

# MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students  
Friday, June 21 to Sunday, June 23, 2019 • Kelowna

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18:16 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Klassen. Attendance was as follows:

## Executive Members Present

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| Chairperson.....   | Tanysha Klassen    |
| Indigenous Students' Representative .....                      | Santanna Hernandez |
| Representative–Local 01 Members .....                          | Mickella Biggs     |
| Representative–Local 06 Members .....                          | Abby Mitro         |
| Representative–Local 12 Members .....                          | Taylor Dotto       |
| Representative–Local 15 Members .....                          | Sajith Saji-Nair   |
| Representative–Local 16 Members .....                          | Mandy Wan          |
| Representative–Local 17 Members (pending re-appointment) ..... | Fillette Umulisa   |
| Representative–Local 20 Members .....                          | Parima Sattari     |
| Secretary-Treasurer .....                                      | Sheldon Falk       |

## Executive Members Absent

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Campaigns Coordinator .....           | Eleanor Vannan     |
| Representative–Local 02 Members ..... | Kim Thien          |
| Representative–Local 04 Members ..... | Michelle Frechette |
| Representative–Local 05 Members ..... | Cole Hickson       |
| Representative–Local 10 Members ..... | Joshua Ralph       |
| Representative–Local 14 Members ..... | Kari Morgan        |
| Services Coordinator.....             | McKenzie Hutchison |
| Women Students' Representative.....   | Chantelle Spicer   |

## Executive Positions Vacant

### Staff Present

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Executive Director .....  | Michael Olson      |
| Local Staff–Local 01..... | Brianne Berchowitz |
| Local Staff–Local 06..... | Delaney Sullivan   |
| Local Staff–Local 12..... | Sarah Furgason     |
| Local Staff–Local 15..... | Carissa Wilson     |
| Local Staff–Local 16..... | Sydney Sullivan    |
| Local Staff–Local 17..... | Tagg Kelt          |
| Local Staff–Local 20..... | Alden Chow         |
| Organiser .....           | Steven Beasley     |
| Organiser .....           | Jenelle Davies     |
| Researcher.....           | Laura Celeste      |

Quorum was declared to be present.

Klassen acknowledged the traditional territory of the Sylix people.

A roundtable of introductions was conducted.

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Klassen provided an overview of the agenda.

2019/06:01

### MOTION

Hernandez/Dotto

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davies made a series of logistical announcements.

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**3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

**a. Receipt of Resignations of Members**

Klassen reported that no resignations had been received.

**b. Acceptance of New Executive Committee Members**

Klassen reported that a letter had been received from Local 5 stating that Kole Lawrence had been appointed by the Local as the Local Members' Representative, and that the letter was in conformity with Bylaw 6.4 and Standing Resolution 1.

**2019/06:02 MOTION**

Hernandez/Mitro

Be it resolved that Kole Lawrence be accepted as the Local 5 Members' Representative, pending receipt of an oath of office and confidentiality agreement.

**CARRIED**

Klassen reported that a letter had been received from Local 17 stating that Fillette Umulisa had been re-appointed by the Local as the Local Members' Representative, and that the letter was in conformity with Bylaw 6.4 and Standing Resolution 1.

**2019/06:03 MOTION**

Dotto/Saji-Nair

Be it resolved that Fillette Umulisa be accepted as the Local 17 Members' Representative.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2019/06:04 MOTION**

Hernandez/Biggs

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 22 to 24, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:05 MOTION**

Hernandez/Biggs

Be it resolved that the minutes of the teleconference meeting held June 18, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES PART I**

**a. 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Skills Development Symposium**

Falk reported on the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Skills Development Symposium that took place May 31 to June 2 at the Delta Ocean Pointe Inn in Victoria. He directed the meeting to the Skills Development Symposium report.

**i. Review of Workshops**

Falk facilitated a review of the workshops held at the Symposium.

**ii. Review of Materials**

Falk facilitated a review of the materials used at the Symposium.

