

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

June 30, 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 (Joined at 4:15PM)

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 Director

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 online

International Representative

- 25. Amr Shaikh

Other Representatives

- 26. Board of Governors Representative
- 27. Course Unions Director
- 28. Vacant First Year Representative
- 29. Vacant Residence Representative
- 30. Senate Representative
- 31. Student Groups Director

Ryerson Students' Union Staff

- 32. Priya Paul Financial Controller
- 33. Reanna Maharaj Executive Director

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

This is the second 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

Ali: Over the past four months the campus has been slower than usual. This is changing the RSU model, we are trying to keep things steady until things reopen. We are operating on a different HR model and hoping to resume things soon. It has been very difficult being in the office, it is very different and change a lot of things. There is only one motion, so this meeting will be quick. As always I'm here for anything you needs, feel free to reach out to me at any time.

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

a. MOTION 2020-06-30 A01: Appointment of the chairperson

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

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Alex Result: PASSED

4. REMARKS OF THE CHAIRPERSON

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

Chair: Pronouns he/him.

Alex: Question about the vote we conducted, is there a way we can see the results of the polls?

Ali: Yes, we can share those at the end of the meeting

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

a. MOTION 2020-06-30 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: Hilla Result: PASSED

Chair: there are some people having problems with the poll voting

Ali: Can people text and say how they would like to vote?

Chair: the motion has been approved , Can we spend a minute trying to figure out how we can get the others to vote?

Ali: Sure

Alex: Apparently the non-board members are also getting the option to vote

Ali: We have separated the Board members from the others

Alex: I heard from David that they are getting the option to vote

Ali: We broke it back to the board and then the public, that is why it happened

Chair: Is this resolved? Can we check this?

Ali: lets wait till the next motion to see if Hilla can vote

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

a. MOTION 2020-06-30 A03: Approval of the agenda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 30th, 2020 agenda be approved as Presented.

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Steph Result: PASSED

Hilla: I still cannot see the vote

Ali: Hilla and Ali can you text me your vote?

Alex: Can we go back to role call voting since there is no motion

Chair: It is great to vote online, I have used it before and I liked it

Preet: why dont they rejoin the call

Liora: Mishel does not have a microphone, so they will be typing in the chat

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. MOTION 2020-06-30 A04 - Appendix A

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 28, 2020 minutes be approved as presented in Appendix A.

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Siddhanth Result: PASSED

8. RATIFICATION

a. MOTION 2020-06-30 B01: Ratification of the Ex-officio Director position

WHEREAS the Ryerson Students' Union has several Ex-Officio positions on its board of directors; and

WHEREAS the positions are duly elected by the governing bodies;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ivyan Chandran be ratified as an EX-Officio member, as the Board of Governors Representative on the RSU Board of Directors for June 30th, 2020 - August 31st, 2020.

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Hilla Result: PASSED

Alex: Ivyan is not in the meeting, and if you look at the past minute you will see that they missed well over the threshold and will be removed. I would like David Jardine to hold the position instead of Ivyan

Ali: In regards to Ivyan, I spoke to Ivyan and he did not attend because the RSU agreement was terminated by the University. I have gotten legal advice and we must wait till September once the results have been ratified. From September to August that is the period of the term. From then on the BOG decides who gets to sit on the Board.

Alex: I was specifying that I was speaking to the RSU by-laws, however since Ivyan is not here I would like to table this to the next meeting since he is not here.

Ali: No, I spoke to him today and he had a meeting that he booked a month in advance, let us ratify him today and we can get his email setup and have notice about the board meetings.

Steph: There are other ex-officios, aren't there? What are going on with those?

Ali: They are senate which starts July 1st and they will get back to me and ratify them for the next meeting

Steph: Thank you

Chair: anyone else?

9. MONETARY ACCOMMODATION FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

a. Motion 2020-06-30 C01: Provide Funding for Charitable organizations fighting racial inequality.

WHEREAS The RSU has always stood with the Black Community in its fight against racial discrimination. **TO BE REMOVED - AMENDED**

WHEREAS The RSU would continue to support marginalized communities in and around Ryerson financially.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The RSU board of directors, allocate \$5000 in funding to support charitable organizations and not-for-profit organizations in the community that focus on fighting racial inequality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The RSU board of directors commission the Equity and Social Justice committee to form a focus group with community members and allies to select one or more charitable organizations or not-forprofit organizations to provide funding to.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Equity and Social Justice Committee's Commissioner presents a report to the board of directors in the upcoming meeting regarding the dispersal of funds.

