

MINUTES

For the Executive Committee Meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Students
Friday, March 20 to Sunday, March 22, 2026 • Richmond

CALL TO ORDER – 16:30, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

16:47 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

Chairperson.....	Debi Herrera Lira
Director at Large	Holiness Ozumba
Indigenous Caucus Chairperson.....	Samantha Jo
Representative–Local 01 Members	Annabelle Lee
Representative–Local 04 Members	Calder Azak
Representative–Local 06 Members	Chloe Archuleta
Representative–Local 10 Members	Medhavi Mahesh
Representative–Local 12 Members	Olivia Lai
Representative–Local 13 Members	Maggie Velisek
Representative–Local 14 Members	Vikas Rath
Representative–Local 15 Members	Gurjeet Singh
Representative–Local 16 Members	Jag Toor Singh
Representative–Local 20 Members	Vishnukumar Sharma
Representative–Local 21 Members	Michelle Reyes
Secretary-Treasurer	Cole Reinbold

Executive Members Absent

Director at Large	Jess Lamb
Director at Large	Manan Singh
Director at Large	Prince Solanki
Representative–Local 02 Members	Diksha Salwan
Representative–Local 05 Members	Crystal Yamak
Representative–Local 17 Members	Terence Baluyut
Representative–Local 23 Members	vacant

Staff Present

Director-Membership Development	Michael Gauld
Local Staff–Local 01.....	Megan Gray
Local Staff–Local 02.....	Jaspreet Kaur
Local Staff–Local 04.....	Jasvir Singh
Local Staff–Local 06.....	Andrew Dalton
Local Staff–Local 10.....	Lori MacDonald
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.....	Michel Turcotte
Local Staff–Local 20.....	Rozanna Rosarydasan
Local Staff–Local 21.....	Thach Thao Nguyen
Organiser	Jill Adams
Organiser-Services	Esmé Kovacs

Quorum was declared to be present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Indigenous Caucus Chairperson Jo acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional unceded territories of the Stó:lō, Tsawwassen, Musqueam, Hul'quimi'num and Stz'uminus peoples and asked that participants think about and appreciate this throughout the weekend, during their advocacy work, and acknowledge the Nation on whose territory they work and live.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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2026/03:01 MOTION
Azak/Ozumba

Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

2. LOGISTICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Organiser-Services Kovacs provided an overview of the hotel and meeting logistics to ensure participants could effectively participate in the meeting.

Local Staff Joyce spoke on the role of the Grievance Committee and how to contact members of the Committee during the meeting.

16:47 Director at Large Singh entered the meeting.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

a. Receipt of Resignations of Members

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported that the Executive Committee is not in receipt of any resignations.

b. Acceptance of New Executive Committee Members

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported that the Executive Committee is in receipt of one appointment letter.

2026/03:02 MOTION
Velisek/Reyes

Be it resolved that Ayaan Punjani be appointed as the Prospective Member-NUGSS Members' Representative.

CARRIED

4. ICE BREAKER

The Executive Committee took part in an ice breaker activity.

5. DISCUSSION: THE STATE OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN BC

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold provided an update on the current realities facing students across BC, including the growing impacts of cuts at public institutions in BC that have occurred since the October Executive Committee meeting.

Executive Committee members reported on ongoing cuts to programs, staff and services as well as institutional revenue losses. Any new cuts or layoffs will be added into the Federation's province wide cut tracker for use in lobbying and advocacy work.

The Executive Committee also discussed recent challenges experienced by elected representatives at the Board of Governors and Education Council/Senate levels, including the use of conflict of interest to limit elected representatives from voting, new policies, and poor transparency amidst cuts.

Executive Committee members discussed a one-stop resource for information regarding MLAs and MPs and a form or database to keep fellow member locals updated on Local lobbying efforts.

2026/03:03 MOTION
Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes.
Velisek/Mahesh

CARRIED

18:00 the meeting recessed

18:13 the meeting was called to order

6. REVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

18:14 the meeting moved in camera

a. Membership Development*

b. Legal Affairs*

c. Office Space*

18:40 the meeting moved ex camera

2026/03:04 MOTION

Baluyut/G. Singh

Be it resolved that the meeting move in camera without staff present.

