

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
Wednesday August 20 2018
6pm-8pm Thomas Lounge

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. Ali Mulji |
| 11. Niall Hickey | 14. Simi Olatunji |
| 12. Nayrouz Mohamed Aly | 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

- 30. Evan Almeida
- 31. Maria Vu

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Yeates School of Graduate Studies

- 32. Vacant
- 33. Amber Grant

International Representative

- 34. Divyansh Chandel

Other Representatives

- 35. Obaid Ullah Board of Governors Representative
- 36. Hamza Shahid Course Unions Director
- 37. Vacant 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

- Jennifer Adler
- Simi Olatunji
- Sarah Mohamed - proxy Maklane Dewever
- Khadija Raza - Proxy Ram Ragupathy

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AGENDA

1. PRESENTATION - ALLAN MACDONALD

2. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE - 6:10PM

3. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- Introduction of the New Equity and Campaigns Organiser

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. MOTION 2018-08-20 A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 20, 2018 agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded: Ali Mulji

Result: Carries

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. MOTION 2018-08-20 A02 - Appendix A

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the [July 18, 2018 minutes](#) be approved as presented in Appendix A.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded: Niall Hickey

Result: Carries

6. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

a. MOTION 2018-06-20 G04 - Town Hall Meetings

Operational Policy - Town Hall Meetings

Preamble:

RSU Board of Director members are in charge of managing the property and business of the union (bylaw 1.2). They are supposed to be assisted by permanent and ad-hoc committees. (bylaw 1.3). They are in charge of ensuring oversight of any contract made by the union and overall supervision of financial operation. (bylaws 2.5, 2.9, 2.11).

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Due to the nature of the responsibilities of the directors outlined above it is crucial for them to keep the members who they represent (such as the students of respective faculty in case of faculty directors) on the decision being made by the board, policies adopted, the discussions that are happening at the board and committee meetings and any other relevant and useful information that can be beneficial for the members to be aware of. Hence, town hall meetings can be a great way to directly engage with the members on a regular basis as well as to receive their feedback on important issues.

Scope:

Members of Board of Directors of RSU

Protocol:

- RSU board members from each faculty (including at large representative members such as Senate, Board of Governor Representative etc.) will set up at least one town hall meeting each semester for the students of their respective faculties (in case of at large representative directors, all members of the union instead of any one specific faculty) to keep the members updated about the decisions and policies made by the RSU. This will be a shared responsibility for faculty directors as they share the responsibility of representing the students of their faculty.
- Board members will not receive their honorarium, if they fail to comply with this motion once it is approved.
- RSU's communication team (or equivalent of that) will assist the board members in promoting these town hall meetings to ensure that there is a good turnout. At least two weeks of promotion both online and offline will be done to market these meetings.
- These town hall meetings will have free food available as that has been something that is proven to be a factor behind a good turnout at many events.

Moved: Fahim Khan

Seconded: Savreen Gosal

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Salman: Call to question

Vote: Carries

Result: Fails

Motivate (Fahim Khan): This policy for directors to hold town hall meetings (once before SAGM and one after AGM) is to let the membership know about projects and other initiatives they are working on. These town halls are going to increase and improve communication between the membership and the RSU. It will be an extension of work on the polimeter.

Maklane Dewever: We need to make sure that everything is set-up and that we don't lose our honorarium for not doing it.

Ram Ganesh: Directors have to plan and execute a town hall, not necessarily on their own, it satisfies the policy if all the directors do it at once.

Fahim Khan :Protocol number two is kept

Ram Ganesh: It's already within bylaws that there is an appeal process, we would follow this policy with this

Maklane Dewever: Can you walk us through what this is going to look like?

Fahim Khan: I've attended a town hall before and many students showed up, it was one of the campaigns the execs were running at the time. The agenda would look similar, 1-2 hours per semester in order to update the membership.

Divyansh Chandel: How often are they going to be held? How will you make the general membership aware and interested to come?

Fahim: As per Protocol #1 they should be held once a semester. Free food would be available as an incentive. We can find out other way to promote this platform. The point is to improve communication.

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Ali Mulji: Food as an incentive is a good idea. Do we have a budget for this?

Ram: For any new initiative that comes forth, we have to take money out of another portfolio. We would have to partner up with other community partners on campus or move this with other events that are already happening.

Karolina: We need more than just food as an incentive. Friends bring out friends to these events, it's important to collaborate with others.

Maklane: We should work with the communications team to promote it properly. The purpose is to advocate for students, this is a valuable thing.

Hirra: It's great to keep us accountable and to give updates on our goals, but we may be spending more money than necessary if it's all on the polimeter already.

Fahim: Regarding the concern about the budget; Ryerson student affairs partners with salad king and panera bread which could be a solution. This is a policy not a bylaw - it's not as binding - in terms of food, logistics, its much more flexible.

Daniyal: What if the event doesn't work? Are we still going to try to connect the students this way still?

Ram: The Parade and concert in 2015 had 9000 people show up, the concert after had much less people. It depends on many factors. The point is you as directors are still making the effort, and that is where is fahim is coming from.

Ali Mulji: Is a policy more flexible?

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Ram: Anything you put on paper is an indication that you all agree to this whether its a bylaw or policy. A policy can be amended a little easier than a by law, however.

Cristal: Overall I appreciate the spirit of the motion. Given the diversity of each faculty, communication methods would be different for each faculty. We couldn't apply the same methods for each one. It may be exerting energy and resources we don't have. I suggest to table this. Conflicting schedules may also cause a barrier. I would rethink if this is a great idea for all faculties.

Maklane: Maybe we should go through all faculties to see if this would work for all faculties? (thumbs up and down)

Ram: Feel free to pass this to the governance committee

b. MOTION 2018-07-16 C03 - Cell Phone Charging Stations

WHEREAS smartphones are widely used by students as a mode of communication as well as to conveniently perform day to day tasks; and,

WHEREAS functional smartphones can play a crucial role in ensuring safety and security of students on campus; and,

WHEREAS secured cell phone charging stations on campus can play a vital role in ensuring accessibility as well as safety and security of the students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RSU takes necessary steps to bring back the secured cell phone charging stations by October 2018 at Student Campus Centre and ensures that there is necessary budget allocated to maintain them on a regular basis.

Fahim : Cell phone charging stations at the SCC would provide a more convenient way to charge their phones in a secure location. I want our team to take the steps to bring them back, as they are in the SLC.

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Savreen: What is the cost per station? Have you done research on where they would be located exactly?

Ram: There are issues with the charging stations including that they can get stuck in the stations. The Palin Foundation removed them. We are on the palin foundation and we can lobby for it.

Salman: The Palin foundation is working on alternatives to these stations.

Ram: Any work within the SCC building has to be done through the palin board. Unfortunately, we have little autonomy over that, we would need to bring a proposal forth for this.

Fahim: I withdraw the motion.

Moved: Fahim Khan Seconded: Savreen Gosal

Result: Motion Withdrawn

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MOTION 2018-08-20 C01 - Centre for Safer Sex and Sexual Violence Support - [Appendix](#)

WHEREAS the Ryerson Students' Union aims to create an inclusive and respectful environment for all students, including those who have had experienced the traumatic effects of sexual assault, harassment, and misconduct etc.;

WHEREAS the majority of Ryerson students who voted in the SASSL referendum voted in favour of an increase in funds to successfully run this service;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ryerson Students' Union officially support, in policy, the RSU Centre for Safer Sex and Sexual Violence Support (CSSSVS) as a student Equity Service Centre.

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Cassandra Myers: With all the work going on (phone line, events programming etc), we need this to become the 7th equity service centre (Refer to the report). This is to respond effectively to delicate matters with people. It would have its own office, and be a refuge for student who have experienced sexual violence. Ryerson does have an office run by 3 full time staff for this who have been a huge support at SASSL. The Consent comes first office can't respond to anti choicers, limited to respond without getting university approval. It will be a student run space, a centre that will work in collaboration with the ryerson offices. Some of the services a phone line, text line, drop in support etc.

Questions:

Maklane: With regards to peer to peer support - when would you to refer a student to the university?

Cass: We are a touch point for initial interaction when the student is uncomfortable.

Ali mulji: Great presentation, i had the chance to review the report and I encourage everyone to support this project.

Cassandra: It can be a 30 minute wait time with other local lines, having our line helps our student directly.

Hamza Shahid: I like the peer to peer approach, however in terms of training, what type of training do volunteers receive?

Cassandra: We have a 4 tier training model which includes 30 hours of training (20hrs in person, 10hrs online) The training includes active listenin training, trauma informed care, rap culture, suicide intervention training etc.

Hamza: Are there tiers to those who are more trained than others?

Cass: There are preliminary volunteers and members with more training

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Tamar: how is this motion different than the referendum?

Cass: We want to become our own centre which is what this motion speaks to.

Ram Ganesh: This will give them more autonomy and help us enforce the changes we want to implement.

Fahim: I want to know about the marketing strategy so students can know about the service.

