

MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, 2020 • Videoconference

10:06 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Klassen. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Campaigns Coordinator.....	Ali Poostizadeh
Chairperson	Tanysha Klassen
Representative–Local 02 Members.....	Samson Boyer
Representative–Local 04 Members.....	Harmanjit Singh
Representative–Local 06 Members.....	Eric Sundmark
Representative–Local 10 Members.....	Stephanie Schneider
Representative–Local 12 Members.....	Taylor Dotto
Representative–Local 13 Members.....	Irma Khan
Representative–Local 15 Members.....	Mary Rickinson
Representative–Local 16 Members.....	Mandy Wan
Representative–Local 17 Members.....	Quinn Cunningham
Representative–Local 20 Members.....	Abby Dooks
Representative–Local 21 Members.....	Harman Bhandal
Representative–Local 22 Members.....	Haby Ka
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Michael Gauld
Services Coordinator.....	McKenzie Hutchison
Women Students' Representative.....	Melissa Chirino

Executive Members Absent

Indigenous Students' Representative.....	Cody Isaac
Representative–Local 01 Members.....	Jennifer Gullins
Representative–Local 14 Members.....	Fawn Wightman

Executive Members Vacant

Representative–Local 5 Members

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 06.....	Tracy Ho
Local Staff–Local 12.....	Sarah Furgason
Local Staff–Local 13.....	James Bowen
Local Staff–Local 14.....	Golnoosh Namazi
Local Staff–Local 15.....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Local Staff–Local 17.....	Michel Turcotte
Local Staff–Local 20.....	Alden Chow
Local Staff–Local 21.....	Brynn Joyce
Organiser.....	Jenelle Davies
Organiser–Services.....	Jill Adams

Klassen acknowledged that they were chairing the meeting on the unceded territory of the Qayqayt First Nation, and asked that participants think about and acknowledge the Nation on whose territory they work and live.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2020/09:01

MOTION

Schneider/Boyer

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

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2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Klassen provided an overview of how to participate effectively in the Zoom meeting, including the “raise hand” function for voting.

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 there were no new Executive Committee members to ratify.

4. WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES

A roundtable on the first few weeks of the Fall semester was conducted, including discussion on which classes and services were operating on campus, institutional enrollment, issues facing members, and membership engagement activities.

5. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

a. Consideration of Staffing Issues*

11:50 the meeting moved in-camera.

11:54 the meeting moved ex-camera.

2020/09:02

MOTION

Hutchison/Boyer

Be it resolved that Steven Beasley be ratified as the Researcher.

CARRIED

2020/09:03

MOTION

Wan/Cunningham

Be it resolved that the continuation of Steven Beasley’s leave of absence until September 30, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED

2020/09:04

MOTION

Sundmark/Cunningham

Be it resolved that Jill Adams be ratified as a permanent employee in the position of Organiser–Services.

CARRIED

2020/09:05

MOTION

Cunningham/Wan

Be it resolved that the Federation post for a one-year contract for a replacement employee in the role of Researcher.

CARRIED

b. Office Updates

The meeting discussed a proposal to renovate the Federation’s office to create a new office space to accommodate a full staff complement. Olson reported that a quote had not been provided from the contractor in time for the Executive Committee meeting, and recommended that an expense be authorized in order to facilitate the project in a timely manner.

2020/09:06 **MOTION**
Hutchison/Wan
Be it resolved up to \$25,000 be authorized for office renovations and related furniture purchase.

CARRIED

c. Legal*

12:04 the meeting moved in-camera.

12:25 the meeting moved ex-camera.

2020/09:07 **MOTION**
Poostizadeh/Cunningham
Be it resolved that the Federation take action in the BC Supreme Court against the Canadian Federation of Students in connection with misappropriated membership fees.

CARRIED

2020/09:08 **MOTION**
Sundmark/Chirino
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 60 minutes.

CARRIED

12:26 the meeting recessed.

