

MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Friday, September 24 to Sunday, September 26, 2021 • Richmond

4:46PM the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Gauld. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Campaigns Coordinator	Quinn Cunningham
Chairperson.....	Melissa Chirino
Indigenous Students' Representative	Tashia Kootenayoo
Representative—Local 04 Members.....	Aashna Thapar
Representative—Local 06 Members.....	Amrita Ramkumar
Representative—Local 12 Members.....	Ahmed Ahmed
Representative—Local 13 Members.....	Sean Desrochers
Representative—Local 15 Members.....	Christopher Scarlatti
Representative—Local 16 Members.....	Hemvir Singh
Representative—Local 17 Members.....	Puneet Kaur
Representative—Local 21 Members.....	Praveen Sivakumar
Secretary-Treasurer	Michael Gauld

Executive Members Absent

Representative—Local 01 Members.....	Joe Welton
Representative—Local 02 Members.....	Sam Braun
Representative—Local 10 Members.....	Stephanie Schneider
Representative—Local 14 Members.....	Jaahljuu
Representative—Local 20 Members.....	Abby Dooks
Services Coordinator	Jennifer Gullins
Women Students' Representative.....	Haby Ka

Executive Members Vacant

Representative—Local 5 Members
Representative—Local 22 Members

Staff Present

Director-Operations	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Local Staff—Local 06.....	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff—Local 12.....	Jason Evans
Local Staff—Local 13.....	James Bowen
Local Staff—Local 15.....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff—Local 16.....	Sydney Sullivan
Local Staff—Local 17.....	Michel Turcotte
Local Staff—Local 21.....	Alex Nguyen
Local Staff—Local 21.....	Brynn Joyce
Organiser	Jenelle Davies
Organiser—Services	Jill Adams
Researcher.....	Arielle Reid

Guests

ASEC-Staff.....	Jonathon Bilodeau
ASEC-Staff.....	Naomi Pela
Representative—Local 10	Ishika Tripathi

Gauld acknowledged that they were chairing the meeting on the traditional unceded territories of the Katzie, Tsawwassen, Kwantlen, and Musqueam, and asked that participants think about and acknowledge the Nation on whose territory they work and live.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2021/09:01

MOTION

Sivakumar/Ramkumar

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

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2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patigdas provided an overview of the hotel and meeting logistics in order to ensure participants could effectively participate in the meeting.

2021/09:02 MOTION
Scarlati/Kaur

Be it resolved that Jonathon and Naomi are granted speaking rights.

CARRIED

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

a. Receipt of Resignations of Members

Gauld reported that no resignations had been received.

b. Acceptance of New Executive Committee Members

Gauld reported that the Executive Committee is in receipt of one appointment.

2021/09:03 MOTION
Kootenayoo/Ramkumar

Be it resolved that Ishika Tripathi be accepted as the Local 10 Members' Representative.

CARRIED

4. BACK TO CAMPUS

A roundtable discussion on the first few weeks of the Fall semester, including discussions on which classes are on campus, COVID-19 procedures, issues facing students, and membership engagement activities.

Member locals reported that many classes are still offered online or hybrid. Commonly, issues on miscommunication or lack of communication by the institutions has caused a lot of frustration for members and member locals. Generally, members have expressed feeling unsafe on the lack of clarity on how the Provincial Health Office's COVID-19 safety guidelines are implemented on campus, particularly how to prove the vaccination status among faculty, staff, and students.

Davies emphasized that students taking online classes may impact how fees are being assessed and encouraged locals to have consistent communication with the registrar's office to make sure assessment is done appropriately.

5. JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION REPORT

Reid gave an overview of the completed Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Report, by Bakau Consulting and facilitated a discussion about on-going action items.

6. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

a. Consideration of Staffing Issues*

2021/09:04 MOTION
Kootenayoo/Scarlati

Be it resolved that the meeting move into camera with guests present.

CARRIED

18:50 the meeting moved in-camera.

18:51 the meeting moved ex-camera.

2021/09:05 MOTION
Descrochers/Cunningham
Be it resolved that the hiring of Phoebe Lo Patigdas be ratified.

CARRIED

2021/09:06 MOTION
Ramkumar/Kootenayoo
Be it resolved that Phoebe Lo Patigdas be added as a signing officer.

CARRIED

b. Office Updates

The meeting discussed a proposal to replace some of the Federation's aging machines that have been fully amortized.

2021/09:07 MOTION
Sivakumar/Scarlatti
Be it resolved that \$15,000 be allocated for the purchase of new computers.

CARRIED

c. Legal*

18:56 the meeting moved in-camera.

19:01 the meeting moved ex-camera.

2021/09:08 MOTION
Thapar/Tripathi
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

CARRIED

19:02 the meeting recessed.

10:16 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chirino. Attendance was as follows:

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7. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

a. 2020-21 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan

i. Central Campaigns

Fund it. Fix it.

Chirino provided an overview of the campaign's public ad-buy and new materials.

Knock Out Interest

Chirino provided a brief update about the campaign's status post-federal election.

ii. Supporting Campaigns

Fairness For International Students

Chirino provided a brief update about the campaign, including the new materials.

Open Textbooks Now!

Chirino provided a brief update about the campaign, including the new materials.

Build Back BC

Davies provided a report on the development of the campaign.

