

# 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

Thursday October 25 2018

6pm-8pm

Tecumseh Auditorium-SCC 115

## Executive Committee

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|----------------------|--|
| 1. Ram Ganesh        | President                              |
| 2. Salman Faruqi     | Vice-President Education               |
| 3. Karolina Surowiec | Vice-President Equity                  |
| 4. Savreen Gosal     | Vice-President Operations              |
| 5. Edmund Sofo       | Vice-President Student Life and Events |

## Faculty of Arts

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| 6. Nicholas Chiong | 8. Shehroz Shabbir |
| 7. Sarah Mohamed   | 9. Vacant          |

## Faculty of Ted Rogers School of Management

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| 10. Kruti Dave   | 13. Vacant        |
| 11. Niall Hickey | 14. Simi Olatunji |
| 12. Vacant       | 15. Ravneet Sohi  |

## Faculty Communication and Design Directors

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| 16. Jennifer Adler | 19. Leah Renaud  |
| 17. Hirra Farooqi  | 20. Imbar Slavat |
| 18. Tamar Lyons    |                  |

## Faculty of Community Services Directors

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 21. Chelsea Davenport | 24. Ram Ragupathy |
| 22. Shivangi Gaur     | 25. Khadija Raza  |
| 23. Cristal Hines     |                   |

## Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science Directors

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| 26. Karol Bahnan   | 28. Alessandro Cunsolo |
| 27. Iyvan Chandran | 29. Daniyal Patricio   |

## Faculty of Science

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30. Evan Almeida

31. Maria Vu

## **Yeates School of Graduate Studies**

32. Vacant

33. Amber Grant

## **International Representative**

34. Divyansh Chandel

## **Other Representatives**

35. Vacant Board of Governors Representative

36. Hamza Shahid Course Unions Director

37. Stephanie Tryhub First Year Representative

38. Vacant Residence Representative

39. Fahim Khan Senate Representative

40. Maklane Dewever Student Groups Director

## **Ryerson Students' Union Staff**

Dharshini Jay Financial Controller

Casey Chu Cheong Internal Coordinator

## **ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

Khadija Raza

Leah Renaud

Tamar Lyons



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## AGENDA

### 1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

"Toronto is in the 'Dish With One Spoon Territory'. The Dish With One Spoon is a treaty between the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee that bound them to share the territory and protect the land. Subsequent Indigenous Nations and peoples, Europeans and all newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect."

### 2. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

### 3. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2018-10-25 A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the October 25 2018 agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Result:

### 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION 2018-10-25 A02 - Appendix A

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [September 29 2018](#) minutes be approved as presented in Appendix A.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded: Savreen

Result: Passes

### 6. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

### 7. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. New Student Group Ratification

##### i. MOTION 2018-10-25 C01 - French Club

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 “ French Club” ” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Edmund Sofo      Seconded: Evan Amedia  
Results: Passed

Minutes: Basically started this club so people can unify together with passion for french

## ii. MOTION 2018-10-25 C02 - Visual Artists 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 “ Visual Artists Association ” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Edmund Sofo      Seconded: Khadija      Results: Passed

Minutes: They are a club that promotes visual arts in the community. Ton of art in toronto and a bunch of galleries but Ryerson doesn't have a club for this. They wanted to start this because its support for community and supports other clubs like digital media and film club. They wish to do workshops for painting, photography ect.

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**iii. MOTION 2018-10-25 C03 - Data Works**

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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 “ Data Works ” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Edmund Sofo      Seconded:Amber      Results: Passed

Minutes: Jake is the president. He wanted to create a community where people can learn to work with data. They have workshops with careerhub and wish to expand their services. They are mostly excited about having a community where people can work on projects together. People can work together and make cool projects.

**b. AFFILIATE GROUP APPEAL**

**i. MOTION 2018-10-25 C02 - Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy (CSSDP) - Supporting documents in [Appendix B](#)**

WHEREAS the group Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy (CSSDP) applied for Affiliate Group Status with the Ryerson Students' Union on June 18 2018; and

WHEREAS CSSDP met with the Executive Committee on June 25 and July 17 2018 to review their application as per RSU Bylaws; and

WHEREAS the group CSSDP was denied Affiliate group status on August 17, 2018 by the Executive Committee; and

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WHEREAS the CSSDP has the right to appeal this decision to the Board of Directors;and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy be ratified as an affiliate group with the Ryerson Students' Union.