**iii. Review of Logistics (Travel, Accommodation, Meals)**

Davies facilitated a review of logistics for the Symposium

**iv. Review of Social Activities**

Falk facilitated a review of the social activities held at the Symposium

**2019/06:06**

**MOTION**

Dotto/Wan

Be it resolved that the Skills Development Symposium Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:07**

**MOTION**

Biggs/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30am on Saturday, June 22.

**CARRIED**

19:41 the meeting recessed.

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**Executive Members Present**

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| Chairperson.....                          | Tanysha Klassen    |
| Indigenous Students' Representative ..... | Santanna Hernandez |
| Representative–Local 01 Members .....     | Mickella Biggs     |
| Representative–Local 06 Members .....     | Abby Mitro         |
| Representative–Local 10 Members .....     | Joshua Ralph       |
| Representative–Local 12 Members .....     | Taylor Dotto       |
| Representative–Local 15 Members .....     | Sajith Saji-Nair   |
| Representative–Local 16 Members .....     | Mandy Wan          |
| Representative–Local 17 Members .....     | Fillette Umulisa   |
| Representative–Local 20 Members .....     | Parima Sattari     |
| Secretary-Treasurer .....                 | Sheldon Falk       |

**Executive Members Absent**

|                                       |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Campaigns Coordinator .....           | Eleanor Vannan     |
| Representative–Local 02 Members ..... | Kim Thien          |
| Representative–Local 04 Members ..... | Michelle Frechette |
| Representative–Local 14 Members ..... | Kari Morgan        |
| Services Coordinator.....             | McKenzie Hutchison |
| Women Students' Representative.....   | Chantelle Spicer   |

**Executive Positions Vacant**

Representative–Local 05 Members

**Staff Present**

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Executive Officer.....    | Michael Olson      |
| Local Staff–Local 01..... | Brianne Berchowitz |
| Local Staff–Local 06..... | Delaney Sullivan   |
| Local Staff–Local 10..... | Lori MacDonald     |
| Local Staff–Local 12..... | Sarah Furgason     |
| Local Staff–Local 15..... | Carissa Wilson     |
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| Local Staff–Local 17..... | Tagg Kelt          |
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| Organiser .....           | Jenelle Davies     |
| Researcher.....           | Laura Celeste      |

Quorum was declared to be present.

**6. REVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS**

**a. 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting**

Falk reported that the 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting is scheduled for July 24 to 27, 2019 at the Coast Bastion in Nanaimo. The Executive Committee will discuss preparation for the meeting.

**i. Roundtable of Goals**

A roundtable of goals for the meeting was conducted.

**ii. Update on Organising To-Date**

Davies provided an update on organising to-date.

Falk announced that he had been accepted into law school at UBC and isn't able to defer his enrolment, so therefore would be stepping down from his role; hence, a by-election must be conducted at the SAGM.

**2019/06:08**

**MOTION**

Umulisa/Mitro

Be it resolved that Organiser Davies be appointed the Chief Returning Officer for the 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

2019/06:09

**MOTION**

Dotto/Wan

Be it resolved that Ashkon Hashemi be recommended as the Plenary Speaker for the 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED****iii. Motions for Consideration**

2019/06:10

**MOTION**

Umulisa/Saji-Nair

Be it resolved that Section 6.a.iii be tabled until Sunday morning.

**CARRIED****b. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Falk reported that the 38th Annual General Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 16 to 19, 2020.

**7. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS****a. Presentation on Public Opinion Polling**

Researcher Celeste presented on the results of the Federation's 2018 public opinion polling.

**b. 2018-19 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan****i. Central Campaigns****Grants Not Loans**

Davies provided an update on work undertaken to develop a public-facing strategy for the campaign.

A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

**Knock Out Interest**

A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

**Fund It Fix It**

Davies provided an update on work done to-date.

**ii. Supporting Campaigns****Fairness for International Students**

Celeste reported on work undertaken during the reporting period.

A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

**Open Textbooks Now!**

Klassen reported on the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training's recent announcement of \$3.26 million in funding for the creation of open education resources.

A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

**iii. Awareness Campaigns****Unlearn**

Klassen reported that fans for Pride activities had arrived and would be shipped to locals in the following week.

**c. General Relations with the Government and Opposition Parties****i. General Relations with the Government**

Updates were provided on relations with Government MLAs and staff.

