

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

Monday, January 11th, 2021

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 Qureshi

Other Representatives

- 28.Vacant Board of Governors Representative
- 29.Vacant Course Unions Director
- 30.**Abdul Saleem** **First Year Representative**
- 31.Vacant Residence Representative
- 32.George Carter Senate Representative
- 33.Vacant Student Groups Director

Ryerson Students' Union Staff

- 34.Priya Paul - Financial Controller
- 35.Reanna Maharaj - Executive Director

ABSENT WITH REGRET

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

**** Motion to go in-camera****

Moved: Ali Yousaf

Second: Alex

Results: Passed

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

- a. **MOTION 2021-01-11 A01:** 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: Alex

Result: PASSED

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- a. **MOTION 2021-01-11 A02:** Approval of the agenda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the January 11, 2021 agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Ali Yousaf

Seconded: George

Result: PASSED

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. **MOTION 2021-01-11 A03:** Approval of the minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the December 19th, 2020 minutes be

approved as presented in appendix A.

Moved: Ali Yousaf

Seconded: Liora

Result: PASSED

6. RATIFICATION

a. MOTION 2021-01-11 B01

WHEREAS: The Board of Governors position is currently vacant.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Matthew Wright be ratified as the Board of Governors Representative effective January 11, 2021 through August 31st 2021.

Moved: Ali Yousaf

Seconded: Steph

Result: PASSED

George: I want to confirm that the dates are relevant to the next BOG elections. Is that accurate?

Ali: BOG term is from September until August 31st

George: He's just taking over Dvaids term, is that correct?

Ali:Yes

Alex: I would like to amend this motion to remove why David was removed because I believe it was irrelevant.

George: I agree it is public knowledge since we had a whole meeting about it. Again I don't think it really matters.

**** Vote for amendment ****

**** Amendment passes to remove the first whereas clause****

7. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Legal updates

Ali: This was done during the in-camera session

8. UPDATES

a. Staff

Reanna: I have mainly been working on gathering all of the documents needed for arbitration. There were a lot of documents that needed to be included in the files. I have also attended arbitration for many of the staff members that were placed on layoff. The Winter 2021 Career Boost program has started so I am e-appointing staff to the CB payroll. We continue to visit the office on an as needed basis to complete cheques and obtain documents. Lastly, I've also been working on the campus groups communications that we have received from over the break.

Priya: We have been closed for the break but we have been working throughout. I have been working on the calculations for the settlement. I have been working with the student groups and answering questions about the deadline for submissions. Work on the audit continues, we are pushing to get both years completed and in the back my admin work has been making sure HST remittance has been updated. I'm in ym next phase for preparing for T4A's. Last year I issued over 500 T4a's, everything had to be typed by hand. We have to meet the deadline in February.

b. Executives

Ali: The RSU opened today. I have been into the office and through the winter break too. I was working on the arbitration process as well. We are still dealing with that but we are making progress. I have also been working with the execs on projects.

George: I forgot to mention it but was there a statement released?

Ali: I sent 4-5 emails and no one has responded to me. They did respond back to Vaishali but not to me. I can show you the thread

George: Can we release it anyways?

Ali: The only reason I didn't is because I am not Indigenous and I wanted an opinion.

Ali: We received a draft from BDO for the 2018-2019 year. I'm quite confident that by the end of January we will have the 2019-2020 year wrapped up as well

Priya: We have a 10am call tomorrow with the auditor to review and go through. I can tell you one thing is that the auditors were very thorough and did a good job.

Ali: I never in my life thought an audit would be this hard to wrap up. I have a great relationship with the University and we will keep everyone posted.

Liora: We received the draft statements, from this point on we will be reviewing them. I started working on the mental health and wellness grant. I'm looking to see what type of criteria to add. Tax season is coming up so I'm trying to see how we can do the tax clinic virtually. I'm trying to find out how we can manage volunteering and get the right

tech support. The honorarium applications will be reviewed with the oversight committee soon.

George: Do you have a date as to when you will start advertising for volunteers.

Liora: I'm thinking in the next month or so. It will be soon. I will let you all know because any help will be appreciated.

Hilla: Thank you so much for Priya, Reanna and all the execs for doing hard work. I know it's not easy during this time.

Vaishali: I launched the RSU food box - the first round. I'm making it in a way that you all get \$25 and receive free delivery as well. I have been working on planning the equity give away week. Today all Equity Service Centres are opened up and the offices hours are open as well.

Steph: With all the ESC opened does this include C3SVS as well?

Vaishali: We are planning on opening up the position for the C3SVS coordinator. I also want to look into the phone line and system since iCarol wasn't utilized to the fullest. Right now the centre is open which means you can still get reimbursements and services.

Siddhanth: I probably mentioned this, I am lobbying for grade/no grade. The good news is that they are considering this and I should have an answer soon. I have been pushing them to get this done this semester as well. We have been getting a lot of grade appeals, since Jose has been out of the office I have been helping with that over the Winter break

George: I believe you said that we were hiring someone for Jose

Ali: Yes, we still are but we received a low amount of applications, we will extend the job posting. Hoping to have someone hired in the next month

Ashan: Are we only covered for last semester or will you be covered for this semester as well?

Siddhanth: I am hoping that it is for both, but it looks like it might only be for the first semester. They consider this semester the "new normal"

Usama: Planning a giveaway with Athletics. We are planning events for students. I will hopefully have some more information soon. We are also working on the online platform for students

Ali: In terms of the VBA, we are trying to automate the groups account statements so that they are online instead of in person.

9. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion 2021-01-11 C01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the January 11, 2021 meeting of the Board be adjourned.

Moved by: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Alex Results: PASSED