

MINUTES

Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Special General Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023 • Broadway Campus

CALL TO ORDER – 12:04PM

1. RATIFICATION OF MEETING CHAIRPERSON

SGM-2023-N01. Motion

R. Kaur/Kennedy

Be it resolved that Melissa Chirino Chairperson of the BC Federation of Students' be ratified as chairperson

Carried

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

The Chairperson will acknowledge that the Students' Union operates on the territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

SGM-2023-N02. Motion

Kennedy/Ligeralde

Be it resolved that the agenda for the 2023 Special General Meeting be adopted

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

AGM-2023-N03. Motion

R. Kaur/Kennedy

Be it resolved that the minutes from the 2022 Annual General Meeting be adopted

Carried

5. PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Erik Allas, partner at the accounting firm Tompkins Wozny LLP, will present the audited financial statements for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

SGM-2023-N04. Motion

R. Singh/R. Kaur

Be it resolved that the Report of the Auditor be received.

Carried

6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

SGM-2023-N05. Motion

R. Singh/Ligeralde

Be it resolved that the firm Tompkins Wozny LLP, be appointed as the auditor for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Carried

7. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

AGM-2023-N05. Motion

Kennedy/R. Kaur

Whereas as of April, 2022 VCC no longer operates any classes or programming at the Annacis Island Campus

Therefore, be It resolved that Bylaw VI Section 1. b) Annacis Island Campus Representative be removed

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VII Section 3 Notice of Elections a) be amended as follows.

“The posting, on or about Vancouver Community College, not less than three (3) days prior to the opening of the nomination period, of not less than ten (10) notices at the Broadway and Downtown Campuses ~~and not less than two (2) at Annacis Island Campus~~, not less than 8.5”x11” in size”

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VII Section 3 Notice of Elections b) be amended as follows.

“The posting, on or about Vancouver Community College, not less than three (3) days after the closing of the nomination period, of not less than ten (10) notices at the Broadway and Downtown Campuses ~~and not less than two (2) at Annacis Island Campus~~, not less than 8.5”x11” in size”

Be it further resolved that Bylaw VII Section 4 g) Annacis Island Campus Representative be removed

Be it further resolved that Bylaw IX Section 2 Annacis Island Campus Representative be removed

Be it further resolved that that all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly

Carried

AGM-2022-N06. Motion

R. Singh/R. Kaur

Whereas in 2009 the Union established an extended Health and Dental plan set at \$317 per eligible student per year.

Whereas Bylaw III section 4 sets the minimum Health and Dental plan fee at \$292 per eligible student per year.

Whereas the growth of the plan since 2009 has allowed the Union to provide a wider range of benefits at a significantly lower cost per student, to the point that the Health and Dental fee is now set at \$275 per eligible student per year.

Therefore, be it resolved that Bylaw III Section 4 be amended as follows:

“The union shall collect a Health and Dental fee of not less than ~~\$292-00~~ \$250.00 per eligible student. The Health and Dental incidental fees may be revised on an annual basis if necessary to a maximum increase of 8%.

Carried

AGM-2022-N07. Motion

Bawa/Sunshine

Whereas the Union Board of Directors includes equity positions to ensure that the voices of underrepresented students groups have a say in the work of the Union.

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Whereas the Queer Students' Representative positions exists to "keep the Board of Directors informed of the concerns of students who identify as someone from the LGBTQIA+ community"

Whereas the recent election saw numerous candidates questioning if the Queer Students' Representative position was open to all members of the LGBTQIA+ community or only queer students.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Queer Students' Representative position be renamed to the Pride Representative

Be it further resolved that all references to Queer Students' Representative position be replaced with Pride Representative

Carried

SGM-2022-N08. Motion

Rosende-Tabunar /Santiago

Whereas Bylaw IV.3 Annual General Meetings, does not provide sufficient time for an audit to be completed prior to an Annual General Meeting

Whereas this results in the Union running two General Meetings a year. One to meet its Bylaw requirements and one to meet the Societies Act requirements

Whereas removing Bylaw IV.3 would still require the Union to operate within the bounds of the Societies Act of BC

Be It resolved that Bylaw IV.3 Annual General Meetings be removed

Be it further resolved that that all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly

Carried

8. QUESTION & ANSWER

The Board and Staff will respond to questions from members

9. ADJOURNMENT

Kennedy/R. Kaur

Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn

Carried