

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, February 27, 2018

6pm

ARC 108

Executive Committee

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

Faculty of Arts

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

Faculty of Ted Rogers School of Management

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

Faculty Communication and Design Directors

17. Asia Aoki x
19. Hollie Olenikx
20. Franci Dimitrovska x
21. Robyn Matuto x
22. Emily Edmunson x

Faculty of Community Services Directors

22. Elizabeth Balax
23. Chelsea Davenport
24. Maryan Issax
25. Ricky Huangx
26. Johannah Brown

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Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science Directors

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

Faculty of Science

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

Yeates School of Graduate Studies

- 35. Ammar Akhtar x
- 36. Hussain Bokhari

International Representative

- 37. Sohaib Hassan x

Other Representatives

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

Ryerson Students' Union Staff

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE - Call to order 6:37pm

2. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. MOTION 2018-02-27 A01

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

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Ammar Result: Passes as Amended

Motion to be added to agenda the end of new business

Amendment to Agenda:

Susanne: Adds motions on Affiliate funding Allocation to agenda

Moved: Susanne Seconded: Gabby

Moved: Passes

Amar: Adds motion on Grad Funding Allocation to agenda

Moved: Amar . Seconded: Adam Result: Passes

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. MOTION 2018-02-27 A02 - Appendix A

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the January 30 , 2018 minutes be approved as presented in Appendix A.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Niall Result: Passes

5. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. MOTION 2018-02-27 C01 - New Campus Group Ratification

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

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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 “Ryerson Debate Association” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga Seconded: Andrew Results: Passes

Presentation made by students:

Ryerson doesn't have a debate association that has official status. Group organized Canadian parliamentary style debate. Hoping to a group under RSU to have access to facilities and gain funding to students.

b. MOTION 2018-02-27 G01 - Election Results Ratification - Appendix B

WHEREAS the annual Winter RSU Elections were held on February 13,14,15 2018 to elect the members for the RSU Board of Directors for the term of may 2018 - April 2019 ; and

WHEREAS members were elected to sit on the Executive Committee, Faculty Representatives, Graduate Representative Committee and International Representative for the term of May 2018 to April 2019; and

WHEREAS the Chief Returning Officer has submitted the Election Report which includes the election results;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report of the Chief Returning Officer is accepted as presented in Appendix B.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Obaid Ullah

Result: Passes

c. MOTION 2018-02-27 G02 - By Law Amendments - Appendix C

WHEREAS the bylaw Amendments (Appendix C) have been submitted to the Board Of Directors for consideration for the 2018 Annual General Meeting; and WHEREAS the Board of Directors have reviewed the amendments;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors recommend that the By Law amendments be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for consideration and ratification.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Robyn

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Obaid: Did not follow procedure because it did not go through by-laws committee

Susanne: We were unable to get to the committee quorum so it can

Obaid: Challenges the ruling to chair on by-laws requiring to be approved by the governance committee

Adam: Question on approval of by-laws process

Motions 1

Obaid: Comment on by-laws discrepancies with

Motion 1: by-law contradicts other by-laws in regards to paying members, it goes against what students who want to get involved in their final year.

9 For speaking to motion 14 against: Fails

Motion 1 will not be added to the agenda

Motion 2:

Obaid We have more students involved and active, we have increased voter turnout, reducing budget would

Emily: Motion 4 speaks to motion 2, in regards to printing and funds being spent & reaching people.

Adam: In the past the budget has increased, when was it increased.

Obaid responded: Budget was increased in 2014 budget, Motion 4 does not limit motion 2, we can reduce posters but not the budget.

Emily: If we cut down money for posters, then where are we putting towards it.

Susanne: when we remove these motions, we are taking this away from the AGM to discuss by students at the AGM.

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Obaid: Election candidates can use it for what it is useful, Putting it forward towards students to talk engage more.

Emily: Point of information on elections costs for flyers & posters.

