

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
August 26th, 2020
Toronto, ON

Executive Committee

1. Ali Yousaf President
2. Siddhanth Satish Vice-President Education
3. Vaishali Vinayak Vice-President Equity
4. Liora Dubinsky Vice-President Operations
5. Usama Sheikh Vice-President Student Life and events

Faculty of Arts

6. Alexandra Nash
7. Gabriele Douglas
8. Anika Zaman

Faculty of Ted Rogers School of Management

9. Akif Anwar
10. Hilla Yaniv
11. Homra Ghaznavi
12. Abaan Ahmed
13. Preet Patel

Faculty Communication and Design Directors

14. Aidan Falkenberg
15. Ashan Mahendran
16. Ton Cassie

Faculty of Community Services Directors

17. Steph Rychlo
18. Sabrina Ahmed
19. Dusty Luck

Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science Directors

20. Zain Choudhry
21. Umar Abdullah
22. Salar Syed

Faculty of Science

23. Elwad Gedleh

24. Mishel Galperin

International Representative

25. Amr Shaikh

Graduate Representatives

26. Waqas Ahmed

27. Fayez Ahmed Qureshi

Other Representatives

28. Board of Governors Representative

29. Course Unions Director

30. Vacant First Year Representative

31. Vacant Residence Representative

32. Senate Representative

33. Student Groups Director

Ryerson Students' Union Staff

34. Priya Paul Financial Controller

35. Reanna Maharaj Executive Director

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

This is the fourth Board of Directors meeting for the term 2020 -2021. Its purpose is to conduct important financial and governance operations and to ratify board 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

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.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

2. PRESIDENT WELCOME REMARKS - ALI YOUSAF

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

MOTION 2020-08-26 A01: Appointment of the chairperson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Shoaib Ahmed be appointed as Chairperson for the Ryerson Students' Union Board of Directors Meeting for August 2020

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Hilla Result: **Passed**

4. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chair: Thank you for having me back. I'm going to follow Roberts Rules, I'm going to jump into it.

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

MOTION 2020-08-26 A02: Appointment of the Interim Recording Secretary

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reanna Maharaj, be appointed as the Interim Recording Secretary for the RSU Board of Directors meeting.

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Liora Result: **Passed**

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION 2020-08-26 A03: Approval of the agenda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 26th, 2020 agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Siddhanth Result: **Passed**

Alex: before we approve the agenda, I would like to amend the agenda to add the 1st quarterly fiscal update. According to the by-laws this needs to be done and we have not had one as yet.

Liora: Before we move on, I would like to give the speaking rights to Priya for that update

Ali: Motion to go *in camera*

Moved: Ali Second: Alex Results: **Passed**

Ali: Motions to go out of Camera

Moved: Ali Results: **Passed**

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION 2020-08-26 A04 - Appendix A

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July 17th, 2020 minutes be approved as presented in Appendix A.

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Siddhanth Result: **Passed**

8. Auditors

Motion 2020-08-26 A05 - Interim Approval of Auditors

WHEREAS: The RSU's Financial Policy# 11, Protocol 11.1, titled "Audit", adopted on the 14th of December 2017, states that "*A financial audit must be conducted every year by an outside accounting firm to ensure that proper accounting procedures are being followed*".

WHEREAS: Bylaw 8.21, under Article 8 of the RSU's Bylaws, states that "*At the semi-annual general meeting the audited financial statements for the Students' Union's preceding fiscal year shall be presented by the Vice President Operations for the information and approval of the members of the Students' Union.*"

WHEREAS: The RSU board of directors for the year 2018-2019 and the year 2019-2020, have failed to comply with the RSU Bylaw 8.21 and Protocol 11.1 of the RSU's Financial Policy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The RSU's board of directors approve the retention of Binder Dijker Otte - BDO to conduct the annual financial audit for the financial year 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The RSU's Finance Committee work alongside (Binder Dijker Otte - BDO) and provide any necessary support for the prompt and successful completion of the financial audit.

Moved: Liora Dubinsky Seconded: Alex Result: **Passed**

Alex: Does this mean BDO will be used for the future or just for these 2 audits?

Priya: we are using them to complete these two, for the next years we will have to vote on it at the AGM. We just want to get this done now to keep our status

9. Ratification

Motion 2020-08-26 A06

WHEREAS: it has been determined that the Board of Governors Representative and Senate Representative start their terms on September 1st:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: David Jardine be ratified as the Board of Governors Representative effective September 1st 2020 through August 31st 2021; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: George Carter be ratified as the Senate Representative effective September 1st 2020 through August 31st 2021.

