

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) – Local 24 Canadian Federation of Students
December 14 2017
Oakham Lounge
6pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

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 |
| 5. Lauren Emberson | Vice-President Student Life and Events |

Faculty of Arts

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

Faculty of Ted Rogers School of Management

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

Faculty Communication and Design Directors

17. Asia Aoki
19. Hollie Olenik
20. Franci Dimitrovska
21. Robyn Matuto
22. Emily Eymundson

Faculty of Community Services Directors

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

Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science Directors



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

Faculty of Science

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

Yeates School of Graduate Studies

35. Ammar Akhtar
36. Hussain Bokhari

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. Niall Hickey | First Year Representative |
| 41. Sophie Lafleur | Residence Representative |
| 42. Razi Syed | Senate Representative |
| 43. Harman Singh | Student Groups Director |

Ryerson Students' Union Staff

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| 1. Sid Naidu | General Manager |
| 2. Dharshini Jay | Financial Controller |
| 3. Casey Chu Cheong | Internal Coordinator |

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE- 6:25pm**
2. **REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON - Susanne Nyaga (President)**

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3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. MOTION 2017-11-23 A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the December 14, 2017 agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Emily

Result: PASSES

- Motion to - Move student group presentation move from 7a before 5
- Moved: Cam, Seconded: Matthew, Result: passes
- Motion to Add bylaw amendment - Wellness Committee
- Moved: Hollie, Seconded: Gabbie, Result: passes
- Motion to move 7c above 7a, before 5,
- Moved: Lauren, Seconded: Matthew
- Matthew: It's better to let the students go first, because they might be busy.
- Lauren: Wants to move it up, because it impacts elections, and if we don't finish, it will be tabled to the next meeting next year.
- Matthew - point of information: this will be changing the bylaws right, so we can't change it for this election anyway correct? All bylaw changes have to go to the AGM in any case. Wouldn't this be out of order?
- Susanne: When we get there I will discuss.
- Maria: Amendment -C an we make 7c after 7a before 5, students are more important than a bylaw change.
- Seconded: Matthew, Result - Passes
- Vote on amendment as amended - Passes

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. MOTION 2017-11-23 A02 - Appendix A

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 23, 2017 minutes be approved as presented in Appendix A.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Ammar

Result: Passes

5. PREVIOUS BUSINESS OF THE NOVEMBER 23 , 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

a. MOTION 2017-11-23 F01 - FINANCIAL POLICY- Appendix B

WHEREAS Financial policy is lacking within the RSU which can result in individuals misusing or abusing RSU finances and students' money.

WHEREAS the RSU has a duty to use students' money in a wise and transparent manner.

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WHEREAS without this policy we have seen previous executives use finances without considering the financial sustainability of the organization or receiving appropriate approval from the board and executive committee.

WHEREAS this proposed policy will make it clear for all incoming teams the way finances work within the organization and how to appropriately access and use available funds.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached policies are adopted immediately by the RSU and enforced moving forward

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager and Financial Controller ensure that all incoming Executives and Board Members are informed of this policy during their transition into their position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy overrides and previous and potentially conflicting financial policies and that those changes are reflected in the policy manual.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Cam

Result: Passes

6. PREVIOUS BUSINESS OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2017 SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Supporting Documents - Appendix C

a. Financial Report

MOTION 2017-11-29 F01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Auditor's report of PwC and the audited financial statements for the fiscal year May 2016 to April, 30 2017 be accepted and approved as presented in appendix B.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Daniel

Result: Tabled to AGM

- Daniel: Does it have to go to the SAGM?
- Dharshini: No the auditor said the BOD is fine.
- Checked by laws: It has to be at the AGM.
- Daniel: Does not having a report hurt us?
- Dharshini: If someone asks for the report for 2016-2017, we don't have one.

b. MOTION 2017-11-29 G01 – Bylaw Amendments

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WHEREAS the RSU Board of Directors have recommended that the By Law amendments be adopted;

- i. April AGM – Article 4
- ii. April AGM – Article 9
- iii. April AGM – Appendix A – Finance Committee
- iv. April AGM – Article 6 – Elections and Appointments
- v. April AGM – Article 6 – Elections and Appointments
- vi. Article 3 – Standing Committees - Transit Committee
- vii. Article 2 – Campus Groups Director
- viii. Article 4 – Finance Committee
- ix. Article 7 – Referenda – Online Voting

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the By Law Amendments are adopted as proposed in Appendix C.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Result: Tabled to AGM

c. MOTION 2017-11-29 C01 – School of Image Arts Building Access

WHEREAS Students belonging to the IMA School of Image Arts are required to do time demanding projects. Projects can take long periods of time to finish and are usually needed to be completed in a short period for school.

WHEREAS It is mandatory to use these facilities only found in the IMA building for their projects.

