

# MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students  
Friday, June 10 to Sunday, June 12, 2022 • Richmond

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15:22 the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chirino. Attendance was as follows:

## Executive Members Present

Campaigns Coordinator .....	Aashna Thapar
Chairperson .....	Melissa Chirino
Indigenous Students' Representative .....	Quinn Cunningham
Representative—Local 01 Members .....	Olivia Cundiff
Representative—Local 02 Members .....	Ava Ghaffari
Representative—Local 04 Members .....	Jasvir Singh
Representative—Local 06 Members .....	Mehre Dlr
Representative—Local 10 Members .....	Ishika Tripathi
Representative—Local 20 Members .....	Saad Ahmed
Representative—Local 21 Members .....	Lief Garrett
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Tashia Kootenayoo

## Executive Members Absent

Representative—Local 12 Members .....	Cade Desjarlais
Representative—Local 14 Members .....	Jaahljuu
Representative—Local 15 Members .....	Alex McColm
Representative—Local 16 Members .....	Dilara Ors
Representative—Local 17 Members .....	Jessie Niikoi
Representative—Local 22 Members .....	Isobel Casey
Services Coordinator .....	Jennifer Gullins
Women Students' Representative .....	Puneet Kaur

## Executive Members Vacant

Representative—Local 05 Members  
Representative—Local 13 Members

## Staff Present

Director-Operations .....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Local Staff—Local 01 .....	Megan Potter
Local Staff—Local 02 .....	Jesse White
Local Staff—Local 04 .....	Amy Barry
Local Staff—Local 05 .....	Nathan Lane
Local Staff—Local 06 .....	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff—Local 06 .....	Genessa Yan
Local Staff—Local 10 .....	Lori MacDonald
Local Staff—Local 12 .....	Rachel Fortin
Local Staff—Local 15 .....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff—Local 16 .....	Sydney Sullivan
Local Staff—Local 21 .....	Alex Nguyen
Organiser .....	Jenelle Davies
Organiser—Services .....	Jill Adams
Researcher .....	Arielle Reid

## Guests

Observer-Local 5 .....	Azul-Sky Hernandez-Billy
Observer-Local 12 .....	Dhruv Bihani
Observer-Local 13 .....	Cole Reinbold
Observer-Local 14 .....	Lily Trimmer
Observer-Local 15 .....	Vincent Michaud
Observer-Local 16 .....	Gabriel Sarnoh
Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer .....	Michael Gauld
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Chirino acknowledged that they were chairing the meeting on the traditional unceded territories of the Katzie, Tsawwassen, Kwantlen, and Musqueam, and asked that participants think about and acknowledge the Nation on whose territory they work and live.

### **1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**2022/06:01 MOTION**

Tripathi/Cundiff

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/06:02 MOTION**

Garrett/Dlir

Be it resolved that the guests present be granted speaking rights for the remainder of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

### **2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Patigdas provided an overview of the hotel and meeting logistics to ensure effective participation by participants.

### **3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

**a. Receipt of Resignations of Members**

Chirino reported that no resignations had been received.

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

Chirino reported that the Executive Committee is in receipt of three appointments.

**2022/06:03 MOTION**

Thapar/Ghaffari

Be it resolved that Azul-Sky Hernandez-Billy be accepted as the Local 05 Members' Representative.

**CARRIED**

**2022/06:04 MOTION**

Dlir/Cundiff

Be it resolved that Ishika Tripathi be accepted as the Local 10 Members' Representative.

**CARRIED**

**2022/06:05 MOTION**

Hernandez-Billy/Ghaffari

Be it resolved that Cole Reinbold be accepted as the Local 13 Members' Representative.

**CARRIED**

### **4. ORIENTATION**

**a. Executive Committee Overview**

Chirino and Kootenayoo provided an overview of the role of the Executive Committee. This served as an introduction for new representatives and a refresher for returning representatives on what they can expect from their role.

**b. Icebreaker**

Local 5 staff person Lane facilitated an ice breaker activity.

**2022/06:06 MOTION TO RECESS**

Garrett/Ghaffari

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for ten minutes.

**CARRIED**

17:12 the meeting recessed.

17:22 the meeting reconvened.

**5. PREPARATIONS FOR FUNDING REVIEW DIALOGUE (2 HOURS)**

The group had a discussion on how the consultation taking place on the following day will occur and highlighted relevant topics and concerns.

17:12 BCIT Guest Stewart McGillivray arrived

**2022/06:07 MOTION**

Hernandez-Billy/Cundiff

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

**CARRIED**

19:25 the meeting recessed.