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**ii. Budget 2020 Consultations**

A discussion was held on local presentations to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

**2019/06:11 MOTION**  
Biggs/Wan

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 60 minutes.

**CARRIED**

12:39 the meeting recessed.

13:50 the meeting reconvened.

**iii. General Relations with Opposition Parties**

Updates were provided on relations with Opposition MLAs and staff.

**d. Other**

A discussion on local work on the Period Promise campaign was held.

**2019/06:12 MOTION**  
Hernandez/Umulisa

Be it resolved that the United Way's Period Promise campaign be endorsed, and that the Federation sign the Period Promise Policy Agreement.

**CARRIED**

**e. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work**

An update on coalition and solidarity work was provided.

**2019/06:13 MOTION**  
Hernandez/Wan

Be it resolved that Klassen be appointed the Federation's representative on the BC Federation of Labour's Young Workers' Committee.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:14 MOTION**  
Umulisa/Mitro

Be it resolved that Klassen be appointed the Federation's representative on the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:15 MOTION**  
Sattari/Ralph

Be it resolved that Klassen be appointed the Federation's representative on First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition.

**CARRIED**

**f. Adoption of Campaigns, Government Relations, and Solidarity Report**

**2019/06:16 MOTION**  
Umulisa/Biggs

Be it resolved that the Campaigns Government Relations, and Solidarity Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:17 MOTION**  
Umulisa/Biggs

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for five minutes.

**CARRIED**

14:35 the meeting recessed.

14:44 the meeting reconvened.

**g. Presentation of Media Report and Press Review**

Klassen provided an overview of the Media Report and Press Review.

**2019/06:18 MOTION**  
Dotto/Wan

Be it resolved that the Media Report and Press Review be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**h. Preparation for 2019-20 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

Olson provided an overview of the proposed 2019-20 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan.

**8. MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT\***

15:07 the meeting moved in-camera.

15:28 the meeting moved ex-camera.

**2019/06:19 MOTION**  
Dotto/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the at-large directors be empowered to select a Chief Returning Officer for membership referendums in the 2019-20 year and bring a recommendation to the 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**9. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**a. Appointment of Staff Relations Officer**

**2019/06:20 MOTION**  
Sinj-Nair/Dotto

Be it resolved that Klassen be appointed the Staff Relations Officer.

**CARRIED**

**b. Appointment of Signing Officers**

**2019/06:21 MOTION**  
Hernandez/Wan

Be it resolved that Klassen be appointed a signing officer.

**2019/06:22 MOTION TO AMEND**  
Falk/Ralph

Be it resolved Motion 2019/06:21 be amended to include the removal of Phoebe Lo Patigdas.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:23 CARRIED AS AMENDED**

**c. Office Equipment**

**2019/06:24 MOTION**  
Ralph/Umulisa

Be it resolved that \$35,000 be allocated for the purchase of a new printer/photocopier for the Federation's office.

**CARRIED**

**10. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES**

**a. Review of 2018-19 Revenue and Expenditures**

Olson provided an overview of the 9-month actuals of the Federation's 2018-19 revenue and expenses.

**b. Adoption of Finance Report**

**2019/06:25**     **MOTION**  
Falk/Dotto

Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**11. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES PART II**

**a. Student Discount Program**

**i. Program Development**

Davies provided an update on the development of the app.

**ii. Discount Solicitation**

A roundtable was held on the progress of local discount solicitation.

**b. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner**

Olson provided a report on preparations for the 2019-20 production.

**c. Membership Development Products**

Davies reported on the preparations for the 2019-20 production. She spoke about selection of items, quality of services provided, management of the online store, and review of service providers. She said that orders had been received from all member local unions.

Davies reported that CUPE 4941 and Prosum Health had been offered access to the service as affiliate users of the service.

**d. Digital Services**

**Ready Education Mobile App**

Davies reported on the issue at Douglas whereby Douglas College asserts that it is able to dissolve its agreement with the Students' Union, and procure its own campus app. She said that Douglas' understanding of the arrangement violates our understanding. She reported that as the agreement is renewed, the Federation would be working to include campus-based exclusivity as a key element.