Moved: Edmund Sofo      Seconded: Divyanesh      Result:  
Passes

Minutes: Alanna's friend died and Olson's mom had many overdoses this is why this is important to have. Overdose is a problem in Canada and in Toronto over 4000 people died in Canada and over 300 died in Toronto. Events they are doing is movie screening of the movie the 13th with a talk back discussion, health, wellbeing and harm reduction panel, doing naloxone training, CPR training (many trainings), doing a Toronto public health tour, awareness campaigns, panel series.

Div: How will you cater to Eng students.

Olson: We can work with RESS.

Evan: Are there any other CSSDP in Ontario or different types of similar groups. Are non-Ryerson member allowed to join.

Olson listed a bunch of CSSDP's in Toronto. 200 people signed up.

Alanna: People who are Ryerson students can only be on the exec team. Any non-Ryerson can be members just not execs.

Fahim: Is your information factual.

Alanna: Yes our information is, they are looked over before we send anything or post anything. Work with nursing students and medical students from Ryerson and the office of mental health and wellbeing.

Maklane: Beyond approving you what can the RSU do to help you?

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Alanna: This would be a dream for us to work with the RSU they are leadership and we want their support and to collaborate. Creating an RSU policy.

Sheroz: Question about finance and other things RSU can do?

Alanna: Spent 1k out of my pocket, we would like to table and just get the overall support of the RSU.

Khadija: Is there a safe ejection sight on campus?

Alanna: No there isn't there is one beside victoria building but its not Ryerson owned.

Edmund: They were not a student group but came to table anyways which is not allowed. How can we be sure as the board that this group will be responsible?

Amber: They can probably explain about the labeling incident. RSU makes many mistakes, and to say that this group doesn't won't be responsible is just shocking. They obviously know their stuff.

Olson: The table was the reproductive justice table i have emailed dawn she said it was fine. I was not able to table and we were sharing this with CSSDP and since i was not able to attend and told alanna it was okay to table.

Maklane: Boasts about the CSSDP and how many supporters they have and students lives.

Fahim, Danyial and Edmund abstained from this motion.

## c. COMMISSIONER ELECTION - Student Groups and Course Union

### Commissioner

- i. Nominations
- ii. Election

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- iii. Ratification of Results - MOTION 2018-10-25 G01  
WHEREAS the position for Student Groups and Course Union Commissioner is vacant; and  
WHEREAS the Board of Directors has conducted an election to fill that position;  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Divyanesh Chandel be ratified as the Student Groups and Course Union Commissioner for October 2018 - April 2019.

Moved: Ram Ganesh    Seconded: Daniyal    Result:Approved

Ali mulji is no longer this commissioner. Ram explains the role. Alessandro nominated Div. Karolina nominated Alessandro, Alessandro denied. Div won.

## d. RATIFICATION OF THE BY ELECTION RESULTS

MOTION 2018-10-25 G03

WHEREAS the RSU held a By Election for the following vacant positions on the RSU Board of Directors and Graduate Executive Committee on October 3,4,5 2018:-

- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson Finance
- Deputy Chairperson Student Life
- Faculty of Arts Representative
- Faculty of Ted Rogers School of Management Representative;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following candidates be ratified as members of the Board of Directors for the term of October 2018 - April 2019:-

- Faculty of Arts Director - James Fotak
- Deputy Chairperson Finance - Sreeraj Nair ;and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the report of the Chief Returning Officer be accepted as presented in [Appendix C](#).

Moved:Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Results:



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## e. GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT

MOTION 2018-10-25 G04

WHEREAS the Graduate Representative Committee represents the specific interests, services and rights of over 2000 Graduate Students at Ryerson University; and

WHEREAS due to vacant positions, the Graduate Representative Committee is unable to fulfil its mandate and responsibilities as per the RSU Bylaws;and

WHEREAS vacant positions on the Graduate Committee can be appointed until the next election as per the RSU Bylaws;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following nominees be ratified on the Graduate Representative Committee for the term of November 2018 - April 2018 -

1. [Angélique Bernabe](#) for Chairperson
2. Alicia Kasee for Deputy Chairperson Student Life and Events

Follow link for Bios in [Appendix D](#)

Moved : Amber Grant      Seconded:Niall      Result: Approved

Ram speaks about Angelique saying she is great since Amber is recommending her. Angelique has recorded a video for us to view. Alicia is a first year graduate nursing student. She spoke on her experience and involvement.