10:40 Services Coordinator Gullins joined the meeting

10:40 Local 01 Staff Potter joined the meeting

Influence the Vote

Chirino reported on provincial implementation of the campaign, including materials, tactics and the campaign website. Davies presented on the outcome of the federal election. A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

iii. Coalition Campaigns

Period Promise

Reid facilitated a discussion on the implementation of the campaign on campuses, including updates since our last meeting, the administration's involvement and what support is needed from the Federation.

iv. Awareness Campaigns

Unlearn

Chirino provided a brief update about the campaign, including an update that the Federation will be creating pride materials in anticipation of Pride being held in person.

Reconciliation Through Education

Chirino provided a brief update about the campaign.

b. General Relations with the Government and Opposition Parties

i. General Relations with the Government

Chirino provided a report on meeting with Government MLAs and staff, including the Federation's presentation with Local 4 in the Provincial Budget consultation.

ii. General Relations with the Federal Government

Chirino reminded the Executive Committee that they should use this time period following the election to send a letter of congratulations to their local MP's.

c. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work

i. General Relations with Coalition Partners

Davies provided an update on the Federation's work on the Paid Sick Leave campaign, specifically with the BC Federation of Labour. Chirino updated the Executive Committee of the Federation's need to appoint people to two coalitions.

2021/09:09 MOTION
Kootenayoo/Ramkumar

Be it resolved that Melissa Chirino be appointed to the BC Poverty Reeducation Coalition.

CARRIED

2021/09:10 MOTION
Tripathi/Desrochers

Be it resolved that Phoebe Lo Patigdas be appointed to the BC Health Coalition.

CARRIED

ii. Extra-Provincial Students' Union Relations

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

2021/09:11 MOTION
Kaur/Cunningham

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 1.5 hours.

CARRIED

12:27 the meeting recessed.

14:05 the meeting reconvened.

d. Advocacy Week

Patigdas reported on organising done to-date for Advocacy Week, including the logistics and potential dates it will be scheduled on November 17 and 18.

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

2021/09:12 MOTION
Ramkumar/Desrochers

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.

2021/09:13 MOTION
Sivakumar/Gullins

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

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8. REVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS

a. 80th Semi-Annual General Meeting

Gauld stated that the 80th Semi-Annual General Meeting was held July 15-17, 2021 via videoconference.

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

Gauld provided a brief update.

b. 40th Annual General Meeting

Patigdas reported that the 40th Annual General Meeting was scheduled for January 14 to 16, 2022. She provided an update on organizing to-date and solicited feedback regarding preferences and ideas for sessions.

2021/09:14 MOTION
Gullins/Kootenayoo

Be it resolved that Amrita Ramkumar, Amy Barry, and Phoebe Lo Patigdas be appointed to the Candidate Search Committee.

CARRIED

c. 36th Skills Development Symposium

Patigdas reported that the 36th Skills Development Symposium has been scheduled for November 5 to 7, 2021. A report on organising to-date was provided.

9. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES

a. Review of 2020-21 Revenue and Expenditures

Davies provided an overview of the 12-month actuals of the Federation's 2020-21 revenue and expenses.

b. Adoption of Finance Report

2021/09:15 MOTION
Scarlatti/Ahmed

Be it resolved that the Finance report be adopted.

CARRIED

2021/09:16 MOTION
Tripathi/Ahmed

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

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10. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**a. Report of Local Representatives****2021/09:17****MOTION**

Thapar/Tripathi

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Welton, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED**2021/09:18****MOTION**

Ramkumar/Ahmed

Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Thapar, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

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- 2021/09:19 MOTION**
Sivakumar/Singh
Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Ramkumar, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2021/09:20 MOTION**
Desrochers/Scarlati
Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Tripathi, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2021/09:21 MOTION**
Kaur/Sivakumar
Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Ahmed, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2021/09:22 MOTION**
Singh/Ahmed
Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Desrochers, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2021/09:23 MOTION**
Scarlati/Ahmed
Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Jaahljuu, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2021/09:24 MOTION**
Ahmed/Sivakumar
Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Scarlati, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2021/09:25 MOTION**
Desrochers/Gullins
Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2021/09:26 MOTION**
Singh/Sivakumar
Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Kaur, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED
- 2021/09:27 MOTION**
Thapar/Scarlati
Be it resolved that the report of Local 21 Members' Representative Sivakumar, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.
CARRIED

b. Report of the Chairperson**2021/09:28****MOTION**

Singh/Ramkumar

Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Chirino, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED**c. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer****2021/09:29****MOTION**

Gullins/Ramkumar

Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Gauld, for the period Saturday, June 12, 2021 to Friday, September 17, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED**11. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES****a. Student Discount Program****Discount Solicitation**

A discussion was held regarding the 2021-22 renewal year and Local discount solicitation.

2021/09:30**MOTION**

Singh/Ramkumar

Be it resolved that the Discount Program Report be adopted.

CARRIED**b. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner**

Adams reported on the production of the 2021-22 service.

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

2021/09:31**MOTION**

Singh/Ramkumar

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

CARRIED**c. Membership Development Products**

Adams reported on the 2021-22 Summer order and the organising-to-date on the 2021-22 Winter Order

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

2021/09:32**MOTION**

Singh/Ramkumar

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

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

Adams facilitated a roundtable discussion to discuss best practices and challenges for transitioning campus app focuses to engage on-campus members.

e. Insurance Services*

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12. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2021/09:33

MOTION

Thapar/Tripathi

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held June 18 and June 19, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

2021/09:34

MOTION

Thapar/Tripathi

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held July 14, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED

13. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Chirino reported that the upcoming Executive Committee meetings would be held:

- December 3 to 5 2021
- March 11 to 13 2022
- June 10 to 12 2022

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT

2021/09:35

MOTION

Desrochers/Tripathi

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

11:26 the meeting adjourned.

* Denotes in-camera