

# MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students  
Friday, September 20 to Sunday, September 22, 2019 • Richmond

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18:43 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Joyce. Attendance was as follows:

## Executive Members Present

Campaigns Coordinator .....	Eleanor Vannan
Chairperson.....	Tanysha Klassen
Indigenous Students' Representative .....	Santanna Hernandez
Representative–Local 06 Members .....	Abby Mitro
Representative–Local 10 Members .....	Joshua Ralph
Representative–Local 13 Members .....	Anouk Borris
Representative–Local 15 Members .....	Sajith Saji-Nair
Representative–Local 16 Members .....	Mandy Wan
Representative–Local 17 Members .....	Fillette Umulisa
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Brynn Joyce
Services Coordinator.....	McKenzie Hutchison
Women Students' Representative.....	Chantelle Spicer

## Executive Members Absent

Representative–Local 01 Members .....	Mickella Biggs
Representative–Local 12 Members .....	Taylor Dotto
Representative–Local 14 Members .....	Kari Morgan
Representative–Local 20 Members .....	Parima Sattari

## Executive Positions Vacant

Representative–Local 02 Members  
Representative–Local 05 Members  
Representative–Local 04 Members

## Staff Present

Executive Officer .....	Michael Olson
Local Staff–Local 04.....	Amy Barry
Local Staff–Local 06.....	Tracy Ho
Local Staff–Local 10.....	Lori MacDonald
Local Staff–Local 13.....	James Bowen
Local Staff–Local 15.....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Local Staff–Local 17.....	Michel Turcotte
Organiser .....	Steven Beasley
Organiser .....	Jenelle Davies

## Others Present

Member–Local 4 .....	Navjot Singh Brar
Member–Prospective Member Local .....	Nathaniel McCarthy

Quorum was declared to be present.

Joyce acknowledged the traditional territory of the Musqueam Peoples.

A roundtable of introductions was conducted.

## 1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Joyce provided an overview of the agenda.

2019/09:01

### MOTION

Mitro/Borris

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## 2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Davies made a series of logistical announcements.

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**3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

**a. Receipt of Resignations of Members**

Joyce reported that no resignations had been received.

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

Joyce reported that a letter had been received from Local 4 stating that Navjot Singh Brar 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.

**2019/09:02 MOTION**

Saji-Nair/Borris

Be it resolved that Navjot Singh Brar be accepted as the Local 4 Members' Representative.

**CARRIED**

Joyce reported that a letter had been received from the prospective member local Quest University Students' Association stating that Nathaniel McCarthy 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.

**2019/09:03 MOTION**

Wan/Hutchison

Be it resolved that Nathaniel McCarthy be accepted as the Quest University Students' Association Members' Representative.

**CARRIED**

**4. WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES**

A roundtable discussion was held on welcome week activities at member locals.

**5. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES**

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

Olson provided an overview of the 12-month actuals of the Federation's 2018-19 revenue and expenses.

**b. Adoption of Finance Report**

**2019/09:04 MOTION**

Umulisa/Hernandez

Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**6. REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP\***

19:24 the meeting moved in-camera.

19:39 the meeting moved ex-camera. Local 1 staff Berchowitz and member McCallum and Local 12 staff Furgason and Members' Representative Dotto entered the meeting.

**2019/09:05 MOTION**

Vannan/Umulisa

Be it resolved that voting for the certification referendum held at the Justice Institute of British Columbia take place November 12 to 14, 2019.

**CARRIED**

**2019/09:06 MOTION**  
 Mitro/Hutchison  
 Be it resolved that Election Buddy online voting software be purchased for use in the Justice Institute certification referendum.

**CARRIED**

**2019/09:07 MOTION**  
 Borris/Wan  
 Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30am on Saturday, September 21.

**CARRIED**

19:42 the meeting recessed.

09:33 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Joyce. Attendance was as follows:

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Indigenous Students' Representative .....	Santanna Hernandez
Representative–Local 04 Members .....	Navjot Singh Brar
Representative–Local 06 Members .....	Abby Mitro
Representative–Local 10 Members .....	Joshua Ralph
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Representative–Local 13 Members .....	Anouk Borris
Representative–Local 14 Members .....	Kari Morgan
Representative–Local 15 Members .....	Sajith Saji-Nair
Representative–Local 16 Members .....	Mandy Wan
Representative–Local 17 Members .....	Fillette Umulisa
Representative–Quest University Students' Association Members .....	Nathaniel McCarthey
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Brynn Joyce
Services Coordinator.....	McKenzie Hutchison
Women Students' Representative.....	Chantelle Spicer

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Local Staff–Local 15.....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff–Local 16.....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Local Staff–Local 17.....	Michel Turcotte
Organiser .....	Steven Beasley
Organiser .....	Jenelle Davies
Researcher.....	Laura Celeste

**Others Present**

Member–Local 1 .....	Lara-May McCallum
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Quorum was declared to be present.