CARRIED

18:41 the meeting moved in camera without staff present

d. Consideration of Staffing Issues*

20:04 the meeting moved ex camera

2026/03:05 MOTION

Velisek/Jo

Be it resolved that the terms of the collective agreement, commencing January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2028 be ratified.

CARRIED

2026/03:06 MOTION

Mahesh/Sharma

Be it resolved that the hiring of Lori MacDonald be ratified for the replacement position of researcher for the 8-month leave.

CARRIED

2026/03:07 MOTION

Lai/J. Singh

BIRT that a hiring committee composed of Cole Reinbold, Debi Herrera Lira, Jill Adams and Phoebe Lo Patigdas be struck, and BIFRT that hiring committee be empowered to conduct the hiring of an Organiser-Services.

CARRIED

2026/03:08 MOTION

Baluyut/G. Singh

Whereas local members request meaningful consultation from elected representatives who represent the federation during collective bargaining prior to the signing of any agreement;

Be it resolved that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer develop a policy governing the conduct of the chosen executive committee representatives of the Federation for the collective bargaining, requiring them to report back and consult with the full Executive Committee following each round of collective bargaining; and

Be it further resolved that such policy ensures meaningful consultation with the broader membership, prior to any final agreement being signed.

CARRIED

RECESS FOR THE EVENING

2026/03:09 MOTION

Azak/Archuleta

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

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CARRIED

20:09 the meeting recessed

CALL TO ORDER – 9:00, SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

09:02 the meeting was called to order by Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold. Attendance was as follows:

Executive Members Present

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7. SECTOR WIDE POST-SECONDARY SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW

Organiser Adams provided an overview of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills' sector wide sustainability review including an overview of the Federation's written submission, its in-person consultation with Don Avison, and responses from other provinces to financial challenges facing post-secondary institutions across Canada.

Member Locals shared their experience with the review and what they've heard from institutions. The Executive Committee discussed next steps, including the possible next steps the Ministry will take and the Federation's potential response to the review's recommendations, including a coordinated media, communication, and member mobilisation strategy.

- 9:05 Representative-Prospective Member-NUGSS Punjani and Local 15 Staff Wilson joined the meeting
- 9:06 Director at Large Lamb joined the meeting
- 9:08 Director at Large Singh and Representative Local 10 Members Mahesh joined the meeting
- 9:20 Local 2 Staff Kaur joined the meeting
- 10:11 Director at Large Lamb left the meeting

8. REVIEW OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

a. General Relations with the Provincial Government and Opposition Parties

i. Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills

- **Recent Communications:** Chairperson Herrera Lira provided an update on recent meetings with Minister Sunner and Ministry staff.

Executive Committee members discussed an interest in meeting with Minister Sunner over the summer while other members discussed that recent meetings with the Minister seemed productive. Some Member Locals have already met with the Minister.

- **Ministry Committees:**

Chairperson Herrera Lira and Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold provided an update on the work of the respective Ministry Committees that they each respectively sit on and highlighted relevant information and actions Locals could take to engage in the committee work. Committee updates were as follows:

BCcampus Advisory Committee:

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported on BCcampus' three-year Course Indicators for Course Materials project, which aims to improve course cost transparency by supporting cost indicators in registration systems. The Executive Committee discussed forthcoming funding opportunities, the role of students' unions and institutional partners in proposals, and opportunities to advance advocacy on course cost transparency and open educational resources. Herrera Lira noted that BCcampus will conduct outreach with institutions and students' unions and is developing tools to support implementation and improve tracking of Open Educational Resource adoption and student cost savings.

Sexualized Violence Advisory Committee:

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported on the work of the Ministry's Sexualized Violence Advisory Group, including updates on the Sexual Violence Action Plan and its recommendations to prevent and respond to sexual violence in post-secondary communities. The Executive Committee discussed related Ministry initiatives, including Consent Awareness Week, publication of the Student Perceptions of Sexual Violence Survey report, and the January 2026 relaunch of the "...Is Not Yes" campaign. Herrera Lira also noted that Ending Violence BC is developing a student-focused provincial awareness campaign and is seeking feedback from student society leaders and representatives.

