

Special Meeting of the Board

Yeates School of Graduate Studies (JMS) Local 24 Canadian Federation of Students

Wednesday, July 19, 2017 (RST) Cummer Auditorium, SCC 115, Student Centre, Toronto, Ontario

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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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 |
| 5. Lauren Emberson | 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 Catanguai |
| 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 | 20. Franci Dimitrovska |
| 18. Serena Kwok | 21. Robyn Matuto |
| 19. Hollie Olenik | |

Faculty of Community Services Directors

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

Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science Directors

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

Faculty of Science

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

Yeates School of Graduate Studies

- 35. Ammar Akhtar
- 36. Talena Jackson-Martineau

International Representative

- 37. Sohaib Hassan

Other Representatives

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| 38. Neal Muthreja | Board of Governors Representative |
| 39. Salman Faruqi | Course Unions Director |
| 40. TBA | First Year Representative |
| 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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

MOTION 2017-07-19 A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ryan Culpepper be appointed as Chairperson for the Ryerson Students' Union Board of Director Meeting for May 2017- April 2018

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Camryn Harlick Result: Defeated

Ali Yousaf - Why wasn't Osman Hamid appointed since it was decided at the last Board Meeting.

Susanne Nyaga – That meeting was ruled out of order. The Board just voted not to appoint a chairperson. It's the President's role to appoint the chair, not board members. I will chair the meeting as the Chairperson as is my role as President since the Board has refused to ratify the appointed chairperson.

Ali Yousaf – We can just call Osman Hamid now.

Susanne Nyaga – It is the role of the President to appoint the chairperson, you cannot appoint the chairperson, the board cannot appoint the chairperson, the Board's role is to ratify the chairperson as it says in our bylaws. There was a perfectly good chairperson and you all decided not to ratify that person and now the President will have to chair the meeting for the meeting to continue.

VP Operations – I want to challenge (the decision of the President as acting chairperson and the RSU bylaws)

Vote on Challenge – Defeated

President Susanne Nyaga will chair the meeting.

3. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The Chairperson will provide a brief introduction on how the meeting will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2017-07-19 A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July 19, 2017 agenda be approved as presented;

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Matthew Result: Passes

Ammar given speaking rights.

Motion to move the Grad referenda to item number 8

Moved: Ammar Result: Passes

Razi motions to add a motion about time stamps for motion submission to end of new business.

Seconded Ali Result: Passes

Franci – Limit discussion list 3 for and 3 against for each motion.

Seconded: Elizabeth Result- passes

Daniel – Motion to move item 10 D and 10 E to top of new business

Seconded: Nathan Result: Passes

Camryn – Motion to strike Indigenous Students Committee from the Committee elections.
Seonded: Shiri Result: Passes

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION 2017-07-19 A03 - APPENDIX A

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 14, 2017 minutes be approved as presented in Appendix A with amendments.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Neal Result: Passes

6. ORIENTATION AND WEEK OF WELCOME PRESENTATION – Lauren Emberson

7. BOARD MEMBER RATIFICATION

A. MOTION 2017-07-19 C01 - GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVES RATIFICATION

WHEREAS the Graduate Representative Committee has duly elected two representatives to sit on the RSU Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Talena Jackson-Martineau and Ammar Akhtar be ratified as the Graduate Student Representatives on the RSU Board of Directors for May 2017- April 2018

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Sohaib Result: Passes

8. STUDENT GROUP APPEAL

A. MOTION 2017-07-19 C02 — APPENDIX B

WHEREAS the group - UBF has applied for student Group status; and

WHEREAS the Student Groups committee has met and reviewed the application of students seeking status to establish new RSU student groups, and

WHEREAS the Student Group Committee has denied RSU Student Groups Status to the Group UBF; and

WHEREAS the Group UBF has appealed the decision of the Student Group Committee to the Executive Committee as per Campus Groups Policy; and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee heard the appeal of the Groups UBF and decided to uphold the decision of the Student Group Committee; and

WHEREAS the Group UBF has appealed the decision of the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors as per Campus Groups Policy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Board of Directors consider the appeal of the group UBF; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the student group “UBF” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga
abtenstions

Seconded: Elizabeth

Result: Defeated with

Susanne Motivates on behalf of the motion.

