

Special Meeting of the Board

Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) – Local 24 Canadian Federation of Students
Sunday, May 26, 2019 – Geneva Park 6604 Rama Rd, Orillia, ON L3V 0S7

Executive Committee

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| 1. Vanessa Henry | President |
| 2. Augustine Onuh | Vice-President Operations |
| 3. Joshua Wiggins | Vice-President Student Life and Events |
| 4. Kwaku Agyemang | Vice-President Education |
| 5. Naja Pereira | Vice-President Equity |
| 6. Victoria Anderson-Gardner | Vice-President Marketing |

Faculty of Arts

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| 7. Vinessa-Marie Hardy | 9. Raquel Almeida Margulies |
| 8. Maxwell Irwin | 10. Chris Randall |

Faculty of Ted Rogers School of Management

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| 11. Matthew Fernandes | 15. Milad Moghaddas |
| 12. James Hassos | 16. Nicole Petroff |
| 13. Anasofia Heilbronchi | 17. Tania Rasie |
| 14. Brandon Hughes | |

Faculty Communication and Design Directors

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| 18. Jaden Burton | 21. Hollie Olenik |
| 19. Kristoff Edwards | 22. Rachel Struthers |
| 20. Hung Le | |

Faculty of Community Services Directors

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| 23. Haymattie Beer | 26. Natalie Morrison |
| 24. Zaynab Dhalla | 27. Umer Qureshi |
| 25. Gyvenska Mathurin | |

Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science Directors

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| 28. Farooq Arshad | 31. Maryam Marel |
| 29. Flemin Francis | 32. Gunj Patel |
| 30. Taha Abbasi-Hashemi | |

Faculty of Science

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| 33. Mathew Mozaffari |
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- 34. William Murray
- 35. Melania Tryhub

Yeates School of Graduate Studies

- 36. Angeliqe Bernabe/Charlotte Ferworn
- 37. Amber Grant/Alicia Kassee

International Representative

- 38. **Melissa Salamo**

Other Representatives

- 39. VACANT Board of Governors Representative
- 40. **Karolina Surowiec** Course Unions Director
- 41. VACANT First Year Representative
- 42. VACANT Residence Representative
- 43. VACANT Senate Representative
- 44. **James Fotak** Student Groups Director

Ryerson Students' Union Staff

- Dharshini Jay Financial Controller
- Sevag Gapielian Administrative Lead

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This is a special meeting of the Board of Directors. Its purpose is to conduct important financial and governance operations and to select commissioner and committee members who are required to meet over the summer. Under Roberts' Rules of Order, the agenda of the meeting can only be for the designated purpose as defined for the meeting. As such the standard Board Meeting agenda as outlined in the by-laws is not being used and there are no amendments to the agenda as proposed.

AGENDA

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Geneva Park is in the territory of the Anishinaabe, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee under the Williams Treaty. The Williams Treaties are a pair of treaties between the Anishinaabe, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee that bound them to share the territory and protect the land. The Williams Treaty covering the land we are currently on ranges from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe. Subsequent Indigenous Nations and peoples, Europeans, and all newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect.

We acknowledge the contributions, lived experiences and remarkable resilience of Black and Indigenous identified Peoples who continue to seek liberation within the colonial project of Canada. We recognize this land we are currently situated on as the inherent territory of the Anishinaabe, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee nations who are the original occupants of this area now known as Geneva Park.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

2. WELCOME REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT - VANESSA HENRY

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

a. MOTION 2019-05-26 A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sevag Gaprielian be appointed as Chairperson for the Ryerson Students' Union Board of Director Meeting for May 2019.

Moved: Vanessa Henry **Seconded:** Vinessa-Marie Hardy **Result: Passes**

- Previous wording had Vanessa as Chair and Sevag as the secretary

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- Friendly amendment put forth by Vanessa and seconded by Maxwell to make Sevag the Chair - vote: passes
- Voting on main motion: passes

4. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

a. MOTION 2019-05-26 B01

The Chairperson will provide a brief introduction on how the meeting will be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order.

- Sevag
 - Pinky up as point of info
 - Page 42 for ref
 - 28 people in the room right now, so majority is 14
 - If you need clarification on what we are voting on or any wording, please let me know

5. APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING

a. MOTION 2019-05-26 C01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hela be appointed as the Recording Secretary for the RSU Board of Directors meetings.

- Sevag
 - Friendly amendment to to make Hela the secretary as I'm chairing the meeting - seconded by Naja
- Voting on amendment: passes
- Voting in main motion: passes

Moved: Vanessa Henry **Seconded:** Naja Pereira **Result: Passes**

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. MOTION 2019-05-26 D01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 26th, 2019 agenda be approved as presented.
(Note: There can be no additions to the agenda as this is a special meeting)

Moved: Vanessa Henry **Seconded:** Nicole Petroff **Result: Passes**

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7. RATIFICATION OF EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS

a. MOTION 2019-05-26 E01: RATIFICATION OF THE COURSE UNION DIRECTOR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Karolina Surowiec having been duly elected in the Course Union elections, be ratified as an ex-officio member of the Board as the Course Union Director for 2019-20.

- Voting on motion: passes

Moved: Vanessa Henry

Seconded: William Murray

Result: Passes

b. MOTION 2019-05-26 E02: RATIFICATION OF THE STUDENT GROUP DIRECTOR

BE IT RESOLVED THAT James Fotak having been duly elected in the Student Group elections, be ratified as an ex-officio member of the Board as Student Group Director for 2019-20.

- Voting on motion: passes
- One abstention: Vanessa Henry

Moved: Vanessa Henry

Seconded: James Hassos

Result: Passes

8. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

a. MOTION 2019-05-26 F01: SIGNING OFFICERS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Vanessa Henry, President and Augustine Onuh, Vice- President Operations be added as signing officers of the Corporation Dharshini Jay remain as signing officers of the Corporation, as per the bylaws, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Maklane Dewever, the past President, and Savreen Gosal, the past Vice President Operations, be removed as signing officers of the Corporation effective immediately.

- Augustine asks for clarification as Dharshini is going on leave

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- Sevag
 - Dharshini for now will be the signing officer, once she goes on leave, we will assign the signing authority to the new Financial Controller
- Voting on Motion: passes

Moved: Vanessa Henry

Seconded: Naja Pereira

Result: Passes

b. MOTION 2019-05-26 F02: FINANCIAL AUTHORITY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT authority be given to the Executive Committee to make prudent financial commitments, expenditures and disburse funds in accordance with the 2019-20 operating budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee be granted an interim spending authority for Capital Expenses up to \$5000 until such time that a budget for this fiscal year is approved by the Board in August 2019.

- Hollie
 - until we don't approve budget there is a spending cap of \$5000?
- Milad
 - Is this cumm for all execs or per all
- Sevag
 - A capital expense is anything that is a large expense that would be used by the RSU beyond the current Board, as in office equipment of furniture not like office supplies of the Board Retreat
- Milad
 - Is the money distributed across all 6 executives?
- Sevag
 - It's a lump sum of \$5000 that the 6 executives can use - so yes

Moved: Vanessa Henry
Passes

Seconded: Taha Abbasi-Hashemi

Result:

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9. COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

a. MOTION 2019-05-26 H01: ELECTIONS

i. Athletics

- Taha nominates Gunj - Gunj accepts
- Hollie nominates Brandon - Brandon accepts

- Gunj
 - needs more attention from students itself, recreation support, not enough team sports at home games, not enough pride, work with rams to do that
- Brandon
 - sports have been a part of his life for a long time, hockey past 2 years, many diff athletics groups, community service, networks in athletics, more inclusive environment, sports can build a sense of community

Voting Count:

22 votes Brandon

6 votes Gunj

Result: Brandon Hughes

ii. Equity and Social Justice

- Alicia nominates Zaynab - Zaynab accepts
- Sevag
 - Seeing as there is no other nominations, Zaynab is the Equity and Social Justice Commissioner

Result: Zaynab Dhalla

iii. Events and Entertainment

- Hung nominates Jaden - Jaden accepts
- William nominates Taha - Taha accepts
- Jaden
 - lots of experience knowing events through music, djing, believes he can collab well with josh to plan events, starting at ramintherye

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- Taha
 - 3rd year, been in and out of events, socializing, openly met everyone here, wishes to attend and understand students, tired of having big events that result on bankruptcy, will work hard to fix that

Voting Count:

Jaden: 19

Taha: 9

Result: Jaden Burton

iv. Course Union and Student Group

- Milad nominates Maxwell - Maxwell accepts
- Sevag
 - Seeing as there is no other nominations, Maxwell is the Course Union and Student Groups Commissioner

