

# MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students  
Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1, 2017 • New Westminster

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10:11 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Patigdas. Attendance was as follows:

## Executive Members Present

Campaigns Coordinator .....	Aran Armutlu
Chairperson.....	Simka Marshall
Representative–Local 06 Members.....	Telka Pesklevits
Representative–Local 10 Members.....	Nicole Preissl
Representative–Local 14 Members.....	Kari Morgan
Representative–Local 15 Members.....	Sheldon Falk
Representative–Local 16 Members.....	Zahra Hashemi
Representative–Local 17 Members.....	Rachael Grant
Representative–Local 20 Members.....	Wendel Schwab
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Services Coordinator .....	Sydney Sullivan
Women Students’ Representative.....	Morgan Rogers

## Executive Members Absent

Aboriginal Students’ Representative .....	Ken Solonas
Representative–Local 01 Members.....	Valerie Arsenaault
Representative–Local 02 Members.....	Santanna Hernandez
Representative–Local 04 Members.....	Mankiran Kaur
Representative–Local 05 Members.....	Cole Hickson
Representative–Local 12 Members.....	Kimberly Rutledge
Representative–Local 13 Members.....	Chantelle Spicer

## Vacant

Representative–Local 09 Members

## Staff Present

Coordinator .....	Steven Beasley
Executive Officer .....	Michael Olson
Local Staff–Local 04.....	Harman Dandiwal
Local Staff–Local 06.....	Delaney Sullivan
Local Staff–Local 12.....	Sarah Furgason
Local Staff–Local 14.....	Lenda Girard
Local Staff–Local 15.....	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Jenelle Davies
Local Staff–Local 17.....	Michel Turcotte
Researcher.....	Laura Celeste

## Others Present

Member–Local 12.....	Amal Alhuwayshil
Member–Local 17.....	Mitchell Auger-Langejan

Quorum was declared to be present.

Patigdas acknowledged the traditional territory of the Qayqayt people.

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2017/09:01

### MOTION

Hashemi/Schwab

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patigdas and Marshall made a series of logistical announcements.

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**3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

**a. Receipt of Resignations of Members**

**2017/09:02 MOTION**

Pesklevits/Sullivan

Be it resolved that Local 12 Members' Representative Rutledge's resignation be accepted.

**CARRIED**

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

Patigdas reported that a letter had been received from Local 12 stating that Amal Alhuwayshil had been selected by the Local as the Local Members' Representative, and that the letter was in conformity with Bylaw 6.4 and Standing Resolution 2.

**2017/09:03 MOTION**

Hashemi/Marshall

Be it resolved that Amal Alhuwayshil be accepted as the Local 12 Members' Representative pending receipt of a signed Oath of Office and Confidentiality Agreement.

**CARRIED**

Patigdas reported that a letter had been received from Local 17 stating that Mitchell Auger-Langejan had been selected by the Local as the Local Members' Representative, and that the letter was in conformity with Bylaw 6.4 and Standing Resolution 2.

**2017/09:04 MOTION**

Falk/Armutlu

Be it resolved that Mitchell Auger-Langejan be accepted as the Local 17 Members' Representative effective the end of the meeting, pending receipt of signed Oath of Office and Confidentiality Agreement.

**CARRIED**

10:28 Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark and her staff Christina Rzepa entered the meeting.

**4. DIALOGUE WITH MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TRAINING**

the meeting engaged in a dialogue with the Minister about key issues on campuses across the province.

11:30 Aboriginal Students' Representative Solonas and Representative–Local 4 Members Kaur entered the meeting.

11:35 Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training Melanie Mark and her staff Christina Rzepa left the meeting.

Representative–Local 10 Members Pressil left the meeting.

**5. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**a. Report of Local Representatives**

**2017/09:05 MOTION**

Pesklevits/Falk

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Arsenault, for the period Saturday, March 18 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Patigdas reported that the Local 2 Members' Representative had not provided a report.