10:00 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Kootenayoo. Attendance was as follows:

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Chairperson .....	Melissa Chirino
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Representative–Local 04 Members .....	Jasvir Singh
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Organiser–Services .....Jill Adams  
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BCIT Students' Association .....Nolan Nordwall  
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Observer-Local 15 .....Vincent Michaud  
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UFV Students' Union Society.....Ashley McDougall

## 6. PREPARATION FOR THE 2022-23 CAMPAIGN AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS PLAN

Organiser Davies provided an overview of the proposed 2022-23 campaign and government relations plan. The Executive discussed the Federation's role, the role of Locals in relation to each campaign, and Locals provided feedback on the draft plan.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

Kootenayoo provided an overview of the Media Report and Press Review.

### 2022/06:08 MOTION

Garrett/Gullins

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

**CARRIED**

## 8. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES

### a. Review of 2021-22 Revenue and Expenditures

Davies provided an overview of the 9-month actuals of the Federation's 2021-22 revenue and expenses.

### b. Adoption of Finance Report

### 2022/06:09 MOTION

Garrett/Dlir

Be it resolved that Finance report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### 2022/06:10 MOTION

Dlir/Hernandez-Billy

Be it resolved that \$10,000 is allocated to purchase three new computers for the Federation office.

**CARRIED**

### 2022/06:11 MOTION

Ghaffari/Garrett

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for lunch.

**CARRIED**

12:07 the meeting recessed

13:02 the meeting reconvened

**9. DIALOGUE: POST-SECONDARY FUNDING REVIEW**

Members of the Funding Review Committee, Don Wright and Rachael Franklin, provided an introduction on the goals of the Funding Review Committee and the process of the review and consultations.

The group had a dialogue on each of the five questions forwarded by the committee in small groups of five. These questions were as follows:

- How does the Post-Secondary Education (PSE) system contribute to the economic, social, and physical well-being of the province as a whole? In your opinion, what are the most significant contributions?
- What change to the post-secondary system would improve the contribution it makes to the economic, social, and physical well-being of the province as a whole?
- What current technological, social-economic, or demographic trends do you see that directly impact PSE in BC? Which do you believe are key trends that will impact the PSE in the next 30 years?
- How could the PSE system change respond adequately to these trends?
- What modifications to the funding formula would you recommend considering the above?

The dialogue was followed by a brief question and answer session with Wright and Franklin.

**2022/06:12 MOTION**  
Garrett/Ghaffari

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for ten minutes.

**CARRIED**

15:13 the meeting recessed

15:24 the meeting reconvened

**10. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS****a. 2021-22 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan****i. Central Campaigns****Fund it. Fix it.**

Chirino provided an update on the campaign ad buys and on the presentation of the campaign to the Vancouver District Labour Council (VDLC), as well as future presentations to different coalition partners.

**ii. Supporting Campaigns****Get out the Vote**

Davies provided an overview of the campaign materials for the upcoming municipal elections.

**Trades Work for all of us**

Chirino provided an update on the campaign ad buys, and Locals discussed membership engagement with trades students on their campuses.

**Open Textbooks Now!**

Chirino reported on the participation in the Instagram takeover with BC Campus. Locals reported on the implementation of this campaign on their campuses.

**iii. Coalition Campaigns****Period Promise**

Locals reported on the implementation of this campaign on their campuses.

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### **Let's Get Consensual**

Chirino reported on recent meetings with the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) and Anti-Violence Project, and the status of campaign materials. Chirino also shared that a survey created by the UVSS will be circulated to inform the campaign's evolution and support needed for Local implementation of this campaign on their campuses.

#### **b. General Relations with Governments and Opposition Parties**

##### **i. Relations with the Provincial Government**

Davies provided an overview of the Funding Review, background information and relevant timelines. Davies reminded the group that the written submission is due on July 15, and encouraged locals to seek collaboration opportunities between member locals. Davies also provided an update on the Digital Literacy Working group.

Chirino provided an update on the International Students consultation process that she took part in.

##### **ii. Relations with the Federal Government**

Davies provided an update on Bill C-216 and the Vote on Campus working groups.

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

##### **i. General Relations with Coalition Partners**

The outgoing Secretary-Treasurer provided an update on the work of the TRAC Board during the reporting period.

##### **ii. Extra-Provincial Students' Union Relations**

Davies provided an overview of the virtual Lobby Month undertaken with the Federal Student Advocacy Alliance (FSAA) and British Columbia Institute of Technology Students' Association (BCITSA).

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

**2022/06:13 MOTION**

Gullins/Cundiff

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

**CARRIED**

## **11. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

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

**2022/06:14 MOTION**

Gullins/Niikoi

Be it resolved that meeting move in camera with staff and guests present.

**CARRIED**

15:40 the meeting moved in-camera.

#### **b. Legal Affairs\***

16:04 the meeting moved ex-camera.

**2022/06:15 MOTION**

Dlir/Ghaffari

Be it resolved that the hiring of Dana Kessler for the temporary position of services contracts negotiator be ratified.