Result: Maxwell Irwin

v. Student Action

- Kwaku nominates Milad - Milad accepts
- Sevag
 - Seeing as there is no other nominations, Milad is the Equity and Student Action Commissioner

Result: Milad Moghaddas

vi. Student Centre

- Taha nominates William - William accepts
- Sevag
 - Seeing as there is no other nominations, William is the Equity and Student Centre Commissioner

Result: William Murray

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vii. Sustainability

- Naja nominates Chris - Chris accepts (via email)
- Gunj nominates Taha - Taha accepts

- Taha
 - lots of trash and stuff that comes in through the school, environmental impact, no water bottles, events result on massive garbage, have events where this type of stuff doesn't happen
- Maxwell
 - Chris asked me to speak on his behalf
 - 3rd year faculty of arts, vp finance first year rep in course union, assistant to the pres of rlas, vp of board for coop, lots of experience in that realm, believe he will have many amazing ideas, and diff initiatives, as well as have connections to do so

Voting Count:

24 Chris

4 Taha

Result: Chris Randall

viii. Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Vanessa nominates Melania - Melania accepts
- Brandon nominates Hollie - Hollie Accepts

- Melania
 - events committee for rye science society, helped with mental health, experience with reaching out on campus, creating space for ppl that are afraid to go to counselling, creating a system where we can rely of each other
- Hollie
 - 2 years ago on fcad mental health and wellbeing piece written by her, always been a part of her life, wants to get opportunity to work on a committee like this, glad it is eher, wants to expand convo beyond mental health, but also look at root of what is causing influx in anxiety etc. and root, create space to deal with trauma, look at systemic issues

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Voting Count:

22 Hollie

6 Melania

Result: Hollie Olenik

b. MOTION 2019-05-26 H02: RATIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Directors be Ratified as Commissioners for the RSU for 2019-20.

Moved: Vanessa Henry

Seconded: Joshua Wiggins

Result: Passes

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTIONS

a. MOTION 2019-05-26 I01: ELECTIONS

Sevag: friendly amendment to add Athletics Committee - left out when making the agenda

Seconded: Maxwell Irwin

Vote on amendment - passes

i. Athletics - 1 position

- Brandon nominates Gunj - Gunj accepts
- Kwaku nominated Hung - Hung accepts
- Melissa expressed her interest in being nominated as well (via email)

- Gunj
 - part of varsity team, knows inside and out, to add to what he knew previously spoke about, more rye pride, making the school more athletic
- Hung
 - served as athletics photographer, closely worked with staff and marketing, thinks he will be a great help with that to collab with josh
- Taha
 - Speaking on behalf of Melissa
 - she is involved in ru pass and athletics, can work with conflicting opinions, she would love to be a part of this

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Voting Count:

15 votes for Hung

11 votes for Gunj

- Someone's vote is void due to voting for 2 ppl
- One vote was misplaced
- Sevag
 - Due to the fact that the additional vote will not change the results of the election, the results will be accepted and a revote will not occur

Result: Hung Le

ii. Bursary – 2 positions

- Maxwell nominates Milad - Milad accepts
- Gunj nominates Natalie - Natalie accepts
- Vanessa nominates Muhammad Arshad - Muhammad accepts (via Google Hangouts)
- James nominates Taha - Taha accepts
- Melissa expressed her interest in being nominated as well (via email)

- Milad
 - trsm rep, financially independent, had to rely on bursaries due to family relations, inconsistencies, aspire to strengthen loopholes, create equal access and opportunity. Vp of marketing ryue coop association, use that financial knowledge into this committee
- Natalie
 - resources need to be more accessible, equity is of great importance, and wants to be a part of a group
- Muhammad
 - eng and arch, could not be there, third year engineering student, tuition was really high and is seeing the flaws in that, needed that assistance but there is little advertisement or accessible knowledge.
- Taha on behalf of Melissa
 - Speaking on behalf of Melissa unable to be there but previous recommendation will stand for her as well

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- Taha
 - RSU's bursary committee was shut down because taha sent out an email to shut down this corruption and actions, ensure that those actions will never have again
- Vanessa
 - those may be allegations
- Taha
 - I can email

*Naja abstained from voting because she was not present for the speech

Voting Count:

