MINUTES
For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Friday, June 21 to Sunday, June 23, 2019 • Kelowna

18:16 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Klassen. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present
Chairperson............................................................. Tanyshya Klassen
Indigenous Students’ Representative............................... Santanna Hernandez
Representative—Local 01 Members................................. Mickella Biggs
Representative—Local 06 Members................................. Abby Mitro
Representative—Local 12 Members................................. Taylor Dotto
Representative—Local 15 Members................................. Sajith Saji-Nair
Representative—Local 16 Members................................. Mandy Wan
Representative—Local 17 Members (pending re-appointment)................................. Fillette Umulisa
Representative—Local 20 Members................................. Parima Sattari
Secretary-Treasurer.................................................... Sheldon Falk

Executive Members Absent
Campaigns Coordinator ................................................ Eleanor Vannan
Representative—Local 02 Members................................. Kim Thien
Representative—Local 04 Members................................. Michelle Frechette
Representative—Local 05 Members................................. Cole Hickson
Representative—Local 10 Members................................. Joshua Ralph
Representative—Local 14 Members................................. Kari Morgan
Services Coordinator ................................................... McKenzie Hutchison
Women Students’ Representative................................ Chantelle Spicer

Executive Positions Vacant

Staff Present
Executive Director........................................................ Michael Olson
Local Staff—Local 01..................................................... Brianne Berchowitz
Local Staff—Local 06..................................................... Delaney Sullivan
Local Staff—Local 12..................................................... Sarah Furgason
Local Staff—Local 15..................................................... Carissa Wilson
Local Staff—Local 16..................................................... Sydney Sullivan
Local Staff—Local 17..................................................... Tagg Kelt
Local Staff—Local 20..................................................... Alden Chow
Organiser ..................................................................... Steven Beasley
Organiser ..................................................................... Jenelle Davies
Researcher ..................................................................... Laura Celeste

Quorum was declared to be present.

Klassen acknowledged the traditional territory of the Sylix people.

A roundtable of introductions was conducted.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Klassen provided an overview of the agenda.

2019/06:01 MOTION
Hernandez/Dotto

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davies made a series of logistical announcements.
3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION
   a. Receipt of Resignations of Members
      Klassen reported that no resignations had been received.
   b. Acceptance of New Executive Committee Members
      Klassen reported that a letter had been received from Local 5 stating that Kole Lawrence 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.

2019/06:02 MOTION
Hernandez/Mitro
Be it resolved that Kole Lawrence be accepted as the Local 5 Members’ Representative, pending receipt of an oath of office and confidentiality agreement.
CARRIED

Klassen reported that a letter had been received from Local 17 stating that Fillette Umulisa 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 1.

2019/06:03 MOTION
Dotto/Saji-Nair
Be it resolved that Fillette Umulisa be accepted as the Local 17 Members’ Representative.
CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2019/06:04 MOTION
Hernandez/Biggs
Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held March 22 to 24, 2019 be adopted.
CARRIED

2019/06:05 MOTION
Hernandez/Biggs
Be it resolved that the minutes of the teleconference meeting held June 18, 2019 be adopted.
CARRIED

5. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES PART I
   a. 35th Annual Skills Development Symposium
      Falk reported on the 35th annual Skills Development Symposium that took place May 31 to June 2 at the Delta Ocean Pointe Inn in Victoria. He directed the meeting to the Skills Development Symposium report.
      i. Review of Workshops
         Falk facilitated a review of the workshops held at the Symposium.
      ii. Review of Materials
         Falk facilitated a review of the materials used at the Symposium.
      iii. Review of Logistics (Travel, Accommodation, Meals)
         Davies facilitated a review of logistics for the Symposium
      iv. Review of Social Activities
         Falk facilitated a review of the social activities held at the Symposium
2019/06:06  MOTION
Dotto/Wan
Be it resolved that the Skills Development Symposium Report be adopted.
CARRIED

2019/06:07  MOTION
Biggs/Hernandez
Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30am on Saturday, June 22.
CARRIED

19:41  the meeting recessed.
09:38 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Falk. Attendance was as follows:

