

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 January 24, 2019

6pm-8pm

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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. James Fotak |

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

Graduate Representative Committee

32. Angélique Bernabe

33. Alicia Kassee

34. Amber Grant

35. Sreeraj Nair

International Representative

36. Divyansh Chandel

Other Representatives

37. Vacant Board of Governors Representative

38. Hamza Shahid Course Unions Director

39. Stephanie Tryhub First Year Representative

40. Vacant Residence Representative

41. Fahim Khan Senate Representative

42. Maklane Dewever Student Groups Director

Ryerson Students' Union Staff

Dharshini Jay Financial Controller

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

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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 January 24, 2019 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 October 25, 2018 minutes be approved as presented in Appendix A.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded: Savreen

Result: Passes

6. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

a. Operational policy

i. MOTION 2019-1-24 B01 - [Operational Policy](#)

WHEREAS members of the board of director of RSU are elected to serve on the standing and ad-hoc committees and;

WHEREAS they are in charge of oversight of any contract made by the union and overall supervision of financial operation and;

WHEREAS directors of RSU have a mandate to enhance and

deliver better services provided to students, to advocate on issues

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that may directly or indirectly impact students significantly, and to make an effort to improve the quality of campus experience of the students and;

WHEREAS to ensure accountability it is essential for the members of the board of directors to actively communicate on a regular basis with their membership about the projects that they are working on, share the challenges they are facing while working on various projects and receive feedback from the membership;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RSU Board of Directors approve the following operational policy proposal on hosting town hall meetings by the directors;

Moved:Fahim Khan

Seconded:

Results:

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. New Student Group Ratification

i. MOTION 2019-1-24 C01 - Poker Club

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

Moved: Edmund Sofo

Seconded:

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ii. MOTION 2019-1-24 C02 - Italian Student Society

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

Moved: Edmund Sofo

Seconded:

Results:

- iii.** MOTION 2019-1-24 C03 - Ryerson Society for Technical Analysts
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 “Ryerson Society for Technical Analysts” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Edmund Sofo

Seconded:

Results:

- iv.** MOTION 2019-1-24 C04 - Gujarati Association

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

Moved: Edmund Sofo

Seconded:

Results:

MOTION 2019-1-24 C05 - Thaqaalayn Muslim 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 “Thaqaalayn Muslim Association” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Edmund Sofo

Seconded:

Results:

MOTION 2019-1-24 C06:Creation of RSU Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Policy

WHEREAS Article 2.11 of the RSU by-laws provides the Board of Directors with the power of investigation and audit of any activity sponsored by the RSU, it must create a mandate, which outlines the Ryerson Student Union’s duty to ensure all unethical allegations about the representatives of the student Union are investigated.

WHEREAS the RSU does not currently have a policy facilitating the

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adjudication of reports or complaints of sexual assault and sexual harassment within the RSU

WHEREAS having such a policy is integral to ensure the safety of employees, volunteers and members at large.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the RSU create and implement a policy, which details an arms-length process to report, investigate and adjudicate reports of sexual assault and sexual harassment within the RSU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT resolved that the policy be added to the policy manual.

Moved: James Fotak

Seconded:

Results:

- v. MOTION 2019-1-24 C07 - Graduate Representative Committee
WHEREAS the Graduate Representative Committee has met and decided their name needs to be changed to allow clarity of roles and responsibilities as we will have a graduate council etc. therefore;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the “Graduate Representative Committee” name is changed to the “Graduate Executive Committee”.

Moved: Alicia Kassee

Seconded:

Results:

- vi. MOTION 2019-1-24 C08 - TRANS AWARENESS MONTH
WHEREAS it is necessary to educate students about transgender and gender non-conforming identities or to support students who identify as such; and

WHEREAS it is important to learn about the value of inclusivity and the acceptance of diversity; and

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WHEREAS it is important to recognize the evolving world and history as well that what was okay in the past is not okay in modern day. As well as the dangerous and triggering experiences trans students face on a day to day basis and the undue hardship; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU commemorate and partake in Trans Awareness Month November 18-24, in which numerous events/education programs will be dedicated to remembrance, history for Trans Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the programming for this month be devoted solely to Trans Awareness and for the RSU to create a new budget line and allocate a reasonable amount of money for a month long of events and initiatives;

Moved: Karolina Surowiec Seconded: Results:

vii. MOTION 2019-1-24 C9 - Trans Collective Budget

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Trans Collective to hold events, programming and support their community continuously; and