- 2017/09:06      MOTION**  
Hashemi/Grant  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Kaur, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**  
Patigdas reported that the Local 5 Members' Representative had not provided a report.
- 2017/09:07      MOTION**  
Schwab/Grant  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Klassen, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**  
Patigdas reported that the Local 9 Members' Representative position was vacant, and that work was being undertaken to reach out and encourage the Local to appoint a representative.
- 2017/09:08      MOTION**  
Kaur/Solonas  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Preissl, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.
- 2017/09:09      MOTION TO TABLE**  
Pesklevits/Marshall  
Be it resolved that Motion 2017/09:08 be tabled to Other Business.  
**CARRIED**
- 2017/09:08      TABLED**  
Alhuwayshil provided a verbal report on activities of Local 12.
- 2017/09:10      MOTION**  
Hashemi/Grant  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Spicer, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2017/09:11      MOTION**  
Rogers/Solonas  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Morgan, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2017/09:12      MOTION**  
Armutlu/Rogers  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Falk, for the period Saturday, March 18 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2017/09:13      MOTION**  
Rogers/Kaur  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Hashemi, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

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**2017/09:14**      **MOTION**  
Marshall/Pesklevits  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Grant, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2017/09:15**      **MOTION**  
Grant/Solonas  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Schwab, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**b. Report of the Chairperson**

**2017/09:16**      **MOTION**  
Pesklevits/Alhuwayshil  
Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Simka Marshall, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**2017/09:17**      **MOTION**  
Rogers/Grant  
Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Phoebe Lo Patigdas, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2017/09:18**      **MOTION TO RECESS**  
Hashemi/Schwab  
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for one hour.

**CARRIED**

12:40    the meeting recessed.

13:52    the meeting reconvened.

**6. REVIEW OF RECENT FEDERATION MEETINGS**

**a. 72nd Semi-Annual BC General Meeting**

Patigdas reported that the 72nd Semi-Annual General Meeting had been held Wednesday, July 26 to Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo. The Executive Committee reviewed the meeting.

**i. Review of Logistics**

The Executive Committee reviewed the change of month from August to July, travel, accommodation, meals, and meetings

**ii. Review of Workshops, Guest Speakers, and Panels**

The Executive Committee reviewed workshops, guest speakers, and panels.

**iii. Review of Committees**

The Executive Committee discussed the general meeting Committees.

**iv. Review of Plenaries**

The Executive Committee reviewed the plenary sessions.

**v. Review of Materials**

The Executive Committee reviewed materials of the meeting.

**vi. Review of Social Activities**

The Executive Committee reviewed the social activities.

**vii. Assignment of Responsibility for Motions**

**2017/09:19**

**MOTION**

Schwab/Hashemi

Be it resolved that a working group consisting of Schwab, Hashemi, Patigdas, Rogers, Sullivan, and Hernandez be struck to investigate a campaign to expand student representation on institutional committees.

**CARRIED**

**2017/09:20**

**MOTION**

Hashemi/Sullivan

Be it resolved that a working group consisting of Preissl, Solonas, Rogers, Marshall, and Armutlu, be struck to create a resource kit for student representatives on boards of governors.

**CARRIED**

**b. National Executive Meeting**

Patigdas reported that the National Executive met on Monday, July 24 and Tuesday, July 25, 2017. BC Representative on the National Executive Davies and Campaigns Coordinator Armutlu (who is elected as the Colleges and Institutes Representative on the National Executive) provided a report of the meeting.

**7. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES**

**a. ISIC Discount Program**

**i. 2017-18 Discount Solicitation**

Patigdas reported on discounts that had been solicited for the 2017-18 year.

**ii. Distribution and Promotion**

A roundtable on ISIC distribution was conducted. Several local representatives reported difficulties with transitioning to the new online issuing system, as well as issues with printers and a lack of support from the national office to fix them.

15:34 Representative—Local 16 Members Hashemi left the meeting.

**iii. Future Participation**

Patigdas reported on the new ISIC issuing system for 2017-18 academic year. The Executive Committee discussed the increasing unresolved and new issues with the ISIC program in the province.