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- Chairperson: Tanysha Klassen
- Indigenous Students’ Representative: Santanna Hernandez
- Representative–Local 01 Members: Mickella Biggs
- Representative–Local 06 Members: Abby Mitro
- Representative–Local 10 Members: Joshua Ralph
- Representative–Local 12 Members: Taylor Dotto
- Representative–Local 15 Members: Sajith Saji-Nair
- Representative–Local 16 Members: Mandy Wan
- Representative–Local 17 Members: Fillette Umulisa
- Representative–Local 20 Members: Parima Sattari
- Secretary-Treasurer: Sheldon Falk

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- Campaigns Coordinator: Eleanor Vannan
- Representative–Local 02 Members: Kim Thien
- Representative–Local 04 Members: Michelle Frechette
- Representative–Local 14 Members: Kari Morgan
- Services Coordinator: McKenzie Hutchison
- Women Students’ Representative: Chantelle Spicer

**Executive Positions Vacant**
- Representative–Local 05 Members

**Staff Present**
- Executive Officer: Michael Olson
- Local Staff–Local 01: Brianne Berchowitz
- Local Staff–Local 06: Delaney Sullivan
- Local Staff–Local 10: Lori MacDonald
- Local Staff–Local 12: Sarah Furgason
- Local Staff–Local 15: Carissa Wilson
- Local Staff–Local 16: Sydney Sullivan
- Local Staff–Local 17: Tagg Kelt
- Local Staff–Local 20: Alden Chow
- Organiser: Steven Beasley
- Organiser: Jenelle Davies
- Researcher: Laura Celeste

Quorum was declared to be present.

6. REVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS
   a. 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting
      Falk reported that the 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting is scheduled for July 24 to 27, 2019 at the Coast Bastion in Nanaimo. The Executive Committee will discuss preparation for the meeting.
      i. **Roundtable of Goals**
         A roundtable of goals for the meeting was conducted.
      ii. **Update on Organising To-Date**
          Davies provided an update on organising to-date.

          Falk announced that he had been accepted into law school at UBC and isn’t able to defer his enrolment, so therefore would be stepping down from his role; hence, a by-election must be conducted at the SAGM.

          **2019/06:08 MOTION**
          Umulisa/Mitro
          Be it resolved that Organiser Davies be appointed the Chief Returning Officer for the 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting.
CARRIED

2019/06:09 MOTION
Dotto/Wan
Be it resolved that Ashkon Hashemi be recommended as the Plenary Speaker for the 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

iii. Motions for Consideration

2019/06:10 MOTION
Umulisa/Saji-Nair
Be it resolved that Section 6.a.iii be tabled until Sunday morning.

CARRIED

b. 38th Annual General Meeting
Falk reported that the 38th Annual General Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 16 to 19, 2020.

7. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

a. Presentation on Public Opinion Polling
Researcher Celeste presented on the results of the Federation’s 2018 public opinion polling.

b. 2018-19 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan
i. Central Campaigns
  Grants Not Loans
  Davies provided an update on work undertaken to develop a public-facing strategy for the campaign.
  A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.
  Knock Out Interest
  A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.
  Fund It Fix It
  Davies provided an update on work done to-date.

ii. Supporting Campaigns
  Fairness for International Students
  Celeste reported on work undertaken during the reporting period.
  A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.
  Open Textbooks Now!
  Klassen reported on the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training’s recent announcement of $3.26 million in funding for the creation of open education resources.
  A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

iii. Awareness Campaigns
  Unlearn
  Klassen reported that fans for Pride activities had arrived and would be shipped to locals in the following week.

c. General Relations with the Government and Opposition Parties
i. General Relations with the Government
  Updates were provided on relations with Government MLAs and staff.
ii. **Budget 2020 Consultations**
   A discussion was held on local presentations to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

2019/06:11  **MOTION**
Biggs/Wan
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 60 minutes.
**CARRIED**

12:39  the meeting recessed.
13:50  the meeting reconvened.

iii. **General Relations with Opposition Parties**
   Updates were provided on relations with Opposition MLAs and staff.

   d. **Other**
   A discussion on local work on the Period Promise campaign was held.

