

# MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students  
Friday, March 17 to Sunday, March 19, 2023 • Richmond

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17:37 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Cunningham. Attendance was as follows:

## Executive Members Present

Campaigns Coordinator .....	Aashna Thapar
Indigenous Students' Representative .....	vacant
Representative-Local 01 Members .....	Maxine Cristobal
Representative-Local 02 Members .....	Gagan Deep Singh
Representative-Local 05 Members .....	Azul-Sky Billy
Representative-Local 06 Members .....	Mehre Dhir
Representative-Local 13 Members .....	Cole Reinbold
Representative-Local 15 Members .....	Alex McColm
Representative-Local 16 Members .....	Airan Sahagun
Representative-Local 21 Members .....	Lief Garrett
Secretary-Treasurer .....	Quinn Cunningham
Women Students' Representative.....	Puneet Kaur

## Executive Members Absent

Chairperson.....	Melissa Chirino
Representative-Local 04 Members .....	Jasvir Singh
Representative-Local 10 Members .....	Ishika Tripathi
Representative-Local 12 Members .....	Cade Desjarlais
Representative-Local 14 Members .....	Lily Trimmer
Representative-Local 17 Members .....	Jessie Niikoi
Representative-Local 20 Members .....	Saad Ahmed
Representative-Local 22 Members .....	Syrine Gamra
Services Coordinator.....	Jennifer Gullins

## Staff Present

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Researcher.....	Arielle Reid

## Guests

Observer-Local 22.....	Alyzea Merchant
Observer-Local 6.....	Douglas Treloar

Cunningham 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

2023/03:01

### MOTION

Dhir/McColm

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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### **2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Adams 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**

Cunningham reported that the Executive Committee is not in receipt of any resignations.

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

Cunningham reported that the Executive Committee is not in receipt of any appointments.

#### **2023/03:02 MOTION**

Kaur/Garrett

Be it resolved that guests present be granted speaking rights.

**CARRIED**

17:43 Representative—Local 22 Member Gamra and Local 22 observer joined the meeting

### **4. PRESENTATION: CURRENT STATE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Davies presented on the current political landscape of the provincial government, which included a analysis of the new Premier, changes to the Cabinet, as well as the changes to the Minister of Post Secondary Education and Future Skills' mandate letter that will impact our campaigns work and government relations strategy.

18:26 Representative—Local 17 Member Niikoi joined the meeting

### **5. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES**

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

Davies provided an overview of the 6-month actuals of the Federation's 2022-23 revenue and expenses.

#### **b. Appointment of Signing Officer**

#### **2023/03:03 MOTION**

Billy/Gamra

Be it resolved that Jessie Niikoi be appointed as a signing officer.

**CARRIED**

#### **c. Adoption of Finance Report**

#### **2023/03:04 MOTION**

Dlir/Reinbold

Be it resolved that the Finance report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

**2023/03:05**     **MOTION**  
McColm/Kaur

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

**CARRIED**

**2023/03:06**     **MOTION**  
Niikoi/Thapar

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

**CARRIED**

19:45    the meeting recessed.

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

**a. 2022-24 Campaigns and Government Relations Plan**

**i. Central Campaigns**

**Fund it, Fix it.**

Chirino provided an update on the campaign. This update included the need to increase pressure on the government for additional funding to the province's post-secondary system.

The Executive Committee discussed the need for increased outreach to community groups to endorse the campaign.

**Grants Not Loans**

Davies provided an update on the recent Federal lobbying efforts to maintain the COVID-19 investments in the Canada Student Grants program. She also provided recommendations on work that can be done to advance the goals of this campaign.

**ii. Supporting Campaigns**

**Fairness For International Students**

Davies and Reid informed the executive of the Federation's ongoing efforts to update the Fairness For International Students research document, including providing an overview of the new themes and the change in tone of future lobbying efforts.

10:58 Services Coordinator Gullins joined the meeting

**Trades Work for All of Us**

Locals discussed on-campus efforts to engage with Trades students.

**Open Textbooks Now!**

Locals discussed on-campus promotion of Open Textbook Now! and OER undertaken during Open Education Week.

**iii. Coalition Campaigns**

**Moose Hide Campaign**

Chirino shared that the Moose Hide campaign day is scheduled for May 11, 2023. She reminded Locals to order supplies and make campaigns arrangements in advance. Locals shared current planning efforts to date.

**Period Promise**

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

**Access BC**

A discussion was held on the BC's 2023 Budget announcement that contraceptives would be provided at no cost for BC residents beginning in April. Locals were reminded to ensure this change in coverage is reflected in their future health and dental plan renewals.

**2023/03:07 MOTION**

Garrett/Tripathi

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

**CARRIED**

12:03 the meeting recessed.

13:30 the meeting resumed.

**iv. Local Campaign Updates**

Chirino reported on efforts to meet with the Let's Get Consensual campaign organisers. The Executive Committee discussed on-campus implementation of the campaign and additional support needed to effectively run the campaign.

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

Davies provided an overview and analysis of the Minister of Post Secondary Education and Future Skills' mandate letter, as well as what was in the 2023 BC Budget announcement.

The Executive Committee discussed strategies for approaching future government relations and lobbying efforts.

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

Chirino reported on Federal Lobby meetings held in December as part of the BCITSA's Federal Lobby Week.

**c. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work****i. General Relations with Coalition Partners**

Chirino reported on the work of the BCFED Young Workers' Committee during the reporting period, including preparations for the Young Workers Camp being held in September.