Residence Advisor Subcommittee:

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reported on the Ministry's new Residence Advisor Subcommittee, which is reviewing how the RA role is evolving across BC's public post-secondary institutions. The subcommittee is examining increasing expectations around student safety, mental health response, training, staffing ratios, and residence community wellbeing, while developing leading practices for residence life staffing models. Reinbold noted that the Federation's participation provides an opportunity to bring student and RA perspectives into the process, and encouraged Locals with residences to share feedback from RAs and students on workload, training, safety, and related concerns with the Federation.

BC Council on Admissions & Transfer (BCCAT):

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported on their appointment to the BC Council on Admissions & Transfer, which oversees the BC Transfer System. During the reporting period, the Council discussed interprovincial transfer system relationships, program pathways such as LPN to

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BSN, potential uses of AI in transfer credit evaluation and articulation, and expanding BCCAT membership to include prospective Indigenous institutional members. Herrera Lira also noted BCCAT's submission to the sector sustainability review, including its offer to support analysis of course and program overlap, and raised the importance of protecting student affordability in any discussion of tuition fee calculation. The Council is also undertaking research on student affordability considerations in post-secondary access, which may be of interest to the Federation once published.

2026/03:10

MOTION

Azak/Velisek

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes

CARRIED

11:06 meeting recessed

11:18 the meeting resumed

11:18 Director at Large Lamb joined the meeting

StudentAid BC Appeal Committee:

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported that the Ministry's StudentAid BC Appeal Committee, which reviews and recommends decisions on student financial assistance appeals, is seeking to fill two student voting member vacancies and four new alternate, non-voting student member positions. Herrera Lira noted that eligible applicants must be domestic students enrolled at a BC post-secondary institution with at least two years remaining in their studies and encouraged interested Executive Committee members or Local representatives to apply.

- **Bill 7, Post-Secondary International Education (Designated Institutions) Act:**

Chairperson Herrera Lira provided a brief overview of the new legislation, which establishes "a legal framework for BC's Education Quality Assurance (EQA) program and provides government with the necessary tools to inspect designated institutions and take enforcement action to hold bad actors accountable."

They said that if any Locals had feedback or concerns related to the regulations that will be developed as part of the act, to provide that feedback to the Federation so that it can be brought to the attention of the Ministry.

ii. General Relations with the Provincial Government

Director-Membership Development Gauld provided an overview of the highlights and implications of the BC Budget, the end of the Cooperation and Responsible Government Accord between the BC NDP and BC Green Party, as well as the leadership race for the Conservative Party of BC.

Chairperson Herrera Lira provided an overview of the Federation's 2025 Provincial Lobby Week, during which Federation representatives met with more than 40 MLAs and Cabinet Ministers from across parties to advocate for urgent reinvestment in public post-secondary education. Discussions focused on sector sustainability, student affordability, and the impacts of ongoing underfunding, including program cuts, layoffs, and delays to student progression. The Federation also advanced recommendations to strengthen the Tuition Limit Policy, restore public funding levels, develop a sustainable long-term funding model, and modernise international education policy.

During the reporting period member locals met with:

- Local 1: MLA Gavin Dew
- Local 6: Minister Jodie Wickens
- Local 10: MLA Amshen - Joan Phillip
- Local 13: Minister Sheila Malcolmson and MLA George Anderson
- Local 17: Minister Diana Gibson

b. General Relations with the Federal Government and Opposition Parties

Chairperson Herrera Lira gave a quick overview on the Federal Budget, in particular highlighting the warning signs that the Canada Student Grant amount will be reduced from \$4,200 to \$3,000 per year. They also highlighted the work undertaken by the Federation to develop a microsite and petition tool to support advocacy on removing the exclusion of income-eligible members from the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP), due to having access to limited dental coverage through a Member Local's extended health and dental benefits.

Local 17 encouraged Locals to get their members to sign the petition on the Canada Student Grant. The Executive Committee discussed targeted actions that Locals can take from now until July to raise awareness about how reducing grant levels and maintaining the CDCP exclusions will exacerbate affordability and access issues for students.

