

# MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students  
Friday, March 22 to Sunday, March 24, 2019 • Richmond

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18:04 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Armutlu. Attendance was as follows:

## Executive Members Present

Chairperson.....	Aran Armutlu
Indigenous Students' Representative .....	Santanna Hernandez
Representative–Local 01 Members .....	Mickella Biggs
Representative–Local 02 Members .....	Kim Thien
Representative–Local 06 Members .....	McKenzie Hutchison
Representative–Local 12 Members .....	Paula Tran
Representative–Local 15 Members .....	Sheldon Falk
Representative–Local 16 Members .....	Armor Corrales
Representative–Local 20 Members .....	Chao Wang
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Services Coordinator.....	Telka Pesklevits
Women Students' Representative.....	Chantelle Spicer

## Executive Members Absent

Campaigns Coordinator .....	Amal Alhuwayshil
Representative–Local 04 Members .....	Michelle Frechette
Representative–Local 05 Members .....	Cole Hickson
Representative–Local 10 Members .....	Joshua Ralph
Representative–Local 14 Members .....	Kari Morgan
Representative–Local 17 Members .....	Fillette Umulisa

## Executive Positions Vacant

Representative–Local 13 Members

## Staff Present

Coordinator .....	Steven Beasley
Executive Officer .....	Michael Olson
Local Staff–Local 01.....	Brianne Berchowitz
Local Staff–Local 02.....	Dave Westmacott
Local Staff–Local 12.....	Sarah Furgason
Local Staff–Local 13.....	Jessica Sandy
Local Staff–Local 15.....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Sydney Sullivan
Local Staff–Local 17.....	Matthew Martin
Local Staff–Local 20.....	Alden Chow
Organiser .....	Jenelle Davies
Researcher.....	Laura Celeste

## Others Present

Member–Local 13 .....	Anouk Borris
Member–Local 17 .....	Shayan de Luna Bueno
Executive Director – CCPA-BC .....	Shannon Daub

Quorum was declared to be present.

Armutlu acknowledged the traditional territory of the Musquem, Squamish, and Tseil-Wauthuth people.

A roundtable of introductions was conducted.

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Armutlu provided an overview of the agenda.

2019/03:01

### MOTION

Pesklevits/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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**2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Davies made a series of logistical announcements.

**3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

**a. Receipt of Resignations of Members**

Armutlu reported that no resignations had been received.

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

Armutlu reported that a letter had been received from Local 13 stating that Anouk Borris 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. Armutlu confirmed that Borris had signed the oath of office and confidentiality agreement.

**2019/03:02 MOTION**

Hutchison/Falk

Be it resolved that Anouk Borris be accepted as the Local 13 Members' Representative.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2019/03:03 MOTION**

Tran/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held November 23 to 25, 2018 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:04 MOTION**

Tran/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held January 10, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. PRESENTATION: CANADIAN CENTRE FOR POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

Shannon Daub, the Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – BC Office provided an overview of the CCPA's Good Economy Project, including the future of the initiative.

18:39 Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – BC Office Executive Director Daub left the meeting.

**6. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PART I**

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

**i. BC Poverty Reduction Coalition**

Patigdas reported on work undertaken with the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition. She also provided an overview of the BC Poverty Reduction Plan, which was released on Monday, March 18.

**ii. First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition**

Patigdas reported on work undertaken with the First Call Coalition.

**iii. Other**

Armutlu reported on work undertaken by the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre (TRAC). He said that as his term on the Executive Committee was coming to an end that the Executive Committee should select a new representative on the TRAC Board of Directors.

**2019/03:05      MOTION**  
Hernandez/Corrales  
Be it resolved that Tanysha Klassen be appointed as the Federation’s representative on the TRAC Board of Directors.

**CARRIED**

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

**2019/03:06      MOTION**  
Spicer/Tran  
Be it resolved that the Media Report and Press Review be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:07      MOTION**  
Thien/Biggs  
Be it resolved that the agenda be amended to move Section 8 to before recessing for the evening.