13:26 the meeting reconvened.

6. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

a. 2020-21 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan

i. Central Campaigns

Fund it. Fix it.

Davies provided an overview of the campaign's public ad-buy and how COVID-19 impacted the digital campaign.

Grants Not Loans

Klassen reported on the campaign victory and the government's involvement of students at the Budget 2020 announcement. A discussion was held on local promotion of the campaign victory.

Knock Out Interest

Klassen reported on work undertaken to implement the campaign, including coalition outreach to non-member students' unions. A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

ii. Supporting Campaigns

Fairness For International Students

Gauld provided a brief update about the campaign.

Open Textbooks Now!

Gauld provided a brief update about the campaign, including a webinar co-hosted with BCcampus about OER development and local advocacy to increase uptake.

Take It Over

Klassen reported on provincial implementation of the campaign, including materials, tactics, the campaign website, and endorsements. A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

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Sundmark/Chirino

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 5 minutes.

CARRIED

14:54 the meeting recessed.

14:59 the meeting reconvened.

iii. Coalition Campaigns

Moose Hide

Klassen reported on conversations had with Moose Hide organisers.

A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

Period Promise

Klassen reported on work undertaken during the reporting period including videos made for Menstrual Hygiene Day.

iv. Awareness Campaigns

Consent Culture

Gauld reported on campaign updates and training conducted by the University of Victoria Students' Society.

b. General Relations with the Government and Opposition Parties

i. General Relations with the Government

Klassen reported on work done with BCcampus, Minister Melanie Mark, a variety of working groups, and the government's student reference committee.

Local Representatives reported on meetings with local and provincial government officials.

ii. General Relations with the Opposition Parties

Klassen reported on meetings held with the BC Green Caucus and the BC Liberal Caucus.

Local Representatives reported on meetings and communication with opposition MLAs.

iii. General Relations with the Federal Government

Gauld reported on meetings held with several Members of Parliament and government staff, including the Liberal Pacific Caucus.

Local Representatives reported on meetings and communication with the Federal Government.

c. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work

i. General Relations with Coalition Partners

Gauld and Klassen provided updates on coalition and solidarity work undertaken during the reporting period.

15:37 Representative—Local 1 Members Gullins joined the meeting.

15:41 Representative—Local 10 Members Schneider left the meeting.

2020/09:10

MOTION

Poostizadeh/Cunningham

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

CARRIED

2020/09:11

MOTION

Chirino/Wan

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

CARRIED

ii. Extra-Provincial Students' Union Relations

Davies reported on work undertaken with students' union partners in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

16:01 Staff–Local 1 Berchowitz left the meeting.

d. Advocacy Week

Gauld reported on organising done to-date for Advocacy Week.

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

2020/09:12 MOTION

Wan/Poostizadeh

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

CARRIED

f. Presentation of Media Report and Press Review

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

2020/09:13 MOTION

Gullins/Wan

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

CARRIED

2020/09:14 MOTION

Gullins/Sundmark

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 5 minutes.

CARRIED

16:17 the meeting recessed.

16:22 the meeting reconvened.

7. REVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS**a. 78th Semi-Annual General Meeting**

Gauld stated that the 78th Semi-Annual General Meeting was held July 15, 2020 via video conference.

i. Review of Meeting Logistics and Materials

The Executive Committee assessed the Meeting, identifying areas of strength and areas that required improvement for the next virtual general meeting.

ii. Review of Responsibility for Motions

Davies provided an update on work done on motions from the Meeting including policy updates as well as work to be undertaken prior to forming an anti-racism plan for the Executive Committee.

b. 39th Annual General Meeting

Gauld reported that the 39th Annual General Meeting was scheduled for January 15 to 17, 2021. He provided a update on organizing to-date and solicited feedback regarding preferences and needs for the meeting, as it would be held virtually.

2020/09:15 MOTION

Singh/Samson

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 10:00am on Sunday, September 27.

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16:52 the meeting recessed.

