

# MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students  
Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25, 2018 • Richmond

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10:05 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Simka Marshall. Attendance was as follows:

## Executive Members Present

Campaigns Coordinator .....	Aran Armutlu
Chairperson.....	Simka Marshall
Indigenous Students' Representative .....	Ken Solonas
Representative–Local 01 Members .....	Jenna Brook
Representative–Local 02 Members .....	Savannah Hernandez
Representative–Local 06 Members .....	Telka Pesklevits
Representative–Local 12 Members .....	Amal Alhuwayshil
Representative–Local 13 Members .....	Chantelle Spicer
Representative–Local 14 Members .....	Kari Morgan
Representative–Local 15 Members .....	Sheldon Falk
Representative–Local 17 Members .....	Mitchell Auger-Langejan
Representative–Local 20 Members (pending ratification).....	Chao Wang
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Services Coordinator.....	Sydney Sullivan

## Executive Members Absent

Representative–Local 04 Members .....	Mankiran Kaur
Representative–Local 05 Members .....	Cole Hickson
Representative–Local 10 Members .....	Nicole Pleisll
Women Students' Representative.....	Zahra Hashemi

## Vacant

Representative–Local 16 Members

## Staff Present

Coordinator .....	Steven Beasley
Executive Officer .....	Michael Olson
Local Staff–Local 01.....	Brianne Berchowitz
Local Staff–Local 02.....	Gabrielle Faludi
Local Staff–Local 06.....	Delaney Sullivan
Local Staff–Local 13.....	James Bowen
Local Staff–Local 15.....	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Jenelle Davies
Local Staff–Local 17.....	Michel Turcotte
Researcher.....	Dr. Laura Celeste

## Others Present

Individual Member–Local 12..... Paula Tran

Quorum was declared to be present.

Marshall acknowledged the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people.

A roundtable of introductions was conducted.

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2018/03/01

### MOTION

Alhuwayshil/Pesklevits

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary-Treasurer Patigdas and Campaigns Coordinator Armutlu made a series of logistical announcements.

**3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

**a. Receipt of Resignations of Members**

Marshall reported that no resignations had been received.

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

Marshall reported that a letter had been received from Local 15 stating that Sheldon Falk had been re-appointed by the Local as the Local Members' Representative, and that the letter was in conformity with Bylaw 6.4 and Standing Resolution 2. Marshall confirmed that Falk had signed the oath of office and confidentiality agreement.

**2018/03:02 MOTION**

Hernandez/Auger-Langejan

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

**CARRIED**

Marshall reported that a letter had been received from Local 16 stating that Monica McRae 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. She said that McRae had not yet signed the oath of office and confidentiality agreement.

**2018/03:03 MOTION**

Pesklevits/Solonas

Be it resolved that Monica McRae be accepted as the Local 16 Members' Representative, pending receipt of a signed oath of office and confidentiality agreement.

**CARRIED**

Marshall reported that a letter had been received from Local 20 stating that Chao Wang had been re-appointed by the Local as the Local Members' Representative, and that the letter was in conformity with Bylaw 6.4 and Standing Resolution 2. Marshall confirmed that Falk had signed the oath of office and confidentiality agreement.

**2018/03:04 MOTION**

Alhuwayshil/Patigdas

Be it resolved that Chao Wang be accepted as the Local 20 Members' Representative.

**CARRIED**

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

**a. Report of Local Representatives**

**2018/03:05 MOTION**

Falk/Auger-Langejan

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Brook, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2018/03:06 MOTION**

Falk/Brook

Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members' Representative Hernandez, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

- 2018/03:07 MOTION**  
Armutlu/Pesklevits  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Kaur, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**  
Marshall reported that no report had been received from the Local 5 Members' Representative.  
10:37 Women Students' Representative Hashemi joined the meeting.
- 2018/03:08 MOTION**  
Patigdas/Brook  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Pesklevits, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**  
Marshall reported that no report had been received from the Local 10 Members' Representative.  
Marshall reported that no report had been received from the Local 12 Members' Representative.
- 2018/03:09 MOTION**  
Auger-Langejan/Hernandez  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Spicer, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2018/03:10 MOTION**  
Hashemi/Solonas  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Morgan, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2018/03:11 MOTION**  
Pesklevits/Hernandez  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Falk, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2018/03:12 MOTION**  
Pesklevits/Solonas  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative McRae, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2018/03:13 MOTION**  
Falk/Armutlu  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Auger-Langejan, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**  
Marshall reported that no report had been received from the Local 20 Members' Representative.
- b. Report of the Chairperson**
- 2018/03:14 MOTION**  
Alhuwayshil/Hashemi  
Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Marshall, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**2018/03:15**     **MOTION**  
Pesklevits/Falk

Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Patigdas, for the period Saturday, December 2, 2017 to Friday, March 16, 2018, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2018/03:16**     **MOTION TO RECESS**  
Hashemi/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

11:37   the meeting recessed.

