

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) – Local 24 Canadian Federation of Students

SCC 311 55 Gould St, Toronto, ON, M5B 1E9

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

6pm

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Executive Committee

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| 1. Susanne Nyaga | President |
| 2. Daniel Lis | Vice-President Education |
| 3. Camryn Harlick | Vice-President Equity |
| 4. Ali Yousaf | Vice-President Operations NP |
| 5. Vacant | Vice-President Student Life and Events |

Faculty of Arts

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| 6. Adam Asmar | 8. Claire Davis |
| 7. Andrew Hight | 9. Gabby Skwarko |

Faculty of Ted Rogers School of Management

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| 10. Kianoush Alizadeh NP | 14. Mathew Catangui |
| 11. Shiri Gawrielman | 15. Savreen Gosal |
| 12. Nick Katrantzidis | 16. Maria Lioni |
| 13. Nick Nguyen | |

Faculty Communication and Design Directors

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| 17. Asia Aoki NP | 21. Robyn Matuto NP |
| 19. Hollie Olenik | 22. Emily Edmunson |
| 20. Franci Dimitrovska NP | |

Faculty of Community Services Directors

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| 22. Elizabeth Bala | 26. Johannah Brown |
| 23. Chelsea Davenport | |
| 24. Maryan Issa NP | |
| 25. Ricky Huang NP | |

Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science Directors

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| 27. Sarah Bailey NP | 30. Youssef Helmy NP |
| 28. Reza Khonsari NP | 31. Sameer Nauman NP |
| 29. Obaid Ullah | |

Faculty of Science

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| 32. Lola Faseyi | 34. Nathan Fernandes NP |
| 33. Michael Knutson NP | |

Yeates School of Graduate Studies

35. Ammar Akhtar

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36. Hussain Bokhari NP

International Representative

37. Sohaib Hassan

Other Representatives

38. Neal Muthreja	Board of Governors Representative NP
39. Salman Faruqi	Course Unions Director
40. Niall Hickey	First Year Representative NP
41. Sophie Lafleur	Residence Representative
42. Razi Syed	Senate Representative
43. Harman Singh	Student Groups Director

Ryerson Students' Union Staff

Sid Naidu	General Manager
Dharshini Jay	Financial Controller
Casey Chu Cheong	Internal Coordinator

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Robyn Matuto

Mathew Catangui

Maria Lioni

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

2. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. MOTION 2018-03-27 A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 27, 2018 agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Daniel Result: Carries as amended

Add - UPass Motion

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU present the below question to the Ryerson Board of Governors in order to launch a referendum on U-Pass.

"Are you in favour of a Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) at a semesterly cost of \$282.00, which would provide unlimited travel on Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) services for the enrolled semester, adjusted annually and accordingly with administrative and transit costs by no more than five percent?

Yes OR No " "

Moved: Daniel Seconded: Susanne Result: Carries

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. MOTION 2018-02-27 A02 - [Appendix A](#)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 27 , 2018 minutes be approved as presented in Appendix A.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Cam Result: Carries

5. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

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6. NEW BUSINESS

a. New Student Group Ratification - [Appendix E](#)

- i. MOTION 2018-03-27 C01- Kids Matter
WHEREAS the Student Groups committee has met and reviewed the application of students seeking status to establish new RSU student groups, and
WHEREAS Student Groups committee has found that all matters and requirements were in order and the groups were thereby recommended by the Committee for adoption by the board, therefore;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the student group “Kids Matter” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Result:Carries

- ii. MOTION 2018-03-27 C02 - Sufi Students Association
WHEREAS the Student Groups committee has met and reviewed the application of students seeking status to establish new RSU student groups, and
WHEREAS Student Groups committee has found that all matters and requirements were in order and the groups were thereby recommended by the Committee for adoption by the board, therefore;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the student group “Sufi Students Association” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Results: Will be
presented at the next meeting
Group not present

- iii. MOTION 2018-03-27 C03 - Muslim WomXn At Ryerson
WHEREAS the Student Groups committee has met and reviewed the application of students seeking status to establish new RSU student groups, and
WHEREAS Student Groups committee has found that all matters and requirements were in order and the groups were thereby recommended by the Committee for adoption by the board, therefore;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the student group “Muslim WomXn At Ryerson” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

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Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Results: Carries with abstentions

Youssef says that he is part of the executive of the Muslim Students Association and says that he cannot speak for women or if the group should exist and points out conflict that can be caused between groups on campus because of the topics that will be discussed by the group. Asks how will the group deal with this conflict.

Group says that they have not experienced any issues or conflicts from other groups on campus and asks which groups Youssef is referring to.

Group - If people are homophobic or anti-Islamic they do not have to attend our meetings or our events. We represent the women who want to be in this group. They are different points of view and we want to create a space to have discussions to prevent this and create a space for muslim women in the LGBTQ community to meet and discuss. There is a women in islam class here at ryerson and there are no issues in this class.

Group wants to know why Youssef considers this a threat.

Youssef - There are conflict between the community on this topic within the Muslim Community, my question is how you will ensure the safety of your members.

Group - We did expect this reaction and questioning from you (Youssef). We hope that our student allies will support us and the MSA and the fact that we stand up against anti blackness, homophobia etc and we have faced these issues head on. The fact that you think there are 'safety issues' shows how important this group is and how much work needs. We have all faced the reaction of others that do not support a Women's group or a group that supports these issues, including members of the current MSA executive and this group is here to challenge these ideals and provide a space for the people who want to be a part of this.