Susanne: 10,000 was spent last year on candidate printing.

Daniel: Went over budget but was under budgeted from past years. Spending is expected to have gone down due to reduction in candidates.

Obaid: We cannot know how many candidates run, last year we had 4 teams that increased prices. Voter turnout was an 18% turn out, they exercised to vote in a democratic process.

Roll call vote called by Susanne:

Daniel: Abstain

Ali: Against

Adam: For

Andrew: For

Gabby: For

Sheri: Against

Nick k: Against

Savreen: Against

Asia: For

Emily: For

Franc: For

Robyn: For

Elizabeth: For

Ricky: Against

Obaid: Against

Yousuf: Abstain

Sameer: Against

Lola: Against

Nathan: Against

Ammar: For

Salman: Against

Niall: Against

Razi: Against

Harman; Against

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Mathew: For

Sohaib: Against

Nick: Against

Motion 2 not added on the agenda

Motion 3:

Obaid: Against this motion, majority of people have run on slates and we all know how important it is to run on a team, from the exec & team perspective does not bring together students with a vision.

Elizabeth: We are all elected by students, we should let the students decide on this, why can we have students talk about

Daniel: Speaking against the motion, our electoral system needs changing, slates are an important part of Canadian democracy. Student societies have tested removing slates and seen significant decrease in voter turnout

Franci: Something that will be affecting future students and not current slates elected, so we should put it forth to students

Obaid: Agreed on hearing students voice, despite slates students voted different students, this year was split candidates being voted in. AGM also not accessible in regards to being a place

For: 8

Against:

Motion Fails

Motion 4:

Obaid: Against motion, this can be a policy with a CRO and guideline for rules and should not be restricted to current limits. The number of posters proposed does not cover entire campus

Daniel: In favour of motion in principle, the numbers should be changed if that is a discussion, heard complaints from student and newspapers about it, see important on setting limits. CRO should only be intervening when it affects integrity of an elections that's why it makes.

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Point of information on article 9.25b on amendments, of approval in AGM versus board.

Emily: Reiterate that we are voting on what students are speaking about, if you need posters to campaign, you need a better platform.

Adam: Echo what was being said on expression being stated on posters, the numbers might see arbitrary, for the motion in principle. The point of AGM to happen is hear the students, if we want to be, save paper, allow walls for students to have different events, we should limit it somehow but the numbers should be determined

Ali: Call to Question

All in favour: 7
Against 8
Fails

Elizabeth: Give the students the opportunity to address this, the numbers are arbitrary, so can we put forth a number.

Amendment

300 posters per executive
100 posters per candidate

Moved: Elizabeth: Seconded: Emily

Daniel: Point of order, there is a roberts the rule called filling the X allows for the open discussion of changes to numbers.

Sameer: Any number we pull out is arbitrary, we are discussing should there be a limit, we can get an efficient number, can we adjust the principle motion.

Adam: Clarification on the

Susanne: we are passing what the motion will look like when it goes to the AGM

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Obaid: Approach of limiting this in the by-laws is not the best procedure, someone can bring this up in the next meeting as regards to a policy, to have a committee to figure out the details versus finding out the number. Students in the AGM are not necessarily the ones running the campaigns

Franci: I think we are the wrong people to discuss if this should be happening. I would love to hear what people think would see as an appropriate number.

Susanne: we are speaking to the amendment on numbers

Elizabeth: Would like to remove motion and focus on principle.

Sameer: In efficient to decide number on the spot, people don't make a logistical when on the spot. It would be better for a balanced committee to discuss and decide this.

All in Favour: 8

Against: 9

Amendment fails

Back to main motion:

Franci: Anyone who intends to defend this, we can ask students to amend it on the AGM, students can amend this in the AGM.

Matthew: Point of information. Interpretation of 9.25 in regards to by-laws having to be approved by board instead of just being moved to the AGM. TRSS & RESS do it similar where the board is aware but the the students have to the ability to put forth the motions.

