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Meeting of the Board of Directors

Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) – Local 24 Canadian Federation of Students
Wednesday September 21 2017

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 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 | |

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

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

International Representative

- 37. Sohaib Hassan

Other Representatives

- 38. Neal Muthreja Board of Governors Representative

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| 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 Representatives

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

1. Shiri Gawrielman

- Susanne: told grad committee to pick someone from their community
- Ammar: the person who was appointed last year stepped down, so they reached out for new people
- Youssef: will they sit on the BOD
- Susanne: nah b

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Savreen

Result: Passes

B. MOTION 2017-09- G02 – BY ELECTION

WHEREAS the RSU must host a By Election to fill any vacant positions on the Board of Directors and Graduate Representative Committee as per the RSU Bylaws; and
WHEREAS the position on Deputy Student Life is vacant;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU hosts the By Election on November 6,7,8 2017 with the nomination period of October 16 to October 24, 2017.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Hollie

Result: Passes

Discussion:

- Savreen: how many positions
- Susanne: 1 GRAD, 1 FCAD
- Lauren: whats the in our, my bad, what happens if someone resigns on October 25
- Susanne: if this passes that the by election period, so from October 25-winter election, the President would appoint someone.
- Sohaib: is it like a normal interview?
- Susanne: Probably would reach out to community and see who's interested
- Lauren: If someone resigned October 23, can they do the election
- Susanne: No that will be during the nomination period. We have to advertise the positions before the nomination period.
- Lauren abstained.

C. MOTION 2017-09-21 G03 – EQUITY SERVICE CENTRE POLICY

WHEREAS the RSU's Equity Service Centres provide much needed services and advocacy on campus for the most marginalised communities of the RSU membership; and

WHEREAS the Equity Service Centre Operational Policy has not been amended since 2010 and there is much needed updates to operations, staffing and language; and

WHEREAS the Vice President Equity and Equity and Campaigns Coordinator have reviewed the policy and have made proposed amendments in partnership and consultation with the Ryerson University Ombudsperson, RSU members, Equity Service Centre Staff and RSU management;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operational Policy #14 – Equity Service Centres be amended as proposed in Appendix B and adopted.

Moved: Camryn Harlick

Seconded: Nick N

Result: Tabled

- Camryn is motivating: so policy hasn't changed since 2010, its old so we wanted to change it, so the language is equitable

Discussion:

- Lauren wanted to table it till next meeting
- Corey Scott (Equity and Campaigns Coordinator) and Camryn explained like what was changed.
- Razi asked about ambiguousness of a clause, Camryn explained it (clauses in contract, but this governs the relationship with the department and organization)
- Youssef asked for clarification (why it doesn't say employees) about a clause, Camryn explained (employees are covered under it, but this manages the resources in the equity center, and how they will be used)
- Savreen: this process is how to remove folks from the spaces?
- Corey: How do we address people people facing problems with each other in the space.
- Savreen: So like people get warnings and stuff?
- Corey: After a warning, they have to tell me, I'd make an assessment an take the next step (a talking to, a year removable)
- Savreen: Can someone not get warning and come to you?
- Corey: Yes
- Savreen : Does this apply to non Ryerson students?
- Corey: No obligation for them to uphold the policy, we just ask them to leave.
- Savreen: So if communtiry member acted in this way, we can remove them from the space?
- Cam: If it's a small thing they won't ask them to leave.
- Lauren: Quorum count

- Quorum problems (Youssef wanted to call to question before the call to Quorum, so Susanne is checking)
- Quorum lost, meeting ended 9:14pm

D. MOTION 2017-09-21 C01 – MY WELLNESS

WHEREAS the RSU provides services and resources dedicated to the health and well-being of the members; and

WHEREAS the RSU features a mental health and wellness resource for students titled 'myWellness' that reached more than 4000 individual students last year; and

WHEREAS members are struggling to access mental health care on campus and in the community due to lack of number of councillors and cost per session; and

WHEREAS research indicates post-secondary schools are struggling to meet this need for care; and

WHEREAS research shows digital support is an effective tool in addition to services currently provided;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU approves the enhancement of our myWellness program to include digital counselling

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The cost for this program of \$1.20 (plus applicable tax) per student per year based on enrolment in the Health plan be included as a benefit enhancement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT This program be made available immediately to support our members.

Moved: Ali Yousaf

Seconded: Camryn

Result: Passes

- So there was a presentation by myWellness
- Someone asked if there would be physical counsellors on campus
- The lecturer explained that there will not be counsellors on campus. Since there are already counsellors on campus, introducing more would be replicating their service. What their trying to do is compliment the services that already exist
- Adam asked if the section about the address is necessary on the assessment
- The lecturer answered that yes it is, because if someone is talking about hurting themselves, its ethical to know where they have located so they can send help to them, also on the flip side, they need to know where you are located to direct you to the correct service around you
- Cam: is the billing sent to your house
- No its sent to u by email
- Cam: is spirituality included in the religion section
- He didn't know the answer
- Cam: are there indigenous languages

- Doesn't know
- Ali: How much do sessions cost in general for students?
- Anywhere from \$100.00 to \$200.00
- Ali: And how about on this platform?
- \$37.50
- Salmon: other universities?
- Yes several, closest is university of Guelph
- AMMAR: \$1.20 added on when?
- Salmon: What's the benefits of an online councillor
- Answer: its easier to bail and not panic. You're in your on comfortable space, not in like an office or something, so you get to the cause quicker.
- Johannah: Concerned someone is in distress and calls the police but nothing is wrong.
- Everyone on the website has been certified, and has done thousands of hours of training.
- Johannah: but whenever the police arrive, they have to explain why the cops are there.
- Its wouldn't happen. From experience, the police would not be involved immediately. They would arrange someone to meet them locally, near their home
- Cam: thanked the girl above for her point. From her experience, they send the police first. Student bailing or councillor?
- Student. He's going check the police thing and send it to cam
- Claire: Go over counselling process.
- Language, closed caption, religion, family environment. Text box to type in your story, but its optional.
- Claire: so if I'm a queer woman, can I speak to a queer counsellor ?
- Someone may want to speak to a girl or guy, but at the end of it they'll show what specialist they have, as in LGBT issues, it'll be there.
- Salman: what if languages are added IRL?
- Yes it can be added. They can source councillor based on needs
- Sohaib: Are counsellors, are within Canada?
- Yup, we make sure that everything is in Canada. Secure video link (military grade)
- Sohaib: where are the information stored, and how will they get a copy
- All stored on the cloud, very secured location. They can ask for it, sign a consent form, and it can be released.
- Ammar: 4000 used this program?
- 4000 have used the mental health platform from Ryerson
- Razi: replying to Cam, a social worker is also called.
- Cam: From mine a police was also called.
- Salman: what's the hours?
- 7am-12 pm

Discussion:

- Susanne: 27100 students, \$1.20 on it, so around \$26000 for this. So what's going into the reserve is \$1.16, if this passes, none will go to the reserve, and we will take \$900 out of reserve and pay it to Galivan to make this happen
- Daniel: call to question, didn't pass.
- Razi: asked about finances, Susanne answered before.

- Lauren: Move into camera, so voted, passed
- 6. MOTION TO ADJOURN
MOTION 2017-09-21 A04
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Meeting of the Board be adjourned.
Moved: Seconded: Result:

Quorum lost 9:14pm