WHEREAS Students are prevented from using these facilities after hours even though projects are extremely time demanding.

WHEREAS Students feel rushed and stressed to finish projects

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Ryerson Students' Union lobby/petition the School of Image Arts all Image Arts students to use the IMA building's facilities after hours and to create measures to improve Security and Safety as a result of these changes.

Moved: Harrison Clark Seconded: Hollie Result: Passes

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- Hollie: not having 24 hour access sucks. People need to finish projects, and people have slept in the edit room. If you leave the building, you can't get back in.
- Cam: Claudia, president of IMA course union, said this is cool too, they want our help with it.
- Daniel: Why do they need access or why don't they have access?
- Gabby: Was talking to Claudia, because there is a door in the basement that can be broken, so it's a security thing.
- Youssef: If this passes, what happens?
- Susanne: We meet with IMA department, or facilities, talk about the issue and try to get the best outcome for the students.
- Asia: I am in RTA, and we have 24 access to RCC, and it hasn't been an issue. There is the same equipment in the RCC.
- Emily: What does security look like at night?
- Cam: Half of the day security at night, roaming tours every hour, check doors to see if locked.

d. MOTION 2017 – 11- 29 C02 – Course Union and Student Group Policy
MOTION - Course Union and Student Group Policy

WHEREAS Student Groups and Course Unions do immense amounts of work year round and therefore need committed leaders year round to ensure consistency; and

WHEREAS Student Group and Course Union executive positions should only be open to those who know they will be able to fulfill the role to the best of their ability; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vice-President Student Life and Events write a policy restricting eligibility of candidates for executive positions on Student Groups and Course Unions to students who will not be going on exchange or studying abroad. The policy should specify that if a student who is elected to an executive position on a Student Group or Course Union chooses to go abroad after being elected, their position will be deemed vacant immediately and there will be a by-election to fill the position with someone who will be present for the remainder of the year; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice-President Student Life and Events ensure that this restriction is included in Student Group and Course Union constitutions.

MOVED: Claudia Pawlak SECONDED: Gabby RESULT: Passes
as Amended

- Matthew: Vote against this, have had execs who have been on exchanged, and done the group work fine. They were in the states, but were still able to do the social media work for the group. Thinks it's limiting for students.
- Shiri: I think it depends on the role in the exec team, so like as president, it may be tough, but as the social media person, it may be easier
- Robyn: Agrees with motion, I was the vice president of the IMACU, and the president left, and there was never a contingency plan. So people shouldn't run for exec positions if they are going to leave 3 months later. There's also issues of time zones, and curriculum of the courses abroad. People would add it to resume without doing the work.
- Emily: Agrees with robyn. Makes the role available for more students who are at school, because the person on exchange has already gotten great opportunity with the exchange
- Shiri: I get it people flop, I agree that the president should be away. Different groups have different roles, so standardizing them all is a bit difficult, we can standardize the president, but not the rest.
- Matthew: The constitutions we all have, should have ways of impeachment, if the president leaves, they can be impeached. Work with groups to inform them with impeachment or at least provisions in that event.
- Maria: amendment: rather than it says an executive positions, changed to president, vice president, and vp operation, cannot hold both positions of exec and exchange program, in terms of other positions, write a contingency plan to the policy, prior to being elected, a plan of splitting of the work. SECONDED BY SHIRI
- Maria: To get the best of both worlds, it important for the groups to have the center stay (pres, vp ops), problems can arise. Other exec positions have committees, which they can plan with to see what thing have to be covered if the exec leaves.
- Matthew -call to question, Seconded: Cam, PASSES
- Vote on Motion as Amended

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- Matthew: call to question, seconded: cam
- All in favour of call to question: Fails
- Emily: Different groups work in different ways. If you are going abroad, you are getting a lot of opportunities, more than the students who stay back, so it give more opportunity to people here.
- Savreen: Agree with Emily. Limiting it to just pres and exec is not fair to the other execs, because other execs can leave but president and vp ops cant.
- Adam: Regardless if a job can be done abroad, people who are here will have to deal with more work. The presence of someone being here outweighs the work they do. Different groups on campus are stronger than other, for example TRS and RLAS, is someone left on TRS, they are better functioning and more organized, so they can figure it out, then if someone left are RLAS who are less organized. If someone were to leave, it should be evaluated if them leaving will impact the group. Also depends on where the exchange is. Case to case basis.
- Maria: In the language of the contingency plan, they would determine if the person is accessible, can the job be done when the leave.
- Elizabeth: Does this count for placements?
- Susanne: If it's in Toronto, I don't think it would be an issue, but it international, then way it would have to be discussed.
- Daniel: TRS, runs smoothly, so how the motion is stated, it doesn't reflect how diff groups run. Problem with positions that are covered in the motion, diff positions in different groups function differently, even If the same position title. Groups who want to add a position to their constitution should approach the student group committee, and discussed with them about adding another position to their constitution.
- Shiri: Like an approval process?
- Gabby: point of info – can you read the motion?
- Maria: Restrict all positions, and can appeal to committee to add position to constitution.
- Susanne: Strike Maria's motion, go back to first one, and add that they can appeal to the committee, first BIRT will stay the same
- Daniel: the the BIRT, should take out by elections, because some groups just appoint someone (friendly amendment), second: Lola
- Emily: amendment – BIRT groups who want to run, should disclose if they plan on going on exchange, because they apply before (friendly amendment)

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- Emily: if someone didn't tell the group that they were leaving, but then left, the person would be deemed ineligible
- SUSANNE READ THE MOTION
- Lola: wouldn't that affect the student, would the group let the person know that they have to let them know if they are going on exchange
- Ammar: call to question, Seconded: Johannah, Result: Passes
- Amendment to the Motion is as follows -
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Vice-President Student Life and Events write a policy restricting eligibility of candidates for executive positions on Student Groups and Course Unions to students who will not be going on exchange or studying abroad. The policy should specify that if a student who is elected to an executive position on a Student Group or Course Union chooses to go abroad after being elected, their position will be deemed vacant immediately and there will be a by-election to fill the position with someone who will be present for the remainder of the year; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT student groups can attend the student group committee to appeal the restriction of particular positions from being completed abroad on a case by case basis. This appeal should include the presentation of a contingency plan and require the approval of the student group committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT individuals planning to run for executive positions disclose their intention to go on exchange or study abroad prior to running or applying for positions. If disclosure is not made the individual can be deemed ineligible for the position

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Vice-President Student Life and Events ensure that this restriction is included in Student Group and Course Union constitutions.

- Vote on the amendment: Passes
- Vote on motion: Passes

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. RATIFICATION OF NEW STUDENT GROUPS
 - I. Albanian Students Association

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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 “Albanian Students Association be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Lauren Emberson Seconded: Maria Results: Passes

ii. Korean 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 “Korean Students Association be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Lauren Emberson Seconded: Matthew Results: Passes

b. RATIFICATION OF THE DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON EDUCATION - GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 2017-12-14 C01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Diana Schwendener Forkel be ratified as the Deputy Chairperson Education on the Graduate Representative Committee for December 2017 - April 2018.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Ammar Result: Passes

c. MOTION 2017-12-14 -C02 STV Elections Voting System

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Whereas the consensus amongst Canadian scholars and polled citizens is that the current electoral system employed by both Canada and the RSU, the first-past-the-post system, is undemocratic;

Whereas “Single Transferable Vote” (STV) is an election system that is easy to use for students, and ensure that no candidate can be elected with less than 50% support from students;

Whereas RSU’s belief that elections should result in representation that is reflective of the majority of students’ votes;

Whereas this system has been implemented at a number of other student unions to great success;

Be It Resolved That the RSU cease the first-past-the-post electoral system for the RSU Winter 2018 elections;

Be It Further Resolved That the RSU, in co-ordination with CCS, implement a ranked-ballot “Single Transferable Vote” (STV) election system as a pilot for this upcoming RSU winter election.

Moved: Daniel Lis

Seconded:

Result:Withdrawn

D. MOTION 2017-12-14 - C03 New Standing Committee - Mental Health Committee

By-Law Amendment for A Standing Mental Health Committee

WHEREAS Ryerson students’ mental health and wellness is an ever growing concern on campus with many social, political, and academic causes and effects,

WHEREAS a Mental Health Committee is tasked with furthering the mental health and wellness interests of the Union including, but not limited to; mental health advocacy, the eradication of ableism, saneism, and stigma surrounding mental illness, .

WHEREAS the RSU Mental Health Committee has the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to mental health issues affecting students.

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WHEREAS the Committee is responsible for leading and supporting mental health campaigns including but not limited to mental health, advocacy, and stigma reduction.

WHEREAS the Mental Health Committee may review any matters relating to municipal, provincial and national mental health issues that affect Ryerson students. The Committee shall have the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to municipal, provincial and national transportation issues.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following bylaw amendments be made for the Mental Health Committee to become a Standing Committee and to have its terms of reference codified:

A. Article 3 “Committees”, subsections 3.1 and 3.6 should read as follows.

“3.1 The Board of Directors shall maintain the following ~~twelve (12)~~ thirteen (13) standing sub-committees:

- a) an Executive Committee;*
- b) an Events and Entertainment Committee;*
- c) a Finance Committee;*
- d) a Governance Committee;*
- e) a Student Action Committee;*
- f) a Sustainability Committee;*
- g) a Committee on Equity Issues;*
- h) a Student Groups Committee;*
- i) a Course Unions Committee;*
- j) a Bursary Committee;*
- k) an Athletics Committee*
- l) a Transit Committee*
- m) a Mental Health Committee***

