



September Board Meeting

September 28th, 2020 @ 2pm

In-Camera Minutes

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1. WELCOME

Call To Order @ 2pm

The UFV Student Union Society would like to admit and accept that we work and attend this university on the unceded lands of the Stó:lō Nation. Distinct Indigenous groups were the first inhabitants of Turtle Island, now known as North America. The Stó:lō peoples, the people of the river, have primarily relied on the Fraser River and they occupied the land we are currently situated on.

We, as settlers, must recognize our privilege and do the heavy lifting to challenge our overpromises and under delivery of true reconciliation for decolonization. We choose to challenge the hypocrisy and non-action of the government, even after establishing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry.

At SUS, we are ready to dismantle the colonial framework that continues to harm, destroy, and damage Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island. We will never forget the trauma inflicted on Indigenous peoples through residential schools, the Indian Act, the 60’s Scoop, and the child welfare system implemented by the Canadian government as an attempt to inflict cultural genocide against all Indigenous peoples.

We recognize that institutional frameworks, such as universities, were made to exclude Indigenous participation by students, staff, and faculty.

This is our time to step aside and make space for our Indigenous peoples and ask ourselves, “What can I do?”

BOARD CHAIR:

Titus Gregory

Chair

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jessica Levesque

Andrew Stahl

Prabpreet Singh

Duncan Herd

Tripat Sandhu

Harman Gill

Jasleen Brar

President

Vice President External

Vice President Students

Vice President Internal

College of Arts Representative

Professional Studies Representative

Faculty of Health Sciences Representative

REGRETS:

Reece Doppenberg

Faculty of Science Representative

GUESTS:

Olivia Lake de Meza

Tania Smart

Executive Director

Finance Manager





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2. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

2.1 Approval of agenda, September 28th, 2020

Introduced by Chair

BIRT the board approves the agenda as presented.

Moved: Jessica Levesque

Seconded: Prabhpreet Singh

Motion passes

2.2 Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Board member Jasleen Brar discloses she is part of the Black Indigenous People of Color Nursing Student Group

2.3 Approval of In-Camera Board Minutes, August 26th, 2020

Introduced by Chair

BIRT the board approves the in-camera board minutes as presented.

Moved: Jessica Levesque

Seconded: Prabhpreet Singh

Motion passes

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

3.1 Financial Presentation – (15 minutes) Tania

- Continuing to build up surplus in payroll
- Expenses are down
- As of August 2020 we are doing quite well

3.2 Elections Discussion – (5 minutes) Duncan

- The by-election is going well; we have 3 candidates who have submitted nomination forms for the position of Vice President External
- We are currently in contact with ABCS regarding campaigning materials, campaigning strategies, voter mobilization for the BC Provincial Election.
- Duncan has been in contact with the Political Science Students' Association who might be able to provide help for putting up posters in Abbotsford and Chilliwack, and getting the word out on social media.
- We are hopefully going to have a couple debates, the style proposed at this time is taking the party candidates for a particular riding and having a town hall amongst them.

3.3 Elections Policy Discussion – (10 minutes) Duncan

- One change to the revised policy is that candidates are going to be allowed to campaign during the voting period.
- Policy does not have to be ratified at AGM, a survey can just be sent out to the students and have them vote on it which would be the ideal way to do it.





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3.4 Bylaw Revisions Discussion – (10 minutes) Duncan

- At this point in time we are only considering changing bylaw 16 at the AGM. Bylaw 16 is about quorum.

BIRT the board approves the presentation of the recommended motion to bylaw 16 at the Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Duncan Herd

Seconded: Prabhpreet Singh

Motion passes

Olivia Lake de Meza recuses herself from the meeting

3.5 Review of Olivia Lake de Meza – (10 minutes) Jessica

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BIRT the president and vice president internal be directed to discuss the results of Olivia Lake de Meza’s review with her.

Moved: Jessica Levesque

Seconded: Duncan Herd

Motion passes

4. REPORTS

None.

Olivia Lake de Meza returns back to the meeting

5. QUESTION PERIOD

- Tripat Sandhu - Does SUS have anything set up that people can anonymously report racism or discrimination?

Jessica Levesque - Not right now, but it is an active project that SUS is working on. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We will also be contacting the university very openly and collaboratively to let them know we are open to share any info that they have on the new race on campus webpage.





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6. DATE AND TIME OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

Day, October 26th at 2pm, online

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

Time: 2:48pm