The Executive Committee discussed the Federation's emerging role in federal advocacy in response to issues including potential reductions to the Canada Student Grant, changes to federal immigration policies affecting students, and the development of a federal Indigenous education funding campaign. Members discussed the importance of strengthening local engagement with MPs, raising awareness among students, and supporting federal advocacy efforts through actions such as petitions, and constituency meetings. The Executive Committee also considered potential approaches to federal lobbying, including virtual coordination, local and regional advocacy efforts, and possible in-person lobbying opportunities, but expressed a preference for virtual, or in-person meetings within BC to ensure the Federation's lobbying is coordinated in a cost-effective manner.

c. 2025-27 Advocacy Plan**i. Access to Education Campaigns****Cuts Suck. Fix Education.**

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported on ongoing implementation of the *Cuts Suck. Fix Education.* campaign. During the reporting period, Member Locals collected more than 2,000 campaign postcards, including approximately 1,500 that were hand-delivered to the Minister at the Annual General Meeting, bringing the campaign total to roughly 3,000 postcards collected since the launch. The Federation continued to update its provincial cuts tracker on a monthly basis and, to date, has documented 177 programs cut, suspended, or paused, 46 services impacted, and 1,254 layoffs across the sector. The Federation also hosted a *Cuts Suck. Fix Education.* rally during the AGM and has since repurposed rally materials to support campaign events hosted by Local 15 and Local 16.

Local 16 reported that over 600 postcards were signed during the reporting period. Local 14 reported that the Local is using alternative modes to highlight the campaign, such as a recently launched podcast. Local 6 reported that the campaign has been used during holiday events such as 'Wishes to Santa' and Valentines Day activities.

The Executive Committee participated in a breakout activity to set tangible Local campaign goals tied to membership mobilisation, community awareness/support, and government relations that will ultimately build further momentum for *Cuts Suck. Fix Education.*

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MOTION

G. Singh/Lai

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 1 hour and a half.

CARRIED

12:56 the meeting recessed

14:33 the meeting resumed

14:35 Local 20 Member Sharma joined the meeting

Indigenous Funding Campaign (in development)

Organiser Adams shared that the first step identified for campaign development would be to gather research and meet with external partners including but not limited to the Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Education Steering Committee, Métis Nation BC, and the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami. She expanded to say that she would work with the outgoing Indigenous Caucus, Chairperson Jo and the incoming Indigenous Caucus Chairperson Archuleta to

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coordinate these meetings. An update on the research and meetings will then be reported to Executive Committee members as well as Caucus members to determine how to move forward with developing a campaign implementation strategy, branding and campaign actions.

14:38 Local 2 Member Salwan joined the meeting

14:42 Director at Large Ozumba joined the meeting

ii. **Affordability Campaigns**

Fairness for International Students (in redevelopment)

Organiser Adams provided a summary of the challenges the Federation is currently experiencing with the initially scoped rebranding of the *Fairness for International Students* campaign. She explained that after reviewing the campaign it seems more likely that the campaign needs to undergo a full redevelopment phase, instead of a simple rebranding as so much has changed in relation to the issues international students are facing on campus.

She also noted that despite the internal development challenges, international students continue to need immediate support and advocacy for the issues they are experiencing in the face of institutional financial challenges and cuts and suggested that one approach could be to develop some materials within the *Cuts Suck. Fix Education* branding that speak to how these impacts are showing up for international students, while taking some additional time to develop the campaign. Alternatively, she suggested the Federation could proceed with immediate redevelopment but there would be a risk that the campaign may feel unsuitable for the changes that are anticipated when the sector-wide sustainability review's recommendations are released. She asked the Executive Committee members for their input on how to proceed.

The Executive Committee discussed the future direction of the *Fairness for International Students* campaign, with Member Locals emphasizing that current challenges facing international students are increasingly related to post-graduation issues such as Post-Graduation Work Permit eligibility, permanent residency pathways, and additional certification requirements, rather than tuition fees alone. Members noted concerns about requiring graduates to complete exams such as IELTS after already meeting admission requirements and highlighted the need for updated research, given that the policy landscape has changed significantly since the campaign was first developed. The Executive Committee agreed that further research is needed before determining the campaign's future direction and that a more comprehensive proposal will be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

Affordable Housing Campaign (in development)

Organiser Adams shared that the first step identified in the development of the affordable housing campaign would be to gather research. Based on Member Local input in earlier campaign working groups, Adams suggested that the first three advocacy goals for the campaign include vacancy control, advocating for tenants' right for students in on-campus accommodations and guidelines or policy around on-campus housing rates, and advocating for more thoughtful inclusion of students in affordable housing developments.

