

## **PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**

JUNE 2, 2023 – ABBOTSFORD (S3103)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 3:06pm.

#### 1.1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the UFV Student Union Society is located on the ancestral, unceded, and current homelands of the Halq'eméylem speaking Stó:lō Nation and to extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live, work and learn on this territory.

##### 1.1.1. ROLL CALL

BOARD CHAIR:

ASHLEY MCDOUGALL (ACTING)

BOARD MEMBERS:

ASHLEY MCDOUGALL, PRESIDENT

ALANA AWRAM, VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL

JAYDEN HOVEY, VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

GABRIELLA WERTHEIMER CINQUE, VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS

JASHANDEEP DHINDSA, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE

RASHPINDER SINGH LAICHA, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE

OLIVIA LAKE DE MEZA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GUESTS:

N/A

REGRETS:

NAMAN TACHILOTE, STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE

### 2. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

Approval of the agenda.

#### 2.1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

N/A

#### 2.2. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 2.2.1. APPROVAL OF MARCH/APRIL 2023 PUBLIC MINUTES

Moved by VPS.

Seconded by VPI.

Voted on and approved.

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### 2.2.2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*BIRT the SUS Board of Directors approves the agenda as presented.*

Moved by VPE.  
Seconded by VPS.

Voted on and approved.

## 3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

### 3.1. CALLING THE AUDITOR

*Whereas the auditor was not called in the Society's AGM, and the B.C. Societies Act requires the continuation of the previous auditor in this situation,*

*BIRT the SUS Board of Directors approves the use of the same auditor as the previous year, Grant Thornton LLP.*

Moved by VPI.  
Seconded by VPE.

Voted on and approved.

### 3.2. EX-OFFICIO APPOINTMENT

*BIRT the SUS Board of Directors appoints by majority vote, Claudia Daboin, to fill the position of Ex-Officio for the 2023-2024 term.*

Moved by VPI.  
Seconded by Rashpinder.

Voted on and approved.

### 3.3. POLICY AMENDMENTS

*BIRT the SUS Board of Directors approves the policy amendments as presented.*

Moved by VPI.  
Seconded by VPS.

VPI presents a few policy amendments made by the previous executive that did not pass before the end of their term. Amendments are minor.

The Access to Information policy was reformatted and had some of its language cleaned up.

The Conference Policy was reformatted and had a few grammatical changes made.

The In-Camera Policy was reformatted.

The Travel Expenses Policy was reformatted, the phrase 'two weeks' was changed to 'fourteen calendar days,' and periods were added to the ends of sentences.

ED suggests removing the Travel Expenses to be properly amended.

*BIRT the SUS Board of Directors removes the Travel Expenses Policy from the recommended policy amendments.*

Moved by VPS.

Seconded by Rashpinder.

Voted on and approved.

*(repeat) BIRT the SUS Board of Directors approves the policy amendments as presented.*

Voted on and approved.

#### 3.4. ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE SUB

Presentation by VPI.

Earlier this month, StudentLife held an event in Everett hall where they sold sex toys. This event was advertised with posters saying 'Masturbation May' that were put up in, around, and on the doors of the SUB. In addition to this, there was a sign set up outside Everett hall that said 'Cum Celebrate.' We value our relationship with StudentLife and appreciate the work they do for students here at UFV, however events of this kind do not align with SUS's goals and principles. This kind of event is inappropriate because the SUB should be a safe and comfortable area for all students, the advertising felt unnecessarily vulgar, and some students are minors.

*BIRT the SUS Board of Directors resolves to not support or promote the sale and advertisements of sex toys in the Student Union Building.*

Moved by VPI.

Seconded by VPE.

ED suggests a further discussion on how these kinds of events proceed in the future, and what kind of vision and purpose these events have. It is also worth reviewing the policies SUS has regarding the approval of posters in the SUB.

Voted on and approved.

### 4. REPORTS

#### 4.1. PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Attended a few conferences in May.

The first conference was CASA in Ottawa, which the President attended alongside the VPE. Attended sessions on advocating to the federal government, as well as having discussions about the unique needs of various student unions, as well as electing the CASA board. Met with Mental Health and Addiction minister.

The second conference was the Annual Stakeholder meeting with Studentcare in Montreal.

Attended the BCFS Annual Skills Symposium with the rest of the executive, where the President attended more sessions on advocacy.

Experienced a great start to provincial advocacy this year. Met with Andrew Mercier alongside VPE.

ED exits meeting at 3:27pm.

4.2. VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL'S MONTHLY REPORT

It has been a super busy first month with planning for the year.

Attended two student appreciation dazys: one here in Abbotsford and one at CEP/TTC.

Attended BCFS's 38th Annual Skills Symposium. Went to sessions on building community, meeting participation, writing effective motions, strategic planning, speaking to members, and conflict resolution. Started to sort through archives.

Putting together the goal plan for the term.

4.3. VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL'S MONTHLY REPORT

Most of the month was spent travelling, doing advocacy work.

First day on the job he met with Andrew Mercier, where they talked about the direction SUS wanted to go, specifically with advocacy for international students.

Started reaching out to fellow members of CASA to meet them and get to know about their students unions.

Wrote and sent a letter to Harry Bains, B.C.'s minister of labour, about the transit strike. Explained the struggles of many students due to the transit strike and urged the minister to appoint someone to facilitate negotiations.

Attended the CASA foundations conference. Elected to be a voting member of the Policy Committee and the Elections Committee.

Went to Montreal the following week for Studentcare's Annual Stakeholder meeting. Purpose of conference was to learn more about Studentcare and connect with the Studentcare staff and representatives.

Went straight to Loon Lake Lodge for the BCFS Skills Symposium. Involved skills workshops, networking, and advocacy. Hopes to continue to work with BCFS as well as strengthening our individual connections regarding provincial advocacy.

4.4. VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS' MONTHLY REPORT

Attended Student Appreciation Days on both Abbotsford and Chilliwack campus, as well as TTC with the President and VPI.

Had a free breakfast day in TTC.

Launched an executive social media account with the rest of the executive team.

Presented at the Welcome Fair for new international students with the President.

Started to meet with executives of C&As to strengthen the bridge between SUS and C&As.

Hosted her first event with SUS. E-Sports Unplug. Around 40 attendees. Smash bros tournament.

Outdoor movie night with Lalem te Baker and UFV International. About 90 attendees. Attended the BCFS Skills Symposium with the rest of the executive. Attended sessions on event planning and talking to members.

4.5. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES-AT-LARGE REPORT(S)

4.5.1. JASHANDEEP DHINDSA

Has heard from students that they are enjoying summer semester.

4.5.2. RASHPINDER SINGH LAICHA

Summer is a slower time for most students.

4.5.3. NAMAN TACHILOTE

N/A

5. QUESTION PERIOD

Discussion on the B.C. Transit strike, prompted by the VPE.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:46pm.