*“3.6 Meetings of the Events, Educational Issues, Sustainability, Equity Issues, and **Mental Health** standing sub-committees shall be open to any member in good standing of the RSU, where a member in good standing refers to any full-time or graduate student of Ryerson that has paid the membership fee.*

B. Article 5 “Roles and Responsibilities”, subsection 5.5 should read as follows.

“5.5 ~~Nine (9)~~ Ten (10) Directors shall, having been duly commissioned by the Board of Directors, hold the following portfolios:



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- a) *Student Action*
- b) *Student Groups*
- c) *Course Unions*
- d) *Events and Entertainment*
- e) *Student Centre*
- f) *Equity & Social Justice*
- g) *Sustainability*
- h) *Athletics*
- i) *Transit*
- j) *Mental Health***

C. Article 5 “Roles and Responsibilities”, subsection 5.6 should be amended to include a 5.6 i) which details the responsibilities of the Mental Health Commissioner, as follows:

“i) The Mental Health Commissioner shall:

- i. chair meetings of the Mental Health Committee;*
- ii. work with the Vice-President Education, the Vice President Equity and the Mental Health Committee to develop; and implement campaigns and procedures regarding mental health affecting Ryerson students.*
- iii. make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding mental health issues relating to municipal, provincial, national, and societal issues that affect Ryerson students and their mental wellbeing;*
- iv. work with the Mental Health Committee and the appropriate Executives and/or staff to organize events, campaigns and other initiatives that focus on mental health issues affecting students;*
- v. report to the Ryerson Mental Health Committee on student mental health issues, initiatives, and campaigns being undertaken by the RSU Mental Health Committee;*
- vi. report to the Vice-President Equity to ensure all initiatives are conducted and implemented properly;*
- vii. report once per month in writing to the Board of Directors; and,*
- viii. perform such other duties as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.”*

D. Appendix A “Terms of Reference for Standing Committees of the Board of Directors” should be amended to include a section 13 which details the structure and the Terms of Reference for the Mental Health Committee, as follows:

“13. Mental Health Committee

The Board of Directors shall establish a Mental Health Committee in accordance with the following terms of reference:

- a) the Mental Health Committee shall consist of:*
 - i. the Vice-President Equity;*

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- ii. the Vice-President Education;*
- iii. the Mental Health Commissioner;*
- iv. a representative of the Graduate Council*
- v. the Equity and Campaigns Organizer*

b) the Committee shall also consist of the following members whom shall be appointed by the Board of Directors:

- i. one (1) Board of Governors Representative; and,*
- ii. three (3) Board of Directors members*

c) the Committee shall be appointed at the first meeting of the Board of Directors in May;

d) the Mental Health Commissioner shall be chair of the Mental Health Committee. In the absence of the Mental Health Commissioner, the Vice-President Equity shall preside at meetings;

e) the Mental Health Committee shall appoint from among its members a secretary of the Mental Health Committee, who shall be responsible for forwarding all minutes and records of transactions to the Secretary of the Board of Directors;

f) the Committee shall have the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to mental health issues affecting students. The Committee shall be responsible for leading and supporting mental health campaigns including but not limited to mental health advocacy and education, ableism, saneism, and stigma;

g) the Committee shall have the responsibility of working with and reporting to groups such as but not limited to; RyeACCESS, the Ryerson Mental Health and Wellness Committee, and the Equity Service Centers on mental health advocacy and education;

g) the Mental Health Committee may review any matters relating to municipal, provincial and national mental health issues that affect Ryerson students. Committee shall have the responsibility to consider and recommend to the Board of Directors all matters relating to municipal, provincial and national mental health issues; and,

h) not less than half the appointed members of the Mental Health Committee shall constitute quorum. Each Students' Union member of the Mental Health Committee, present in person, shall be entitled to vote."

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that any other applicable by-laws that are impacted by the addition of the Mental Health Committee be adjusted accordingly.

Moved: Hollie

Seconded: Cam

Result: Passes



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- Hollie: mental health is very broad. We've been doing a lot of good work with different with the equity centre and other sub committees, but there should be a standing committee would reinforce how we feel about mental health, place to talk about mental health. committee would be connection between rye mental health committee and RSU. It will be an Open Committee, so anyone form membership can join, and voice their opinion.

Call to quorum: quorum lost 8:14pm

8. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reports of the Executive be accepted as presented.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded:

Result:

9. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES

10. OTHER BUSINESS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Winter Week Of Welcome

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN - 8:14pm

a. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the December 14 , 2017 be adjourned.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Cam

Result: Passes