**2019/06:26**     **MOTION**  
Mitro/Umulisa

Be it resolved that the user agreement with Ready Education for provision of the campus app be renewed provided the Federation is provided campus-wide exclusivity where a member local has an active app covered by the agreement.

**CARRIED**

**e. Insurance Services\***

17:03    the meeting moved in-camera.

17:10    the meeting moved ex-camera.

**f. Member Support and Wellness Services**

**i. Mental Health and Wellness Program**

Klassen said that there was no report given that program development was suspended pending the the conclusion of the BC government's investigation into founding a province-wide public program.



**ii. GOeVisit**

Davies reported on the development of a partnership with GOeVisit, an online doctors office service. She said that program development had been delayed by incorrect promotional materials being provided by the program partner. She said that those materials were being fixed, and that revised materials would be sent to locals in the coming weeks.

**g. Adoption of Services Report**

**2019/06:27**

**MOTION**

Biggs/Dotto

Be it resolved that the Services Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:28**

**MOTION**

Wan/Sattari

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30am on Sunday, June 23.

**CARRIED**

17:19 the meeting recessed.

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**6. REVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS**

**a. 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting**

**iii. Motions for Consideration**

**2019/06:29 MOTION**  
Mitro/Umulisa  
Be it resolved that the proposals for amendments to Bylaw I be served to the 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:30 MOTION**  
Saji-Nair/Wan  
Be it resolved that the proposals for amendments to Bylaw II be served to the 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:31 MOTION**  
Dotto/Ralph  
Be it resolved that the proposals for amendments to Internal Affairs Policy D be served to the 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:32 MOTION**  
Dotto/Mitro  
Be it resolved that the proposal to adopt Internal Affairs Policy P, Candidate Search Committee as interim policy be served to the 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:33 MOTION**  
Biggs/Sattari  
Be it resolved that the provision of binding arbitration as a dispute resolution mechanism be investigated.

**CARRIED**

10:49 Organiser Beasley left the meeting.

## **12. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (CONT'D)**

### **h. Preparation for 2019-20 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

#### **ii. 2019-20 Campaign Schedule**

Klassen and Davies conducted a calendar exercise with the group.

**2019/06:34 MOTION**  
Dotto/Biggs  
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for five minutes.

**CARRIED**

11:38 the meeting recessed.

11:51 the meeting reconvened.

## **13. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **a. Report of Local Representatives**

**2019/06:35 MOTION**  
Mitro/Hernandez  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Biggs, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:23 MOTION**  
Corrales/Borris  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members' Representative Thien, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**DEFEATED**

**2019/06:36 MOTION**  
Biggs/Sattari  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members' Representative Thien, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2019 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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Falk reported that reports were not received from the Members' Representatives from Locals 4 and 5.

**2019/06:37**      **MOTION**  
Hernandez/Dotto

Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Mitro, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:38**      **MOTION**  
Mitro/Umulisa

Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Ralph, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:39**      **MOTION**  
Umulisa/Saji-Nair

Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Dotto, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Falk reported that a report was not received from the Local 13 Members' Representative.

**2019/06:40**      **MOTION**  
Umulisa/Sattari

Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Morgan, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:41**      **MOTION**  
Mitro/Wan

Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Saji-Nair, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:42**      **MOTION**  
Mitro/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Wan, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:43**      **MOTION**  
Saji-Nari/Wan

Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Umulisa, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:44**      **MOTION**  
Mitro/Biggs

Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Sattari, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**b. Report of the Chairperson**

**2019/06:45**     **MOTION**  
Mitro/Umulisa

Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Klassen, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**c. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer**

**2019/06:46**     **MOTION**  
Biggs/Sattari

Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Falk, for the period Monday, April 29 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/06:47**     **MOTION**  
Dotto/Ralph

Be it resolved that the report of former Secretary-Treasurer Patigdas, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**14. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

Falk reported that future Executive Committee meetings were scheduled for:

- September 20 to 22, 2019
- November 22 to 24, 2019
- March 20 to 22, 2020

**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**2019/06:48**     **MOTION**  
Saji-Nair/Wan

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

12:29    the meeting adjourned.

\* Denotes in-camera