Interpretation by General Membership should be able to put it forward,

Obaid: I've been on the board for the last 3 years. For the past 2 years, it's always been done by by getting approved by governance committee to the board for approval.

Susanne: I believe this might be misinterpreted I'm making a ruling to say that these approvals can't be made by the board.

Matthew: Governance committee is usually done internally for what the board tasks the governance committee with. Speaking about the by-law 9.25.

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Obaid: Cacuss for 5 minutes.

Susanne: Ruling - out of order - All points proposed by student will appear on the agenda during the AGM

7. Motion on Affiliate Funding Reallocation

WHERE AS The Executive committee has received numerous sponsorship requests from students, organizations and affiliate groups.

WHERE AS The amount currently budgeted is not enough to accommodate for the amount of requests coming in

WHERE AS We are significantly under budget in other line items

WHERE AS Most of the individuals approaching the RSU for sponsorship have very limited access to additional resources or rely solely on the RSU

BE IT RESOLVED that we move \$4000 from 7000-COPY (Advertising and Promotion) to 7999-BURS (Sponsorship- Non Campus Groups)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we move \$4000 from 6290-MGMT (Director Honoraria) to 7999-BURS (Sponsorship – Non Campus Groups)

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Daniel Lis

Result: Passes Unanimously.

Funding to be used for affiliate groups as budget has been depleted. Allocations from unused budget line items.

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7. MOTION 2018-02-27 - Grad Council budget reallocation

WHEREAS the grad travel grant budget is depleted to \$62033.24 out of \$65000.

WHEREAS grad students have until March 31 to submit applications for a travel grant

11. WHEREAS the grad Council has fund available in the budget in other byline item to meet student demand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the grad Council allocate funds from the below items into travel grants:

\$500 from meetings

\$500 from supplies

\$2000 from honorarium

And \$1000 from Nationals grad caucus

Ammar: we are maxing out a grad budget, felt it would better to put money towards the students. We are looking to top up funding for travel grants

Moved: Ammar Seconded: Adam Asmar

Result: Passes Unanimously

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: Savreen Gosal

Result: Passes

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Daniel:

1. Contract to the university for getting funding from university, on consideration for political reasons they will not be funding the grant this year. We will reapproach next year. It should still be able to run at a reasonable extent.
2. Ryerson International Consultation
3. Sick Kids Dance Marathon
4. Ombudsperson Committee chaired & budget improved
5. U-Commute confirmation the price is going to be \$70.00 (Under 80) that is what will be presented to the board. UFT will be the first to run there referendum next month. Following the meeting will be present to the BOD for approval of the referendum next year.
6. Democracy forum taking place tomorrow
7. Chancellor search committee: Looking for suggestions on good name
8. Transition with incoming
9. Education Centre, that support graduate hired positions developing OER to help faculty, it would be huge for the RSU to diversify what services we offer to students.
10. Annual budget survey from university.

Susanne

1. 24 hour study space: 1000 student responses coming back to provide to executives & library, interested in
2. Racism talks series in justice system and education
3. Wellness Centre programming for space, Getting student option.
4. Ryerson Chaplaincy association to talk about faith based needs.
5. International Women's Day, speaking at the larger Toronto congregation
6. White privilege conference
7. Elections committee for senate and board of governors
8. Legal matters and issues.

Committee Reports

Yousuf: Transit Committee

- Presentation on March 27th to BOG, find ways to share interest
- Campaign to students who may not benefit from pass on how they can benefit
- TTC past sales to put presto card machine in SCC.

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- March 20th TTC Board, Need student representation who are speaking to different wards

Sameer: Sustainability Committee

- Discussion on Committee meetings

b. AGM - Winter AGM April 3 2018

i. General Motion Deadline - March 21 2018 at 5pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

a. MOTION 2018-02-27 A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 27 2018 Meeting of the RSU Board of Directors be adjourned.

Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded: Niall Hickey

Result: Passes