Joseph motivates on behalf of the group.

Gaby – Against – This group is not significantly different from already existing groups on campus. I think we should uphold as this would be double funding.

In favour – It seems more of a specific group that is specific to the bible. I would suggest an affiliation with other groups.

Yousaf – point of information – Is Gaby on the committee? And can I hear more about why the committee made this decision.

Claire – Against – The UBF groups in the US are on cult watch groups.

Lauren – point of information – This will be the final decision. The group has already been revoked by the Campus Groups Committee and the Executive Committee. This is the last step in the appeals process.

Point of clarification – Adam – Are you (Joseph) affiliated or funded by the US groups?

Joseph – We are not affiliated. I do not know these groups.

Claire – If you received funding will you continue with the name UBF?

Joseph – Yes if received.

Claire – Do you understand the connection?

Joseph –No I do not.

Ammar – Could I get context about the groups from the US.

Chair – You can look it up.

9. CAPITAL EXPENSE APPROVALS – APPENDIX C

A. MOTION 2017-07-19 F01 – Office Chairs

WHEREAS the RSU Office chairs are over ten (10) years old and need replacing as most chairs are unsuitable for use; and

WHEREAS the RSU has resourced several quotes from numerous office furniture supply companies and have chosen the company with the most competitive bid and chairs that fit Health and Safety requirements; and

WHEREAS it is required by the RSU Policies and Bylaws that all Capital Expenses over \$5000 are approved by the Board of Directors until the 2017-2018 Budget is approved at the August Board of Directors Meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approve up to \$13 000 towards the purchase of sixty (60) office chairs for all departments of the RSU which includes:-

- Member Services Office
- CopyRITE
- Equity Service Centres
- Grad Office
- Computer Lab
- RSU Main Office
- RSU Boardroom

Moved: Susanne Nyaga
abstentions

Seconded: Matthew

Result: Passes with

Susanne motivates on the motion

Matthew – For – We should get new chairs. We have to provide adequate seating for staff and students.

Nick – Against – Do we have proof that we need new chairs to spend this money.

Susanne – Money will be taking this money from a fund that has been compiling and we should not have staff sitting in bad chairs and we have offices without furniture and chairs that are a hazard.

Cam – For – We have not have new chairs in over 10 years. The chairs have screws sticking out of chairs , some are dangerous, staff have been complaining and this is a health and safety issue that should not be up for debate. We are an organization and we need to have seating.

Shiri – Pol – The justification for 60 chairs.

Internal Coordinator – In total we have 60 workstations, so we need 60 chairs. This is for all departments of the RSU. This includes CopyRITE, Member Services, all Equity service centres, the compute lab, the boardroom, the admin department, the part time staff workstations.

Adam – Two friends that work at copyrite that have back pains due to the condition of the chairs and this is an issue. They prefer to stand because the chairs are not usable. I do not think this is debatable, whether or not the RSU staff should have suitable chairs that meet health and safety standards.

Call to question - Sohaib

B. MOTION 2017-07-19 F02 - Wellness Centre Renovations, Appendix C

WHEREAS the Wellness Centre intends to be opening up in September 2017; and

WHEREAS the previously renovated space needed to be assessed to ensure it complied with building, safety, and fire codes; and

WHEREAS there is still a need for further renovations to complete Wellness Centre project; and

WHEREAS the RSU has gone through Ryerson University Purchasing to ensure the preferred contractors have bid on the renovations requests;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approve up to \$18,000 from the capital funds to complete the required renovations for the Wellness Centre; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RSU develop a purchasing process to ensure that large renovation projects are completed by preferred vendors & contractors similar to Ryerson University Finance standards.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Franci

Result: Passes

Savreen – Is there a break down of the costs?