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8. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a. Report of Local Representatives

- 2020/09:16 MOTION**
Wan/Cunningham
Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members’ Representative Gullins, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/09:17 MOTION**
Sundmark/Wan
Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members’ Representative Boyer, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED

- 2020/09:18** **MOTION**
Chirino/Hutchison
Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/09:19** **MOTION**
Bhandal/Wan
Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Sundmark, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/09:20** **MOTION**
Poostizadeh/Wan
Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Schneider, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/09:21** **MOTION**
Chirino/Cunnigham
Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Dotto, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/09:22** **MOTION**
Hutchison/Wan
Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Khan, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/09:23** **MOTION**
Cunningham/Dooks
Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Wightman, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/09:24** **MOTION**
Gullins/Wan
Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Rickinson, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/09:25** **MOTION**
Hutchison/Cunningham
Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Wan, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2020/09:26** **MOTION**
Wan/Sundmark
Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Cunningham, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.
CARRIED

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Sundmark/Guillins
Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Dooks, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

2020/09:28 **MOTION**
Hutchison/Wan
Be it resolved that the report of Local 21 Members' Representative Bhandal, for the period Thursday, January 16, to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

2020/09:29 **MOTION**
Gullins/Chirino
Be it resolved that the report of Local 22 Members' Representative Ka, for the period Saturday, November 30, 2019 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

b. Report of the Chairperson

2020/09:30 **MOTION**
Sundmark/Chirino
Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Klassen, for the period Saturday, June 6 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

c. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

2020/09:31 **MOTION**
Wan/Sundmark
Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Gauld, for the period Saturday, June 6, 2020 to Friday, September 18, 2020, be adopted.

CARRIED

2020/09:32 **MOTION**
Dooks/Cunningham
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 5 minutes.

CARRIED

11:27 the meeting recessed.

11:34 the meeting reconvened.

9. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES

a. Student Discount Program

i. Program Development

Adams reported on development and implementation of the app.

ii. Discount Solicitation

A discussion was held on usage and promotion.

2020/09:33 **MOTION**
Hutchison/Sundmark
Be it resolved that the Discount Program Report be adopted.

CARRIED

b. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner

Adams reported on the production of the 2020-21 service.

A roundtable discussion was conducted to provide feedback about the handbooks.

2020/09:34 **MOTION**

Cunnigham/Schenieder

Be it resolved that the Members' Handbook and Dayplanner Service Report be adopted.

CARRIED

c. Membership Development Products

Adams reported on the 2020-21 Summer order.

A roundtable discussion was held to provide feedback about the membership development product service.

2020/09:35 **MOTION**

Hutchison/Wan

Be it resolved that the Membership Development Products Report be adopted.

CARRIED

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

Adams reported on updates to the mobile app from Ready Education.

A roundtable discussion was held to provide feedback about the Ready Education app and its usefulness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

e. Insurance Services*

12:36 Local 13 Representative Khan left the meeting.

f. Member Support and Wellness Services**GOeVisit**

A roundtable discussion was conducted about future interest in the service.

2020/09:36 **MOTION**

Cunningham/Bhandal

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for one hour.

12:42 the meeting recessed.

13:47 the meeting reconvened.

10. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES**a. Review of 2019-20 Revenue and Expenditures**

Gauld provided an overview of the 12-month actuals of the Federation's 2019-20 revenue and expenses.

b. Adoption of Finance Report

2020/09:37 **MOTION**

Cunningham/Sundmark

Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

CARRIED

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11. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2020/09:38 **MOTION**
Poostizadeh/Guillins

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held June 12, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

12. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Klassen reported that the next Executive Committee would be held December 5 and 6.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

2020/09:39 **MOTION**
Sundmark/Bhandal

Be it resolved that the Federation join the BC Civil Liberties Association's campaign to end street checks.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

2020/09:40 **MOTION**
Cunningham/Sundmark

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

14:18 the meeting adjourned.

* Denotes in-camera