12:05   the meeting reconvened.

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

**a. 2017-18 BC Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

**i. Central Campaigns**

Marshall reported that the 2018 BC Budget included \$19 million in annual funding for Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning programs.

Researcher Celeste reported on the progress of research being undertaken on tuition fees, institutional funding, and student debt. She said that the Federation was partnering with the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC to conduct public opinion polling, and reported that a polling firm had been selected.

**ii. Supporting Campaigns**

Marshall provided an update on development of the *Reconciliation Through Education* campaign, and circulated samples of the materials recently developed for the campaign. Members discussed the campaign materials and provided feedback.

Celeste provided an update on the development of the *Fairness for International Students* campaign, and circulated samples of the new materials developed for the campaign. She also circulated a research document created by the Federation on international education in BC. The Executive Committee reviewed the research document and new materials developed for the campaign.

Armutlu provided an update on the development and implementation of new *Open Textbooks Now!* campaign materials, and circulated samples. Members discussed implementation of the campaign on open textbooks at campuses across the province during the current academic semester.

**2018/03:17**     **MOTION TO RECESS**  
Marshall/Auger-Langejan

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for sixty (60) minutes.

**CARRIED**

13:27   the meeting recessed.

14:42   the meeting reconvened.

**iii. Coalition Campaigns**

Armutlu reported that the *Fight for \$15* campaign had been successful with the government's recent announcement that the provincial minimum wage would be increased to \$15.20 per hour by 2021.

The meeting discussed the importance of the victory for students across British Columbia and how the hard work undertaken by member locals contributed to this achievement.

**iv. Awareness Campaigns**

The meeting reviewed member locals’ plans for local and regional pride events across the province, and discussed what materials the Federation might produce to support those events.

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

**i. 2018 BC Budget**

Marshall provided a report on the 2018 BC Budget, and the Federation’s experiences at the Budget Lock-up.

The meeting discussed the provisions of the new provincial budget specifically measures related to post-secondary education.

**ii. 2018 Federal Budget**

Celeste reported on the aspects of the Federal Budget that impacted the post-secondary sector, and reviewed the significant investment in research funding.

**iii. Update on General Relations with the Ministry of Advanced Educations, Skills, and Training and the BC Government**

Marshall reported that Federation representatives met with the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training on March 14 and provided an overview of the conversations held with the Minister and her staff.

Coordinator Beasley reported that he and Marshall had met with the Ministry of Advanced Education Skills and Training Assistant Deputy Minister Kevin Brewster on March 14 regarding the 2018 Budget’s announcement of loans for on-campus student housing initiatives.

The Executive Committee discussed the two meetings with Ministry representatives.

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

Marshall reported that Federation representatives met with the BC Green Party Leader, Andrew Weaver, on March 14, and provided an overview of the conversations with Dr. Weaver and his staff.

**c. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work**

A report on coalition and solidarity work was provided.

Marshall reported that, due to her term concluding, it was necessary to replace her as the Federation’s representative to both the BC Federation of Labour’s Young Workers’ Committee and the Minimum Wage Working Group.

**2018/03:18**

**MOTION**

Marshall/Patigdas

Be it resolved that Phoebe Lo Patigdas be appointed the Federation’s representative on the BC Federation of Labour’s Minimum Wage Working Group.

**CARRIED**

**2018/03:19**

**MOTION**

Marshall/Spicer

Be it resolved that Telka Pesklevits be appointed the Federation’s representative on the BC Federation of Labour’s Young Workers’ Committee.

**CARRIED**

Armutlu reported on a meeting held between Federation representatives and representatives of OurTurn, a group representing approximately forty students’ unions across Canada working collectively to reduce campus sexual violence. He said that OurTurn was seeking the Federation’s endorsement of their initiative.

**2018/03:20**      **MOTION**  
Armutlu/Pesklevits

Be it resolved that OurTurn be endorsed.

Members discussed the OurTurn initiative.

**CARRIED**

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

**2018/03:21**      **MOTION**  
Spicer/Alhuwayshil

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

**CARRIED**

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

**2018/03:22**      **MOTION**  
Marshall/Hernandez

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

**CARRIED**

**f. Prepatation for 2018-19 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

**i. Municipal Election Campaign Discussion**

The Executive Committee divided into small groups to discuss the development of a campaign to encourage student participation in the 2018 municipal elections.

The meeting received a series of report-backs from breakout groups and considered the ideas that arose from the group dicussions.

16:57 Women Students' Representative Hashemi left the meeting.