2019/06:12  **MOTION**
Hernandez/Umulisa
Be it resolved that the United Way’s Period Promise campaign be endorsed, and that the Federation sign the Period Promise Policy Agreement.
**CARRIED**

2019/06:13  **MOTION**
Hernandez/Wan
Be it resolved that Klassen be appointed the Federation’s representative on the BC Federation of Labour’s Young Workers’ Committee.
**CARRIED**

2019/06:14  **MOTION**
Umulisa/Mitro
Be it resolved that Klassen be appointed the Federation’s representative on the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition.
**CARRIED**

2019/06:15  **MOTION**
Sattari/Ralph
Be it resolved that Klassen be appointed the Federation’s representative on First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition.
**CARRIED**

2019/06:16  **MOTION**
Umulisa/Biggs
Be it resolved that the Campaigns Government Relations, and Solidarity Report be adopted.
**CARRIED**

2019/06:17  **MOTION**
Umulisa/Biggs
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for five minutes.
**CARRIED**
14:35 the meeting recessed.
14:44 the meeting reconvened.

g. Presentation of Media Report and Press Review
Klassen provided an overview of the Media Report and Press Review.

2019/06:18 MOTION
Dotto/Wan
Be it resolved that the Media Report and Press Review be adopted.
CARRIED

h. Preparation for 2019-20 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan
Olson provided an overview of the proposed 2019-20 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan.

8. MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT*

15:07 the meeting moved in-camera.
15:28 the meeting moved ex-camera.

2019/06:19 MOTION
Dotto/Hernandez
Be it resolved that the at-large directors be empowered to select a Chief Returning Officer for membership referendums in the 2019-20 year and bring a recommendation to the 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting.
CARRIED

9. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

a. Appointment of Staff Relations Officer

2019/06:20 MOTION
Sinj-Nair/Dotto
Be it resolved that Klassen be appointed the Staff Relations Officer.
CARRIED

b. Appointment of Signing Officers

2019/06:21 MOTION
Hernandez/Wan
Be it resolved that Klassen be appointed a signing officer.

2019/06:22 MOTION TO AMEND
Falk/Ralph
Be it resolved Motion 2019/06:21 be amended to include the removal of Phoebe Lo Patigdas.
CARRIED

2019/06:23 CARRIED AS AMENDED

c. Office Equipment

2019/06:24 MOTION
Ralph/Umulisa
Be it resolved that $35,000 be allocated for the purchase of a new printer/photocopier for the Federation’s office.
CARRIED
10. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES
   a. Review of 2018-19 Revenue and Expenditures
      Olson provided an overview of the 9-month actuals of the Federation’s 2018-19 revenue and expenses.
   b. Adoption of Finance Report
      2019/06:25 MOTION
      Falk/Dotto
      Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.
      CARRIED

11. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES PART II
   a. Student Discount Program
      i. Program Development
      Davies provided an update on the development of the app.
      ii. Discount Solicitation
      A roundtable was held on the progress of local discount solicitation.
   b. Members’ Handbook and Dayplanner
      Olson provided a report on preparations for the 2019-20 production.
   c. Membership Development Products
      Davies reported on the preparations for the 2019-20 production. She spoke about selection of items, quality of services provided, management of the online store, and review of service providers. She said that orders had been received from all member local unions.
      Davies reported that CUPE 4941 and Prosum Health had been offered access to the service as affiliate users of the service.
   d. Digital Services
      Ready Education Mobile App
      Davies reported on the issue at Douglas whereby Douglas College asserts that it is able to dissolve its agreement with the Students’ Union, and procure its own campus app. She said that Douglas’ understanding of the arrangement violates our understanding. She reported that as the agreement is renewed, the Federation would be working to include campus-based exclusivity as a key element.
      2019/06:26 MOTION
      Mitro/Umulisa
      Be it resolved that the user agreement with Ready Education for provision of the campus app be renewed provided the Federation is provided campus-wide exclusivity where a member local has an active app covered by the agreement.
      CARRIED
   e. Insurance Services*
      17:03 the meeting moved in-camera.
      17:10 the meeting moved ex-camera.
   f. Member Support and Wellness Services
      i. Mental Health and Wellness Program
      Klassen said that there was no report given that program development was suspended pending the conclusion of the BC government’s investigation into founding a province-wide public program.
ii. **GOeVisit**