2026/03:12 **MOTION**

Lai/Azak

Be it resolved that a Campaign Working group composed of Annabelle Lee, Gurjeet Singh, Chloe Archuleta, Maggie Velisek, Diksha Salwan and Michelle Reyes be struck to provide feedback on the Federation's campaign in development as the need arises.

CARRIED

Open Textbooks Now!

Member Locals shared updates on ongoing open education advocacy efforts. Local 6 collaborated with an OER librarian to encourage greater faculty adoption of open educational resources, while Local 16 reported on work highlighting the cost savings associated with OER use. Local 13 undertook a range of initiatives, including a letter-writing campaign encouraging faculty to adopt OERs, collaboration on a Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) pilot project, a book fair, and a faculty roundtable on open education. Local 15 also reported engaging with library staff to advance OER-related work on campus.

iii. Equity Campaigns**Equity for All**

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported on the development of *Equity for All* and the rollout of new campaign materials. The Executive Committee shared initial feedback on campaign implementation, noting positive reception from members, use of the campaign at campus events, and accessibility considerations related to campaign design. Members also discussed challenges, including campaign posters being removed on some campuses and a desire for additional branded promotional materials to support Local outreach efforts.

iv. Representation Campaigns**Your City. Your Vote.**

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported that the next general local election is scheduled for October 17, 2026 and that in preparation the Federation would refresh the *Your City. Your Vote.* materials as the municipal Get Out the Vote campaign.

d. Update on Coalition and Solidarity Work**i. CUPE BC**

The BC office reported on recent coalition work with CUPE BC, including a presentation delivered to the CUPE BC Executive Committee on the *Cuts Suck. Fix Education.* campaign and the impacts of post-secondary underfunding on students and workers. Furthermore, their Executive Committee subsequently endorsed the campaign and discussed opportunities to continue collaborating on shared advocacy priorities related to public post-secondary education.

ii. BC Federation of Labour – Young Workers Committee

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold reported on ongoing coalition work with the BC Federation of Labour through its Young Workers Committee, where priorities for 2026 include supporting the launch of the Federation of Labour's "Unions Are for You" campaign and sharing strategies for organising and engaging young workers. The Executive Committee discussed opportunities for Member Locals to strengthen relationships with regional labour councils and participate in young worker initiatives to build student engagement in labour and political organising.

iii. BC Policy Solutions

Chairperson Herrera Lira reported on recent engagement with BC Policy Solutions as part of a research project examining the post-secondary funding crisis. Representatives shared information on the impacts of program cuts and layoffs on students, discussed the provincial and federal policy decisions contributing to the current challenges facing the sector, and provided input on priorities for a sustainable and accessible post-secondary education system.

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

2026/03:13 **MOTION**
Velisek /Baluyut

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

9. THREATS TO STUDENT ORGANISING*

15:13 the meeting moved in camera

15:42 the meeting moved ex camera

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

2026/03:14 **MOTION**
Azak/Reyes

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

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J. Singh/G. Singh

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for 10 minutes

15:59 the meeting was called to order

11. REVIEW OF FEDERATION FINANCES

a. Review of 2025-26 Revenue and Expenditures

Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold provided an overview of the 6-month actuals of the Federation's 2025-26 revenue and expenses.

b. Adoption of Finance Report

2026/03:16 MOTION

Rathi/Ozumba

Be it resolved that the Finance Report be adopted.

CARRIED

12. INTERNAL: REVIEW OF AGM & SKILLS FEE STRUCTURE

At the last Executive Committee meeting, committee members received an overview of the rising costs associated with hosting the Federation's Annual General Meeting and Skills Development Symposium.

Organiser Adams provided an overview of several preliminary proposals for adjustments to delegate and participant fees, based on the Executive Committee's feedback at the last meeting, for consideration. She said that input from the Executive Committee will be used to guide updates to the Internal Affairs Policy and Standing Resolution that set out meeting fees incurred by Member Locals.