Chirino reported on the sessions she and Davies attended at the Broadbent Institute's Progress Summit.

Chirino reported on the work of the BC Health Coalition during the reporting period.

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

2023/03:08

**MOTION**

Sahagun/Niikoi

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

**CARRIED****8. 2023-24 CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT**

The Executive Committee formed breakout groups to develop priorities for the next iteration of the Advocacy plan. Each group shared their ideas as a collective to identify common themes and differences.

**9. REVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE FEDERATION MEETINGS****a. 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Adams stated that the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting was held from January 19 to 22, 2023 in Richmond. The Executive Committee shared feedback, including Local highlights and lowlights, to be considered when planning future meetings.

**i. Review of Sessions and Guest Speakers****ii. Review of Motions****iii. Review of Local Delegation Experiences**

2023/03:09

**MOTION**

Billy/Singh

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

**CARRIED**

16:38 the meeting recessed.

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## 10. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

### a. Review of Legal Affairs\*

10:01 the meeting moved in-camera.

10:04 Women Students' Representative Kaur joined the meeting.

### b. Consideration of Staffing Issues

10:11 the meeting moved ex-camera.

## 11. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### a. Report of Local Representatives

2023/03:10 MOTION  
Gullins/Dliir

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Cristobal, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

10:12 Local 15 Staff Wilson joined the meeting.

**2023/03:11 MOTION**  
McColm/Niikoi

Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2023/03:12 MOTION**  
Thapar/Tripathi

Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Local 5 Members' Representative Billy, provided a verbal update on the Local's work during the reporting period.

**2023/03:13 MOTION**  
Reinbold/Thapar

Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Dhir, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2023/03:14 MOTION**  
Cristobal/Singh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Tripathi, for the period Saturday, September 17, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2023/03:15 MOTION**  
Reinbold/Sahagun

Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Desjarlais, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2023/03:16 MOTION**  
Billy/Niikoi

Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Reinbold, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**2023/03:17 MOTION**  
Singh/Garrett

Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Trimmer, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

10:52 Local 5 Staff Lane and Local 5 Members' Representative Billy left the meeting.

**2023/03:18 MOTION**  
Cunningham/Cristobal

Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative McColm, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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**2023/03:19**

### **MOTION**

Thapar/Singh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Sahagun, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

10:57 Local 17 Staff Glover joined the meeting.

**2023/03:20**

### **MOTION**

Reinbold/Gullins

Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Niikoi, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

**2023/03:21**

### **MOTION**

Gagan/Kaur

Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Ahmed, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

**2023/03:22**

### **MOTION**

Gullins/Cunningham

Be it resolved that the report of Local 21 Members' Representative Garrett, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

#### **b. Report of the Chairperson**

**2023/03:23**

### **MOTION**

Cunningham/Dlir

Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Chirino, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

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

**2023/03:24**

### **MOTION**

Reinbold/Tripathi

Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Cunningham, for the period Saturday, November 26, 2022 to Friday, March 10, 2023, be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

## **12. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES**

### **a. Skills Development Symposium**

Davies provided a report on the organizing to date for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Skills Development Symposium. Davies discussed the format changes being considered for the Symposium based on this year's location at Loon Lake.

The Executive Committee discussed what classes should be offered and what skill sets their Locals are interested in building.

11:34 Local 13 Staff Sullivan, Local 13 Members Local Representative Reinbold, and Local 15 Members Local Representative McColm and Campaigns Coordinator Thapar left the meeting.

### **b. Insurance Services\***

11:35 the meeting moved in-camera.

11:36 the meeting moved ex-camera.



**c. Student Discount Program****Discount Solicitation**

Adams provided an update on app usage to date and new discount partners recently added to the program. Adams also reported contractual changes for the app's development and maintenance. Adams mentioned that the changes allowed for recent bug fixes, which included ensuring the app's availability in select other countries and resolving the issue with the password reset function.

The Executive Committee discussed on campus promotion of the service and discount canvassing methods for the summer.

**2023/03:25 MOTION**

Sahagun/Dlir

Be it resolved that the Discount Program Report be adopted.

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

Adams reported on the production of the 2023-24 service and highlighted upcoming timelines.

**2023/03:26 MOTION**

Kaur/Sahagun

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

**CARRIED****e. Membership Development Products**

Adams reported on the preparations and timelines for the 2023-24 summer order. A roundtable discussion was held to gather ideas for new product offerings and feedback on the art submission process.

**2023/03:27 MOTION**

Singh/Tripathi

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

**CARRIED****f. Digital Services****Ready Education Mobile App**

Adams provided a brief update about Local's Ready Education campus app agreements and reported that the Federation would be seeking to renew its two year master agreement with Ready Education in July.

**2023/03:28 MOTION**

Garrett/Niikoi

Be it resolved that the Digital Services Report be adopted.

**CARRIED**

11:34 Local 1 Staff Berchowitz, Local 1 Members Local Representative Cristobal, and Services Coordinator Gullins left the meeting.

**13. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES****2023/03:29 MOTION**

Singh/Kaur

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held December 2 to 4, 2022 and January 19, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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**14. COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

Davies reported that the next Executive Committee meeting would be held June 9 to 11, 2023 and that 2023-24 Executive Committee meeting dates would be circulated by the Federation soon.

**15. OTHER BUSINESS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**2023/03:30 MOTION**

Dlir/Kaur

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

11:58 the meeting adjourned.

\* Denotes in-camera