WHEREAS currently Trans Collective has very motivated and dedicated staff with plenty of ideas and having only 2000 CAD allocated to projects. Which is far less than any other Centre. As well as only having 150 CAD for operations and resources; and

WHEREAS this has been brought to our attention and the allocation of more money is necessary for this space; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the finance team revisits the Trans Collective budget and allocates the respected amount as agreed upon by the finance team and the Trans Collective;

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Moved: Karolina Surowiec Seconded: Results:

- viii.** MOTION 2019-1-24 C10: Ensuring Transparency surrounding LoudFest.
WHEREAS the events committee, full-time events planner and board were not involved in the planning or approval process of this year's concert.
WHEREAS their exclusion from being part of the planning process is atypical.
WHEREAS instead, the RSU worked with a company called Sexions Entertainment
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a breakdown of concert expenses and revenues be presented to the board. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an overview of how many free tickets and VIP tickets were given out.

Moved: Maklane Seconded:

Results

- ix.** MOTION 2019-1-24 C10: Finances. Whereas Bylaw 2.9 reads "The Board of Directors shall exercise general supervision over all the disbursements of the members' monies to all members' organizations and generally exercise supervision over financial operations."

Whereas 2.11 The Board of Directors shall have the power to inspect and audit any activity sponsored by the Students' Union.

Whereas in years past students have been able to meet with the financial controller.

Whereas as per attached documents a board member was refused access to meeting with the financial controller.

Whereas the inability to meet with the financial controller prevents

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board members from fulfilling their fiduciary duties to exercise supervision over the organization's finances.

Whereas the inability to meet with the financial controller is a violation of our bylaws.

Be it resolved that board members be able to meet with the financial controller and or access financial documentation from them. In good faith and within reason. As was previously allowed and is normal for any organization like the RSU.

Be it further resolved that since our ability to oversee finances has been diminished so far this year the financial controller present the board an update on the current financial position and status of RSU's finances this year.

Be it further resolved that the financial controller be able to share information regarding finances at their discretion to the board and to board members.

Moved:

Maklane Seconded: Results

- x. MOTION 2019-1-24 C11: Operational Policy. Whereas members of the board of director of RSU are elected to serve on the standing and ad-hoc committees and;
Whereas they are in charge of oversight of any contract made by the union and overall supervision of financial operation and;
Whereas directors of RSU have a mandate to enhance and deliver better services provided to students, to advocate on issues that may directly or indirectly impact students significantly, and to make an effort to improve the quality of campus experience of the students and;
Whereas to ensure accountability it is essential for the members of the board of directors to actively communicate on a regular basis with their membership about the projects that they are working on, share the challenges they are facing while working on various

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projects and receive feedback from the membership;

Be it resolved that RSU Board of Directors approve the following operational policy proposal on hosting town hall meetings by the directors; Moved: Fahim. Seconded:

Results

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. MOTION 2019-1-24 R01

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

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

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9. COMMISSIONER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. MOTION 2019-1-24 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

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Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Result:

10. ADJOURNMENT

a. MOTION 2019-1-24 A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the January 24, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting of the Ryerson Students' Union be adjourned.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Result:

Land acknowledgment – Edmund

Motion – agenda approval

Student group – 4th year marketing, technical analysis. Point of the group is to get student involved, our plan is to host events which will help students get in industry.

VP Marketing – Marco- Goal is to give opportunity to students to create environments for capital marketing

Amber – what is technical analysis?

Marco - Connect buyers with suppliers, we use supply and demand line like apple connect with their buyers. Its looking at the suppliers chart to determine the values.

It's a great idea to invite speaker and talk about this and I have been in touch with few people about it who are ambassadors and we are willing to host the event on Feb 28 if everything goes well according to our plan. Cost of the event will be covered by the company which I am in touch with. Most important thing is they have no affiliation with any students group, reason why I am doing this too is it gives me opportunity to network.

Ram – To book the room booking dawn can help you with that as all of January dates are already booked.

Dawn – The Other 4 groups were approved in previous board meeting. Italian students were active 2 years ago, but then their execs left. We met with them in October and they have been really active since then, they are just looking for some representation.