17:19 Representative-Prospective Member-NUGSS Punjani left the meeting

RECESS FOR THE EVENING

2026/03:17 MOTION

Salwan/Azak

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for the evening.

CARRIED

17:24 the meeting recessed

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Secretary-Treasurer Cole Reinbold

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Organiser Jill Adams
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13. REVIEW OF FEDERATION MEETINGS

a. 44th Annual General Meeting

i. Review of Meeting Logistics, Sessions, and Local Delegation Experiences

The Executive Committee reviewed the 44th Annual General Meeting and discussed opportunities for improvement at future events. Staff noted challenges in achieving the desired level of speaker diversity due to substitutions during the planning process and committed to reviewing speaker diversity earlier in the planning cycle. The Committee also discussed challenges related to the timing of Indigenous Students' Caucus activities and elections, with plans to seek feedback from Caucus members on potential improvements. Members were invited to share both positive and constructive feedback regarding meeting logistics, programming, and the overall delegate experience.

ii. Review of Motions

Director-Membership Development Gauld provided an update on the implementation of motions adopted at the 44th Annual General Meeting. Amendments to Bylaw 5, Standing Resolution 11, and the Federation's 2SLGBTQIA+ and housing policies have been completed and circulated to Member Locals. The Executive Committee also discussed ongoing work to further review and update the Federation's 2SLGBTQIA+ policy positions. Gauld reported that the Federation has communicated its endorsement of the BC Federation of Labour's Connecting BC – Vision for Transit campaign and has undertaken follow-up advocacy, including writing to the provincial government and developing resources to support Member Locals in engaging municipalities and provincial decision-makers on the initiative.

iii. Reports from the Electoral Committee, Search Committee, and Grievance Committee

The Grievance Committee reported that it continues to serve as an important resource for the Federation, with increasing numbers of members engaging the Committee through informal conversations and seeking guidance on concerns arising in Federation spaces. The Committee noted continued work to address harassment and support positive relationships within the student movement, while recognizing that many individuals choose not to pursue formal complaints due to interpersonal concerns or perceived consequences. The Committee discussed opportunities to strengthen its policies and processes and plans to consult with similar organisations and subject-matter experts to better support delegates and complainants in the future.

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J. Singh/Velisek

Be it resolved that the Electoral Committee, Search Committee and Grievance Committee reports be adopted.

CARRIED

9:15 Indigenous Caucus Chairperson Jo entered the meeting

b. Preparations for the 41st Annual Skills Development Symposium

i. Review of Organising to Date

Director-Membership Development Gauld reminded the Executive that the 41st Annual Skills Development Symposium will be held May 21 to 24, 2026, in Sun Peaks, BC. He provided an overview of initial travel planning and logistics.

ii. Discussion of Potential Sessions, Workshops, Socials and Team Building

The Executive Committee discussed ideas for potential workshops, sessions, speakers, and team-building activities to be considered in the planning for the Skills Development Symposium. Members emphasised the importance of diversifying session formats through panel discussions, peer-to-peer learning, hands-on activities, and presentations from former student representatives. Suggestions included sessions on sector sustainability, artificial intelligence, policy development, effective institutional advocacy, and networking, as well as opportunities for service vendors to engage directly with participants. The Committee also discussed strategies to increase engagement through icebreakers, interactive activities, and recognition initiatives, while balancing content delivery with sufficient time for networking and relationship-building among delegates.

14. LOCAL 17—COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL

Local 17 Member Balayut shared his proposal to introduce a collaborative and gamified engagement framework designed to encourage participation, foster teamwork among Member Locals, and increase overall involvement in Federation initiatives. More details of the proposal can be found in Appendix A.

The Executive Committee discussed Local 17's proposed House Cup framework, with members expressing interest in its potential to increase engagement, collaboration, and participation in Federation initiatives. Members also raised concerns regarding standardisation, equity between Locals of different sizes and capacities, the risk of creating competition or additional workload, and the need for flexibility to recognize diverse forms of Local engagement. The Committee discussed possible refinements, including piloting the initiative, pairing larger and smaller Locals, incorporating additional activities, and exploring alternative recognition models. While many members supported the underlying goals of the proposal, the discussion emphasised the importance of ensuring the framework remains collaborative, equitable, and adaptable to the varying needs and capacities of Member Locals.