## f. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE - Student Group Representatives Ratification

MOTION 2018-10-25 G05

WHEREAS the Athletics Committee is made up of two (2) Ex-Officio positions which are elected from the Executive Committees of the Athletics Clubs at Ryerson University; and

WHEREAS the following candidates were elected as per Athletics Committee Bylaws:-



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- Dorin Kean - Ryerson Baseball
- Viplav Naik - Cricket Club

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dorin Kean and Viplav Naik be ratified as Athletics Committee Representatives on the RSU Athletics Committee for November 2018 - April 2019.

Moved: Salman Faruqi

Seconded: Ram

Result: Approved

## **g. BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

MOTION 2018-10-25 G06 - Vice President Communications

WHEREAS the Governance Committee has reviewed the Bylaws of the Ryerson Students' Union and have propose the following amendments in [Appendix E](#); and

WHEREAS all proposed Bylaw Amendments must be reviewed by the Board of Directors and recommended to be approved by the membership at the next General Meeting of the members;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Bylaw Amendments be submitted to the membership for approval and ratification at the Semi Annual General Meeting -

- i. Vice President Communications

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded: Daniyal

Result: Passed

Maklane: We don't need a vp coms. You should look at it again to make sure.

Ram: We always need extra help. I just had an 80 hour work we. We used to have two positions 3 years ago. It was a full time staff member who would do communication.

Fahim: My team we reach out to Ram multiple times to promote multiple events. They help out a lot. I think it's a good role to have to promote their events and other things.



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Salman: There was a lot decision because of the split slate and it would come to the board there was 4 execs last year so this happened a lot.

Evan: If this is passed in November where does it go.

Ram: Goes from this meeting to the AGM then to the winter election.

Maria: Will this position replace the 3 part-time staff who work as comms.

Ram: Lists the people who work as comes. 3 people plus the graphic designer.

Maklane: has the splitting of the people made communication worse.

Ram: No, Union positions get paid more than executives.

## **h. BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

MOTION 2018-10-25 G07 - Indigenous Student Representative

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of the Ryerson Students Union promote inclusivity and represents the voices of 40000+ students.

WHEREAS: The Ryerson Students Union has been lacking a representation of indigenous students on its Board of Directors. As well a students' union for a university with an anti-indigenous history.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The following [Bylaw Amendments](#) be submitted to the membership for approval and ratification at the Semi Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Karolina Surowiec Seconded: Nicholas

Result: Passes

Lack of indigenous representation on the board. Noticed this when we had the canada 151 and a meeting was held for the equity and social justice committee. Recommendation was to add a rep for indigenous folks or a part time position or something of the sort. Proposal was made. Karolina

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and Hira drafted a proposal. Indigenous representation has been lacking on the board.

Macklane: would this be a voting board member

Karolina: can't figure out which students are indigenous other than the self ie test. Would only know from students from this year if we used that test. Option best\; rye aboriginal student services suggests a person and we ratify them. RAS would be best to do this.

Ram: meet w folks from CCS and they would know who is registered, who paid, what faculty program and year., this is the only info that we can filter from. \ccs cannot identify only indigenous students. Indigenous students should vote a student to represent them. By-laws exist so they can be amended int he future. This is a good place to start and a good step forward.

Macklane: if we give someone a voice, they should get a vote

Karolina: Wasn't done like that bc of the election process but that can be changed. This person would be on the board and have speaking rights and can set forward motions. Permanent sitting member of equity and social justice committee.

Ram: there are positions already that resemble this. We are open for changes

Maklane

Ram: RAS would have to do an election. For now, we need to pass it so it makes it for the SAGM

## 8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a. MOTION 2018-10-25 R01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reports of the Executive Committee be accepted as presented in Appendix F.

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Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Result:

## 9. COMMISSIONER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a. MOTION 2018-10-25 R02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reports of the Commissioners be accepted as presented in Appendix G.

Standing Committees:-

- Athletics Committee - Simi Olatunji
- Bursary Committee - Savreen Gosal
- Course Union Committee - Vacant
- Equity and Social Justice Committee - Hirra Farooqi
- Events and Entertainment Committee - Shivangi Gaur
- Finance Committee - Savreen Gosal
- Governance Committee - Ram Ganesh
- Student Action Committee - Iyvan Chandran
- Student Group Committee - Vacant
- Sustainability Committee - Kruti Dave

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Result:

## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

### a. Semi Annual General Meeting - November 28 2018, RCC 204 6pm

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

### a. MOTION 2018-10-25 A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the October 25, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting of the Ryerson Students' Union be adjourned.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Result: