

## **Board of Governors Update to AMS Council - Presented by Kareem Hassib**

Since my last report, one open session of the Board of Governors has taken place. Student Governors Eshana Bhangu and Kareem Hassib travelled to UBC's Okanagan Campus in Kelowna for the meeting.

### ***June 29th Board Meeting:***

- We were briefed on UBC Okanagan's International Students and Careers Pilot Program, which is a 4-year project built to help International students stay in Canada and find work during their degree, and after graduation.
- Updates were given on progress with regards to UBC's Strategic Plan Dashboard, which gives an overview of how close we are to achieving the university's priorities and goals. It contained updates on Indigenous Reconciliation, EDI initiatives, Academic Transformation, Climate Action, and Operations.
- We were then given information on UBC's 2030 Climate Action Plan. UBC's annual emissions have gone down, despite floor space and population growth. Still, there is much more to be done. Transportation was highlighted as a major source of emissions, showcasing the need for more accessible transit, especially on the Kelowna campus.
- The fees set for UBCO's Computer Engineering Program had an error in it when presented to Finance Committee, so we approved an amended version with correct values.
- We passed a motion to sign a letter of mandate from the provincial government, outlining what the BC government expects from UBC, & what the government wants us to prioritize moving forward, which touched on everything from cybersecurity to meeting financial targets.
- Finally, we gave the Provosts of both campuses authority to designate Curriculum and fees for non-credit credentials. The reason for this is that having to pass all of these credentials through the Senates and Board is an inefficient use of time.

*Full Agenda:* <https://bog3.sites.olt.ubc.ca/files/2023/06/AGE-BG-2023.06-1.pdf>

### ***Background and context:***

- The Board of Governors is the highest governing body of UBC, overseeing the university's finances, administration, and operations.
- The Board consists of 21 members:
- the Chancellor, the President, 11 persons appointed by the Provincial Government, 3 elected faculty members (2 from UBCV, 1 from UBCO), 3 elected students (2 from UBCV, 1 from UBCO), 2 elected employees (1 from UBCV, 1 from UBCO)
- UBC's three student governors are **Eshana Bhangu** and **Kareem Hassib** from UBC Vancouver and **Isabella Bravo** from UBC Okanagan
- The Board has 8 committees. Student Governors sit on 3-4 committees.
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