19:

20. Despite s.19, the Board is not required to add a Special Resolution or Ordinary Resolution of members requested by a petition of Members to the agenda of an annual general meeting if the same proposal was considered within the past two

calendar years, unless the Directors determine, by Ordinary Resolution of the Directors, that it is appropriate for the Members of the Student Union to consider the resolution.

Gordanpour stated that as membership changes every year, a motion that did not pass in the past two years would not be by default unpopular the next year. Desjarlais explained that it requires a lot of manpower to facilitate a motion, and it would waste students' money to add a resolution that has been rejected for two years. He believed that in this situation, the student group should consider changing the direction and finding a better solution. Bihani and Desjarlais also explained that this situation had never happened before, and they were being proactive when making new policies.

**Amendment defeated by a vote of 18 to 34.**

Johnston/Mindi

Be it resolved that the motion 16 be amended by striking the point (e) from Bylaw VIII(76).

[Bylaw VIII:76(e)]

In addition to the duties as directors under the Societies Act and these bylaws, the Faculty Representative shall:

e. submit a written report at the end of each term to the board of directors summarizing their interactions with graduate students in their faculty.

Johnston and Mindi raised their concern for the faculties which have a big population and/or low engagement of graduate students. They stated that it would be better to encourage Faculty Representatives rather than mandate them to submit a report of interactions with graduate students. Ganesh stated that SUO had no data showing how graduate students were presented, and it is the responsibility of the Faculty Representative to interact with graduate students. This amendment would show the accountability and transparency of the SUO. Desjarlais called the question under Robert's Rules of Order, and members voted for the amendment.

**Amendment defeated.**

The package of Bylaw amendments was adopted.

**Carried.**

## **10. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER FROM THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Jason Evans presented a report on the progress that the SUO had made these years.

## **11. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FROM THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR.**

President, Jakson Pashelka, presented a report on the activities of the SUO from the 2021/2022 academic year.

## **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

### **12.1 CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE**

Vice-President Campus Life, Danial Asif, presented a report on the events held by the Campus Life Committee from the 2021/2022 academic year.

### **12.2 CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE**

Vice-President External, Cade Desjarlais, presented a report on the accomplishments and focuses of the Campaigns Committee from the 2021/2022 academic year.

### **12.3 GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE**

College of Graduate Studies Faculty Representative, Kirthana Ganesh, presented a report on the committee business from the 2021/2022 academic year as well as the roles that graduate students played on campus and at the SUO.

### **12.4 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Faculty of Education Representative, Lindsay McGrail, presented a report on the committee business from the 2021/2022 academic year as well as the responsibilities of the Oversight Committee.

### **12.5 POLICY COMMITTEE**

Vice-President Internal, Dhruv Bihani, presented a report on the policy amendments and implementation from the 2021/2022 academic year.

## **13. QUESTION PERIOD**

Membership asked questions about the advocacy for International students, U-Pass, food insecurity, mental health support etc. Executives answered the questions on the SUO business. Joshua Milliken added that many issues that students were concerned about, like housing, funding, or food services, were under the jurisdiction of the UBC Senate.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

22/11/24.07

Ghevriya/Johnston

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.