Moved: Ali Yousaf

Seconded : Liora

Result: PASSED

Steph: Can we edit the beginning, where we claim that the RSU has always supported black students? I feel like this is a false claim. Can we state our intention instead of stating that historically we stood by them, I feel that we have been silent on some things.

Ali: we can make the amendment

Steph: Can we take the first whereas out? We can say "would like to stand with the black community"

Alex: We have been focusing on making sure the RSU is financially accountable so I want us to know exactly where we are putting our money and support. I would like to table this when the committee can actually identify which charity we will be giving the money too

Ali: that is why in the motion I said this would go to the equity committee. We need to make sure what organization we are funding according to our policies. The company will be presented at the next board meeting

Alex: I thought we were getting a report after the funds were given

Ali: They will do their research and give the report at the next board meeting. Once the board ratifies it then the funding will be released.

Alex: Okay perfect

Chair: motion passes

Alex: When is the equity committee meeting?

Vaishali: We met a few weeks ago and we will meet this month

10. UPDATES

a. Staff

Reanna: As you know the RSU has gone through from very big HR changes to our structure. I have been involved in that process. I have also been working on the RSU's phase 2 operational structure, this will look into potential services that the RSU can open and operate during the pandemic. As some of you may have seen, it has been a while since the RSU newsletter has been sent out, this is because we are migrating the list over to Google groups instead of sympa. Lastly, I have been working collaboratively with Ali, Liora and Priya in regard to overseeing and revision of the budget.

Priya: We are preparing for our year end. Working hand in hand with executives to review the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. There has been proper approvals for this year for the finances, and they have been very good with being very diligent with That.

b. Executive

Ali: I had a meeting with the President and a few concerns were being brought up like police on campus, which I have been told will be resolved. The university has said that they will be closed until December 31. We have finalized the health and dental plan, it is a very good plan, better

than the last. I have been working with SASSL about the intoxication laws, stating tomorrow SASSL is launching their service. I have been in regular contract with the University and how events will be run.

Sid: I am working on the RU pass and tuition. The last month was busy with conferences and phone calls with partnerships for the future. Unfortunately this year at conferences the attendees were very low. I have been working on a personal petition to make online tutoring at Ryerson. I am working on how to help International students while they study abroad.

Vaishali: We created an HR plan where folks will be working together. We had a meeting with Career Coop Centre for equity training and diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We are working with SASSL to lobby the government. The phone line is available 12pm - 12am. We would like to work with SHIFT Centre to do an event

Alex: What happened with the hiring in the ESC?

Vaishali: We have 5 new people working on specific projects that are all over the place. For example for mental health if there is more people needed then more people will work there, and there are many different websites.

Liora: For the past month I have been working on the budget. Working with Priya and the execs. I am making sure that we are taking precautions with COVID. Otherwise we finalized our health and dental plan and we actually got a great price. We increased our coverage and decreased the cost of the plan. We have brought out doctors note coverage, this is something no other student union has. We covered \$100 a year for doctors notes. Another thing to keep in mind is the dropout date of October 2nd. We are working on a budget supporting document that explains every line in the budget to help students understand what our budget is. We hired a social media assistant, the goal is having someone respond and communicate with students, and create more outreach for programs and services we offer. Trying to make social media more inclusive and interactive.

Alex: what is the timeline for the budget?

Liora: the goal is to present it at the next meeting. We are working hard and it looks like it will be at the next meeting

Alex: Can we get a draft a few days in advance?

Liora: yes you will get it 5 business days before the meeting, that makes it one week.

Priya: We are collaborating with Liora to look through line by line to ensure that all of the assumptions and notes are there.

Usama: I had a meeting with student life and we discussed frosh, student life and orientation. Since it is online we are trying to see how we can give students a good frosh. Nothing is finalized. I am finalizing the Student Group and Course Union training. I am reaching out to sponsors to see if we can get more money for RSU.

11. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

a. MOTION 2020-06-30 G01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the JUNE 30th, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned.

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Alex Result: PASSED