**ii. Proportional Representation Campaign Discussion**

The Executive Committee divided into small groups to discuss the development of a campaign to encourage students to support a "yes" result in the 2018 BC referendum on proportional representation.

The meeting received a series of report-backs from breakout groups and considered the ideas that arose from the group dicussions.

**iii. 2018-19 Campaign Schedule**

The Executive Committee divided into small groups to discuss the scheduling of campaigns work in the coming year.

**g. 2017-18 CFS Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

Davies provided a report on the CFS national lobby week, from which British Columbia students were, again, excluded. She said that CFS' failure to include elected students from the province did not prevent CFS from speaking on behalf of the very organizations they explicitly excluded from participation.

**2018/03:23**      **MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA**  
Armutlu/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to move Section 6 to the be discussed on Sunday, in advance of Section 8.

**CARRIED**

**7. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**a. Office Space**

Beasley reported that the office renovation was complete. He said that the operations had been moved to the new location on March 10, and that ownership of the West Broadway location had been transferred as of March 15. He said that a final written report on the costs of the new space would be provided at the June Executive Committee meeting.

**b. Consideration of Staffing**

18:31 the meeting moved in camera.

18:54 the meeting moved ex camera.

**2018/03:24 MOTION**

Alhuwayshil/Spicer

Be it resolved that Laura Celeste be offered the permanent position of Researcher.

**CARRIED**

**2018/03:25 MOTION**

Hernandez/Auger-Langejan

Be it resolved that the Federation post for a temporary Services Coordinator position pending receipt of funding from the Canada Summer Jobs Program.

**CARRIED**

**2018/03:26 MOTION TO RECESS**

Armutlu/Solonas

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

**CARRIED**

18:56 the meeting recessed.

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Representative–Local 02 Members ..... Savannah Hernandez  
Representative–Local 06 Members ..... Telka Pesklevits  
Representative–Local 12 Members ..... Amal Alhuwayshil  
Representative–Local 13 Members ..... Chantelle Spicer  
Representative–Local 14 Members ..... Kari Morgan  
Representative–Local 20 Members ..... Chao Wang  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Phoebe Lo Patigdas  
Services Coordinator..... Sydney Sullivan

**Executive Members Absent**

Indigenous Students’ Representative ..... Ken Solonas  
Representative–Local 04 Members ..... Mankiran Kaur  
Representative–Local 05 Members ..... Cole Hickson  
Representative–Local 10 Members ..... Nicole Pleisll  
Representative–Local 15 Members ..... Sheldon Falk  
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Representative–Local 17 Members ..... Mitchell Auger-Langejan  
Women Students’ Representative..... Zahra Hashemi

**Staff Present**

Coordinator ..... Steven Beasley  
Executive Officer ..... Michael Olson  
Local Staff–Local 01..... Brianne Berchowicz  
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Local Staff–Local 06..... Delaney Sullivan  
Local Staff–Local 13..... James Bowen  
Local Staff–Local 15..... Andrew Dalton  
Local Staff–Local 16..... Jenelle Davies  
Local Staff–Local 17..... Michel Turcotte  
Researcher..... Dr. Laura Celeste

**Others Present**

Member–Local 12 ..... Paula Tran

Quorum was declared to be present.

**6. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES**

**a. Review of 2017-18 Revenue and Expenditures**

Olson provided an update on the Federation’s year-to-date revenues and expenditures.

9:39 Local 17 Members’ Representative Auger-Langejan joined the meeting.

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

Olson provided an update on outstanding delegates’ fees owing from past general meetings.

**c. Update on Services Receivables**

Olson provided an update on outstanding payments for past bulk purchase orders.

**d. Adoption of Finance Report**

Olson reported on the annual adjustment of the Federation’s fee. A roundtable discussion was held on locals’ plans to adjust the Federation’s fee to the new fee per Bylaw II by the December 31, 2019 deadline.

9:51 Women Students’ Representative Hashemi joined the meeting.

9:57 Local 15 Members’ Representative Falk joined the meeting.



**2018/03:27**      **MOTION**  
Sullivan/Hernandez  
Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2018/03:28**      **MOTION**  
Hernandez/Alhuwayshil  
Be it resolved that Aran Armutlu be added as a signing officer to all of the Federation's accounts.

**CARRIED**

## **8. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES**

### **a. ISIC Discount Program**

Olson reported on the work undertaken to communicate with ISIC Global about the January 2018 general meeting resolution to cease issuing ISICs in the province.

A discussion of plans for the 2018 discount solicitation season was conducted.

10:18 Indigenous Students' Representative Solonas joined the meeting.

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

Olson reported on the progress of the handbook production.

### **c. Orientation and Membership Development Products**

Patigdas reported on work undertaken to prepare for the upcoming summer order.