Poi – Do we know how much was approved in the past?

GM - \$20000 for renovation, max of \$30000 was approved.

Asia – POC – If all that money was already approved and spent, where did that money go and why do we need more to complete? What companies were involved, why do we need more work.

GM – Renovation were done structurally, I did not get much information on the previous contractors. We reached out to Ryerson and they assessed that more work needed to be done around building codes and compliance and the renovations were deemed incomplete and not up to code. So now we have to complete the construction to make it a usable space.

Chiar – Reviews the cost of the total cost of the Wellness Centre expenses to date.

Member - Is there a completion date?

GM – We are hoping for 2 week turnover and done in mid August.

Member - What is the next step after the renovations?

Shayan – Once the renovation is completed we are finalizing programming and how to complete the launch. We would like to create a committee. We will be assessing what the direction of the Wellness Centre will be.

Lauren – How do folks feel about this project since we were not part of this. I would suggest we have another meeting so all board member can get more information on this project

Chair – This space was renovated without building codes, it was not safe. The breakdown describes what we need to do to bring it up to building codes. If we don't approve this it will be completely unusable but in the meantime we can bring the space up to be usable regardless of what we use it for.

POI – In talks with the Muslim Chaplain, the space provided has no window. Has he been consulted?

Shayan – Yes , he was consulted and all of the Chaplains have been consulted and if you look on the list , we have included what the offices need and what changes need to be made within the limits of the space.

Call to question - Passes

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. MOTION 2017-07-19 C01 – University of Toronto Student Union (UTSU)

WHERE AS The UTSU has launched an anti-Black law suit against Sandy Hudson and failed to function in good practice at multiple points throughout the lawsuit; and

WHERE AS The RSU has committed to functioning under an anti-racism mandate; and

WHERE AS Any collaboration with UTSU will potentially lead to conflict among Black students on campus;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU executives suspend all work and collaboration with UTSU until they agree to drop the lawsuit against Sandy Hudson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU executives collaboratively write a letter to send to UTSU informing them of this decision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU executives collaboratively write a public letter for our membership to inform them our decision and demonstrate our support of Black students on campus.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: CAM

Result:

Susanne motivates on behalf of the motion.

Sandy Hudson is being sued by the UTSU concerning her severance package. Black students have mobilised to push for this lawsuit to be dropped. Reasons for this is due to the treatment of Sandy Hudson as a black woman and another example of Anti Black Racism.

Point of information – As the chair you cannot motivate on motions?

Chair – I am a board member and I submitted this motion so I have speaking rights.

For – Maryan – When we were having issues when a Black Muslim pregnant woman was fired they (UTSU) stood in solidarity with black students and spoke out and boycotted the RSU and they should be held to the same standards. We cannot say we are about equity but when it comes down to it we do nothing in the face of Anti Black Racism.

Against – Aalman – There is an ongoing lawsuit that we do not know about as we do not have access to. I am not comfortable making this decision without having the knowledge.

Lauren – I have a letter from the Exec at UTSU for the Board about this matter.

Sam - I think its only fair that we have letters from Sandy. Was this were sent to all the Exec?

Lauren - I received it and they wanted it presented to the board.

Robyn – I don't see it as a letter to an executive, Lauren got it in advance for it to be printed for this meeting. I believe this is anti black racism by this action. Lauren since you got this did you try to also get a response from Sandy Hudson so the Board has all the information. Why are we only now hearing about this? This was brought up at other meetings. Why wasn't this added to the agenda.

Lauren – The letter is addressed to the board and sent to me by UTSU. I am just passing it on.

Cam – I did not receive this letter as an Executive member. Why did we not receive this letter ahead of time of this meeting?

Lauren – I did not send it in time for the package.

