

# DRAFT MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students  
Friday, December 2 to Sunday, December 4, 2022 • Richmond

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18:06 the meeting was called to order by Services Coordinator Gullins. Attendance was as follows:

## Executive Members Present

Chairperson.....	Melissa Chirino
Indigenous Students' Representative .....	Quinn Cunningham
Representative—Local 01 Members .....	vacant
Representative—Local 04 Members .....	Jasvir Singh
Representative—Local 06 Members .....	Mehre Dllr
Representative—Local 10 Members .....	Ishika Tripathi
Representative—Local 13 Members .....	Cole Reinbold
Representative—Local 14 Members .....	vacant
Representative—Local 15 Members .....	Alex McColm
Representative—Local 16 Members .....	vacant
Representative—Local 17 Members .....	Jessie Niikoi
Representative—Local 21 Members .....	vacant
Representative—Local 22 Members .....	Syrine Gamra
Services Coordinator.....	Jennifer Gullins
Women Students' Representative.....	Puneet Kaur

## Executive Members Absent

Campaigns Coordinator .....	Aashna Thapar
Representative—Local 02 Members .....	Ava Ghaffari
Representative—Local 05 Members .....	Azul-Sky Billy
Representative—Local 12 Members .....	Cade Desjarlais
Representative—Local 20 Members .....	Saad Ahmed
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Tashia Kootenayou

## Staff Present

Director-Operations.....	Phoebe Lo Patigdas
Local Staff—Local 01.....	Brianne Berchowitz
Local Staff—Local 02.....	Navjot Singh Brar
Local Staff—Local 04.....	Damon Robinson
Local Staff—Local 06.....	Michael Gauld
Local Staff—Local 12.....	Rachel Fortin
Local Staff—Local 13.....	James Bowen
Local Staff—Local 15.....	Carissa Wilson
Local Staff—Local 16.....	Brynn Joyce
Local Staff—Local 17.....	Christine Desrochers
Local Staff—Local 21.....	Ba Thach Thao Nguyen
Organiser—Services.....	Jill Adams
Researcher.....	Arielle Reid

## Guests

Observer-Local 1.....	Maxine Cristobal
Observer-Local 2.....	Gagan Singh
Observer-Local 12.....	Lindsay McGrail
Observer-Local 14.....	Lily Trimmer
Observer-Local 16.....	Airan Sahagun
Observer-Local 21.....	Khushali Vyes
Observer-Local 22.....	Alyzea Merchant

Gullins 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.

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

**2022/12:01      MOTION**  
Kaur/J Singh  
Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

### **2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Patigdas provided an overview of the hotel and meeting logistics in order to ensure participants could effectively participate in the meeting.

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

#### **a. Receipt of Resignations of Members**

Chirino reported that the Executive Committee is in receipt of one resignation.

**2022/12:02      MOTION**  
Dlir/Tripathi  
Be it resolved that the resignation of Secretary-Treasurer Kootenayoo be accepted.  
**CARRIED**

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

Gullins reported that the Executive Committee is in receipt of five appointments.

**2022/12:03      MOTION**  
Gamra/Niikoi  
Be it resolved that Maxine Cristobal be accepted as the Local 1 Members' Representative.  
**CARRIED**

**2022/12:04      MOTION**  
McColm/Tripathi  
Be it resolved that Gagan Singh be accepted as the Local 2 Members' Representative.  
**CARRIED**

**2022/12:05      MOTION**  
McColm/Niikoi  
Be it resolved that Lily Trimmer be accepted as the Local 14 Members' Representative.  
**CARRIED**

**2022/12:06      MOTION**  
Cunningham/G Singh  
Be it resolved that Airan Sahagun be accepted as the Local 16 Members' Representative.  
**CARRIED**

**2022/12:07      MOTION**  
Kaur/Dlir  
Be it resolved that Lief Garret be accepted as the Local 21 Members' Representative.  
**CARRIED**

**2022/12:08      MOTION**  
Trimmer/Kaur  
Be it resolved that observers present be granted speaking rights.  
**CARRIED**

**4. HIGHLIGHTS, LOWLIGHTS: BACK TO CAMPUS**

A roundtable discussion was held on the remainder of the Fall semester, including the Local's highlights, what went well, and low lights, what could be improved.

18:49 Campaigns Coordinator Thapar joined the meeting.

**5. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

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

18:54 the meeting moved in-camera.

19:05 the meeting moved ex-camera.

**2022/12:09 MOTION**

Trimmer/McColm

Be it resolved that the provincial office be authorized to develop a Director-Outreach position on a one-year term and upon approval of the union, conduct the hiring in January 2023.

**CARRIED**

**b. Local Staff Development**

Patigdas provided an update on upcoming opportunities for Local staff development, including Netroots, and a roundtable discussion was held to identify what areas Locals see as areas of opportunity for staff development.

**2022/12:10 MOTION**

Cunningham/Gamra

Be it resolved that up to \$5,000 be allocated to offer a subsidy for in-need Locals to attend Netroots.