**CARRIED**

#### **c. Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Davies provided an update on JEDI work tasked to the Federation by the Executive Committee.

**d. Policy Working Group**

Kootenayoo provided an update about the Federation's intention to review and update its Issues Policy.

**2022/06:16 MOTION**

Kaur/Ghaffari

Be it resolved that a Policy Working group be struck with Kootenayoo, Garrett, Trimmer, Wilson, Potter, Thapar, and Dlr as members, with additional members being able to join throughout the process.

**CARRIED****2022/06:17 MOTION**

Garrett/Ghaffari

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

**CARRIED**

16:29 the meeting recessed.

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## 12. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### a. Report of Local Representatives

- 2022/06:18 MOTION**  
Reinbold/Gullins  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Cundiff, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2022/06:19 MOTION**  
Niikoi/Singh  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members' Representative Ghaffari, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2022/06:20 MOTION**  
Kaur/Hernandez-Billy  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2022/06:21 MOTION**  
Ghaffari/Dlir  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 5 Members' Representative Hernandez-Billy, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2022/06:22 MOTION**  
Cundiff/Tripathi  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Dlir, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2022/06:23 MOTION**  
Kaur/Thapar  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Tripathi, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 2022/06:24 MOTION**  
Hernandez-Billy/Niikoi  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Desjarlais, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.  
**CARRIED**



**2022/06:25      MOTION**  
Hernandez-Billy/Singh  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Reinbold, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/06:26      MOTION**  
Dlir/Garrett  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Jaahljuu, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/06:27      MOTION**  
Thapar/Ghaffari  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative McColm, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/06:28      MOTION**  
Tripathi/Cundiff  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Ors, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/06:29      MOTION**  
Gullins/Reinbold  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Niikoi, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/06:30      MOTION**  
Ghaffari/Niikoi  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 21 Members' Representative Garrett, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**b. Report of the Chairperson**

**2022/06:31      MOTION**  
Garrett/Hernandez-Billy  
Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Chirino, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**2022/06:32      MOTION**  
Kaur/Cundiff  
Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Kootenayoo, for the period Saturday, March 5, 2022 to Friday, June 3, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**13. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES**

**a. Student Discount Program**

Adams provided an update on the application development and the 2022-23 discount renewals and solicitations.

**2022/06:33      MOTION**  
Singh/Garrett

Be it resolved that the Student Discount Program report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**b. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner**

Adams reported on the completion of 2022-23 handbook production and notified the Executive that the project timelines are on track for delivery as expected ahead of the first week of September.

**2022/06:34      MOTION**  
Gullins/Ghaffari

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

**CARRIED**

**c. Membership Development Products**

Adams reported that the Federation's online bulk purchase store is now open for summer orders. Reminders for ordering and artwork submission deadlines were highlighted.

**2022/06:35      MOTION**  
Kaur/Thapar

Be it resolved that the Membership Development Products report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**d. Insurance Services\***

Adams provided an update on the 2022-23 renewals for the BC Student Health Consortium member locals.

**2022/06:36      MOTION**  
Garrett/Reinbold

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for lunch.

**CARRIED**

11:48    the meeting recessed

12:02    the meeting reconvened

**e. Skills Development Symposium**

Patigdas reported on the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Skills Development Symposium. Logistical feedback, costs of the symposium, and session feedback received was highlighted, with a proposal for improvements for future Symposium.

Patigdas reported on the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Skills Development Symposium planning to date and that Loon Lake Lodge Resort has been secured as a location.

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

**a. 82nd Semi-Annual General Meeting**

**i. Review of Logistics and Organising To-Date**

Patigdas reported that the 82<sup>nd</sup> Semi-Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14 to Sunday, July 17, 2022, in Richmond. The group was reminded about the deadline for registration is on June 16 at 5 pm, and member locals are encouraged to submit registration forms as soon as possible.

**ii. Selection of Plenary Chair**

**2022/06:37**

**MOTION**

Gullins/Tripathi

Be it resolved that Ashkon Hashemi be appointed as the plenary chair.

**CARRIED**

**iii. Discussion of Guest Speakers, Sessions and Workshops**

Davies provided a report on the theme and speakers invited so far.

**iv. Motions for Consideration**

Davies provided a report on the motion deadlines.

**15. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2022/06:38**

**MOTION**

Kaur/Cundiff

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held March 11-13, 2022 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

Patigdas reported that the upcoming Executive Committee meetings would be held:

- July 14, 2022
- September 23 to 25, 2022
- December 2 to 4, 2022
- March 17 to 19, 2023
- June 9 to 11, 2023

**17. OTHER BUSINESS**

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

**2022/06:39**

**MOTION**

Singh/Niikoi

Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

12:53 the meeting adjourned.

\* Denotes in-camera