Chair – This gives the facts of the lawsuits. The motion is more about treatment of Sandy Hudson by saying she defrauded the students union when there is no proof of that.

Maryam – This letter was sent to an executive. Or were they approached.

Lauren – This was sent to board through me.

Maryam – And you never gave it to the Board when you go it?

Lauren – I am just passing it on. Here is the letter.

Poi – What are the facts are lawsuit?

Chair – It states the amounts and what they are asking for. The motion is about the justification of this lawsuit.

Razi – Can we see the letter from UTSU.

Poi – Adam - This seems like a big thing to sway a vote and why Lauren did not add it to the agenda when we were amending the agenda during the meeting. I think this is very problematic that Lauren was sitting on this letter before and during the meeting and is only now presenting it. This is deliberately trying to sway votes.

Lauren – Can we recess. I didn't think about adding this to agenda.

Poi – Elizabeth- I am confused – If we are concerned about the Anti - Blackness so why is a letter from the student union relevant of the letter. Are they explaining why they aren't being Anti- Black?

Lauren – The motion is asking for ended collaboration and I'm not going to pass along information for the board. They have reached out and I do not think its right for me to not pass along the information.

Asia – When did you get this. This should have been sent to the board. I am wondering why this was not sent to board.

Lauren – June 12, its been a month, it slipped my mind. I forgot to submit it.

Asia – So you (Lauren) forgot to submit it last board meeting and you forgot to add it to this agenda. What are the benefits of us working with UTSU?

Lauren – I don't think that is a question for me.

Asia – wWat are you positives for collaboration with UTSU?

Lauren – That is up to the baord, Daniel may speak to the work he has been doing with them.

Cam – Why was sandy not invited but UTSU was brought by Exec Members to discuss this issue.

Daniel – I brought the person to speak about Upass. I would like to keep working with them on this project.

Poi – Ammar – What are the current and future collaborations?

Chair – President has no collaboration and the RSU has no standing collaborations as an organisation.

Cam – I will not work with an anti-black corporation.

Lauren – Depends on this motion. Working on constitutions and helpful to have another organisation for discussion, orientation – it's good to have other universities involved. Students united will never be defeated.

Daniel – We will be working on the Upass with UTSU.

Ali – I just work with finances and RSU operations. I have not collaborations with UTSU.

Ammar – Are the grads allowed to continue?

Chair – yes they are separate.

Poi- Sameer – So we have any power as a student union around Anti Blackness.

Susanne – The RSU will be working in solidarity with Black Students to raise awareness and call out instances of Anti Black Racism, as UTSU has done in the past.

Poc – People should be asking question, not making statements.

Chair – These are relevant points of information.

Maryan – because I am uncomfortable with this letter and we do not have enough information. Can we motion to table.

Chair – I can add you to the speakers list to table

Yousaf – pop – call for 10 minutes break

Seconded: Razi result – passes 8:45pm

Meeting resumes 9pm

Johannah – UTSU does not have a good reputation currently and we do not have a good reputation either. Media is anti black, a comprehensive letter was written. Students United as Lauren just said, includes black students. We cannot ignore their voices on this matter.

Poi – Why should I believe what is written on this letter when it says all execs were cc'd which was not done.

Lauren – I did not write this, I just passed it on.

Poi – Can we do this motion again if it is defeated.

Chair – I suggest you table instead of re-submitting the motion.

Shiri – Is it possible to conduct the final vote by secret ballot.

Poi – Can you explain how to put forward a motion to table

Chair – The call to question would have to be defeated first.

Poi – What is the secret ballot for?

Chair – For the final vote on the Motion

Poi - Maryan – So this stops all discussion and therefore silences me?

Call to question – Fails

Razi – Can we amend the motion to strike the first clause and say that the RSU exec collaborate write them a letter expressing disapproval of the lawsuit.

Seconded: Member Result:

Johannah – against – it does not send a strong message all we are saying is we disagree with what you are doing but we will support you anyways by continuing to work with you.

