

Special Meeting of the Board

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

Wednesday August 28 2017 – Margaret Lawrence, Rm 201, 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 | 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 | 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 | |

Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science Directors

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

Faculty of Science

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

Yeates School of Graduate Studies

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| 35. Bhutila Karpoche/Samson Romero |
| 36. Ammar Akhtar/Talena Jackson-Martineau |

International Representative

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| 37. Sohaib Hassan |
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Other Representatives

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

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| 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 (QUORUM)

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

MOTION 2017-08-28 A01

Be it resolved that be appointed as Chairperson for the Ryerson Students' Union Board of Director Meeting for Board Meeting.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded:

Result: President 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 2017-08-28 A02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 28, 2017 agenda be approved as presented;

Moved: SUSANNE

Seconded: Daniel

Result: Passes

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION 2017-08-28 F01 – RSU 2017-2018 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS the Governance Committee has met to review the proposed RSU Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS the Governance Committee has recommended that the proposed Budget be presented to the Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approve the Budget as proposed in Appendix C for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Moved: Ali Yousaf

Seconded: Camryn

Result: Passes

Susanne is presenting on the budget discrepancies from last year

Talena: Who are the signing officers for the RSU, and how can they remove funds?

Susanne: GM, President, VP Ops and the Financial Controller; 2 signing authorities are enough to sign off and remove funds.

Obaid: RSU financials have been pretty bad the past few years, dharshini's role helped outline what can be changed.

Talena: It's not the matter of blaming, it's just acknowledging what was done, and knowing if we can do better, then we should do better.

Ali: If the government implements the Ontario drug plan, then the amount of the health and dental reserve will go up since less money will be requested.

Obaid: We don't need to reach our \$800k mark of the capital reserves, we can use the money we get for capital reserves and have it go towards the health and dental reserve.

Ali: We don't owe capital expenses to anyone, but we do need to repay the health and dental reserve.

Adam: The government can't be relied on, they can change their plan at any time due to the election in June. Where did things go wrong?

Susanne: We can't pinpoint an exact time, but the health and dental reserve was counted as income for the budget.

Lauren: We are all on the same page that we're missing money. What are we trying to figure out now.

Susanne: We just wanted to make sure everyone has the same information on the budget.

Obaid: Just to clarify, there's no reason the capital expense should be at \$800k, it's up to the board what we set it as.

Matthew: The conversation has gone more to what plans we have in place to get the budget balanced again. We should just focus on approving the budget.

Susanne: Let's get back to the budget motion.

Amendment: Be it resolved that \$5,400 gets removed from the line item various under the Copyrite budget, and we put it towards student group grants.

Moved by: Ali
Seconded by: Ammar

Adam: I happen to be friends with most of the copyrite staff. They need to have staff, they're very strained.

Susanne: we can always hire someone else later in the year if we need to.

Johannah: Why did we decide to transfer the \$5,400 to student group grants over anywhere else.

Ali: Student group grants one of the biggest cuts in comparison to the rest of the budget

Voting on motion
Motion passes

Amendment: Be it resolved that line item 7998-BURS be budgeted for \$0. Be it further resolved that the \$5,000 from 7998-BURS be moved to 5843-CAMP

Moved by: Obaid

Seconded by: Chelsea

Youssef: What if a disaster comes up?

Obaid: You can support it through donations with events that we run.

Mathew: We should budget to save some items, rather than budget to spend it.

Motion called to question

Voting on Motion

Motion passes

Amendment: Be it resolved that line item 7400-ADMN (legal fees), be reduced from \$90k to \$70k. Be it further resolved that \$10k be moved to 5843-CAMP (athletics), \$8k to 8000-CAMP (student group grants), and \$2k to 5826-EIAD (materials and resources).

Moved by: Salman

Seconded by: Obaid

Talena: What is legal fees?

Susanne: It's to pay our lawyers for the work that they do.

Matthew: We are allocating to be in more of a loss given how much we have spent on legal fees.

Salman: The amount in campaigns isn't enough. Student groups and athletics spend a lot and give a lot to campus, so we need to support them.

Sid moves to go in camera at 7:30pm due to discussing legal issues

Recess: 7:39pm

Out of camera 8:06pm

Voting on motion

Motion doesn't pass

Recount vote called

Motion passes 14 for 11 against

Amendment: Be it resolved that \$5,000 be moved from 5843-CAMP (athletics), to 5829-EQTY (equity issues and campaigns).

Moved by: Johannah

Seconded by: Hollie

Youssef: \$5,000 is a big jump from last year, why?

Camryn: Equity can always use more, athletics only helps a small group.

Obaid calls to question
Call to question fails

Ammar: Is this the best place for the funds within equity?

Camryn: Staffing would be best but this is second best

Amendment to Amendment: Be it resolved that \$5,000 be moved from Concert operational expenses rather than 5843-CAMP (athletics), to 5829-EQTY (equity issues and campaigns).

Moved by: Obaid
Seconded by: Sarah

Obaid: We shouldn't remove it from athletics, athletics needs money as well.

Susanne: The concert hasn't been budgeted through operational expenses, so the money's that's there is all we have. The concert will lose money and won't be able to operate as well.

Lauren: Right now we should be making operational decisions rather than political decisions.

Voting on motion
Vote fails

Camryn: It's a reasonable compromise if equity gets some of the funding allocated to athletics.

Ali calls to question
Call to question passed

Voting on motion
Motion fails

Ali calls the budget motion to question
Motion passes

Voting on budget motion
Motion passes with abstentions
Abstentions: Adam, Hollie, Talena, Camryn, Chelsea, Gabby, Robyn

Motion to adjourn
Moved by: Susanne
Seconded by: Matthew

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION 2017-08-28 A04

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

Moved:

Seconded:

Result: