

MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, 2017 • Vancouver

10:10 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Simka Marshall. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Campaigns Coordinator	Morgan Rogers
Chairperson	Simka Marshall
Representative–Local 01 Members.....	Valerie Arsenaault
Representative–Local 04 Members.....	Jaspal Singh
Representative–Local 06 Members.....	Tanysha Klassen
Representative–Local 10 Members.....	Lemon Reimer
Representative–Local 13 Members.....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Representative–Local 15 Members.....	Sheldon Falk
Representative–Local 16 Members.....	Shaima Jaff
Representative–Local 17 Members.....	Rachael Grant
Secretary-Treasurer	Jenelle Davies
Services Coordinator	Sydney Sullivan

Executive Members Absent

Aboriginal Students' Representative	Shayli Robinson
Representative–Local 02 Members.....	Harkanwalpreet Kaur
Representative–Local 12 Members.....	Kimberly Rutledge
Representative–Local 14 Members.....	Kari Morgan
Representative–Local 20 Members.....	Wendel Schwab
Women Students' Representative	Alia Hijaab

Vacant

Representative–Local 05 Members
Representative–Local 09 Members

Staff Present

Campaign Outreach Organizer	Madeline Keller-MacLeod
Coordinator	Steven Beasley
Executive Officer	Michael Olson
Local Staff–Local 01	Brianne Berchowitz
Local Staff–Local 04	Harman Dandiwal
Local Staff–Local 05.....	Nathan Lane
Local Staff–Local 06.....	Tracy Ho
Local Staff–Local 10.....	Lori MacDonald
Local Staff–Local 15.....	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Valerie Skalicky
Local Staff–Local 17	Quinn Park

Observers Present

Aboriginal Students' Representative-elect	Ken Solonas
Campaigns Coordinator-elect.....	Aran Armutlu
Member–Local 05.....	Amber Storvold

Quorum was declared to be present.

Marshall acknowledged the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people.

A roundtable of introductions was held.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2017/03:01

MOTION

Reimer/Sullivan

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

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2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marshall made a series of logistical announcements.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

a. Receipt of Resignations of Members

The Executive Committee will receive any resignations.

b. Acceptance of New Executive Committee Members

Marshall reported that a letter had been received from Local 13 stating that Phoebe Lo Patigdas had been re-selected by the Local as the Local Members' Representative, and that the letter was in conformity with Bylaw 6.4 and Standing Resolution 2.

2017/03:02 MOTION

Rogers/Singh

Be it resolved that Phoebe Lo Patigdas be accepted as the Local 13 Members' Representative.

CARRIED

Marshall reported that a letter had been received from Local 15 stating that Sheldon Falk 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.

2017/03:03 MOTION

Jaff/Singh

Be it resolved that Sheldon Falk be accepted as the Local 15 Members' Representative.

CARRIED

4. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a. Report of Local Representatives

2017/03:04 MOTION

Grant/Jaff

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Arsenault, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

2017/03:05 MOTION

Klassen/Grant

Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

Marshall said that the Local 5 Members' Representative position was vacant but that former Local 5 Members' Representative Amber Storvold was an observer at the meeting. She said that Storvold had provided a report on the Local's activities for information.

2017/03:06 MOTION

Jaff/Reimer

Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Klassen, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017, be adopted.

CARRIED

Marshall reported that the Local 9 Members' Representative position was vacant, and reported that she had been in communication with the Local about nominating a representative.

2017/03:07 **MOTION**
Patigdas/Falk
Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Reimer, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017, be adopted.
Marshall reported that the Local 12 Members' Representative had not provided a report.

2017/03:08 **MOTION**
Grant/Reimer
Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Patigdas, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017, be adopted.
CARRIED

2017/03:09 **MOTION**
Jaff/Sullivan
Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Morgan, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017, be adopted.
CARRIED

2017/03:10 **MOTION**
Patigdas/Grant
Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Falk, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017, be adopted.
CARRIED

2017/03:11 **MOTION**
Klassen/Singh
Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Jaff, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017, be adopted.
CARRIED

2017/03:12 **MOTION**
Sullivan/Arsenault
Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Grant, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017, be adopted.
CARRIED

b. Report of the Chairperson

2017/03:13 **MOTION**
Rogers/Singh
Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Simka Marshall, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017 be adopted.
CARRIED

c. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

2017/03:14 **MOTION**
Grant/Falk
Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Jenelle Davies, for the period Saturday, December 3, 2016 to Friday, March 17, 2017 be adopted.
CARRIED

2017/03:15 **MOTION TO RECESS**
Patigdas/Klassen
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for five minutes.
CARRIED

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11:11 the meeting recessed.

11:21 the meeting reconvened.

5. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

a. 2016-17 BC Campaigns and Government Relations Plan

i. Squash the Squeeze

Marshall reported that all signed postcards had been sent to the Minister of Advanced Education's office. She said that the total number of signed postcards collected had surpassed the Executive Committee's goal of 10,000, and in addition, more than 3,500 people had signed the online petition.

ii. Don't Close the Doors

Marshall reported on the campaign work done during the reporting period, including a pre-budget emailer tool that garnered over 1,000 emails to the Finance Minister. She said that about 4,700 signed postcards had been delivered to Premier Christy Clark's office.

A roundtable on campaign endorsement requests was conducted.

iii. Students Are Voting

The Executive Committee discussed implementation of the campaign, and set goals for the collection of pledges to vote.

iv. We Ride: Student Action for Public Transit

A discussion was held on regional transit issues.

Beasley and MacDonald provided an update on U-Pass BC negotiations with Translink and the BC government for the continuation of the combined universal bus pass across Metro Vancouver.

v. Other Campaigns

Let's Get Consensual

Marshall reported on the materials produced for the campaign during the reporting period.

Fight for \$15

Marshall reported on the campaign work conducted by the BC Federation of Labour's minimum wage committee on the campaign.

b. 2016-17 National Campaigns and Government Relations Plan

Davies provided a report on the Canadian Federation of Students' lobby week initiative.

c. Canadian Federation of Students Standing Campaigns

Davies reported on CFS standing campaigns.

2017/03:16 MOTION TO RECESS

Falk/Reimer

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for one hour.

CARRIED

12:58 the meeting recessed.

14:11 the meeting reconvened. Campaign Outreach Organizer Keller-MacLeod and Campaigns Coordinator-elect Armutlu left the meeting.

d. General Relations with the Government and Official Opposition

i. 2017 BC Budget

Davies provided an overview of the 2017 BC Budget, and highlighted those areas of the budget relevant to post-secondary education.

ii. 2017 Federal Budget

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iii. Update on General Relations with the Ministry of Advanced Education and the BC Government

Marshall reported that a meeting request had been sent to Minister Wilkinson's office, and that a response had not yet been received.

iv. Update on General Relations with the Critic for Advanced Education and the Opposition

Marshall reported on meetings with NDP Critic for Advanced Education, the Leader of the BC Green Party, and the Leader of the BC NDP.

e. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work

Marshall provided an update on coalition work with the BC Federation of Labour, Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC, and the BC Teachers' Federation.

Davies reported on the Federation's involvement with The Tyee's *Home for Good* panel event.

Beasley provided an update on the CCPA's Good Economy Project, which the Federation holds a seat on the Advisory Committee.

2017/03:17**MOTION**

Marshall/Falk

Be it resolved that Campaigns Coordinator-elect Armutlu be appointed as the Federation's representative on the Tenant's Resource & Advisory Centre (+) Board of Directors.

CARRIED**2017/03:18****MOTION**

Grant/Patigdas

Be it resolved that \$3,000 be donated to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives-BC to help fund the Good Economy Project.

CARRIED**f. Preparation for 2017-18 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan****2017/03:19****MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA**

Patigdas/Jaff

Be it resolved that item 5.f be moved to the end of the day.

CARRIED**g. Adoption of the Campaigns, Government Relations, and Solidarity Report****2017/03:20****MOTION**

Grant/Klassen

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

CARRIED**h. Presentation of Media Report and Press Review****2017/03:21****MOTION**

Falk/Reimer

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

CARRIED**6. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS****a. Consideration of Staffing Issues***

14:59 the meeting moved in-camera.

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15:02 the meeting moved ex-camera.

2017/03:22 MOTION

Sullivan/Patigdas

Be it resolved that the hiring of Madeline Keller-MacLeod as Campaign Outreach Organizer be ratified.

CARRIED

2017/03:23 MOTION

Sullivan/Patigdas

Be it resolved that the hiring of Laura Celeste as Researcher be ratified.

CARRIED

b. Office Space

15:03 the meeting moved in-camera.

15:44 the meeting moved ex-camera.

2017/03:24 MOTION

Patigdas/Grant

Be it resolved that Unit 207 A and B of 245 East Columbia Street, New Westminster be purchased.

CARRIED

2017/03:25 MOTION

Klassen/Patigdas

Be it resolved that \$300,000 be allocated to renovations of the office space at 245 East Columbia Street.

2017/03:26 MOTION TO AMEND

Falk/Klassen

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/03:24 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that a preliminary budget of \$50,000 to develop and initiate a renovation plan for Unit 207 A and B of 245 East Columbia Street in New Westminster be approved; and

Be it further resolved that the full budget for the renovation be between \$300,000 and \$350,000; and

Be it further resolved that a plan for the office renovation be provided to the Executive Committee for discussion prior to approval.

CARRIED

2017/03:25 CARRIED

2017/03:27 MOTION

Singh/Patigdas

Be it resolved that advice from a tax lawyer be sought regarding lease opportunities for the Federation's office space at 1055 West Broadway in Vancouver.

2017/03:28 MOTION TO AMEND

Patigdas/Falk

Be it resolved that Motion 2017/03:26 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that advice from a tax lawyer be sought regarding lease opportunities for the Federation's office space at 1055 West Broadway in Vancouver; and

Be it further resolved that a report be developed to provide the Executive Committee with a complete list of options (e.g. lease or sale) for its office space at 1055 West Broadway in Vancouver.

CARRIED

2017/03:27 CARRIED

2017/03:29 MOTION TO RECESS

Patigdas/Singh

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 15 minutes

CARRIED

16:08 the meeting recessed.

16:34 the meeting reconvened. Staff–Local 10 MacDonald left the meeting.

c. Legal Affairs

16:34 the meeting moved in-camera.

17:13 the meeting moved ex-camera. Campaigns Coordinator-elect Armutlu entered the meeting.

7. REVIEW OF RECENT FEDERATION MEETINGS

a. 35th Annual BC General Meeting

Marshall reported that the 35th annual general meeting was held Thursday, January 12 to Sunday, January 15 at the Coast Tsawwassen Inn.

i. Review of Logistics

Marshall provided an overview of some of the challenges of organizing the meeting.

The Executive Committee discussed the value of considering other meeting venues for the 2018 annual general meeting.

ii. Review of Workshops, Guest Speakers, and Panels

The meeting reviewed the general meeting sessions.

iii. Review of Committees

The meeting reviewed the plenary sub-committees.

iv. Review of Plenaries

The meeting reviewed the plenary sessions.

v. Review of Materials

The meeting reviewed the general meeting materials, and considered the value of using online tools to distribute general meeting information to delegates.

vi. Review of Social Activities

The meeting reviewed the social activities at the general meeting.

vii. Assignment of Responsibility for Motions

The Executive Committee reviewed motions referred to it from the general meeting.

b. Winter 2017 National Executive Meeting

Davies provided a report of the National Executive meeting, held February 25 to 27, 2017.

c. Review of the National Graduate Caucus General Meeting

The meetings discussed the fact that BC member local associations either did not receive notice of the National Graduate Caucus General Meeting or did not attend.

2017/03:30 MOTION TO RECESS

Reimer/Singh

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30 on Sunday, March 26.

CARRIED

18:18 the meeting recessed.

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Local Staff–Local 17 Quinn Park

Observers Present

Campaigns Coordinator-elect Aran Armutlu
Member–Local 05 Amber Stovold

Quorum was declared to be present.

5. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (CONT'D)

f. Preparation for 2017-18 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan

The meeting reviewed the campaigns work of the organization for the past several years, and discussed the strategies and tactics that worked well, and that could have been better. A list of educational issues to prioritize in the coming year was drafted. The list included open educational resources, institutional base funding, and Indigenous issues.