POI – Elizabeth – You were talking about the Upass Daniel – is UoT the only other union that is working on this?

Daniel – Other Unions are involved but we need the other downtown campus to work on this.

Cam – I agree with Johannah – against – This means we are acknowledging but still working with an anti black students union.

Poi – Shiri – Speak to chair directly?

Chair – Yes

POI – Maria – 2015 they wrote a letter to RSU about the firing of Gilary Massa. What was in this letter

POI – Maria – I would like to just be able to see what was done in the past.

Chair pulls up the letter UTSU wrote about the firing of Gilary Massa.

POI – Sohaib – How can I table this motion? Folks have a lot of questions and I think it should be tabled.

Chair explains that the amendment needs to be discussed first and then when discussion returns to the main motion a motion to tabled can be passed

Chair – Reads letter to RSU from UTSU from 2015

Vote on the amendment – Motion fails with abstentions

Maryan – POI – Can we do a Role call vote?

Lauren – POI – Was a secret ballot called?

Chair – We cannot jump ahead to the vote as we are still discussion the motion. A question was asked and the chair will answer the question concerning the role call vote.

Andrew joins 9:30pm

Cam – in favour – This is not about the lawsuit, its about how she (Sandy Hudson) has been treated. Non black students do not get to state what is anti black. We can collaborate with UTMSU , York , OCAD on the Upass.

Sohaib – There is not even information on how this will effect us and also as a person who is not black its not for me to speak on this without the information needed.

Yousaf – POI – To clarify what location are we talking about?

Cam – UTSU downtown campus, we can still work with UofT Mississauga and all other locations.

Elizabeth – Why is it being presented that UTSU is the only people we can collaboration with on the Upass? And why is that the main reason to not fight against Anti Black racism?

Daniel – UTSU is one of the main groups that is doing this and they are different and have different needs of the Scarborough and Mississauga locations.

POI – What's more important black people's lives or a Upass? There is talk of the TTC retaliation, but would Black students would retaliate if we support an Anti Black organisation.

POI – Do you believe that it would look bad to our own students? Would look bad that we did not stand up against Anti Black Racism?

Persident – Yes

Elizabeth – I don't think I got an answer on my question. They are other DT schools. Is it impossible that we can't do this without UTSU.

President – George Brown and other Universities are willing to work on the UPass

Daniel – I can't speak on behalf of George brown on UofT's initiative.

Elizabeth – So you (Daniel) have not consulted any other university on the Upass. This sounds like personal interest to continue working with UTSU.

POI- Ali – motion to speak in favours and against

Chair – yes we are

Ali – can we table this?

POI – what information is needed?

Sohaib – I want to know what collaborations are happening and what will look like on us if the lawsuit is not successful. It's not easy decision to make at this point in time before I make a decision because I cannot speak for the black community.

Claire – Do the non black people realise how privileged it is to sit and decide what is anti black. This is what you are doing.

POO – it was rhetorical

Chair – You cannot use POI for statements

Salman – This was motioned in our last meeting, why?

Chair – I tabled the motion to speak with members who had questions.

Maryan – how do you go about answering someone's point of information

Chair – the POI is addressed to chair.

Chelsea – POI – Have we gathered this information from the black community or will we see how this only affects the Upass and some events if we decide to do events. And will this even affect the Upass?

Chair – The directors that asked questions felt comfortable with the responses. However I see issues with asking black members to explain anti black racism and their experiences to justify this motion.

Motion to Table the motion to next board meeting

Moved: Sohaib Seconded: Maryan

Cam – We tabled this motion so board members could take the time to do their due diligence and reach out to Susanne. I think Susanne has done her diligence and I do not think we should postpone again because some members did not follow up.

Adam – Sgainst – We need to be an ally to anti black students by tabling this we are being neutral and standing on the side of the side of the oppressor. I think the time is now to make a choice and the choice should be for this.