**CARRIED**

**8. MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT\***

**2019/03:08      MOTION**  
Wang/Hernandez  
Be it resolved that the meeting move in-camera with guests present.

**CARRIED**

19:37 the meeting moved in-camera.

19:54 the meeting moved ex-camera.

**2019/03:09      MOTION**  
Thien/Pesklevits  
Be it resolved that the Quest University Students’ Association’s request for prospective membership be recommended for acceptance at the 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting; and  
Be it further resolved that the benefits of prospective membership be extended to the Quest University Students’ Association in advance of the 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:10      MOTION**  
Corrales/Borris  
Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30am on March 23.

**CARRIED**

19:56 the meeting recessed.

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Representative–Local 10 Members .....	Joshua Ralph
Representative–Local 12 Members .....	Paula Tran
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Secretary-Treasurer .....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
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**Executive Members Absent**

Campaigns Coordinator .....	Amal Alhuwayshil
Representative–Local 04 Members .....	Michelle Frechette
Representative–Local 05 Members .....	Cole Hickson
Representative–Local 14 Members .....	Kari Morgan
Representative–Local 17 Members .....	Fillette Umulisa

**Staff Present**

Coordinator .....	Steven Beasley
Executive Officer .....	Michael Olson
Local Staff–Local 01.....	Brianne Berchowitz
Local Staff–Local 02.....	Dave Westmacott
Local Staff–Local 10.....	Lori MacDonald
Local Staff–Local 12.....	Sarah Furgason
Local Staff–Local 13.....	Jessica Sandy
Local Staff–Local 15.....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Valerie Skaliky
Local Staff–Local 17.....	Matthew Martin
Local Staff–Local 20.....	Alden Chow
Organiser .....	Jenelle Davies
Researcher.....	Laura Celeste

**Others Present**

Chairperson-elect.....	Tanysha Klassen
Member–Local 17 .....	Shayan de Luna Bueno

Quorum was declared to be present.

**7. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PART II**

**a. 2018-19 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

**i. Central Campaigns**

**Grants Not Loans**

Davies reported on development work done to-date for the grants portion of the campaign, including preliminary materials creation and development of a public-facing campaign.

Armutlu reported on the implementation of campaign tactics for the student loan interest portion of the campaign, and the resulting policy change implemented by the BC government.

**Knock Out Interest**

Davies reported on the development and implementation of campaign materials for the federal student loan interest campaign.

**Funding Not Fees**

Celeste and Olson reported on research undertaken to develop the campaign.

**ii. Supporting Campaigns****Fairness for International Students**

The Executive Committee discussed local implementation of the campaign.

2019/03:11

**MOTION**

Borris/Corrales

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for fifteen minutes.

**CARRIED**

11:30 the meeting recessed.

11:49 the meeting reconvened.

**Open Textbooks Now!**

The Executive Committee discussed local implementation of the campaign.

**iii. Coalition Campaigns****Vote PR BC**

Armutlu reported on the results of the referendum and the winding down of the Make Every Voter Count Society.

**b. General Relations with the Government and Opposition Parties****i. 2019 BC Budget**

Armutlu and Celeste reported on the BC Budget 2019 announcement and highlighted several initiatives in the Budget that affect the post-secondary sector.

**ii. 2019 Federal Budget**

Celeste reported on the Federal Budget 2019 announcement and highlighted several initiatives in the Budget that affect the post-secondary sector.

**iii. General Relations with the Government**

Patigdas reported on the Federation's participation in the government's Student Housing Working Group.

**iv. General Relations with the Opposition Parties**

Armutlu reported on communications with the BC Liberal Opposition Caucus.

Spicer reported on meetings and communications with the BC Green Opposition Caucus.

**c. Other****i. No Big Deal**

Klassen reported on work undertaken to reach out to the No Big Deal campaign organisers on ways to implement the campaign in BC.