Moved: Alexandra Nash

Seconded: Ali

Result: **Passed**

10. Quarterly Fiscal Update

a. **Motion 2020-08-26 A07 – this motion was added to the agenda when it was amended**

**** Ali: This was discussed in-camera, according to the financial policy this is to be presented in October and January, this is when the reports will be presented ****

11. Updates

a. Staff

Reanna: Working to see what services we can reopen in-person for the fall semester. So far we will be able to notarize legal documents through in-person appointments, we are working to see if Grad photos can return on Campus but this cannot be done if only essential services are operating. I'm also working on some HR material pertaining to the layoffs and getting ready for our Fall semester student hiring through the Career Boost Program. I have also been working alongside Ali on the RSU Operations during this time. As always we are visiting the office bi-weekly to ensure that our bills, mails and other administrative tasks are completed.

Priya: going into the office weekly or bi-weekly. Continue to prepare for the audit, 2 years' worth of work to be done. Working on new in person facilitation. Costing out different number to ensure we are working within this years budget

b. Executives

Ali: Working with Reanna and the University with how we will be working in the Fall semester. SCC will be closed so you can only enter through appointment. I have been working on the COVID and the GFC grant.

Chair: Can you please take care of yourself – can another exec do their update

Siddhanth: Everything will be online, we are working with the University to see how we can make our services work. We are looking to formulate an agreement with the Grads to see how we can receive some compensation for the services that we provide them with. We are trying to work on a gift package to give to all students. I am also working on the RU pass and the student action committee to see how students feel about the RSU and get some suggestions on that through a survey.

Liora: Working on the COVID and the Food Relief Grant, our goal for this grant is not to do first come and first serve, we want to go through the applications. The university will help us with the application process, we are taking steps and hopefully both these grants will be up and running in September. This is very important since GFC is not open. I have also been working with Ali to find good auditors, I am happy to be working with BDO. I'm also working on wellness Wednesday – today we have a live event with a DJ and students present their talent. We also have more things planned for social media and we will keep you up to date

Steph: I just wanted to clarify with the COVID grant, are there specific options this time where people with accessibility issues have more priority

Liora: it is no longer first come first serve we will be evaluating the applications.

Alex: Are equity and accessibility going to be specifically on the application?

Liora: I did not plan on that, but you can send me an email and we can include that on the application

Vaishali: I was been working with the SG and CU on campus to work collaboratively with them. I'm working with the University to host events with the ESC. I'm also working on the GFC grant, it will no longer be first come first serve.

Steph: One quick question – I have emailed it and it has been ignored. Maddy Fast has been sending a letter about the removal about the Egerton Ryerson statue on campus

Ali: I've been meeting with the President and Vice Provost and they are creating a panel that the RSU will sit on as well, if you are interested please let me know and you can join that panel. The University will be making an announcement about that and I will wait until they release their statement

Steph: I just want to ensure that we are not sending the wrong message since we are the only ones that did not sign the open letter

Usama: We are working with Dawn to do the make up training for SG and CU's. I'm working with Student groups to convert everything online because of COVID. I'm also meeting with Rye Athletics to see if we can work with them, I'm also working with Sid on frosh kits for the incoming first years since there is no orientation

Alex: Are there any specific frosh events that the RSU is putting on or collaborating with? I haven't seen anything from the RSU

Usama: Because of COVID we are not planning any events. We are not planning any frosh events because we cannot do that in person due to the restrictions

Alex: So we're not doing anything online at all?

Usama: no, we're not doing anything online for frosh. Some student groups are doing something online, but we are not

Ali: not many first years are following the RSU so we might not get a lot of attendees

Alex: Can I ask where the money budgeted for frosh events are going?

Usama: We are holding on to it so that we can do something later on in the year. We are not spending it or using it elsewhere.

Liora: I just wanted to point out for the COVID grant application, I will be sending it to the Board before it is open to students so feel free to give any input

Gabriele: Will we be updated with what RSU is doing about the police on campus and the statue? Can we get email updates?

Siddhanth: Yes, when we have the info from the University we will update the board

Alex: Last meeting I asked if we can have the agenda ahead of time and it's in the minutes, but we didn't get it ahead of time.

Ali: I was waiting to get motions but nothing was really submitted, so I was just waiting for more motions to come in. I usually wait to see if there's anymore. I can send it 2 days before from now on.

Alex: Thank you

12. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

a. MOTION 2020-08-26 A07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 26th,2020 meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned.

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Siddhanth Result: **Passed**