2026/03:19 MOTION

Baluyut/Archuleta

Be it resolved that the BC Federation of Students implement a pilot House Cup System for the 2026–2027 year as presented to encourage participation in federation advocacy initiatives;
Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee review the pilot and report back with recommendations to the House Cup System on the March 2027 executive meeting.

2026/03:20 MOTION TO AMEND

Lee/Mahesh

Be it resolved that the BC Federation of Students implement a pilot House Cup System at the 2026 Skills Symposium to encourage delegate participation and engagement throughout the event;

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee review the outcomes of the pilot and report back with recommendations on the feasibility of expanding the House Cup System Federation-wide at the June 2027 Executive Committee meeting.

CARRIED

2026/03:21 J. Singh/Sharma

Be it resolved that the motion is tabled until the June Executive Committee meeting.

DEFEATED

2026/03:19 **MOTION AS AMENDED**

Lee/Mahesh

Be it resolved that the BC Federation of Students implement a pilot House Cup System at the 2026 Skills Symposium to encourage delegate participation and engagement throughout the event;

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee review the outcomes of the pilot and report back with recommendations on the feasibility of expanding the House Cup System Federation-wide at the June 2027 Executive Committee meeting.

CARRIED

15. INDIGENOUS STUDENTS' CAUCUS

Indigenous Caucus Chairperson Jo reported on the work of the Indigenous Students' Caucus during the reporting period, including discussions regarding potential amendments to Caucus membership provisions and thoughtful conversations about the purpose and composition of the Caucus. The Caucus welcomed and onboarded new members from several Member Locals and undertook preparations for the Annual General Meeting, including reviewing the process and timelines for upcoming Co-Chair elections. Following its discussions, the Caucus determined that it would not be bringing forward any recommendations to the Executive Committee at this time.

Organiser Adams provided an overview of the upcoming Caucus Co-Chair election process which will take place in accordance with Standing Resolution 12.

The Executive Committee received updates from Member Locals regarding Indigenous student organising and engagement. Members discussed the desire for ongoing communication and report-backs from the Indigenous Students' Caucus, including the development of a resource guide to support Local initiatives. Locals also shared updates on Indigenous-focused activities on their campuses, including participation in the No More Stolen Sisters memorial march and vigil, the work of Indigenous student collectives, and efforts by student leaders to increase Indigenous representation and involvement in campus governance, events, and advocacy initiatives.

2026/03:22 **MOTION**
Velisek/Azak

Be it resolved that the meeting recess for ten minutes.

CARRIED

10:55 the meeting recessed

11:07 the meeting resumed

16. RECEIPT OF REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a. Report of Local Representatives

Internal Affairs Policy, Section M, Article 1 states that Local Members' Representatives' reports shall include:

- an itemized schedule of directives from previous Executive Committee meetings and work undertaken to fulfill them;
- a list of local directors, staff, and student representatives to institutional governance bodies;
- a list of scheduled local board of directors' meetings to be held in the subsequent reporting period; and
- a summary of the local union's activities since the previous Executive Committee meeting, including internal affairs, services, institutional relations, and campaigns, and government relations.

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Each Executive Committee member will provide a brief review of their written report, excluding items already discussed in the agenda points above.

2026/03:23 MOTION

Archuleta/Mahesh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 1 Members' Representative Lee, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:24 MOTION

Reyes/Mahesh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 2 Members' Representative Salwan, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:25 MOTION

Sharma/Reyes

Be it resolved that the report of Local 4 Members' Representative Azak, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:26 MOTION

G. Singh/Jo

Be it resolved that the report of Local 6 Members' Representative Archuleta, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:27 MOTION

J. Singh/Salwan

Be it resolved that the report of Local 10 Members' Representative Mahesh, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:28 MOTION

Ozumba/Mahesh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 12 Members' Representative Lai, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:29 MOTION

Baluyut/Lee

Be it resolved that the report of Local 13 Members' Representative Velisek, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:30 MOTION

Lai/Sharma

Be it resolved that the report of Local 14 Members' Representative Rathi, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:31 MOTION

Jo/Azak

Be it resolved that the report of Local 15 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:32

