

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 25, 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

ARMAAN GILL - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

MEHMET ERCAN - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

LEVI PENNER - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

BALKARN GILL - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

NICHAELA JACOB - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

CHANCE PADGHAM - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

JASSU PARMAR - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

OLIVIA LAKE DE MEZA - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ADAM MAGALHÃES - EX-OFFICIO

GUESTS

N.A.

REGRETS

SHANNA ANDERSON - INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE

NAMAN TACHILOTE - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

2. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

2.1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Mehmet discloses that he is also a practicum student currently.

2.2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.2.1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

BIRT the Agenda is approved as presented.

2.2.2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2023 PUBLIC MINUTES

BIRT the December 2023 Public minutes are approved as presented.

Mover – Levi

Seconder – Nichaela

2.2.3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2023 PUBLIC MINUTES

BIRT the November 2023 Public minutes are approved as presented.

Mover – Levi

Seconder - Gabriella

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

3.1. Acceptance of Student Representative At-Large Resignation

The President informed the board about the acceptance of a resignation from Naman Tachilote, Student Representative At-Large. He resigned because he graduated. The executives acknowledged his contribution to the board and wish him the best.

4. REPORTS

4.1. PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

The president mentioned that we started the Winter 2024 semester with Day One, which is the orientation for the new students.

She explained how the event was a success and how SUS had a long line for the U-pass.

The President tells the board about an event – Backyard Bash, that she is planning at the Chilliwack campus on March 28th, 2024.

The president mentions about the cap introduced by the federal government on the international students. She mentions that SUS will be doing some advocacy regarding this. She mentions she has a meeting with CASA and will be updating the board on that in the next meeting.

She mentions that she got the opportunity to represent UFV (not SUS) and Canada in the UN Global Peace Summit in Bangkok, Thailand. She briefly told about her experience from the summit and from Thailand.

She also tells that we will be having a visit from the Minister Robinson, Provincial Minister for Post Secondary Education at the Chilliwack Campus.

4.2. VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL'S MONTHLY REPORT

VPE explains the whole situation with the cap on the international students and what all is affected from it.

He mentions what all has been happening after this decision was made and explains that the student unions are working together to advocate on this decision.

He also mentions about the new guidelines on the Post Graduation Work Permit for the international students and it won't be affecting the UFV students as the new rule is just for private institutions.

He mentioned he is working in collaboration with the UFV Library for Open Educational

Resources (OERs) and planning to do the advocacy on that.

He mentions that the AVP is doing some research on the OERs actionable plans.

The board raised a discussion regarding the rule which says that for an international student to be eligible to apply for Post Graduation Work Permit, it is essential to complete more than 50% of their studies on campus and in offline mode.

The President and VPE thanked the board for informing them about this and they told that they will initiate a discussion about it in CASA and plan to advocate on this as well.

4.3. VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS' MONTHLY REPORT

VPS mentions about planning for the upcoming events in this semester.

She talks about the Black History Month – Trivia Night that she is planning on February 1st with a lot of snacks and prizes.

Further, she talks about the Brazilian Carnival that is going to happen on February 27th. It will have some music, foods, etc. and it was a success last year as well.

She talks about wellness week that SUS is planning from February 12th to 15th.

She also talks about planning a Holi event on March 25th and she expresses her excitement about the super-hit event at UFV.

She also talks about doing something for the Chilliwack campus and she will be working a lot for the Backyard Bash.

She informs that CnAs are working a lot and hosting a lot of events on campus. She tells everyone that all the CnAs are affiliated and verified on Qpay.

4.4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE REPORT(S)

Mehmet shared his concern about the accessibility around the new building and how there is a lot of work that is to be done because it's not safe for the people going inside the building and even for the people driving around.

The President said that it is a really good point and they can surely discuss it with UFV Admin in their next meeting.

A board member talked about the unexpected closure of a food truck in the past week and the President told that there have been some delays with the restraunts. She also welcomed any such concerns in the future as well.

A board member inquires about any action taken on the limited seating around the library. The VPS answers the question that the library is working on that and that she will follow it up with the library in their next meeting.

A board member asks about the changes in the semesterly Health & Dental fees and if there have been any deductions in the fees. The ED replies that we are in a contract with them so there is no chance that any of it can get changed. The VPE says that it might be a mistake from the side of student care.

A board member talks about an alarm that goes off in the SUB. The ED says that it has happened in the past as well and it is a security issue so she will be talking to the security about it.

Another board member talks about a parking space in UFV and they shared their concern on that. The VPE gives an update on the situation to the board about the parking and the ongoing renovation.

5. QUESTION PERIOD

Mehmet asks a question about the CnAs that why are they asked to send in the request 3 weeks prior. The VPS responds that it is not just SUS who goes through it. UFV , Safety and Security, SUS Executives, etc. go thorough that which is why they ask for 3 weeks.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm