

MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Thursday, April 30, 2020 • Videoconference

11:06 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Joyce. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Chairperson.....	Tanysha Klassen
Indigenous Students' Representative.....	Santanna Hernandez
Representative–Local 01 Members.....	Jennifer Gullins
Representative–Local 02 Members.....	Samson Boyer
Representative–Local 04 Members.....	Navjot Singh Brar
Representative–Local 06 Members.....	Abby Mitro
Representative–Local 10 Members.....	Joshua Ralph
Representative–Local 13 Members.....	Anouk Boris
Representative–Local 14 Members.....	Fawn Wightman
Representative–Local 16 Members.....	Mandy Wan
Representative–Prospective Member Local.....	Nathaniel McCarthey
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Brynn Joyce
Services Coordinator.....	McKenzie Hutchison

Executive Members Absent

Campaigns Coordinator.....	Eleanor Vannan
Representative–Local 05 Members.....	Kole Lawrence
Representative–Local 12 Members.....	Taylor Dotto
Representative–Local 15 Members.....	Sajith Saji-Nair
Representative–Local 17 Members.....	Fillette Umulisa
Representative–Local 20 Members.....	Audrey Faber
Women Students' Representative.....	Chantelle Spicer

Staff Present

Executive Director.....	Michael Olson
Local Staff–Local 01.....	Brianne Berchowitz
Local Staff–Local 02.....	Dave Westmacott
Local Staff–Local 04.....	Amy Barry
Local Staff–Local 05.....	Nathan Lane
Local Staff–Local 06.....	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff–Local 10.....	Lori MacDonald
Local Staff–Local 13.....	James Bowen
Local Staff–Local 15.....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Sydney Sullivan
Organiser.....	Jenelle Davies
Organiser–Services.....	Jill Adams

Others Present

Member–Local 15.....	Mary Rickinson
Member–Local 21.....	Harman Bhandal
Secretary-Treasurer-elect.....	Michael Gauld
Women Students' Representative-elect.....	Melissa Chirino

Joyce acknowledged that he was chairing the meeting on the unceded territory of the Kwikwilem First Nation, and asked that participants think about and acknowledge the Nation on whose territory they work and live.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2020/04:01

MOTION

Hernandez/Wan

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

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2. ELECTIONS AND RESIGNATIONS

a. Resignations for Members

Joyce reported that no resignations had been received.

b. Acceptance of New Executive Committee Members

Joyce reported that no acceptance letters had been received.

3. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

a. Consideration of Staffing Issues*

Chairperson Klassen reported that Researcher Celeste had requested a four-month extension to her leave of absence, as is permitted in the Collective Agreement.

11:16 Representative–Local 5 Members Lawrence entered the meeting.

2020/04:02 MOTION

Hernandez/Gullins

Be it resolved that Laura Celeste's request for a four-month extension on her leave of absence be approved.

CARRIED

b. Local 21 Loan Request*

11:19 the meeting moved in-camera. Bhandal, Chirino, Gauld, and Rickinson were moved to the virtual waiting room.

11:32 the meeting moved ex-camera. Bhandal, Chirino, Gauld, and Rickinson re-joined the meeting.

2020/04:03 MOTION

Klassen/Hernandez

Be it resolved the Federation provide Local 21–Justice Institute Students' Union an interest-free loan in the amount of \$50,000 for the purposes of starting its operations; and

Be it further resolved the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be empowered to enter into a repayment agreement with Local 21–Justice Institute Students' Union and that the terms of the agreement be reported to the next Executive Committee meeting; and

Be it further resolved the status of the loan be included in the Finance Report at each Executive Committee meeting.

CARRIED

c. Federation Website

Organiser Davies provided an overview of the state of the Federation's website.

The Executive Committee reviewed a proposal to update the website.

11:40 Chairperson Klassen left the meeting.

2020/04:04 MOTION

Boyer/Wightman

Be it resolved Van City Studios be contracted to update the Federation's primary website and migrate it to be hosted by NationBuilder; and

Be it further resolved \$20,000 be allocated for the update and migration of the Federation's website.

CARRIED

4. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Organiser Davies provided an overview of issues facing the Federation regarding government relations currently, along with issues that will be faced as BC and Canada move forward from the COVID-19

pandemic. She said that due to the unprecedented nature of the economic recession, the decision making structures and timelines of governments are different than what we are used to operating in.

The Executive Committee reviewed a proposal from government relations firm Earncliffe to provide the Federation assistance with advocating on behalf of students at provincial and federal levels from May until December.

2020/04:05 **MOTION**
McCarthy/Boyer

Be it resolved the Federation contract Earncliffe for the purpose of assistance with government relations and campaign strategy effective until December 2020 at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

CARRIED

5. REVIEW OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

a. Skills Development Symposium

Organiser Davies reported that due to the cancellation of the Skills Development Symposium, work was underway to develop online training modules to replace some of the primary sessions that are important for director development.

2020/04:06 **MOTION**
Gullins/McCarthy

Be it resolved \$10,000 be allocated for the development of online training modules for skills development workshops for students' union directors.

CARRIED

b. 78th Semi-Annual General Meeting

Organiser Davies reported that the 78th Semi-Annual General Meeting could not be held in person due to pandemic response measures.

The Executive Committee discussed options for conducting the general meeting virtually with a limited scope.

2020/04:07 **MOTION**
Wightman/Brar

Be it resolved that the 78th Semi-Annual General Meeting be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 beginning at 1:00pm.

CARRIED

The Executive Committee discussed ways to facilitate learning and workshops virtually outside of a general meeting environment.

6. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2020/04:08 **MOTION**
Brar/Wan

Be it resolved the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held December 6 to 9, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

2020/04:09 **MOTION**
Brar/Ralph

Be it resolved the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held January 16, 2020 be approved.

CARRIED

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7. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Secretary-Treasurer Joyce reported that the next Executive Committee meeting was currently scheduled for June 12 to 14, 2020. The Executive Committee discussed alternate dates and structures for the meeting.

2020/04:10 **MOTION**
Hernandez/Gullins

Be it resolved the Executive Committee orientation be held on June 11 beginning at 1:00pm;
and

Be it further resolved the next Executive Committee orientation be held on June 12 beginning
at 1:00pm.

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Olson reported that this meeting was the last for many members of the Executive Committee's and thanked them for their time on the Executive.

9. ADJOURNMENT

2020/04:11 **MOTION**
Brar/Hernandez

Be it resolved the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

12:45 the meeting adjourned.

* Denotes in-camera