29 votes for Milad

19 votes for Natalie

15 votes Taha

11 votes for Muhammad

0 votes for Melissa

Result: Milad Moghaddas and Natalie Morrison

iii. Bylaw – 2 positions

- Vanessa nominates James Hassos - James Hassos decline
- Alicia nominates Zaynab - Zaynab accepts
- Taha nominates James Fotak - James Fotak accepts (via email)
- Melania nominates Milad - Milad accepts
- William nominates Hollie - Hollie accepts

During a one minute period for the candidates to prepare their speeches, Zaynab points that commissioners can't be on the Bylaw (Governance) Committee (per our Bylaws)

- Sevag
 - Due to the bylaws, commissioners can't be apart of the Bylaw Committee as they would also be incharge of changing the bylaws of the committee their chair
 - Conflict of interest

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- Due to this, I'm opening the room to more nominations, as the nominations for Milad, Zaynab, and Hollie are void, and only leaves one candidate for the election - James Fotak
- Vanessa nominates Vinessa - Vinessa accepts
- James nominates Tania - Tania accepts
- Taha
 - Speaking on behalf of James Fotak
 - we all know about the events of the rsu last year, james was voted in and was one of the few ppl to ensure that ram g was off the board, he is the reason we have the first impeached president, been there and done that, best candidate for this position
- Tanya
 - law and business student, lots of incite, lots of detail and language that she is familiar with, looking forward to making them more accessible
- Vinessa
 - 4th year politics student and law, on rlas, has done internships with this, will act strictly and responsibly

Voting Results:

25 votes for Tania

18 votes for Vinessa

11 votes for James

Result: Tania Rasie and Vinessa-Marie Hardy

iv. Course union – 1 position

- Natalie nominates Gunj - Gunj accepts
- Sevag
 - Seeing as there is no other nominations, Gunj is on the Course Union Committee

Result: Gunj Patel

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v. Equity and Social Justice – 3 positions

- Milad nominates Melania - Melania declines
- Zaynab nominates Natalie - Natalie accepts
- Taha nominates Rachel - Rachel accepts
- Milad nominates Vinessa - Vinessa declines
- Taha nominates Raquel - did not receive acceptance email in time - void
- Naja nominates Chris - Chris accepts nomination (via email)
- Vanessa nominates Gyvenska - Gyvenska declines
- Zaynab nominates James Hassos - James Hassos declines

- Sevag
 - Seeing as there is no other nominations, and there are only three spots on the committee, Natalie, Rachel and Chris are on the Equity and Social Justice Committee

Result: Natalie Morrison, Rachel Struthers, and Chris Randall

vi. Events and Entertainment – 3 positions

- Rachel nominates Kristoff - Kristoff accepts
- Jaden nominates Hung - Hung accepts
- Alicia nominates Zaynab - Zaynab accepts
- Gunj nominates Taha - Taha accepts
- Milad nominates Brandon - Brandon accepts

- Kristoff
 - new media student, curts union, part of marketing there, very socialization, not only fun and entertaining but also productive, wants to give ppl incite of toronto culture
- Zaynab
 - hug lack of humanitarian and awareness in events, as students we are change makers, refugee crisis and indigenous peoples, organize habitat for humanity here in GTA, better networking, local artists, is a spoken word artist herself, ensure equity, 6ix fest was a mess and was on a religious holiday
- Hung
 - Former vp marketing, worked with nike, redbull, fostering creative collab, supporting local artists, leverage his strengths and throw great events

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- Taha
 - all he said before holds true here especially when it comes to money and garbage, both should be reduced heavily
- Brandon
 - would like to say the other nominations are all very special and that he has held events in the past

Voting Count:

23 votes for Kristoff

23 votes for Zaynab

16 votes for Hung

Result: Kristoff Edwards, Zaynab Dhalla, and Hung Le

vii. Finance – 2 positions (may not be ex-officio)

- Hollie nominates James Hassos - James Hassos accepts
- Gunj nominates Muhammad - Muhammad accepts
- Augustine nominates Brandon - Brandon accepts

- James Hassos
 - trsm director, 5th year, wants to make a big impact, enactus for 2 years, sustainable innovation, planned a conf for this, has been a TA for 1st year business students, also an accounting student, 3 summers in bmo in head office, worked in finance
- Gunj
 - Speaking on behalf of Muhammed
 - 3rd year in engineering, knowledge in this gives him a strong foundation in math, experience in PM overseeing financial distribution, apologies for not making it here, please consider him
- Brandon
 - business management, minor in economics, accountability needs to be at the forefront with this year and with what happened last year, impotence and drive that this follows through, business background and analytical asset as well