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

**a. 2019-20 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

**i. Central Campaigns**

**Fund it. Fix it.**

A report was provided on the status of development of the campaign.

**Grants Not Loans**

A roundtable discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign, including but not limited to feedback on materials, and follow-through on data entry for ongoing communications with supporters.

**Knock Out Interest**

Klassen provided an update on endorsements and campaign implementation by non-member students' unions. They also reported on work undertaken by the BC office.

A roundtable discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign, including feedback on materials and goals for pledge signatures.

**ii. Supporting Campaigns**

**Fairness For International Students**

A discussion was held on local implementation of the campaign.

Researcher Celeste provided a report on updated statistics and numbers from the research document.

A discussion was held regarding the international student health fee charges being introduced by the provincial government.

**Open Textbooks Now!**

Klassen reported that the Federation had a seat on a BCcampus advisory board to prioritize and review open education projects.

A roundtable on local implementation of the campaign and local goals was conducted.

**2019/09:08**

**MOTION**

Mitro/Brar

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for five minutes.

**CARRIED**

10:44 the meeting recessed.

10:58 the meeting reconvened.

**Our Time is Now**

Klassen reported on the campaign launch followed by a discussion held on local implementation of the campaign, including local campaign launches, feedback on materials, and follow-through on data entry for ongoing communications with supporters.

**iii. Coalition Campaigns**

**Period Promise**

Spicer and Klassen reported on work undertaken to develop campaign materials and resources.

**Sisters in Spirit**

A roundtable took place discussing planning for Sisters In Spirit vigils on campuses and in communities, including a discussion about Orange Shirt Day.

**2019/09:09**

**MOTION**

Borris/Mitro

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for sixty minutes.

**CARRIED**

12:12 the meeting recessed.

13:21 the meeting reconvened.

**iv. Awareness Campaigns**

**Consent Culture**

A discussion ensued regarding the government's new consent campaign.

Spicer provided an update on work being undertaken by Students For Consent Culture, including "Vote With Survivors" campaign for the federal election.

**Unlearn**

A roundtable was conducted about community and campus Pride events.

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

Updates were provided on relations with Opposition MLAs and staff.

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

**2019/09:10 MOTION**

Vannan/Hernandez

Be it resolved that Brynn Joyce be appointed to be the Federation's representative on the First Call Coalition.

**CARRIED**

**2019/09:11 MOTION**

Umulisa/McCarthy

Be it resolved that Brynn Joyce be appointed to be the Federation's representative on the Health Minds | Healthy Campuses steering committee.

**CARRIED**

**d. Advocacy Week**

Joyce provided an update on organising done to-date for Advocacy Week.

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

**2019/09:12 MOTION**

Umulisa/Ralph

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

**CARRIED**

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

**2019/09:13 MOTION**

Vannan/Dotto

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

**CARRIED**

**7. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES**

**a. Student Discount Program**

**i. Program Development**

Davies reported on development and implementation of the app.

**ii. Discount Solicitation**

A discussion was held on discount solicitation plans for the coming year.

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**2019/09:14**      **MOTION**  
Vannan/McCarthy

Be it resolved that the Discount Program Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**b. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner**

Olson reported on the production of the 2019-20 handbook program.

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

**2019/09:15**      **MOTION**  
Wan/Brar

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

**CARRIED**

**2019/09:16**      **MOTION**  
Vannan/Wan

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for ten minutes.

**CARRIED**

14:50    the meeting recessed.

15:16    the meeting reconvened.

**c. Membership Development Products**

Davies reported on the 2019-20 summer order, and on preparations for the winter order.

**d. Digital Services**

**Ready Education Mobile App**

Olson reported that the bulk user agreement had been re-signed for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 year.

**e. Insurance Services**

No report was provided.

**f. Member Support and Wellness Services**

**GOeVisit**

Davies reported that revised materials had been produced and circulated to member locals.

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

**a. 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting**

The 76<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting was held July 24 to 27, 2019 at the Coast Bastion in Nanaimo. The Executive Committee assessed the Meeting, identifying areas of strength and areas that required improvement for the next general meeting.

**i. Review of Logistics**

A discussion was held about the meeting logistics.

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

A review of each workshop and session was discussed including a discussion of feedback from member locals' delegates about each session.

**iii. Review of Plenaries and Plenary sub-committees.**

A discussion was held about the meeting plenaries and plenary sub-committees.

**iv. Review of Materials**

A discussion of materials provided at the meeting was held.

**v. Review of Social Activities**

A discussion of social activities was held.

**vi. Review of Responsibility for Motions (Appendix A)**

Olson provided an overview of motions from the general meeting that directed the Executive Committee to undertake work. Discussions were held on work undertaken by member locals to implement the work as they were encouraged by the motions.

