

# PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 30, 2023 - LARGE BOARDROOM (S3103)

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 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 MCDUGALL - PRESIDENT

JAYDEN HOVEY - VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL

GABRIELLA WERTHEIMER CINQUE - VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS

NAMAN TACHILOTE - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

LEVI PENNER - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

JASSU PARMAR - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

CHANCE PADGHAM - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

NICHAELA JACOB - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

ARMAAN GILL - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

BALKARN GILL - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

SHANNA ANDERSON - INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE

OLIVIA LAKE DE MEZA - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CLAUDIA DABOIN - EX-OFFICIO

GUESTS

N/A.

REGRETS

MEHMET ERCAN - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE

## 2. ITEMS FOR ADOPTION

### 2.1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

N/A.

### 2.2. CONSENT AGENDA

Mover- Chance

Secunder- Armaan

#### 2.2.1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jayden says that the mental health discussion (3.1) will be done in January 2024.

Mover- Chance

Secunder - Levi

BIRT the Agenda is approved.

#### 2.2.2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2023 PUBLIC MINUTES

Mover - Gabriella

Secunder- Nichaela

BIRT the October 2023 Public minutes are approved as presented.

## 3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

### 3.1. Mental Health Discussion

### 3.2. Elections

The president acknowledges that the dates for the 2024 SUS elections are called for January 22, 2024 to March 15, 2024.

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.1. PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

The president mentions about her visit to Ottawa with VPE for CASA advocacy.

She mentions her discussions regarding the Canada students grants and the campus mental health supports.

She also mentions her discussion on the elimination of the weekly working hours cap for the international students.

She mentions about Bunny Yoga which happened on the UFV campus in november.

Lastly, she mentions about the Abbotsford Canucks Rush Night which is to be held on December 1st, 2023.

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

VPE mentions about the advocacy week in Ottawa from November 19th to 25th.

He mentions the 7 main asks presented by CASA.

He also talks about taking a stand against the rising UFV housing fee from the 2024-25 academic year.

He mentions about the rising demand of Food Bank.

Lastly, he talks about the know your rights initiative and how Mehmet was a part of it.

### 4.3. VICE PRESIDENT STUDENTS' MONTHLY REPORT

VPS VPS mentions about the Halloween Movie in the evered hall. She mentions that it was in partnership with UFV International.

She also talks about an event called Bunny Yoga where they helped a non profit organization called Rabbitat.

Further she talks about the Diwali night which was done along with UFV International and RBC.

She talks about the Holiday Market which brought 22 vendors from all over BC. It was also done with UFV sustainability and Student Experience Office.

She talks about the cultural market which she did with Mehmet and UFV International. She informs that there were 12 cultures that participated.

She mentions about the Santa photos where she became the Santa. Conversations regarding Day ONE has been started.

Regarding the CNAs, students are doing a lot of events. There are 48 clubs on Qpay and 28 have been affiliated.

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

Nichaela talks about Bunny Yoga and how it was a success.

Mehmet acknowledges SUS's contribution in a lot of events.

He acknowledges Gabriella as well for the cultural market and karaoke night.

Further Mehmet shared about his concern regarding mental health conditions, especially for the International students at UFV.

He also shares his personal experiences. He also talks about the working conditions of a lot of people and how it is a serious case to work upon.

One of the board member mentions about the cozy decorations around the SUS building and how students love it.

Another board member says that a lot of students have problems in tracking when most of the events are happenings.

VPE and VPS reply to it by telling that information about each and every event is out on Instagram, notice boards all around the campus and mails.

## 5. QUESTION PERIOD

Nichaela asks about the reason behind the increase of UFV housing fee.

One of the board member asks about the status of the appeal regarding the 20 hour cap on the international students.

Nichaela asks about the increase in the salary of the UFV President over the span of 1-2 years.

Another board member asks about the food bank service. VPE replied and informed about the fundraiser by UFV and a match on 1st.

Lastly a board member asked if 'Empower Me' was a free service or not and the VPE informed if a student is part of the health and dental plan then it is free for them.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.