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Ryerson Poker club, there was an incident, now they have 3 execs since they changed their infrastructure. Brand new student group, Fakliun student group just before the break we approved them and met them on Jan 15. We are just looking to reinstate them. A new group who have huge presence on campus, it's a standard cultural student group and they are looking for student groups. They are waiting since November and I am looking for approval so they can be approved and I can give them access to their resources. Any questions?

Fahim's policy motion regarding town hall

Fahim – I submitted motion in July, I spoke to board members and then I worked with governance committee. Now I am presenting this motion and I recommend to look over it and if you have any questions reach out

Maklane – Will each faculty have town hall where students can ask question?

Fahim – This year we did many events, changed policy and did couple of things. From next year we will have more changes in budget because of Policy change (government). So it's a good idea to have them if students have any questions

New Business: Motion 2019-C06

Sexual assault policy

Ram reads the motion.

James- its common sense for any big board/union to have this.

Ram – its in policy manual,you Can work with governance committee to change it.

James – Its alarming that its not in manual, we should get this in asap.

Next motion about Grad committee name change

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We are the grad rep, however the name causes confusion so just to make it clear and it makes more sense

Ram – There was a motion to separate grad reps from RSU few years ago, this makes sense and within the structure it supports them. SO yeah I support this

Next motion – Trans awareness motion by Karolina

Ram reads the motion

Ruben – Introduces himself, we have 7 centres and they all host multiple events. There is no quorum I understand but I really appreciate if you all approve this

Next motion – trans collective budget

Ruben – it's the same explanation

Next motion – concert Maklane

Maklane – one thing is imp, if an organization has reputation of concerts then its important to check upon everything. I understand it was the 3rd party, but it's always good for the execs to come and talk about details. So with whatever is happening next year, we need to save money and I would like to get details about concert.

Ram – In terms of company, it exists of course because events happened. We didn't put in work and all we had to do was talk to company

Maklane – how much money we have right now or we spent?

|Ram – we are reconciling the files

Maklane – how many tickets we sold? And how big was venue

Ram – We haven't received the numbers yet, but I will let everyone know as soon as we get them. And yes venue was almost full

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Chelsea – Did we sell the tickets on Eventbrite?

Ram – Yes Loud had full access to Eventbrite, I will invite them if you folks want

Next motion – Meeting with Dharshini

Maklane – this is ridiculous, first thing that happened was if we go back to Sept as per bylaws we are suppose to see Quarter updates. Board is liable to control the finance because we are on the line. IN Oct, I was trying to meet because I didn't know what was happening and I get to hear that I can't meet so that pushed me to put forward motion . This week I met, it was interesting. I have questions about CC

Edmund – Its reconciled and not official, if you would like to see. Board members can see but the public isn't official.

Cristal- My community has asked many questions, it's our duty to be transparent. It will be reconciled and we should disclose.

Ram – Here are the issues, if there were any road blocks. You have the full right to see them and book them . What we are saying is if it is properly reconciled we will inform everyone

Cristal – I don't see difference in being going to camera because of the timeline.

Lauren Emberson – My question is finances are public info, budget is online. Its my money is being spent unless you're saying there can be a lawsuit then we can go in camera.

Ram – They need to be reconciled, we have lost a lot of staff

Amber – why are they not reconciled yet?

Edmund – In organization, when everything is reconciled everything of course is public info

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Ram – We lost many staff members and there was a lot of extra work which we have to do. We have been working on it

Dharshini – I should receive the backup, I have given the timeline. And by Feb 1 they will get it done

Cristal – Can we come to the meeting?

D – I called the meetings with exec, not for board members

Lauren – How much money was spent? and on what? unless you have done something which is fraud

Ram – You said incomplete

Cristal – Did you have cc? and what was policy

Sussanne – I just walked in, if you made expenses if you have receipts

Maklane – We spent 250k on cc, can you explain why it was so much

D – Last year only GM and I had receipts, that's why I this year reminded everyone to do it

Ram – We have 40k in cc, when we got rid of GM. GM had 20k in total, so sav and I had 10k each on our cc so we can use it for RSU events. If you have cc then you can use it otherwise we get reimbursed

Chelsea – Why do you have cc?

Ram – It was GM cc which we replaced

Cristal – over 1500 expenses come to board?

Ram – that's for unbudgeted,

Dha- I can't tell because I don't need have the receipts

Ram – Everything's under control

Cristal – Why do you have cc when according to bylaws only GM/financial coordinator can have them

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Ram – There is 40k.

Cristal- Do you have email proof?

If we have budget over 5k?