

DRAFT MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14, 2021 • Videoconference

10:04 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Gauld. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Campaigns Coordinator	Ali Poostizadeh
Chairperson.....	Tanysha Klassen
Representative—Local 01 Members	Joe Welton
Representative—Local 02 Members	Sam Braun
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 15 Members	Mary Rickinson
Representative—Local 17 Members	Quinn Cunningham
Representative—Local 20 Members	Abby Dooks
Representative—Local 22 Members	Haby Ka
Secretary-Treasurer	Michael Gauld
Women Students' Representative.....	Melissa Chirino

Executive Members Absent

Indigenous Students' Representative	Cody Isaac
Representative—Local 13 Members	Irma Khan
Representative—Local 14 Members	Jaahljuu
Representative—Local 21 Members	Praveen Sivakumar
Services Coordinator.....	McKenzie Hutchison

Executive Members Vacant

Representative—Local 05 Members
Representative—Local 16 Members

Staff Present

Executive Director	Sano
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.....	Tracy Ho
Local Staff—Local 10.....	Lori MacDonald
Local Staff—Local 12.....	Sarah Furgason
Local Staff—Local 15.....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff—Local 16.....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Local Staff—Local 17.....	Michel Turcotte
Local Staff—Local 21.....	Brynn Joyce
Organiser	Jenelle Davies
Organiser—Services.....	Jill Adams
Researcher.....	Arielle Reid

Guest

Incoming Indigenous Students' Representative.....	Tashia Kootenyao
Representative—Local 5	Kole Lawrence
Incoming Representative—Local 12.....	Ahmed Ahmed
Representative—Local 16	Hemvir Singh

Gauld 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.

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1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2021/03:01 MOTION
Cunningham/Sundmark
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.
CARRIED

2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

a. Receipt of Resignations of Members

Gauld reported that they were not in receipt of any resignations

b. Acceptance of New Executive Committee Members

Gauld reported that a letter had been received from Local 16 stating that Hemvir Singh 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.

2021/03:02 MOTION
Sundmark/Cunningham
Be it resolved that Hemvir Singh be accepted as the Local 16 Members’ Representative.
CARRIED

10:23 Guest Speaker Brynn Bourke joined the meeting.

4. PRESENTATION: BRYNN BOURKE, BC BUILDING TRADES

Brynn presented about ongoing initiatives at the BC Building Trades and compulsory trades training and how to ensure inclusivity.

11:11 Guest Speaker Brynn Bourke left the meeting.

5. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

a. 2020-21 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan

i. Central Campaigns

Fund it. Fix it.

Davies provided a report on the status of the campaign which was followed by a brief discussion.

Knock Out Interest

Klassen provided a report on the status of the campaign which was followed by a brief discussion focusing on the Federation’s Week of Action.

ii. Supporting Campaigns

Get out the Vote

Davies provided a report on a potential summer federal election.

2021:03:03 MOTION
Rickinson/Dooks
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 60 minutes

- 12:12 the meeting recessed.
13:14 the meeting reconvened.
13:14 Representative–Local 21 Members Praveen Sivakumar joined the meeting.

iii. Coalition Campaigns

Moose Hide

A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

Period Promise

A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign. Many Locals were able to contribute and share ideas, tactics and updates about ongoing work at their institutions.

b. General Relations with Governments and Opposition Parties

i. Relations with the Provincial Government

Klassen provided an update about BCcampus.

Klassen provided an update on the Ministry's student housing working group.

Davies provided an update on the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training's mandate letter.

ii. Relations with the Federal Government

Klassen reported on meetings with Carla Qualtrough's office and staff and the government's legislative costing note for eliminating interest on student loans.

c. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work

i. General Relations with Coalition Partners

Davies reported on work done with the BC Health Coalition.

Gauld reported on work done with U-TILE and a discussion was had regarding the survey.

ii. Extra-Provincial Students' Union Relations

Gauld provided a report on work undertaken with students' union partners in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

- 14:15 Representative–Local 12 Members Taylor Dotto left the meeting.

- 14:15 Campaigns Coordinator Ali Poostizadeh left the meeting.

d. Lobby Week

Gauld provided a report on the Federation's annual Advocacy Week and the executive held a discussion about the week.

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

2021/03:04 MOTION

Braun/Chirino

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

CARRIED

2021:03:05 MOTION

Rickinson/Sundmark

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 5 minutes

- 14:38 the meeting recessed.

- 14:44 the meeting reconvened.

f. Preparation for 2021-22 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan

The meeting reviewed initial preparations for the development of the 2021-22 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan.

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2021:03:06 MOTION
Sundmark/Rickinson

Be it resolved that Braun, Rickinson, Cunningham and Schneider, be appointed to the campaign and government relations plan working group.

g. Institutional Relations

The Executive conducted a roundtable about the state of their institutions: including institutional budgets and deficits, and status of tuition fee increases for domestic and international students.

2021:03:07 MOTION
Singh (4)/Cunningham

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 5 minutes

15:59 the meeting recessed.

16:06 the meeting reconvened.

h. Fall 2021 Return to Campus

The Executive conducted a discussion regarding the announcement that students will be back on campus in the Fall semester

2021:03:08 MOTION
Chirino/Schneider

Be it resolved that the Federation allocate \$14,000 to partner with the Wosk Centre for Dialogue to host a COVID-19 experience student dialogue.

6. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

a. Review of Legal Affairs*

16:48 the meeting moved in-camera.

b. Consideration of Staffing Issues*

16:49 the meeting moved ex-camera.

2021:03:09 MOTION
Welton/Rickinson

Be it resolved that the hiring of Christopher Sano for the position of Executive Director be ratified.

CARRIED

c. Office Updates

Sano provided an update regarding the office renovations and new furniture and tech ordered for the new office space.

d. Anti-Racism Plan Development

Davies provided an update regarding the anti-racism plan development including the survey that went out to all executive committee members.

2021:03:10 MOTION
Welton/Sundmark

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 10:00am on Sunday, March 14.

CARRIED

16:54 the meeting recessed.

10:02 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Gauld. Attendance was as follows:

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Secretary-Treasurer	Michael Gauld
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Local Staff–Local 04.....	Amy Barry
Local Staff–Local 05.....	Nathan Lane
Local Staff–Local 06.....	Tracy Ho
Local Staff–Local 10.....	Lori MacDonald
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 21.....	Brynn Joyce
Organiser	Jenelle Davies
Organiser–Services.....	Jill Adams
Researcher.....	Arielle Reid

Guest

Representative–Local 5	Kole Lawrence
Incoming Services Coordinator	Jennifer Gullins
Parliamentary Secretary for Skills Training	Andrew Mercier
Parliamentary Secretary for Skills Training Staff.....	Jeff Hannah
Parliamentary Secretary for Skills Training Staff.....	Emily Cronin

7. PRESENTATION: ANDREW MERCIER, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR SKILLS TRAINING

Mercier presented on efforts to reintroduce compulsory trades training and the history of trades training in BC.

10:27 Representative–Local 10 Members Stephanie Schneider joined the meeting.

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8. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Presentation of Media Report and Press Review

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

2021:03:11 MOTION
Welton/Dooks

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

CARRIED

b. Update on Federation Website

Adams provided an update on the Federation's website.

c. Executive Communication Platform

Gauld facilitated a discussion regarding the communication platform used by the executive committee.

9. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a. Report of Local Representatives

2021:03:12 MOTION
Braun/Sundmark

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Welton, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

2021:03:13 MOTION
Singh (16)/Rickinson

Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members' Representative Braun, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

2021:03:14 MOTION
Dooks/Welton

Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

Guest Kole Lawrence, provided an update on work done at the Local 5.

2021:03:15 MOTION
Cunningham/Singh (16)

Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Sundmark, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

2021:03:16 MOTION
Braun/Rickinson

Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Dotto, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be received.

CARRIED

A report was not received from Local 13

2021:03:17 MOTION
Sundamark/Cunningham

Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Jaahljuu, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

2021:03:18

MOTION

Welton/Chirino

Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Rickinson, for the period Saturday, September 19 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

2021:03:19

MOTION

Cunningham/Sundmark

Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

2021:03:20

MOTION

Braun/Sundmark

Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Cunningham, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

2021:03:21

MOTION

Rickinson/Singh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Dooks, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

2021:03:22

MOTION

Dooks/Sundmark

Be it resolved that the report of Local 21 Members' Representative Sivakumar, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

2021:03:23

MOTION

Dooks/Chirino

Be it resolved that the report of Local 22 Members' Representative Ka, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

2021:03:24

MOTION

Cunningham/Braun

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 60 minutes

12:45 the meeting recessed.