**2017/09:21**

**MOTION**

Falk/Solonas

Be it resolved that a feasibility study on a provincially-coordinated student discount program be undertaken, with the goal of presenting a report of the findings to the December 2017 Executive Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2017/09:22**

**MOTION TO RECESS**

Alhuwayshil/Grant

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes.

**CARRIED**

15:56 the meeting recessed.

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16:15 the meeting reconvened.

**b. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner**

Patigdas reported on the production and delivery of the Members' Handbook and Dayplanner Service. She noted that the handbooks were delivered on-time or earlier than the scheduled delivery dates. The Executive Committee discussed feedback received from members about the handbooks.

**c. Orientation and Membership Development Products**

Patigdas reported on the production and delivery of the materials through the bulk purchase service. She noted that the bulk purchase items were delivered earlier than the scheduled dates and the quality of the items received positive feedback. The Executive Committee discussed opening the store for winter orders.

**d. Digital Services**

**i. Website and Email Hosting**

Patigdas provided an update on the Federation's online services.

**ii. OOHLALA Mobile App**

Patigdas provided a report on new features that were implemented in the reporting period.

**2017/09:23**

**MOTION**

Schwab/Armutlu

Be it resolved that the following price schedule be set for use of the OOHLALA Mobile Application through the Federation for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 years:

<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>COST</b>
<1,000	\$500
1,001-4,000	\$3,500
4,001-7,000	\$7,000
7,001-10,000	\$10,500
10,001+	\$14,000

**CARRIED**

**e. Insurance Services\***

17:14 the meeting moved in-camera.

17:32 the meeting moved ex-camera.

**f. Adoption of Services Report**

**2017/09:24**

**MOTION**

Ralk/Grant

Be it resolved that the Services Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**8. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**a. Office Space\***

17:33 the meeting moved in-camera.

**b. Legal Affairs\***

18:36 the meeting moved ex-camera.

**2017/09:25**

**MOTION**

Schwab/Patigdas

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30am on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

**CARRIED**

18:37 the meeting recessed.

9:47 The meeting was called back to order by Chairperson Marshall. Attendance was as follows:

**Executive Members Present**

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Campaigns Coordinator .....	Aran Armutlu
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Local Staff–Local 15.....	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Jenelle Davies
Local Staff–Local 17.....	Michel Turcotte
Researcher.....	Laura Celeste

Quorum was declared to be present.

**9. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES**

**a. Review of 2016-17 Revenue and Expenditures**

Olson provided an overview of the 12-month 2016-17 revenue and expenditures.

**b. Update on General Meeting Delegates' Fees Collection**

Olson reported on outstanding delegate fees from previous general meetings.

**c. Update on Services Receivables**

Olson reported on the status of services receivables.

**d. Adoption of Finance Report**

**2017/09:26**

**MOTION**

Pesklevits/Solonas

Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**10. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

**a. 2016-17 BC Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

**i. Central Campaigns**

Marshall reported that tuition fees for adult basic education and English language learning programs had been eliminated. A roundtable was conducted to discuss the implementation of the tuition fee free policy.

Patigdas reported on ongoing work to develop the funding and tuition fee campaigns.

A roundtable on the Better BC campaign materials was conducted.

**ii. Supporting Campaigns**

Marshall reported on work undertaken for the development of the Reconciliation through Education campaign.

Olson reported on work undertaken for the development of the Fairness for International Students campaign.

Armutlu reported on work undertaken for the development of the Open Education Resources campaign. A roundtable on implementation of the campaign was conducted.

**iii. Coalition Campaigns**

Marshall provided a report on the Fight for \$15 campaign.

Solonas provided a report on the Sisters in Spirit campaign. The meeting discussed plans for October 4 vigils.

**iv. Awareness Campaigns**

Marshall provided a report on the awareness campaigns.

**b. 2017-18 National Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

Davies reported on CFS campaigns.

**c. Canadian Federation of Students Standing Campaigns**

Davies reported on CFS standing campaigns.