Maryan – For – I agree with both points, I don't think the majority of the board has enough information because of that people will vote in a way that is not for the black students. I think its best so that if any letters or content is shared with the board so that everyone can be on the same page.

Claire – against – You can be anti black now or in a month we should vote now.

Motion to table - Result – Fails with abstentions

Maryan – in favour – as a black student as a black rep for Community Services it's my job to represent the black students interests and we should not prioritise so called benefits that do not exist as yet or potential collaborations over the lives of black students.

Role call vote – Passes

Elizabeth Adam Result – 15 against 16 for and 2 abstentions

Chair explains the role call vote

POI – it will be recorded who voted in the minutes

POI – What if someone calls for the secret vote?

Chair -We are voting on the role call vote.

POI – Does an abstention count in a role call vote?

POI – Lauren - In the most recent rules if someone asks for a secret vote you should just get a secret vote.

Chair – No one asks for a secret. It was not a motion or a request it was a point of information on how the person goes about doing that.

Matthew – A role call precedes a secret ballot in my experience.

POI – Can we do a revote?

POI – Can I change my vote now?

Chair- Motion to consider the vote must be done by the person on the prevailing side.

Ammar – Motion to reconsider.

Result on motion to reconsider – role call vote fails

Sameer – Call for secret ballot

Result – Tie

Chair votes against

Motion - failed

POI – What was the vote count

Chair - 16 – 17

POI – role call vote failed – 8.17 – if a board member asked for secret ballot , then it has to be a secret ballot.

Chair – That interpretation is up to the chair so I am reviewing that bylaw.

Lauren – I would like to secret ballot.

Result of Motion– Fails

B. MOTION 2017-07-19 C02 – CFS Participation and Resources

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ryerson Students' Union not partake in or promote any campaigns or initiatives offered by the Canadian Federation of Students including action campaigns, social media, statements, or anything else;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ryerson Students' Union not purchase any materials from the Canadian Federation of Students including, but not limited to, swag from the Ethical Purchasing Program, campaign materials, or anything else; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ryerson Students' Union not give any monies to the Canadian Federation of Students not including the required membership fees and any delegate fees associated with general meetings of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Moved: Lauren Emberson

Seconded:Gaby

Result:

Lauren – I do not think the CFS serves students the way we want. I don't see the federation serves students concerning the secret ballots. There are no checks or balances and we have not been given access to the information about the secret bank account which is unfair to our members. I think they need to own up to what is happening in the federation and make sure that

POI – what is this about

Lauren – people are saying that we should get involved to make changes but those motions were tabled or not heard. We are giving them money and to then not be heard in those spaces is not accountable and we should be able to participate and they should look into supporting their membership and we should have the right to not participate until they represent their members better

Poin – you mean like the RSU?

POI – Maryan – is the point of the motion to hold CFS accountable , like we did not with UTSU?

Obaid joins - 930pm

Lauren – it's a stand because of the issues we are having with the CFS.

Asia – is this a motion to defederate ?

Lauren – No its to stop supporting the CFS by purchasing anything from them or supporting campaigns.

Asia- Are we asking students to pay but not have any benefits, even though a lot of these CFS campaigns and programmes are beneficial to students?

Tlauren – this motion is not for defederation. We should not pour money and resources into the CFS and participate in campaigns when they are not doing what we want them to do

Poi – Sohaib – board members cannot be part of defederation?

Lauren – This has nothing to do with defederation. We will not give them any money.

Poi – Can you tell us the campaigns that you don't wish to take part in or what money you do not want to give them? There are no whereas clauses explaining your motive for this motion

Lauren – Most students don't even know we are part of the CFS we should not keep given them money. Especially for campaigns that don't do anything like fight the fees with is around for like 17 years and campaigns that don't do anything. We haven't gotten enough information about a secret bank account.

Poi – You did not answer the point of information. What money and what campaigns?