**ii. Period Promise**

Davies reported on work being undertaken with the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators to identify ways to promote and implement the Period Promise campaign on campuses.

Spicer reported on a meeting with Period Promise organisers, and also highlighted the Free the Tampons campaign.

**iii. Students for Consent Culture**

Spicer reported on collaboration work being undertaken with the Students for Consent Culture Canada. She also reported on a forum she attended on behalf of the Federation March 18 to 20 hosted by Minister of International Development and Minister for Women and Gender Equality Maryam Monsef focused on creating national framework for sexualized violence policies and their implementation at post-secondary institutions.

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

2019/03:12

**MOTION**

Tran/Thien

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

**CARRIED**

2019/03:13

**MOTION**

Falk/Corrales

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for sixty minutes.

**CARRIED**

13:11 the meeting recessed.

14:16 the meeting reconvened.

**e. Preparation for 2019-20 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

Olson reported on initial preparations for the development of the 2019-20 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan.

**9. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**a. Consideration of Staffing Issues\***

2019/03:14

**MOTION**

Falk/Wang

Be it resolved that the meeting move in-camera with only directors present.

**CARRIED**

14:25 the meeting moved in-camera. Federation and Local staff and guests left the meeting.

15:34 the meeting reconvened. Federation and Local staff and guests rejoined the meeting.

**b. Ratification of Collective Agreement**

2019/03:15

**MOTION**

Hernandez/Spicer

Be it resolved that the Collective Agreement with CUPE 2396 be ratified.

**CARRIED**

**10. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES**

**a. Review of 2018-19 Revenue and Expenditures**

Olson provided an overview of the 6-month actuals of the Federation's 2018-19 revenue and expenses.

**b. Adoption of Finance Report**

Member local representatives reported on whether they had informed their institution of the Federation's fee adjustment for the 2019-20 year.

2019/03:16

**MOTION**

Pesklevits/Tran

Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**11. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES****a. Student Discount Program****i. Program Development**

Davies, Hutchison, and Pesklevits reported on the discovery phase of the discount app development.

Breakout groups were facilitated to discuss the development of the discount app.

**2019/03:17 MOTION**

Corrales/Borris

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for five minutes.

**CARRIED**

17:13 the meeting recessed.

17:18 the meeting reconvened.

**2019/03:18 MOTION**

Pesklevits/Thien

Be it resolved that Freshworks Studio be contracted to develop the discount program app; and

Be it further resolved that \$300,000 be allocated to the development of the discount program app.

**CARRIED****ii. Discount Solicitation**

Patigdas reported on the development of discount solicitation materials.

The meeting discussed the value of continuing using printed discount guides.

**2019/03:19 MOTION**

Falk/Hutchison

Be it resolved that firms be investigated to determine the feasibility of being used to secure high-value anchor discounts for the discount program.

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

Olson reported on preparations for the 2019-20 production.

**c. Membership Development Products**

Patigdas reported on the Winter 2019 order.

Patigdas reported on preparations for the 2019-20 summer order.

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

Patigdas provided an overview of updates made to the mobile app by Ready Education during the reporting period.

Olson reported on the status of the bulk user agreement, which was scheduled to expire on July 31, 2019. He said that the Executive Committee would need to make a decision on renewing the agreement at its June 2019 meeting.

**e. Insurance Services\***

17:39 the meeting moved in-camera.

**f. Member Support and Wellness Services****i. Mental Health and Wellness Program\***

17:46 the meeting moved ex-camera.

**ii. GOeVisit**

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Davies reported on the GOeVisit partnership and the materials produced to promote the service.

**g. Adoption of Services Report**

2019/03:20

**MOTION**

Hutchison/Falk

Be it resolved that the Services Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**h. Skills Development Symposium**

Patigdas reported that the Skills Development Symposium had been scheduled for May 31 to June 2, 2019. The Executive Committee discussed preparation for the Symposium.

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

Patigdas reported on organising done to-date for the Symposium.

