

## Minutes • Annual General Meeting

November 24, 2019 • 2:00pm  
Capilano University (Maple 116)

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Member associations in attendance to business:

- **Capilano Students' Union** (by Shanti Scarpetta-Lee)
- **Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver** (by Sara Hosseinirad)^
- **Kwantlen Student Association** (by Dhruv Shahi)\*^
- **UFV Student Union Society** (by Tripat Sandhu)

Absent:

- Langara Students' Union

Guests in attendance:

- Gurvir Gill, chairperson
- Christopher Girodat, executive director (Capilano Students' Union)
- Andrew Dillman, executive director
- Grace Dupasquier, director of research and campaigns
- Jeremy Law, director of finance & operations
- Joshua Thomas, director, policy & campaigns (Capilano Students' Union)

\* denotes partial attendance

^ denotes attendance by teleconference

### 1. Call to Order

The annual general meeting was called to order at 2:09pm.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

**AGM:20191124:01 MOTION**

**Moved Capilano Students' Union / Seconded UFV Student Union Society**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted**

**CARRIED**

### 3. Presentations

#### a. Report of the Board

The membership received a presentation on the report of the board.

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The chairperson reported that he and the executives had attended an event for the launch of a sexualized violence prevention & awareness campaign across public post-secondary institutions in British Columbia, alongside the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills & Training.

The chairperson reported that he had attended and provided remarks on behalf of the Alliance of British Columbia Students at the global climate strike, joining one of the organization's member associations at the rally.

The chairperson reported on the work of the Alliance of British Columbia Students at Lobby Days, noting that lobbying work had taken place in October, and noted that this year the Alliance had the opportunity to meet the Honourable John Horgan, Premier. The organization is hoping to see the Alliance's asks advanced in the provincial budget.

The director of research & campaigns noted that the lobbying work has not ended with the conclusion of Lobby Days; rather, follow-up work needs to happen in the coming months to ensure that the Alliance's asks are a topic of discussion during the development of the provincial budget, with its introduction expected in February 2020.

The chairperson reported on the attendance of the Alliance of British Columbia Students at the Speaker's Forum, for member associations to collaborate on how to create a legislature in which youth can be more engaged. They attended on the invitation of the Honourable Darryl Plecas, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

*The Kwantlen Student Association (by Dhruv Shahi) joined the meeting at 2:15pm.*

The chairperson reported on committees on which the Alliance has done work, and for which the organization has been invited to provide student representation:

- student housing best practices working group
- student climate survey working group
- transit student advisory group
- sexualized violence and prevention working group
- mental health & wellness group
- 24/7 mental health working group

The chairperson reported on recent organizational growth, including the expansion of the role of the communications & administrative coordinator into an executive director,

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with funding from the Canada Summer Jobs program and the BC Government & Service Employees Union (BCGEU); this has resulted in increased organizational capacity.

The chairperson noted that partnerships continue to develop with the University of Victoria Students' Society, the BCIT Students' Association, and the Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver, increasing the impact of the student voice to policy-makers. The chairperson acknowledged the work of staff in developing these relationships.

### **b. Financial Statements**

The executive director presented the financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2019, presented to the member associations pursuant to s. 35 of the *Societies Act*.

The executive director noted for the attention of member associations that there was a substantial excess of revenues over expenses, largely due to the vacancy in the organization's staff role for the majority of these statements' fiscal year.

## **4. Submissions**

### **a. Title of Executive Director**

**AGM:20191124:02 MOTION**

**Moved Capilano Students' Union / Seconded UFV Student Union Society**

**BE IT SPECIALLY RESOLVED THAT the bylaws be amended by replacing all instances of the "Communications and Administrative Coordinator" with "Executive Director"**

**CARRIED**

## **5. Discussion**

There were no discussion items to be undertaken.

## **6. In Camera Session**

There was no *in camera* business to be undertaken.

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**AGM:20191124:03 MOTION**

**Moved UFV Student Union Society / Seconded Capilano Students' Union  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be recessed to the call of the chair  
CARRIED**

The meeting recessed at 2:32pm.

The meeting was called to order at 2:57pm.

**AGM:20191124:04 MOTION**

**Capilano Students' Union / UFV Student Union Society  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the financial statements for the year ended May  
31, 2019 be approved  
CARRIED**

**7. Adjournment**

**AGM:20191124:05 MOTION**

**Capilano Students' Union / UFV Student Union Society  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned  
CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.