

# PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2024 - LARGE BOARDROOM (S3103)

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm.

### 1.1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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:

VLADISLAV GAVRILOV

BOARD MEMBERS:

ASHLEY MCDOUGALL - PRESIDENT

JAYDEN HOVEY - VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

GABRIELLA WERTHEIMER CINQUE - VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS

MEHMET ERCAN - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

LEVI PENNER - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

BALKARN GILL - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE AT-LARGE

SHANNA ANDERSON - INDIGENIOUS REPRESENTATIVE

JASSU PARMAR - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

ADAM MAGALHÃES - EX-OFFICIO

GUESTS

N.A.

REGRETS

ARMAAN GILL - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

NICHAELA JACOB - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OLIVIA LAKE DE MEZA - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
CHANCE PADGHAM - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

## 2. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

### 2.1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

The President declares that she has started a new club named, Economics Student Association and she is the president of that club.

### 2.2. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 2.2.1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BIRT the Agenda is approved as presented.

#### 2.2.2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2024 PUBLIC MINUTES

BIRT the January 2024 Public minutes are approved as presented.

Mover – Jassu

Secunder – Gabriella

#### 2.2.3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2023 PUBLIC MINUTES

BIRT the November 2023 Public minutes are approved as presented.

Mover – Jayden

Secunder - Jassu

## 3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

### 3.1. Elections Policy Update

The VPE opens the floor for any board member to start any discussion regarding the elections policy update.

Mehmet asks that is it realistic to make the GPA requirement 3.0 along with holding an

executive position.

Shanna asked whether there is a no. of courses requirement as an executive.

The VPE replies to both questions and tells that it is not recommended to take more than 1 or 2 courses. He also mentions that there is no such requirement to have a specific no. of courses other than having at least one course.

Jassu asks whether it is even realistic for an international student to do 4 courses and do an executive role as well because they have to pay the tuition for 12 credits no matter how many credits they take.

The VPS, President, VPE and Adam said that it is not easy but is manageable for a person to do a full course load and also serve as an executive at SUS.

Mover - Jayden

Secunder - Ashley

The motion regarding the election policy is approved as presented. It still needs to be ratified at the AGM 2024.

Mover - Jayden

Secunder - Ashley

The motion regarding election rules policy is approved as presented.

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.1. PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

The president mentioned that Minister Robertson stepped down her position which led to the cancellation of the lunch planned with her in UFV Chilliwack.

She had a meeting with Abbotsford Canucks to have a Rush Night on April 3rd, 2024.

The President tells the board about the 50 year anniversary of UFV this year and about

all the opportunities and possibilities along with that.

She mentions about the joint exec meeting with UFV where they talked about the international student cap.

She mentions about the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new student housing in lot 10.

She also tells that she got the opportunity to participate in a focus group on the Chilliwack Campus Masterplan.

Lastly, the planning of the Chilliwack event – Backyard Bash is going on for 28th March.

Mehmet asks if we will be having more shuttle services on that day for students to commute. The President says that we will be having a regular shuttle schedule that day.

#### 4.2. VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL'S MONTHLY REPORT

The VPE mentions about the meeting with UFV VP Academic, James Mandigo where he said that the international cap would not affect UFV by a lot. However, it depends on the provincial governments spring update and that how many attestation letters are given out to students.

He tells the board about his presence in the Sexualized Violence Advisory Group, a non-profit provincial group. They have been working on a post secondary sexualized violence action plan which is yet to be seen. He mentioned an initiative launched by the group called intimate image protection.

He also mentions the advocacy points that he had prepared to discuss with Minister Robertson.

He mentioned that most of his month went on working on budget, archiving, policy review and the AGM planning which is on April 8th.

Lastly, he gives an update about concern raised by Mehmet regarding accessibility on

the campus in the last board meeting.

#### 4.3. VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS' MONTHLY REPORT

VPS mentions about the Brazilian Carnival which is happening on February 29th.

She talks about the the planning of Holi which will happen on March 25th.

She tells everyone about the Lunar New Year in collaboration with UFV international lastw week.

She mentions how the Mental Health Week went and how students were excited to be a part of it.

She lastly mentions the 'Freedom to Read' event with UFV library on March 26th.

#### 4.4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE REPORT(S)

Mehmet shared his concern regrading the international student cap in the classes while registration. He mentions that because of this students are able to grab a seat in the class but not for the lab which won't allow them to complete the course.

Mehmet also shares his concern that not every UFV department takes a survey regarding how the students felt about their services. It is being done by some, but not by all and he suggests that it should be done by all the departments. He also mentions that this is the same situation with the instructors and this should be changed as well.

Shanna brings up a concern with the indigenious studnets and hwo they are not getting their expectations met with the course. The President and teh VPE responds to this concern.

Shanna also draws attention to a door in the indigenious students centre in UFV Chilliwack whose 'push to open' button is not functioning properly. Some students who are wheelchairs and crutches use that door and she thinks it should be fixed as soon as possible.

## 5. QUESTION PERIOD

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.