**b. Review of Federation Meeting Structures**

A discussion of meeting structures was held including the meeting purpose, plenary, sub-committees, and workshop structures.

2019/09:17

**MOTION**

Vannan/Umulisa

Be it resolved that a subcommittee be struck to review general meeting structures and report to the next Executive Committee meeting; and

be it further resolved that the committee be comprised of Klassen, Joyce, Spicer, Vannan, Hernandez, Borris, Mitro, and Hutchison.

**CARRIED**

2019/09:18

**MOTION**

Hernandez/McCarthy

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until 9:30am on Sunday, September 22.

**CARRIED**

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Local Staff–Local 15..... Carissa Wilson  
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**Others Present**

Member–Local 1 ..... Lara-May McCallum

**8. REVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS (CONT'D)**

**c. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Joyce reported that the 38th Annual General Meeting was scheduled for January 16 to 19, 2020. A report on organising to-date was provided and the meeting discussed potential workshops and sessions.

**9. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**a. Appointment of Signing Officers**

**2019/09:19 MOTION**  
Vannan/Wan

Be it resolved that Brynn Joyce be appointed as a signing officer for the Federation’s accounts.

**CARRIED**

**b. Consideration of Staffing Issues**

**2019/09:20 MOTION**  
McCarthy/Vannan

Be it resolved that Laura Celeste’s request for an 8-month leave be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2019/09:21 MOTION**  
Ralph/Wan

Be it resolved that Steven Beasley’s request for a 12-month leave be approved.

**CARRIED**

**2019/09:22 MOTION**  
Brar/Wan

Be it resolved that the Federation post for a 1-year contract of an Organiser–Services.

**CARRIED**

**c. Office Equipment**

**2019/09:23 MOTION**  
McCarthy/Hernandez

Be it resolved that \$4,000 be allocated for the purchase of a new iMac for the BC office, including required software.

**CARRIED**



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

**a. Report of Local Representatives**

**2019/09:24**      **MOTION**  
Mitro/Hutchison  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Biggs, for the period Saturday, June 15 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

Joyce reported that as there was no Local 2 Members' Representative, there was no report to review.

**2019/09:25**      **MOTION**  
Hutchison/Mitro  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Brar, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

Joyce reported that as there was no Local 5 Members' Representative, there was no report to review.

**2019/09:26**      **MOTION**  
Hernandez/Umulisa  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Mitro, for the period Saturday, June 15 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

**2019/09:27**      **MOTION**  
Brar/Mitro  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Ralph, for the period Saturday, June 15 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

**2019/09:28**      **MOTION**  
Hernandez/Wan  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Dotto, for the period Saturday, June 15 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

**2019/09:29**      **MOTION**  
Umulisa/Vannan  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Borris, for the period Saturday, March 16 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

**2019/09:30**      **MOTION**  
Vannan/McCarthy  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Morgan, for the period Saturday, June 15 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

**2019/09:31**      **MOTION**  
Mitro/Borris  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Saij-Nair, for the period Saturday, June 15 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

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**2019/09:32      MOTION**  
Borris/Brar  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Wan, for the period Saturday, June 15 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2019/09:33      MOTION**  
Wan/Dotto  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Umulisa, for the period Saturday, June 15 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Joyce reported that a report was not received from the Local 20 Members' Representative.

**2019/09:34      MOTION**  
Hutchison/Hernandez  
Be it resolved that the report of Quest University Students' Association Representative Mcarty, for the period Saturday, June 15 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**b. Report of the Chairperson**

**2019/09:35      MOTION**  
McCarthy/Brar  
Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Klassen for the period Saturday, June 15 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**2019/09:36      MOTION**  
Vannan/Wan  
Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Joyce for the period Monday, September 2 to Friday, September 13, 2019, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**11. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2019/09:37      MOTION**  
Saji-Nair/Borris  
Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held June 21 to 23, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Davies reported that upcoming Executive Committee meetings for the 2019-20 year were scheduled for November 22 to 24, 2019; March 13 to 15, 2020; and June 19 to 21, 2020. She noted that the November meeting conflicted with the schedules of several local representatives and staff so she stated that a poll would be sent out to decide a new meeting date.

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

Olson reported on negative actions of the spokespeople of the Ridesharing Now BC Coalition, including overtly partisan rhetoric and misinformation attacking the government on the decisions being made regarding ridesharing in BC. He reported that due to these actions it was unwise for the Federation to remain members of the Coalition.

The Executive Committee discussed the ongoing hotel workers strike and how to support UNITE HERE Local 40 workers during their job action.

**2019/09:38**      **MOTION**  
Hutchison/Vannan

Be it resolved that the Federation revoke its membership in the Rideshare Now BC Coalition.

**CARRIED**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**2019/09:39**      **MOTION**  
Vannan/Dotto

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

10:52    the meeting adjourned.

\* Denotes in-camera