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

Patigdas reported on work undertaken to schedule sessions and to invite external presenters. She said that based on discussions at previous Executive Committee meetings, steps were being taken to identify sessions for staff development.

2019/03:21

**MOTION**

Thien/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30am on March 24.

**CARRIED**

17:56 the meeting recessed.



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Campaigns Coordinator .....	Amal Alhuwayshil
Representative–Local 01 Members .....	Jenna Brook
Representative–Local 04 Members .....	Michelle Frechette
Representative–Local 05 Members .....	Cole Hickox
Representative–Local 10 Members .....	Joshua Ralph
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**Others Present**

Chairperson-elect.....	Tanysha Klassen
Member–Local 17 .....	Shayan de Luna Bueno

Quorum was declared to be present.

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

**a. 37th Annual BC General Meeting**

The Executive Committee discussed the 37th Annual General Meeting which was held January 10 to 13, 2019 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond.

**i. Review of Logistics**

The meeting discussed the logistics of the general meeting.

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

The meeting reviewed the workshops and sessions of the general meeting.

**iii. Review of Committees**

The meeting reviewed the work of the Committees at the general meeting.

**iv. Review of Plenaries**

The meeting discussed the plenary sessions of the general meeting.

**v. Review of Materials**

The meeting discussed the materials provided at the general meeting, including the mobile app and provision of digital materials.

**vi. Review of Social Activities**

The meeting discussed the social activities of the general meeting.

**vii. Assignment of Responsibility for Motions**

Olson provided an overview of directives to the Executive Committee from the general meeting.

**b. 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting**

Patigdas reported that the 76th Annual General Meeting had been scheduled for July 24 to 27, 2019.

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

Patigdas provided an update on organising done to-date for the general meeting.

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

The meeting discussed potential workshops and guest speakers.

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

**a. Report of Local Representatives**

**2019/03:22 MOTION**  
Spicer/Thien

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Biggs, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:23 MOTION**  
Corrales/Borris

Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members' Representative Thien, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**2019/03:24 MOTION**  
Thien/Hernandez

Be it resolved that Motion 2019/03:23 be tabled to the next Executive Committee meeting.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:23 TABLED**

**2019/03:25 MOTION**  
Tran/Ralk

Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Frechette, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Patigdas reported that a report was not received from Local 5 Members' Representative Hickson.

**2019/03:26 MOTION**  
Thien/Pesklevits

Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Hutchison, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:27**     **MOTION**  
Pesklevits/Thien  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Ralph, for the period Saturday, September 15, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

10:41   Local 2 Members' Representative Thien and Staff–Local 2 Westmacott left the meeting.

**2019/03:28**     **MOTION**  
Falk/Spicer  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Tran, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:29**     **MOTION**  
Falk/Hernandez  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Borris, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:30**     **MOTION**  
Wang/Hutchison  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Morgan, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:31**     **MOTION**  
Corrales/Wang  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Falk, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:32**     **MOTION**  
Hutchison/Falk  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Corrales, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:33**     **MOTION**  
Wang/Pesklevits  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Umulisa, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/03:34**     **MOTION**  
Hernandez/Hutchison  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Wang, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**b. Report of the Chairperson**

**2019/03:35**     **MOTION**  
Hernandez/Corrales  
Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Armutlu, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**2019/03:36**      **MOTION**  
Peskevits/Hutchison

Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Patigdas, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2018 to Friday, March 15, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Olson reported that future Executive Committee meetings were tentatively scheduled for:

- June 21 to 23, 2019;
- September 20 to 22, 2019;
- November 22 to 24, 2019; and
- March 20 to 22, 2020.

**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

**2019/03:37**      **MOTION**  
Peskevits/Falk

Be it resolved that \$2,500 be donated to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives BC Office to support the work of the Good Economy Project.

**CARRIED**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**2019/03:38**      **MOTION**  
Corrales/Wang

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

11:32 the meeting adjourned.

\* Denotes in-camera