Robyn – Andrew – Equity campaigns are integral to the CFS. This boycott will effect the Equity Service Centres (ESC). If the ESC cannot access the resources of the CFS , they will not be able to continue doing the work for many marginalised students. This motion is crippling the work of the Equity Service Centres.

Sam – Speakers rights to the ESC – Also Fight the Fees started 2 years ago so Lauren is incorrect in saying its been around for 17 years. Also the whole point of organisations like the CFS and Students Unions is to fight for affordable education for students.

Cam – To answer a previous POI the campaigns the CFS does besides fight the fees are around Unpaid Internships, Graduate Student Issues and Funding, fair treatment of TA's and All the Equity based campaigns like Consent is Mandatory, and the Unlearn campaigns agaisnt Islamophobia, AntiSemitism, Homophobia, Transphobia, Anti Black Racism, Ablesim , Audism, to name a few. There is also the bulk purchasing program that all Unions of the CFS use for cheap and ethical products for swag.

Cassandra – Lists all the campaigns the ESC are part of and how the CFS helps - The work the CFS has been doing around equity issues is what the ESC have been doing and with the CFS. I have not seen any commitment from the RSU on supporting the ESC when it comes to budgeting or general support. We barely have any staff and we do not get support from the organisations. We get resources from the CFS. The RSU will need to provide us with the connections of other students across the country if we cannot work with the CFS. You will be talking away the agency of the ESC and the many many students that they represent. The CFS is working on supporting SASSL which the RSU has not done and the RSU has not supported the ESC. CFS provides that support through students membership. Students pay the fee and the RSU Execs are elected to support our needs and our directed. This motion is a slap in the face of so many students.

Adam – We've spoken about how we spend our money, and how much we care about our money, we are penny pinching on the lives and access of the marginalised students on campus. I do not know what it is like to be marginalised, how can we sit here and decide that we personally don't agree so it shouldn't come out of our tuition. Our identities do not represent all types of . We are still spending the money , but we are withholding resources from the students . \$15 per student is what we spend to help the marginalised students that need this money and resources. This is pathetic to sit here and decide they don't need it.

Also to point out again, this money does not come out of the RSU budget. It is a separate fee that students pay directly and we are elected to represent those students. If you are so concerned about saving money, this has no effect on the RSU budget.

Poi – holly – I wanted to know how much the CFS campaign materials cost. Can Lauren answer this?

Cam – Campaign materials are free of cost because we are members.

Holly – So what costs is Lauren talking about? I do not understand.

Maryan – So none of that comes from the RSU budget as Adam and Cam said, so that has nothing to do with our budget? Earlier I asked how is this going to hold CFS accountable but if we don't give them any money and its only the ESCs that participate in campaigns how is this going to hold them accountable?

Chair – We don't give money from the RSU budget. Students \$15 goes directly to the CFS. We do not give additional monies except in conference fees and we get two delegates free.

Maryan – So this motion does not make any sense? I don't understand the point of this motion.

Daniel – Call to question

Result – Fails with abstentions

C. MOTION 2017-07-19 C04 – Graduate Student Union Referenda

Referendum Question:-

'Due to the growth in Graduate programs at Ryerson, there should be a Graduate Student Union like other universities in Canada.

Do you agree that:

A separate Graduate Student Union independent of the RSU collecting its own fees and representing all Ryerson Graduate students be created?'

WHEREAS Ryerson University has introduced and grown its graduate programs and graduate student enrolment over the last 10 years;

WHEREAS when the Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) was created, the university did not have any graduate students;

WHEREAS the needs of graduate students are fundamentally different from the needs of undergraduate students and require representation by graduate students;

WHEREAS Ryerson University is one of the only Ontario universities with graduate programs that does not have a separate and independent graduate student union;

WHEREAS a petition to gather at least 10% of graduate signatures in favour of separating has been successful;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU Board of Directors support the separation of graduate student members from the RSU in the creation of their own, independent graduate student organization during the 2017/2018 academic year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU works with the graduate students to conduct a referendum to create a Graduate Student Union at Ryerson University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the referendum is successful that the RSU Board of Directors agrees to participate in negotiations with the new graduate student organization during 2017/2018 to assist in the graduate student separation from the RSU.