MOTION

Archueta/G. Singh

Be it resolved that the report of Local 16 Members' Representative Singh, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:33

MOTION

Lai/Salwan

Be it resolved that the report of Local 17 Members' Representative Balayut, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:34

MOTION

Rathi/Jo

Be it resolved that the report of Local 20 Members' Representative Sharma, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

11:50 Local 2 Representative Salwan left the meeting

2026/03:35

MOTION

Sharma/Baluyut

Be it resolved that the report of Local 21 Members' Representative Reyes, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2026/03:36

MOTION

Baluyut/Reyes

Be it resolved that the report of Prospective Members' Representative Punjani, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

11:59 Representative-Prospective Member NUGSS Punjani left the meeting

b. Report of the Directors at Large

Bylaw 11.2 states that the written reports of the Directors at Large shall summarize "their activities since the preceding meeting."

2025/03:37

MOTION

Sharma/Lee

Be it resolved that the report of Director At Large Lamb, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

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2026/03:38 MOTION

Mahesh/Jo

Be it resolved that the report of Director At Large Ozumba, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

c. Report of the Indigenous Caucus Chairperson

The Indigenous Caucus Chairperson provided a report on their activities since the preceding meeting.

d. Report of the Chairperson

Bylaw 10.6 states that the Chairperson's written report shall summarize "their activities since the preceding meeting."

2026/03:39 MOTION

Sharma/Lai

Be it resolved that the report of Chairperson Herrera Lira, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

e. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer

Bylaw 12.5 states that the Secretary-Treasurer's written report shall summarize "their activities since the previous meeting."

2026/03:40 MOTION

Azak/Reyes

Be it resolved that the report of Secretary-Treasurer Reinbold, for the period Saturday, September 27, 2025 to Friday, March 13, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

17. REVIEW OF FEDERATION SERVICES

a. Student Discount Program

Organiser–Services Kovacs reported that all provincial and member local discount renewals have been completed and updated in the app. An update was also provided on promotional efforts.

Member Locals reported on their work finding new ways to solicit new businesses for the Deals app, as well as some challenges with getting businesses to commit to joining the app.

2026/03:41 MOTION

Azak/Baluyut

Be it resolved that Student Discount Program report be adopted.

CARRIED

b. Members' Handbook and Dayplanner

Organiser–Services Kovacs provided a pre-production timeline for the 2026-27 order.

2026/03:42 MOTION

Azak/Lai

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

CARRIED

c. Membership Development Products

Organiser–Services Kovacs provided an update on the on the Winter 2025 bulk order and preparations for the Summer 2026 order as well as the year-round store.

2026/03:43

MOTION

Ozumba/Jo

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

CARRIED

d. Insurance Services*

12:33 the meeting moved in camera

12:35 the meeting moved ex camera

e. Digital Services

Organiser-Services Kovacs provided a report on the Federation's digital services, including the Ready Education app.

12:38 Indigenous Caucus Chairperson Jo left the meeting.

2026/03:44

MOTION

Lee/Sharma

Be it resolved that the Digital Services report be adopted.

CARRIED

f. Federation Services Audit

Organiser-Services Kovacs reported the Federation Services Audit is ongoing and meetings with member locals are underway. She also reported that the member survey has been launched and encouraged Member Locals to share this with their board, volunteers and members.

2026/03:45

MOTION

Rathi/Lee

Be it resolved that the Federation Services Audit report be adopted.

CARRIED

18. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

2026/03:46

MOTION

G. Singh/Lee

Be it resolved that minutes for the Executive Meeting held January 29 be adopted.

CARRIED

19. REVIEW OF UPCOMING FEDERATION MEETING DATES

a. Executive Committee Meetings

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for June 26 to 28, 2026 in Prince George.

b. Skills Development Symposium

The 41st Annual Skills Development Symposium will be held May 21 to 24, 2026, in Sun Peaks, BC.

c. Provincial Lobby Week

The Federation's provincial lobby week will tentatively be scheduled for October 27 to 29, 2026. Dates will be confirmed once they are finalized.

20. OTHER BUSINESS

21. ADJOURNMENT

2026/10:47

MOTION

Mahesh/Lai

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn.

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CARRIED

12:52 the meeting adjourned

* Denotes in-camera