**CARRIED**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Chirino provided a report on media gained during the reporting period.

**2022/12:11 MOTION**

J Singh/Thapar

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

**CARRIED**

**2022/12:12 MOTION**

Niikoi/Dlir

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

**CARRIED**

19:34 the meeting recessed.

10:06 the meeting was called to order by Campaigns Coordinator Thapar. Attendance was as follows:

**Executive Members Present**

Campaigns Coordinator .....	Aashna Thapar
Chairperson.....	Melissa Chirino
Indigenous Students' Representative .....	Quinn Cunningham
Representative—Local 01 Members .....	Maxine Cristobal
Representative—Local 02 Members .....	Gagan Singh
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Representative–Local 13 Members .....	Cole Reinbold
Representative–Local 14 Members .....	Lily Trimmer
Representative–Local 15 Members .....	Alex McColm
Representative–Local 16 Members .....	Airan Sahagun
Representative–Local 17 Members .....	Jessie Niikoi
Representative–Local 22 Members .....	Syrine Gamra
Secretary–Treasurer .....	vacant
Services Coordinator.....	Jennifer Gullins
Women Students’ Representative.....	Puneet Kaur

### Executive Members Absent

Representative–Local 05 Members .....	Azul-Sky Billy
Representative–Local 12 Members .....	Cade Desjarlais
Representative–Local 20 Members .....	Saad Ahmed
Representative–Local 21 Members .....	Lief Garrett

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Organiser .....	Jenelle Davies
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## 7. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

### a. Campaign Victory: Knock Out Interest

Chirino reviewed the recent Knock Out Interest campaign victory – the elimination of interest on federal student loans – and a round table discussion was held on lessons learnt as well as what Locals have done or plan to do to celebrate the victory.

### b. 2022-24 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan

#### i. Central Campaigns

##### Fund it, Fix it.

Chirino provided an update on the campaign and the need to increase pressure on the government regarding the immediate need for additional funding for the province’s post-secondary system. She reported that it is timely with the upcoming provincial budget and the new Premier taking office.

The Executive Committee brainstormed ways in which they could highlight this campaign and which coalition partners they could reach out to for letters of support.

10:14 Local Staff Lori MacDonald joined the meeting.

##### Grants Not Loans

The Executive Committee brainstormed ways in which they could raise awareness among their membership of this lobby ask, as well as creative campaign outreach strategies.

**ii. Supporting Campaigns**

**Fairness For International Students**

A discussion was held on proposed international tuition fee increases across the province. The Executive Committee strategized different ways to approach the Board of Governors to stop these increases and campaign tactics that could be used in a provincewide campaign push.

**Get Out the Vote**

Locals shared an overview of events, activities and membership outreach on campuses to raise awareness about the municipal elections.

**iii. Coalition Campaigns**

**Moose Hide Campaign**

Thapar shared that the Moose Hide campaign day is scheduled for May 11, 2023 and Locals were reminded to order supplies and make campaign arrangements in advance.

**Period Promise**

A discussion was held on the implementation of the campaign on campuses.

**Access BC**

A discussion was held on implementation of the campaign on campuses.

**2022/12:13**

**MOTION**

Tripathi/Reinbold

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for an hour and a half.

**CARRIED**

12:10 the meeting recessed.

13:50 the meeting resumed.

**c. General Relations with the Government and Opposition Parties**

**i. General Relations with the Government**

Patigdas reported on the meetings held with MLAs during this year's Lobby Week, as well as the Lobby Document asks. A discussion was held to receive feedback from Locals about their experience at Lobby Week.

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

Chirino reported that the Federation has been invited to participate in federal lobby meetings with the BCITSA and that she is planning to attend.

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

**i. General Relations with Coalition Partners**

Chirino reported on attending the BC Federation of Labour's convention; Chirino was invited to provide greetings to meeting delegates.

Patigdas reported on the BC Health Coalition's AGM which she attended on November 30. At the AGM she successfully ran for a Community Organisation seat in the coalition's steering committee. Patigdas also reported on the coalition's harm reduction policy and recent work.

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

Chirino reported that ASEC is undergoing some structural changes and that the Federation is continuing to stay in contact as they reposition and will continue to identify areas for collaboration.

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

**2022/12:14**

**MOTION**

Trimmer/Tripathi

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

**CARRIED**

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### **8. LOOKING FORWARD: SPRING 2023**

A roundtable discussion was held about lessons learned this semester and Local's plans for the following semester, including a focused reflection on board member engagement, membership outreach and affordability issues.

#### **2022/12:15 MOTION**

Cristobal/Thapar

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for ten minutes.

#### **CARRIED**

15:20 the meeting recessed.

15:35 the meeting resumed.

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

#### **a. 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Patigdas stated that the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for January 19 to 22, 2023 in Richmond.

##### **i. Review of Meeting Logistics**

Patigdas reported on the logistics for the upcoming meeting.

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

Chirino provided a brief update on the sessions and planned activities. Chirino also reported that the Federation is interested in inviting non-member students' unions to the AGM to participate as observers.

#### **2022/12:16 MOTION**

Niikoi/McColm

Be it resolved that the Chairperson approach BCIT Student Association, Northern Undergraduate Student Society, Simon Fraser Student Society, University of Fraser Valley Students' Union Society, UBC AMS and University of Victoria Students' Society to invite them to participate in the 41<sup>st</sup> AGM as observers.

#### **CARRIED**

##### **iii. Motions for Consideration**

The Executive Committee discussed the proposed changes to the Executive Committee structure to include Members at Large.

#### **2022/12:17 MOTION**

Trimmer/Kaur

Be it resolved that motion N01 be referred to the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting's opening plenary for consideration.

#### **CARRIED**

##### **iv. Elections Protocols**

Patigdas provided an overview of the upcoming elections processes, being held at the 41<sup>st</sup> AGM. Patigdas also reported on the function of the Search Committee and that Quinn Cunningham has resigned from the committee. She recommended that the Executive Committee appoint another member to the Search Committee to fill the vacancy.

#### **2022/12:18 MOTION**

Reinbold/Dlir

Be it resolved that Cairssa Wilson be appointed to the Search Committee.

#### **CARRIED**

**10. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES**

**a. Review of 2022-23 Revenue and Expenditures**

Patigdas provided an overview of the 3-month actuals of the Federation's 2022-23 revenue and expenses.

**b. Adoption of Finance Report**

**2022/12:19 MOTION**

Kaur/Dlir

Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

The Executive Committee agreed to move the Review of Federation Services to December 3 for consideration of time.

**11. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES**

**a. Student Discount Program**

**Discount Solicitation**

Adams provided a report on the digital ad campaign and giveaway held to promote the Deals App during the reporting period. A discussion was held regarding local promotions of the service.

**2022/12:20 MOTION**

Cunningham/Reinbold

Be it resolved that the Discount Program Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**b. Membership Development Products**

Adams reported on the 2022-23 winter order. A roundtable discussion was held to provide feedback about the membership development product service.

**2022/12:21 MOTION**

Dlir/Trimmer

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

**CARRIED**

**c. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner**

Adams reported on the production of the 2023-24 service. A roundtable discussion was conducted to provide feedback about the handbooks.

**2022/12:22 MOTION**

J Singh/Thapar

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

**CARRIED**

**d. Digital Services**

**Ready Education Mobile App**

Adams provided a brief update about Local's Ready Education campus app agreements. The Federation will be connecting with participating Locals to send renewed agreements following the meeting.

**2022/12:23 MOTION**

Kaur/Sahagun

Be it resolved that the Digital Services Report be adopted.

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### e. Insurance Services\*

16:32 the meeting moved in-camera.

16:34 the meeting moved ex-camera.

#### 2022/12:24 MOTION

Cristobal/Reinbold

Be it resolved that the Membership Support and Wellness Report be adopted.

#### CARRIED

### f. Skills Development Symposium

Patigdas reported on the organising to date for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Skills Development Symposium.

#### 2022/12:25 MOTION

Thapar/Dlir

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

#### CARRIED

16:46 the meeting recessed.

10:09 the meeting was called to order by Indigenous Students' Representative Cunningham. Attendance was as follows:

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**12. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS****a. Report of Local Representatives****2022/12:26 MOTION**

Dlir/Trimmer

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Cristobal, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED****2022/12:27 MOTION**

Niikkoi/Reinbold

Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED****2022/12:28 MOTION**

Thapar/Tripathi

Be it resolved that the report of Local 5 Members' Representative Hernandez-Billy, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED****2022/12:29 MOTION**

Kaur/Niikkoi

Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Dlir, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED****2022/12:30 MOTION**

J Singh/Trimmer

Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Desjarlais, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED****2022/12:31 MOTION**

Kaur/Thapar

Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Reinbold, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED****2022/12:32 MOTION**

Dlir/Niikkoi

Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Trimmer, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

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**2022/12:33      MOTION**  
Dlir/Trimmer  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative McColm, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/12:34      MOTION**  
J Singh/Tripathi  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Sahagun, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/12:35      MOTION**  
Kaur/Thapar  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Niikoi, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/12:36      MOTION**  
Dlir/Trimmer  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Ahmed, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/12:37      MOTION**  
Trimmer/Tripathi  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 21 Members' Representative Garrett, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2022/12:38      MOTION**  
Trimmer/Reinbold  
Be it resolved that the report of Local 22 Members' Representative Gamra, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**b. Report of the Chairperson**

**2022/12:39      MOTION**  
J Singh/Dlir  
Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Chirino, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**2022/12:40      MOTION**  
Kaur/McColm  
Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Kootenayoo, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, November 25, 2022, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**13. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**2022/12:41**      **MOTION**  
Dlir/Niikoi

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held September 23 to 25, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**14. COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

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

- March 17 to 19 2023
- June 9 to 11 2023

**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**2022/12:42**      **MOTION**  
Trimmer/J Singh

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

11:14    the meeting adjourned.

\* Denotes in-camera