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Voting Count:

26 votes for James Hassos

20 votes for Brandon

9 votes for Muhammad

Result: James Hassos and Brandon Hughes

viii. Student Action – 3 positions

- Milad nominates Maxwell - Maxwell accepts
- Milad nominates Tania - Tania accepts
- Milad nominates Zaynab - Zaynab accepts

- Sevag
 - Seeing as there is no other nominations, and there are only three spots on the committee, Maxwell, Tania, and Zaynab are on the Student Action Committee

Result: Maxwell Irwin, Tania Rasie, Zaynab Dhalla

ix. Student Groups – 1 position

- Maxwell nominates Nicole - Nicole accepts
- Jaden nominates Kristoff - Kristoff accepts

- Nicole
 - Very involved, 7+ groups, best buddies group as well, funds have been cut so we want to prioritize them, wants to bring them together
- Kristoff
 - in curtis for past 2 years, involved in a lot of things, very open person, internship at cjru, important to get everyone together
- Naja
 - what is the most important concern for student groups right now?
- Nicole
 - Support and access to funds, maintenance of budget
- Kristoff

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- Numbers and how we get people more involved and interested in these student groups

Voting Counts

Nicole

Kristoff

Results: Nicole Petroff

x. Sustainability – 3 positions

- Zaynab nominates Gyvenska - Gyvenska accepts
- Augustine nominates Taha - Taha accepts
- Naja nominates Zaynab - Zaynab declines
- Tania nominates Melania - Melania accepts
- Milad nominates Vinessa - Vinessa declines
- Brandon nominates Rachel - Rachel declines
- Gunj nominates Umer - Umer declines

- Sevag
 - Seeing as there is no other nominations, and there are only three spots on the committee, Gyvenska, Taha, and Melania are on the Sustainability Committee

Result: Melania Tryhub, Gyvenska Mathurin, Taha Abbasi-Hashemi

xi. Mental Health and Wellbeing Committee - 3 directors, 1 Graduate Representative Committee member

- Angelique is the Graduate Representative Committee Member - appointed by Graduate Council (per Bylaws)
- Vinessa nominates Umer - Umer accepts
- Taha nominates Rachel - Rachel accepts
- Augustine nominates Melania - Melania accepts
- Josh nominates Nicole - Nicole accepts

- Umer
 - recognizes the importance of mental health, gone through rigors of healthcare system, rye health is lacking, huge waiting list, background sitting board member in 2011 which he founded for autism, now is a

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recognized ngo, struggles through school are very invisible and affects their wellbeing both academically and socially, bursaries that are available need to be addressed, zen spiritual implementation for composing and embracing them, accessibility

- Rachel
 - passionate advocate, mental health affects all students and if we don't have proper mental health that will affect students, addressing stressors that happen outside exam season, year round events and increased awareness overall
- Melania
 - implement year long initiatives
- Vinessa
 - Would like to withdraw nomination
- Nicole
 - mental health is very important, how to break down stigma and open conversation, any season can be stressful create more support

Voting Count:

24 votes for Melania

23 votes for Umer

18 votes for Nicole

16 votes for Rachel

Result: Umer Qureshi, Melania Tryhub, Nicole Petroff

b. MOTION 2019-05-26 I01: RATIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Directors be Ratified as Committee Members for the RSU Standing Committees for 2019-20.

Moved: Vanessa Henry

Seconded: Naja Pereira

Result: Passes

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11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

a. Committee Meetings

b. Summer Board Meetings

- 1 every month, meeting regularly, usually after 6pm and on campus
- Charlotte speaks about which committees each member is on
- Absence will be noted through email to Sevag
 - 2 without notice = no honorarium (Augustine)
 - 2-3 week notice of meetings (Vanessa and Sevag state)
 - Late meeting? (Brandon)
 - No penalty (Vanessa) (10-15 minutes)
- Vanessa requests month in advance
- Vanessa proposes last week of every month
- Naja requests we move on for the time being
- Gunj asks about the 1 hr per week mandatory
- Vanessa states that you can come into the office to for volunteer week and it begins the second the directors signed
- Brandon asks about recording
- Vanessa states that a sheet will have to be filled in with your hours, and Augustine will approve it

12. ADJOURNMENT

a. MOTION 2019-05-26 J01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Meeting of the Board be adjourned

Moved: Vanessa Henry

Seconded: Augustine Onuh

Result: Passes