Davies reported on the development of a partnership with GOeVisit, an online doctors office service. She said that program development had been delayed by incorrect promotional materials being provided by the program partner. She said that those materials were being fixed, and that revised materials would be sent to locals in the coming weeks.

g. **Adoption of Services Report**

2019/06:27 MOTION
Biggs/Dotto
Be it resolved that the Services Report be adopted.
**CARRIED**

2019/06:28 MOTION
Wan/Sattari
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6. REVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS
   a. 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting
      iii. Motions for Consideration

2019/06/29  MOTION
Mitro/Umulisa
Be it resolved that the proposals for amendments to Bylaw I be served to the 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting.
CARRIED

2019/06/30  MOTION
Saji-Nair/Wan
Be it resolved that the proposals for amendments to Bylaw II be served to the 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting.
CARRIED
2019/06:31 MOTION
Dotto/Ralph
Be it resolved that the proposals for amendments to Internal Affairs Policy D be served to the 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting.
CARRIED

2019/06:32 MOTION
Dotto/Mitro
Be it resolved that the proposal to adopt Internal Affairs Policy P, Candidate Search Committee as interim policy be served to the 76th Semi-Annual General Meeting.
CARRIED

2019/06:33 MOTION
Biggs/Sattari
Be it resolved that the provision of binding arbitration as a dispute resolution mechanism be investigated.
CARRIED

10:49 Organiser Beasley left the meeting.

12. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (CONT’D)
   h. Preparation for 2019-20 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan
      ii. 2019-20 Campaign Schedule
           Klassen and Davies conducted a calendar exercise with the group.

2019/06:34 MOTION
Dotto/Biggs
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for five minutes.
CARRIED

11:38 the meeting recessed.
11:51 the meeting reconvened.

13. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
   a. Report of Local Representatives

2019/06:35 MOTION
Mitro/Hernandez
Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members’ Representative Biggs, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 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.
DEFEATED

2019/06:36 MOTION
Biggs/Sattari
Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members’ Representative Thien, for the period Saturday, November 17, 2019 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.
CARRIED
Falk reported that reports were not received from the Members' Representatives from Locals 4 and 5.

2019/06:37  MOTION
Hernandez/Dotto
Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Mitro, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.
CARRIED

2019/06:38  MOTION
Mitro/Umulisa
Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Ralph, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.
CARRIED

2019/06:39  MOTION
Umulisa/Saji-Nair
Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Dotto, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.
CARRIED

Falk reported that a report was not received from the Local 13 Members' Representative.

2019/06:40  MOTION
Umulisa/Sattari
Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Morgan, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.
CARRIED

2019/06:41  MOTION
Mitro/Wan
Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Saji-Nair, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.
CARRIED

2019/06:42  MOTION
Mitro/Hernandez
Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Wan, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.
CARRIED

2019/06:43  MOTION
Saji-Nari/Wan
Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Umulisa, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.
CARRIED

2019/06:44  MOTION
Mitro/Biggs
Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Sattari, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.
CARRIED
b. Report of the Chairperson

2019/06:45  MOTION
Mitro/Umulisa

Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Klassen, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

c. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

2019/06:46  MOTION
Biggs/Sattari

Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Falk, for the period Monday, April 29 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

2019/06:47  MOTION
Dotto/Ralph

Be it resolved that the report of former Secretary-Treasurer Patigdas, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, June 14, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

14. REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Falk reported that future Executive Committee meetings were scheduled for:

- September 20 to 22, 2019
- November 22 to 24, 2019
- March 20 to 22, 2020

15. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

2019/06:48  MOTION
Saji-Nair/Wan

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

12:29  the meeting adjourned.

* Denotes in-camera