Cass: I am working right now with Nathan Fernandes to have marketing created, put forward swag, as well as full time advertisement on the eyeopener. We hope to be a visible trusted brand on campus, we didn't want to advertise full out before because we haven't be able to maintain the capacity at SASSL.

Hamza: What are we looking at in terms of funding?

Savreen: Because the referendum passed, funds for SASSL and GFC have their own bank account and will not affect the RSU budget.

Ali mulji: Do we have a timeline for the project?

Cassandra: There is a 5 year plan on the report.

Ram Ganesh: We need to bring a full time coordinator for SASSL, its a union process, we need to talk with the union, have that included in the cba, this will take some time

Hirra: SASSL is in a tight space, where would the new space be?

Cassandra: There are plans in place to add two new offices. Space is a concern.

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Moved: Karolina Seconded: Nick Chuong
Result: Carries

b. BY LAW Amendment

MOTION 2018-08- G01 - Athletics Committee - [Appendix B](#)

WHEREAS the RSU recognizes the need to support Athletic Groups on Campus; and

WHEREAS the VP Operations was not included in the athletics committee structure; and

WHEREAS the structure of the Athletics Committee is not included in the RSU bylaws;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors accepted the Athletics Committee By Law Amendment as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors recommend the Athletics Committee By Law Amendment for consideration and ratification at the Semi Annual General Meeting of the membership.

Moved: Salman Faruqi Seconded: Ram Ragupathy
Result: Carries

Motivate: competitive clubs don't get funding , rsu budgeted 30 000 for this, total of 60 000 to further leverage the university for more.
We want representation on the board

c. COMMITTEE AND COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

i. Positions

1. Athletics Commissioner

Nominated: Simi, Fahim

Simi appointed as the Athletics Commissioner

2. Athletics Director

Nominated: Shehroz

Shehroz appointed as the Athletics Director

3. Sustainability Director

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Nominated: Shehroz, Jennifer

Shahrose appointed as the sustainability director

ii. MOTION 2018-08-20 G02

WHEREAS the Board of Director held the election for the members of the Athletics Committee as per the RSU By Laws;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following candidate are ratified as members of the Athletics Committee for 2018-2019.

Athletics Commissioner - Simi

Athletics Director - Shehroz

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:Shehroz

Result: Carries

d. MOTION 2018-08-20 C02 - Sustainability Committee - Plastics

WHEREAS single use plastic disposable containers are used commonplace in the RSU.

WHEREAS plastic single use containers represents a significant waste of money and harm to the environment.

Whereas the RSU should lead by example and these policies are already commonplace.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU stop purchasing single use plastic disposables (e.g., cups, cutlery, plates, bottles, bags, straws, bowls) and that any future purchases be of biodegradable containers and that these containers be reserved for situations where washable containers represent significant logistical challenges or barriers to accessibility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU submit a similar motion at the next Palin Foundation Board Meeting to reduce plastics consumption at the Student Campus Centre (SCC).

Moved: Maklane Dewever

Seconded:Shehroz

Result:

Motion withdrawn

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Ram Ganesh: The RSU previously ran campaigns about this, we don't specifically buy plastic cups, they are provided by SCC staff, during WOW and O-week we give out refillable water bottles, we are taking initiative.

Tamar: Did you get any feedback from ryeACCESS or anyone else who may have special needs, sometimes plastic is the only option (Kosher etc)

Maklane: I would like to bring forth an amendment to add religious purposes or any other accommodations or needs

Tamar : There are ways to be sustainable, we should still get opinions who rely on this.

Maklane: When writing this motion we recognized this. When brought to palin execs should sit with sustainability committee to go through these issues

Ram: The motion can be amended now or defeated and redrafted

Tamar: I would go back to the committee and talk to ryeACCESS and other committees, to get perspectives for those it would impact

Maklane: I withdraw the motion

8. REPORTS

a. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MOTION 2018-08-20 R01

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

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded: Divyansh Chandel

Result: Carries

b. REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS

MOTION 2018-08-20 R02

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

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Standing Committees:-

- Athletics Committee - Not filled
- Bursary Committee - Savreen Gosal
- Course Union Committee - Ali Mulji
- 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 - Ali Mulji
- Sustainability Committee - Kruti Dave

Ad-hoc Committees:-

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded: Iyvan

Result: Carries

9. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Referendum - RU Pass
- b. Orientation Week and Week of Welcome
 - i. Schedule
 - ii. Volunteer
- c. First Year Orientation Presentations
- d. Fall Convocation Representatives

10. ADJOURNMENT - 9:15 PM

MOTION 2018-08-20 A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 20, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting of the Ryerson Students' Union be adjourned.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded: Hirra

Result: Carries