### **d. Digital Services**

#### **i. Website and Email Hosting**

Patigdas reported on the website and email hosting service.

#### **ii. OOHLALA Mobile App**

Patigdas reported on updates released by OOHLALA.

### **e. Insurance Services**

Beasley reported on work undertaken for insurance services during the reporting period. He said that all member locals participating in the Federation's Health Consortium would see premium reductions or freezes for the 2018-19 year.

### **f. Adoption of Services Report**

**2018/03:29**      **MOTION**  
Pesklevits/Hashemi  
Be it resolved that the Services Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2018/03:30**      **MOTION TO RECESS**  
Alhuwayhsil/Auger-Langejan  
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

10:57 the meeting recessed.

11:27 the meeting reconvened.

**2018/03:31      MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA**

Hernandez/Patigdas

Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to move Section 11 to be addressed before Section 9.

**CARRIED**

**11.    REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**a.    Membership**

**2018/03:32      MOTION**

Hashemi/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the meeting move in camera with local staff and members present.

**CARRIED**

11:29    the meeting moved in camera. Campaigns Coordinator Armutlu left the meeting.

12:27    the meeting moved ex camera. Campaigns Coordinator Armutlu re-entered the meeting.

**b.    34<sup>th</sup> Annual Skills Development Symposium**

Armutlu reported that the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Skills Development Symposium was scheduled for May 25 to 27, 2018.

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

A roundtable on goals for the symposium was conducted.

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

Armutlu reported on organizing undertaken to-date for the Symposium.

**iii. Preparation of the 2018 Skills Manual**

Armutlu reported on the Skills Manual development to-date.

**2018/03:33      MOTION**

Hashemi/Alhuwayshil

Be it resolved that the full-time directors be empowered to invite non-member students' unions to participate in the Symposium.

**CARRIED**

**2018/03:34      MOTION TO RECESS**

Pesklevits/Solonas

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for forty-five (45) minutes.

**CARRIED**

13:05    the meeting recessed.

13:53    the meeting reconvened. Local 2 Members' Representative Hernandez, Local 2 staffperson Faludi, and Local 17 Members' Representative Auger-Langejan left the meeting.

**9.    REVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS**

**a.    36<sup>th</sup> Annual BC General Meeting**

Marshall reported that the 36<sup>th</sup> annual General Meeting was held on January 11 to 14, 2018 at the Executive Airport Plaza in Richmond.

**i.    Review of Logistics**

The meeting reviewed the logistics.

14:05    Local 12 Members' Representative Alhuwayshil entered the meeting.

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

The meeting reviewed the workshops, guest speakers, and panels hosted at the general meeting.

14:25 Services Coordinator Sullivan left the meeting.

**iii. Review of Committees**

The meeting reviewed general meeting committees.

**iv. Review of Plenaries**

The meeting reviewed the two plenary sessions held at the meeting.

**v. Review of Materials**

The Executive Committee reviewed general meeting materials.

**vi. Review of Social Activities**

Members reviewed social activities organized at the general meeting.

**vii. Assignment of Responsibility for Motions**

Olson provided an overview of the motions that gave directives to the Executive Committee, and provided an update on the status of the work undertaken for each.

**b. 74th Semi-Annual BC General Meeting**

Marshall reported that the 74th semi-annual general meeting was scheduled for July 25 to 28, 2018 at Vancouver Island University.

**i. Roundtable of Goals**

A roundtable of goals for the meeting was conducted.

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

Patigdas provided an update on organizing completed to-date.

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

Patigdas reported on invitations sent to potential speakers and workshop presenters.

Members discussed additional options for general meeting sessions.

**10. CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS MEETINGS**

**a. Winter 2018 National Executive Meeting**

Davies and Armutlu reported on the Winter 2018 National Executive meeting, held on January 23.

**b. Spring 2018 National Executive Meeting**

Armutlu reported that the National Executive was scheduled to meet on April 14 and 15.

**c. 73rd Semi-Annual General Meeting**

The Executive Committee discussed Local participation in the summer 2018 National General Meeting.

**12. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2018/03:35**

**MOTION**

Armutlu/Brook

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held December 9 and 10, 2017 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2018/03:36**

**MOTION**

Spicer/Pesklevits

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Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held January 11, 2018 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Marshall announced that the schedule of the remaining Executive Committee meetings for the 2017-18 year was as follows:

- June 23 and 24
- September 22 and 23
- December 8 and 9

**14. OTHER BUSINESS**

Armutlu noted that this was Marshall and Solonas' last meeting. The meeting provided thanks and expressed gratitude to Marshall and Solonas for their contributions to the organization.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**2018/03:37      MOTION**  
Alhuwayshil/Solonas

Be it resolved that the meeting adjour.

**CARRIED**

15:25    the meeting adjourned.