

MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Friday, November 23 to Sunday, November 25, 2018 • Richmond

18:48 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Armutlu. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Campaigns Coordinator	Amal Alhuwayshil
Chairperson.....	Aran Armutlu
Indigenous Students' Representative	Santanna Hernandez
Representative–Local 01 Members	Jenna Brook
Representative–Local 04 Members	Michelle Frechette
Representative–Local 06 Members	McKenzie Hutchison
Representative–Local 12 Members	Paula Tran
Representative–Local 13 Members	Chantelle Spicer
Representative–Local 15 Members	Sheldon Falk
Representative–Local 17 Members	Fillette Umulisa
Representative–Local 20 Members	Chao Wang
Secretary-Treasurer	Phoebe Lo Patigdas

Executive Members Absent

Representative–Local 02 Members	Kim Thien
Representative–Local 05 Members	Cole Hickson
Representative–Local 10 Members	Joshua Ralph
Representative–Local 14 Members	Kari Morgan
Representative–Local 16 Members	Monica McRae
Services Coordinator.....	Telka Pesklevits
Women Students' Representative.....	Zahra Hashemi

Staff Present

Coordinator	Steven Beasley
Executive Officer	Michael Olson
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Local Staff–Local 06.....	Tracy Ho
Local Staff–Local 12.....	Sarah Furgason
Local Staff–Local 14	Lenda Girard
Local Staff–Local 15.....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Sydney Sullivan
Local Staff–Local 17.....	Michel Turcotte
Local Staff–Local 20.....	Alden Chow
Researcher.....	Laura Celeste

Others Present

Member–Local 14	Raven McNeil
Member–Local 16	Armor Corrales
Organizer–Canadian Union of Postal Workers	Christopher Sano

Quorum was declared to be present.

Armutlu acknowledged the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people.

A roundtable of introductions was conducted.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Armutlu reviewed the agenda.

2018/11:01

MOTION

Tran/Brook

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

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2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davies made a series of logistical announcements.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

a. Receipt of Resignations of Members

Armutlu reported that a resignation had been received from Local 16 Members' Representative Monica McRae.

2018/11:02 MOTION
Patigdas/Spicer

Be it resolved that Local 16 Members' Representative Monica McRae's resignation be accepted.

CARRIED

b. Acceptance of New Executive Committee Members

Armutlu reported that a letter had been received from Local 1 stating that Jenna Brook 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.

2018/11:03 MOTION
Tran/Spicer

Be it resolved that Jenna Brook be accepted as the Local 1 Members' Representative.

CARRIED

Armutlu reported that a letter had been received from Local 14 stating that Kari Morgan 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.

2018/11:04 MOTION
Frechette/Umulisa

Be it resolved that Kari Morgan be accepted as the Local 14 Members' Representative.

CARRIED

Armutlu reported that a letter had been received from Local 16 stating that Armor Corrales 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.

2018/11:05 MOTION
Patigdas/Falk

Be it resolved that Armor Corrales be accepted as the Local 16 Members' Representative.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2018/11:06 MOTION
Frechette/Patigdas

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held September 22 and 23, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION: CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS

An organizer from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers provided an overview of the ongoing labour action between postal workers and Canada Post.

19:35 Canadian Union of Postal Workers Organizer Sano left the meeting.

6. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PART I**a. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work****i. BC Poverty Reduction Coalition**

Patigdas provided an overview of Bill 39 – Poverty Reduction Strategy Act, and the BC Poverty Reduction’s plans for ongoing pressure as the strategy is implemented.

ii. First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition

Patigdas reported on recent investment on Supported Child Development programs for children with developmental disabilities to access equipped childcare.

b. Presentation of Media Report and Press Review

2018/11:07 MOTION

Hernandez/Alhuwayshil

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

CARRIED

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

Armutlu provided a report on the development of the campaign. He reported that quotes were gathered from various communication firms to develop campaign messaging on the grants portion of the campaign.

Armutlu reported on the tactics implemented so far on the student loan interest portion of the campaign. He reported on the release of a campaign video in mid-October through Facebook and the following action undertaken to promote the video. He also reported that advertisements were purchased in campus newspapers and magazines to further drive e-mails being sent to the Minister of Finance through the tool on the Federation website.

A roundtable of discussion occurred to determine further materials that member locals need to increase on-campus engagement.

2018/11:08 MOTION TO RECESS

Corrales/Tran

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30am on November 24.

CARRIED

20:22 the meeting recessed.

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Others Present

Member–Local 14	Raven McNeil
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7. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PART II

a. 2018-19 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan

i. Central Campaigns

Don’t Tax My Loans

Davies reported on work undertaken for the development of the campaign. She said that the development of tactics for the campaign was assisted by New Mode. She described the website being developed that will house the e-mail tool to ask supports to send an email to their Member of Parliament and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. She further reported that interest was expressed from student unions from other provinces in endorsing the campaign for eliminating interest of federal student loans.

