

# 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

March 31st, 2021

Toronto, ON

## Executive Committee

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| 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

## 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. Matthew Wright (MJ) Board of Governors Representative

29. Vacant Course Unions Director

30. Abdul Saleem First Year Representative

31. Vacant Residence Representative

32. Vacant Senate Representative

33. Vacant Student Groups Director

**Ryerson Students' Union Staff**

34. Priya Paul Financial Controller

35. Reanna Maharaj Executive Director

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS**

Ali Yousaf

Vaishali Vinayak

# 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.

Remarks of President:

I would like to thank everyone for attending. There are been a lot of fake propaganda going on about the RSU services. I would like to make it clear that those claims are fake and baseless. The only services that has been cut down are the frontline services. Till this day we have supported students wherever we can, we have given over \$200,000 in grants. Student groups will NOT be cut back. We will continue to assist them with everything that they need help with. We will continue to support you during this difficult time. If at any time during the year, if you need anything from the RSU you can reach out to me directly, the execs or the management staff.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

### 2. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chair: Hello everyone and thank you for attending. I'm going to get started.

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

- a. **MOTION 2021-03-31 A01:** Appointment of the Recording Secretary

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

Moved: Alexandra Nash      Seconded: Hilla      Result: PASSED

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- a. **MOTION 2021-03-31 A02:** Approval of the agenda

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the March 31, 2021 agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Alexandra Nash      Seconded: Steph      Result: PASSED

### 5. MOTION FOR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- a. **MOTION 2021-03-31 A03:** Investigation Request for Oversight Committee

**WHEREAS** the job of the RSU Board of Directors is to hold the Executive accountable and ensure they are answerable to the student body.

**WHEREAS** motions of impeachment for two Executives will be introduced and voted upon at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

**WHEREAS** the Board should have access to all the relevant information for an impeachment vote.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Oversight Committee ask questions to both the Executives whose impeachments will be voted upon, as well as to the students making the allegations to gather more facts about the situation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Oversight Committee present their findings to the Board at the next Board meeting, before the impeachment votes take place.

Moved: Alexandra Nash    Seconded: Hilla    Result: PASSED

Alex: I would like to note that a board meeting has been called on April 7<sup>th</sup>. And that would be the date that the oversight committee will report their findings

Sid: I would like to change my vote to say in favor since most of the BOD has abstained. I just want this to be over with.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **a. Notice of Impeachment: Vaishali Vinayak, VP Equity**

**WHEREAS** the RSU By-Laws Section 2.3 f) requires notice of removal from office or impeachment vote at least one (1) Board Meeting in advance

**WHEREAS** there are serious allegations and evidence suggesting that, in the course of the recent RSU election, Vaishali Vinayak took actions that resulted in students feeling pressured and targeted due to their reliance on equity center programs

**WHEREAS** there are serious allegations and evidence suggesting that, in the course of the recent RSU election, Vaishali Vinayak used their position and privileged access to student's personal information to contact potential voters and potentially build a voter list

**WHEREAS** there is significant credibility to these claims and students deserve answers to ensure their personal data is secure and their elected representatives are not abusing their power

**THEREFORE** the following motion shall be introduced at the next Board of Directors meeting:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Vaishali Vinayak be removed from the position of Vice-President Equity, effective immediately

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Vice-President Equity-elect be appointed to the position of Vice-President Equity to begin their term early, as soon as possible.

Submitted: Alexandra Nash

**b. Notice of Impeachment: Siddhanth Satish, VP Education**

**WHEREAS** the RSU By-Laws Section 2.3 f) requires notice of removal from office or impeachment vote at least one (1) Board Meeting in advance

**WHEREAS** there are serious allegations and evidence suggesting that, in the course of the recent RSU election, Siddhanth Satish used their position and privileged access to student's personal information to contact potential voters and potentially build a voter list

**WHEREAS** there is significant credibility to these claims and students deserve answers to ensure their personal data is secure and their elected representatives are not abusing their power

**THEREFORE** the following motion shall be introduced at the next Board of Directors meeting:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Siddhanth Satish be removed from the position of Vice-President Education, effective immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Vice-President Education-elect be appointed to the position of Vice-President Education to begin their term early, as soon as possible.

Submitted: Alexandra Nash

Chair: I know I have to read these 2 things but I know we have 2 staff members present. Would

Dusty: Who is on the oversight committee

Alex: This is one of the standing committees of the RSU. I don't remember exactly but I believe that it is a matter of records

Siddhanth: There have been Board members assigned to the committees at the beginning of their year, this will be shared

Chair: Sorry I was saying before. Reanna and Priya are with us, would you like to give a brief updates

Steph: We did not adhere to the bylaw and ratify the members on the elections appeal committee

Reanna: I know there is an email thread between yourself and the CRO. There was some concern about the members on the committee being harassed and that is why their personal information was not shared. However, neither myself, Priya or the executives are part of hiring for that Elections Appeal Committee and it is up to the CRO. I will reach out to the CRO once more to get an answer to you

Alex: I just want to remind everyone that it is our legal obligation to follow our by-laws and that if the by-laws are interfering with something else then we need to change the by-laws.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

### **a. MOTION 2021-03-31 A07**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the March 31, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned.

Moved: Alexandra Nash

Seconded: Hilla

Result: PASSED