Moved: Ammar Akhtar Seconded: Salman Result: Passes

Ammar motivates on behalf of the motion

Salman – Will they be under the CFS?

Chair – That is the decision of the GRADs?

Sohaib – Do we have a document that show that it was 10 % of grads.

Ammar – 10% of the grad population signed the petition.

What happens to graf position on the RSU

Ammar – We will continue to have seats until we can figure out what the new GRAD union will look like. The Current grad reps will form the new union.

D. MOTION 2017-07-19 G01 - AD HOC COMMITTEE RATIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following committees be added as Ad Hoc committees on the RSU Board of Directors for May 2017- April 2018 as presented in Appendix D.

- Transit Committee
- ~~Indigenous Students' Committee~~

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Daniel Result: PASSES

E. COMMISSIONER AND COMMITTEE ELECTION

i. MOTION 2017-07-19 G01 – COMMISSIONER ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Directors be Ratified as Commissioners of the Committees for the RSU for 2017-18.

- Sustainability Commissioner – SAMEER, MATTHEW, - SAMEER !
- Transit Commissioner – YOUSAF, ASIA – YOUSAF!

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: MARIA Result: PASSES

i. MOTION 2017-07-19 G02 – COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Directors be ratified as Committee members for the Committees for 2017-18.

- Sustainability Committee – 3 positions – MATTHEW, ELIXZABTH, SOPHIE
- – 3 positions – RAZI, NATHAN, MARYAN,

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: SAVREEN
Result: PASSES WITH ABSTENTIONS
HARMAN, RICKY AND NICK LEAVE 8:30PM
Maryan to adjourn - Passes

11. POLICY AMENDMENTS – APPENDIX E

A. MOTION 2017-07-19 G03 - RSU EMAIL SIGNATURE

WHEREAS RSU Operational Policy 12.2 is out dated; and

WHEREAS RSU Operational policy 12.2 is not currently being followed by everyone as it is far too restrictive; and

WHEREAS many other student unions do not have a policy restricting email signatures;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU Operational Policy 12.2 be amended to read:

Protocol

12.2 Email signatures for all RSU email communications must include the following information:

Name

Title

Ryerson Students' Union

Tel: 416-979-5255 ext. (Your extension)

Email

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

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU Operational Policy 12.3 be removed from the policy manual.

Moved: Lauren Emberson

Seconded:

Result:

B. MOTION 2017-07-19 G04 – AFFILIATE GROUP POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU Operational Policy 2.3 xi. Be amended to read as follows:

Xi. Affiliate groups are not eligible to receive an operational budget from the RSU. An affiliate group is eligible to apply for up to \$1000 in RSU grant funding per academic year, but no more than \$500 is available per project/event each semester;”

Moved: Lauren Emberson

Seconded:

Result:

C. MOTION 2017-07-19 G05-CAMPUS GROUPS FUNDING POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Campus Groups Funding Policy be adopted as Operational Policy #37 as presented in Appendix E.

Moved: Lauren Emberson

Seconded:

Result:

12. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE – APPENDIX F

MOTION 2017-07-19 R01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reports of the Executive Committee be accepted as presented in Appendix G.

Moved:

Seconded:

Result:

13. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

MOTION 2017-07-19 R02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reports of the RSU Committees be accepted as presented.

Moved:

Seconded:

Result:

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Indigenous Students Committee
- B. UPass – Appendix G
- C. Fall By Election
- D. Board Honorarium
- E. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
 - Orientation Week
 - Week of Welcome

15. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION 2017-07-19 A04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned.

Moved: Maryan

Seconded:Chelsea

Result: Passes