**d. General Relations with the Government and Official Opposition**

**i. General Relations with the BC Government/Ministry of Advanced Education**

Marshall reported that the government had eliminated tuition fees for former youth in care.

A roundtable on meetings with Minister Mark was conducted.

The meeting debriefed on the dialogue held the previous day with Minister Mark.

**ii. General Relations with the Opposition Parties**

Marshall reported on plans to meet with members of the opposition parties.

**iii. Review of 2017 BC Budget Update**

Marshall reported on the 2017 Budget Update.

**iv. 2018 BC Budget Consultations**

Marshall reported on work undertaken for the budget consultation process.

**2017/09:27**

**MOTION**

Hashemi/Sullivan

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 45 minutes.

**CARRIED**

12:01 the meeting recessed.

12:54 the meeting reconvened.



**e. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work****i. British Columbia Federation of Labour**

The BC Federation of Labour's annual Young Workers' School was held September 15 to 17, 2017. The Federation, along with a number of member locals, sent representatives to participate and help facilitate the weekend. Pesklevits provided a report on the weekend.

**ii. Federation of Post-Secondary Educators**

Marshall provided a report on the ongoing relationship with elected officials of the FPSE, including meetings to prepare for the BC Budget Update and to discuss a partnership on public opinion polling.

**iii. Tenants Rights Advisory Committee**

Armutlu provided a report on the TRAC board of directors meeting.

**iv. Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives**

Beasley provided a report on the CCPA Good Economy Project steering committee.

**v. Union of BC Indian Chiefs**

Marshall reported that Federation representatives had met with UBCIC representatives to share campaign and lobby strategies for the coming year and to identify where the organizations could work together.

**vi. First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition**

Patigdas reported on coalition meetings with First Call. She noted that the coalition is in the process of producing its annual report card and is working with the Federation to include recommendations about affordable post-secondary education.

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

2017/09:28 **MOTION**

Schwab/Pesklevits

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

**CARRIED**

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

2017/09:29 **MOTION**

Sullivan/Kaur

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

**CARRIED**

**11. REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

13:20 the meeting moved in-camera. Davies and Armutlu left the meeting.

13:54 the meeting moved ex-camera. Davies and Armutlu entered the meeting.

**12. PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING FEDERATION MEETINGS****a. 36th Annual BC General Meeting**

Marshall reported that the 36th Annual General Meeting was scheduled for January 11 to 14, 2018. She reported that the Civic Hotel in Surrey, where the meeting was scheduled to be held, would not be able to accommodate the Federation because its construction would not be completed in time.

The Executive Committee discussed preparation for the meeting, including the selection of a new general meeting site.

**i. Roundtable on Goals for the Meeting**

A roundtable on goals for the meeting was conducted.

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

Marshall reported on organising done for the meeting.

**iii. Discussion about Workshops and Guest Speakers**

A discussion about potential guest speakers and workshops was held.

**iv. Discussion of Meeting Venue**

Marshall reported that work was underway to find a new venue but that the costs would likely be higher than budgeted due to the short timeline.

**2017/09:30 MOTION**

Armutlu/Grant

Be it resolved that Marshall and Patigdas be empowered to extend invitations to non-member students' unions to attend the January 2018 general meeting.

**CARRIED**

**b. 36th Annual National General Meeting**

Olson reported that the 36th Annual National General Meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 17 to 20, 2017 at the Crowne Plaze in Gatineau, Québec, but that a confirmation of that schedule had not yet been received. The Executive Committee discussed participation in the meeting by BC member local unions.

**c. Fall 2017 National Executive Meeting**

Marshall reported that the fall 2017 National Executive meeting was scheduled to be held October 12 and 13.

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

Marshall noted that future Executive Committee meetings were scheduled for December 9 and 10, 2017; March 24 and 25, 2018; and June 23 and 24, 2018.

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

**2017/09:08 MOTION**

Kaur/Solonas

Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Preissl, for the period Saturday, June 17 to Friday, September 22, 2017, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**2017/09:31 MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Pesklevits/Kaur

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

14:52 the meeting adjourned.

\* Denotes in-camera