13:46 the meeting reconvened.

13:46 Local 6 Staff Ho left the meeting.

CARRIED

2021:03:25

MOTION

Cunningham/Welton

Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Schneider, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

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b. Report of the Chairperson

2021:03:26 **MOTION**
Chirino/Dooks

Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Klassen, for the period Saturday, Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

c. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

2021:03:27 **MOTION**
Cunningham/Singh (16)

Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Gauld, for the period Saturday, November 28, 2020 to Friday, March 5, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

10. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES

a. Student Discount Program

i. Program Development

Adams provided an update on the program and application development

ii. Discount Solicitation

Adams provided an update on discount solicitation.

2021:03:28 **MOTION**
Sundmark/Singh (16)
Be it resolved that the Discount Program Report be adopted.
CARRIED

b. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner

Adams provided a report on the 2021-22 production.

2021:03:29 **MOTION**
Singh (16)/Rickinson
Be it resolved that the Members' Handbook and Dayplanner Service Report be adopted.
CARRIED

c. Membership Development Products

Adams provided an update on preparations for the summer order.

2021:03:30 **MOTION**
Dooks/Singh (16)
Be it resolved that the Membership Development Report be adopted.
CARRIED

d. Skills Development Symposium

Davies provided an update on Skills modules and manuals.

11. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES

a. Review of 2020-21 Revenue and Expenditures

Gauld provided an overview of the 6-month actuals of the Federation's 2020-21 revenue and expenses.

b. Appointment of Signing Officers

Klassen stated that Sano and incoming Chairperson Melissa Chirino needed to be ratified as signing officers for the Federation.

2021:03:31 MOTION
Welton/Schneider

Be it resolved that Christopher Sano and Melissa Chirino be added as signing officers.

CARRIED

c. Adoption of the Finance Report

Gauld provided an overview of the Finance Report.

2021:03:32 MOTION
Rickinson/Singh (16)

Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

CARRIED

14:32 Representative—Local 17 Members Quinn Cunningham left the meeting.

12. REVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS**a. 39th Annual General Meeting**

The 39th Annual General Meeting occurred on January 15 to 17, 2021. The Executive Committee discussed the following:

i. Review of Workshops, Guest Speakers, and Panels

Gauld provided an overview of the block agenda and the executive gave feedback on the sessions.

ii. Review of Logistics

Gauld stated that this was our first full AGM online and the executive gave feedback on the logistics.

iii. Review of Materials

Gauld asked the executive for feedback on meeting materials and the use of dropbox.

iv. Review of Motions

Gauld provided an overview of the two motions from the meeting and the executive discussed work done to-date on the motions.

14:39 Local 6 Staff Ho joined the meeting.

2021:03:33 MOTION
Sundmark/Dooks

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 15 minutes

14:48 the meeting recessed.

15:03 the meeting reconvened.

b. Future In-Person Meetings

The Executive Committee discussed the feasibility of holding future federation meetings and gatherings in person.

c. 80th Semi-Annual General Meeting

The 80th Semi Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for the July 16 to 18 2021. The Executive Committee discussed the following:

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i. Review of Logistics and Organising To-Date

Gauld provided an overview of planning to-date for the AGM and stated that it will likely be online.

ii. Discussion of Guest Speakers, Sessions, and Workshops

Klassen facilitated a discussion on potential speakers, sessions, and workshops for the AGM.

13:46 Local 6 Staff Ho left the meeting.

13. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of Executive Committee meetings held December 5 to 6 and January 11 will be considered for adoption.

2021:03:34 MOTION

Singh (16)/Cunningham

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held December 5 to 6, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED

2021:03:35 MOTION

Singh (16)/Dooks

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held January 11, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

14. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Klassen reported that the upcoming Executive Committee meeting for the 2021 year are as follows:

- June 19 to 20, 2021
- July 12, 2021
- September 25 to 26, 2021
- December 4 to 6, 2021

15. OTHER BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT

2021:03:36 MOTION

Cunningham/Braun

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

15:59 the meeting adjourned.

* Denotes in-camera