Chair - It is not the role of the group to make sure that Islamophobia or homophobia does not affect their membership. That is the job of the RSU, Ryerson and the police. With this group there will be planning events and spaces for their members. Their role is not to stop the fact that conflict will or might occur.

Obaid leaves - 6:35pm

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b. Centre of Educational Research & Policy (CERP)

MOTION 2018-03-27 G01

WHERE AS the level of policy work and educational resource work that the RSU should be producing for the community goes far beyond the capacity of just the VP Education

WHERE AS such policy critique and OER development is necessary for our community

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU create the Centre for Educational Resources & Policy (CERP) to be tasked with the development of post-secondary educational policy recommendations and critiques on the municipal, provincial and federal level; as well as the research, development, implementation and advocacy for educational resources and Open Educational Resources (OERs).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Centre be jointly managed by: the Vice President Education, Student Issues & Advocacy Coordinator & the Graduate Deputy Chairperson Education

Moved: Daniel Lis

Seconded: Cam

Result: carries

Daniel motivates on behalf of the motion

Committee will hire graduate students with experience in policy making.

The committee will make recommendations to the University like the Ombudsperson towards education policy.

Adam - In favour - When would this be in operation?

Daniel - This motion will add it on a ad hoc basis and then at the AGM it will be a standing committee if its approved at the Fall SAGM. We can start this committee as of May 2018 as an ad hoc committee

Gabby - where will you get the funding

Daniel - We will be proposing a budget for the 2018-2019 budget towards the educational budget to fund this. Also, We will be approaching career boost for funding.

c. Bylaw Amendment on changes to the Responsibilities of the VP Education / To be presented at the Fall 2018 SAGM

MOTION 2018-03-27 G02

WHERE AS Article 4.5 C currently read as follows in [Appendix F](#); and

WHERE AS the Educational Issues Commissioner role is defunct , and has been succeeded by the Student Action Commissioner; and

WHERE AS the Educational Issues Committee is defunct , and has been succeeded by the Student Action Committee; and

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WHERE AS this year has seen the creation of a number of new responsibilities, namely the management of educational grants and the management of the Centre for Educational Resources & Policy ;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT 4.5C changed accordingly to the changes proposed in [Appendix F](#).

Moved: Daniel Lis

Seconded:

Result:

d. UPASS Referendum Question for Board of Governors

MOTION 2018-03-27 C05

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Yes OR No " "

Moved: Daniel

Seconded: Adam

Result: Carries

Adam - i was at the meeting . There is is no opt out option.

Daniel - There is opt out for students who cannot use the TTC. But there is no opt out in general.

Adam - I do see the benefits of no opting out. There will be more savings for those who use it. We have to remember that that is the main opposition for students. It should be one of the main conversations and we should be prepared to answer these questions.

Mathew leaves 7:19pm

Daniel - This pass will be considered under OSAP as well.

Adam - I dont think a lot of students will see this benefit so we really need to figure out how we will approach this conflict and we need to figure out how to deal with this.

Razi - UofT is running there referenda and there is a group that is running against the campaign. Is should not be hard to deal with this.

Ammar - What happens is one of the university rejects.

Daniel - UofT, York or Ryerson has to pass it for it to happen

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Cam - we can compare it to Health care, not all of us need it but it helps those who need it and helps the community access education and if we can frame it like that

Emily - What is the timeline for the UPASS ?

Daniel - Referendum will be done in september once it is passed at the Board of Governors. I have a FAQ sheet and we are adding questions to it so students are informed. The agreement is for 4 years and then the price will be renegotiated. TTC will not be making any money off of this. They will be making the same.

e. Policy Amendment - Good Food Centre and Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line

MOTION 2018-03-27 G03

Whereas the Good Food Centre and Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line are set to receive annual funds from Ryerson University in September 2018; and
Whereas the Good Food Centre and Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line are currently governed under the Operational Policy 14: Equity Service Centres and other policies and bylaws of the Ryerson Students' Union; and
Whereas the new funding is specifically dedicated to the Good Food Centre and Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line, and require specific guidelines and protocols to ensure funds are used for the expressed reasons that students have voted in favour of; therefore

Be it resolved that Operational Policy 18: Good Food Centre and Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line be approved as presented; and

Be it resolved that the remaining operational policies be renumbered accordingly as presented in [Appendix B](#).

Moved: Camryn Harlick

Seconded: Claire

Result: Passes

7. REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Bursary - The committee has not met regularly. The committee met once for the semester and will be meeting next week. People have been waiting two to three months for an answer. The President and Ricky and Savreen have been stepping up to organise and work on criteria.
- b. Finance - Met once this year to create the budget.
- c. Student Groups - Student groups committee has met regularly and has stuck to the budget.

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- d. Course Union - Last meeting was today. We used all the funding of the budget. We are happy with how the year has gone and how the groups have been using the funds.
- e. Student Action - Salman - Most of the conversation is about the UPass and moving forward for next year.
- f. Athletics - Athletics grant was launched this month.
- g. Events and Entertainment - Maria - Not present. The committee has not met.
- h. Bylaw / Governance - Committee members have not responded to emails for meetings and the committee has not met. The President has been sending the motions directly to the board since the committee has not fulfilled their duties.
- i. Equity and Social Justice - Chelsea - Supporting Black in MSA event with Maryam.
- j. Sustainability - Sameer Not Present

8. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

- a. MOTION 2018-02-27 R01
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reports of the Executive be accepted as presented in Appendix D.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Lola Result: Carries

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

- a. AGM - April 3 2018 6pm SCC 115

10. ADJOURNMENT

- a. MOTION 2018-03-27 A03
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 27 2018 Meeting of the RSU Board of Directors be adjourned.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Savreen Result: Carries