Members discussed further tactics, strategies, and materials to implement in the locals and the potential coalition partners to approach for endorsements.

Funding Not Fees

Davies reported on work undertaken for the development of the campaign. She said that the development of the campaign will be approached differently because of the current lack of understanding of funding and underfunding of the system from the public. She also said that the campus-facing campaign would also be more education-based.

2018/11:09 MOTION TO RECESS
Pesklevits/Tran

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes.

CARRIED

10:55 the meeting recessed.

11:12 the meeting reconvened.

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

The Executive Committee discussed local implementation of the campaign, including feedback on materials, signed pledge collection, local lobbying efforts, and local campaign outreach. Members said that the campaign allowed for open conversations with international student members on the issues they face.

The Executive Committee also discussed the ongoing and new issues that are evident in local campuses and the potential increases on international student tuition fees. Members highlighted increased recruitment in regional campuses, where there are greater deprivation of services, classes available, and housing options. This has resulted in over enrolments on these campuses, curriculum changes, international students moving to part-time school, which has further implications on their visa status and education completion. Members reported that there was very little interest from the Board of Governors to implement a tuition fee limit policy.

2018/11:10 MOTION TO RECESS
Frechette/Corrales

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 60 minutes.

CARRIED

12:10 the meeting recessed.

13:16 the meeting reconvened.

Open Textbooks Now!

Armutlu reported an update on the donation of \$30,000 to BCcampus for the creation and adaption of open textbooks and ancillary resources for introductory courses approved on 74th Semi Annual General meeting. He said that there were two new open textbooks being made with three more adaptations and ancillary resources planned for creation. The complete process is expected to occur throughout three years.

The Executive Committee discussed local implementation of the campaign, including feedback on materials, signed pledge collection, local lobbying efforts, and local campaign outreach. Several members reported increased partnerships and endorsements with faculty associations and the library administration. Members also reported on task forces established in their institutions. It was highlighted that there was an increased focus on OERs for trades with new innovations and ongoing updates of standards. A point was raised that indigenizing resources need to be a focus in the production of OERs.

Your City. Your Vote.

Armutlu reported on implementation and outreach of the campaign. He reported that campaign materials were delivered to member locals and a campaign page was added on the Federation's website. He also reported that the UFV Student Union Society ran the campaign in their campuses through co-branded materials provided by the Federation.

The Executive Committee discussed local implementation of the campaign, including feedback on materials, and local campaign outreach. Members reported that the campaign materials were helpful in educating members about the municipal government elections and promoting

localized all-candidates forum events.

iii. Coalition Campaigns

Vote PR BC

The Executive Committee discussed local implementation and promotion of the Vote PR BC campaign and other work being undertaken by locals to promote the provincial referendum.

Sisters in Spirit

Executive Committee members reported on Sisters in Spirit vigils held at their locals.

b. General Relations with the Government and Official Opposition

i. 2019 BC Budget Consultation

Armutlu reported on the presentation and written submission by the Federation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Executive Committee members shared their experiences presenting to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

ii. Advocacy Week

The meeting discussed Advocacy Week, including a review of logistics, the lobby document, and feedback from politicians and staff about the Week.

c. Adoption of Campaigns, Government Relations, and Solidarity Report

2018/11:11 MOTION
Falk/Umulisa
Be it resolved that the Campaigns, Government Relations, and Solidarity Report be adopted.

CARRIED

2018/11:12 MOTION TO RECESS
Corrales/Tran
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes.

CARRIED

15:43 the meeting recessed.

15:59 the meeting reconvened.

8. MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT*

2018/11:13 MOTION
Alhuwayshil/Pesklevits
Be it resolved that the meeting move in camera with guests present.

CARRIED

16:00 the meeting moved in camera.

17:04 the meeting moved ex camera.

9. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES

a. Review of 2018-19 Revenue and Expenditures

An overview of the 2-month actuals of the Federation's 2018-19 revenue and expenses will be provided.

b. Adoption of Finance Report

- 2018/11:14 MOTION**
Hutchison/Falk
Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.
CARRIED

10. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS PART I**Consideration of Staffing Issues***

- 2018/11:15 MOTION**
Hickson/Hutchison
Be it resolved that the meeting move in camera without Federation and local staff, and without observers.
CARRIED

17:18 the meeting moved in camera.

17:37 the meeting moved ex camera.

11. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES**a. Student Discount Program****i. Discount Program Development**

Patigdas reported on work undertaken for the implementation of the program in the fall semester. She reported that the delivery of window decals to local businesses was coordinated through either direct delivery or through member locals. She also said that there were additional discounts acquired since the last reporting period.