9:52 Representative–Local 4 Members Singh, Staff–Local 4 Dandiwal, and Aboriginal Students' Representative-elect Solonas entered the meeting.

8. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES

a. Review of 2016-17 Revenue and Expenditures

Olson provided an overview of the statement of revenue and expenditures.

b. Update on General Meeting Delegate Fees Collection

Olson provided an update on outstanding general meeting delegate fees.

c. Update on Services Receivables

Olson provided an overview of services receivables.

d. Implementation of Annual Fee Adjustment

A roundtable on the implementation of the annual fee adjustment was conducted. Members' Representatives for Locals 1, 4, 5, 6, and 15 confirmed that their institutions had been informed of the fee adjustment for the 2017-18 year.

e. Adoption of Finance Report

2017/03:31

MOTION

Klassen/Rogers

Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

CARRIED

9. REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**a. Membership**

11:38 the meeting moved in-camera. Secretary-Treasurer Davies left the meeting.

13:14 the meeting moved ex-camera.

2017/03:32

MOTION TO RECESS

Grant/Falk

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for thirty minutes.

CARRIED

13:14 the meeting recessed.

14:00 the meeting reconvened. Secretary-Treasurer Davies entered the meeting.

b. 33rd Annual Skills Development Symposium

Marshall reported that the 33rd annual Skills Development Symposium was scheduled for May 23 to 25, 2017.

i. Roundtable on Expected Attendance

A roundtable on expected local attendance was conducted.

ii. Update on Organising To-Date

Marshall provided an update on organizing done to-date.

iii. Review of Potential Sessions

The meeting discussed potential sessions.

iv. Preparation of the 2017 Skills Manual

Olson reported on the work done to-date for the manual.

10. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES**a. International Student ID Card****i. Distribution and Promotion**

Davies provided an update on ISIC distribution.

ii. 2016-17 Discount Solicitation

Davies reviewed a schedule of deadlines for discounts solicitation.

The meeting discussed potential centrally-solicited discounts.

b. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner

Beasley provided a report on preparations done to-date for the 2017-18 handbook service.

c. Orientation and Membership Development Products

Davies provided a report on preparations done to-date for the summer 2017 order.

d. Students' Union Website Service

Davies reported on the website service.

e. Insurance Services

14:29 the meeting moved in-camera.

14:43 the meeting moved ex-camera.

f. OOHLALA Mobile App

Davies provided an update on dealing with OOHLALA Mobile Inc.

g. Adoption of Services Report

2017/03:33 MOTION
Falk/Grant

Be it resolved that the Services Report be adopted.

CARRIED

11. PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING FEDERATION MEETINGS

a. April 2016 National Executive Meeting

Davies reported that the National Executive of the Canadian Federation of Students(-Services) would be meeting April 19 to 21, 2017 in Ottawa.

b. 71st Semi-Annual National General Meeting and BC Delegates' Preparatory Session

The meeting discussed the upcoming national general meeting and the nature of participation from BC member local associations.

c. National Aboriginal Caucus General Meeting

Marshall reported that the National Aboriginal Caucus general meeting would likely be held in Regina, Saskatchewan, but that notice for the meeting had not yet been distributed.

d. 72nd Semi-Annual BC General Meeting

Marshall said that the 72nd semi-annual general meeting was scheduled for July 26 to 29, 2017 at Vancouver Island University.

i. Roundtable on Goals for the Meeting

A roundtable on goals for the meeting was discussed.

ii. Update on Organising To-Date

Marshall provided an update on organizing done to-date.

iii. Discussion on Workshops and Guest Speakers

Members provided input on potential guest speakers for the general meeting.

12. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2017/03:34 MOTION
Reimer/Klassen

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held December 10 and 11, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

2017/03:35

MOTION

Reimer/Klassen

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held January 12, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

13. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Marshall noted that the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting would be held June 24 and 25, 2017.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT

2017/03:36

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Singh/Rogers

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

15:15 the meeting adjourned.

* Denotes in-camera