Davies reported on work undertaken to investigate the development of a mobile app to be the primary tool for the discount program. She said that the Federation has reached out to developers based on three key components: a map feature, discount listing by location, and a student identifier. She also reported that a May 2019 launch was reasonable as indicated by all developers.

The Executive Committee discussed the production and future implementation of the app.

- 2018/11:16 MOTION**
Frechette/Pesklevits
Be it resolved that \$10,000 be authorized to engage in a discovery process to develop a mobile app for the Federation's discount program.
CARRIED

ii. Conversations with Lyft

Davies reported on a meeting with ride sharing company Lyft.

b. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner

Olson reported that the Federation is requesting preliminary order numbers by mid-January in order to solicit quotes from printers.

c. Membership Development Products

Patigdas reported on the winter bulk purchase process.

d. Digital Services**Ready Education Mobile App**

Patigdas reported that work was underway to negotiate another bulk user agreement with Education Ready as the current agreement will expire in July 2019.

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e. Insurance Services

Beasley said there was no update to report.

f. Member Support and Wellness Services

i. Mental Health and Wellness Program*

18:38 the meeting moved in camera.

18:40 the meeting moved ex camera.

ii. GOeVisit

Davies reported that materials for the GOeVisit partnership were in development.

g. Adoption of Services Report

2018/11:17 MOTION
Spicer/Pesklevits

Be it resolved that the Services Report be adopted.

CARRIED

2018/11:18 MOTION
Corrales/Hickson

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30am on Sunday, November 25.

CARRIED

18:42 the meeting recessed.

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12. REVIEW OF FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS

a. 37th Annual General Meeting

The 37th Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for January 10 to 13, 2019. Patigdas and Davies reported on organizing done to-date including socials and workshops and guest speakers.

b. BC Student Health Consortium

The Executive Committee discussed potential dates and schedule of the 2019 Health Consortium Meeting. Members said that March was preferable.

c. Skills Development Symposium

The Executive Committee discussed potential dates and locations for the 2019 Skills Development Symposium. Members discussed feasibility of hosting the event on campus or in a hotel facility. Members said that June was preferable date.

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2018/11:19 MOTION TO RECESS

Brook/Tran

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for five minutes.

CARRIED

10:32 the meeting recessed.

10:46 the meeting reconvened.

13. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS PART II

General Meetings: Discussion

The Executive Committee continued discussion on general meetings, including structure, locations, workshops, committees, and business. Members highlighted the type of sessions for future meetings such as local engagement and membership outreach; organizing and planning workshops; and advocacy and support workshops. Members also discussed current structures and business put forward such as caucuses, forum spaces, policy exclusive meetings.

14. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a. Report of Local Representatives

2018/11:20 MOTION

Umulisa/Frechette

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Brook, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Brook highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

2018/11:21 MOTION

Pesklevits/Wang

Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members' Representative Thein, for the period Saturday, June 16 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED

2018/11:22 MOTION

Umulisa/Hutchison

Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Frechette, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Frechette highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

2018/11:23 MOTION

Hernandez/Spicer

Be it resolved that the report of Local 5 Members' Representative Hickson, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Hickson highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

2018/11:24 MOTION

Falk/Frechette

Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Hutchison, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Hutchison highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

Armutlu reported that no report from the Local 10 Members' Representative had been received.

2018/11:25 **MOTION**
Spicer/Alhuwayshil

Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Tran, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Tran highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

2018/11:26 **MOTION**
Corralles /Patigdas

Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Spicer, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Spicer highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

2018/11:27 **MOTION**
Umulisa/Hutchison

Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Morgan, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED

2018/11:28 **MOTION**
Spicer/Brook

Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Falk, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Falk highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

2018/11:29 **MOTION**
Hernandez/Hutchison

Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Corrales, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Corrales highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

2018/11:30 **MOTION**
Falk/Patigdas

Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Umulisa, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Umulisa highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

2018/11:31 **MOTION**
Tran/Umulisa

Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Wang, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Wang highlighted sections of their report.

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b. Report of the Chairperson

2018/11:32 MOTION

Falk/Umulisa

Be it resolved that the report Chairperson, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Armutlu highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

c. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

2018/11:33 MOTION

Brook/Hutchison

Be it resolved that the report Secretary-Treasurer, for the period Saturday, September 15 to Friday, November 16, 2018, be adopted.

Patigdas highlighted sections of their report.

CARRIED

15. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

A discussion on dates for the spring and summer Executive Committee was held and future dates were tentatively scheduled for March 14 to 16, and June 21 to 23.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

17. ADJOURNMENT

2018/11:34 MOTION

Falk/Tran

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

12:46 the meeting adjourned.

* Denotes in-camera