

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

May 28, 2021

Toronto, ON

Executive Committee

1. Siddhanth Satish President
2. Tarman Kaur Vice-President Education
3. Vaishali Vinayak Vice-President Operations
4. Maleha Yasmin Vice-President Equity
5. Akibul Haque Vice-President Student Life and events

Faculty of Arts

6. Shariff Van Uum

Faculty of Ted Rogers School of Management

7. Hussnain Khalid
8. Hilla Yaniv
9. Darsh Gajera
10. Silver Idele

Faculty Communication and Design Directors

11. Olivia McLeod

Faculty of Community Services Directors

12. Joel Kuriakose
13. Sabrina Ahmed
14. Parneet Brah

Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science Directors

15. Muhammad Rashid
16. Umar Abdullah
17. Salar Syed

Faculty of Science

18. Shawn Peari
19. Ravital Kofman

International Representative

20. Ayat Rizvi

Other Representatives

- 21. MJ Board of Governors Representative - Left after 7pm
- 22. Vacant Course Unions Director
- 23. Abdul Saleem First Year Representative
- 24. Vacant Residence Representative
- 25. Vacant Senate Representative
- 26. Vacant Student Groups Director

Ryerson Students' Union Staff

- 27. Priya Paul Financial Controller
- 28. Reanna Maharaj Executive Director

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Priya Paul
Reanna Maharaj

This is the first Board of Directors meeting for the term 2021 -2022. Its purpose is to conduct important financial and governance operations and to select commissioners 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

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 - SIDDHANTH SATISH

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

- a. **MOTION 2021-05-28 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 May 2021.

Moved: Siddhanth Satish Seconded: Hilla Yaniv Result:P

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.

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY

- a. **MOTION 2021-05-28 A02:** Appointment of the Interim Recording Secretary

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

Moved: Siddhanth Satish Seconded:Hilla Result: Passed

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- a. **MOTION 2021-05-28 A03:** Approval of the agenda

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 28th, 2021 agenda be approved as presented.

Moved: Siddhanth Satish

Seconded:Hilla Yaniv Result:P

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. MOTION 2021-05-28 A04 - Appendix A

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 7th, 2021 minutes be approved as presented in Appendix A.

Moved: Siddhanth Satish Seconded : Hilla Result:P

Olivia : Makes a friendly amendment request for the google form ballots to be official.

Siddhanth : Friendly amendment accepted.

No one opposed Amended motion passes.

8. RATIFICATION

a. MOTION 2021-05-28 B01: Ratification of the Faculty of Arts Director

WHEREAS the Faculty of Arts Director of the RSU Board of Directors is appointed by the President to fill a vacancy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hafsa Ghasamzaei be ratified as Faculty of Arts Director on the RSU Board of Directors for 2021-2022 **until by elections.**

Moved: Siddhanth Satish

Seconded: Hilla

Result: P

Motion put forward to move in camera for legal training.

9. LEGAL TRAINING

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FINANCIAL CONTROLLER INTRODUCTION

11. COMMISSIONER RATIFICATION

a. MOTION 2021-05-28 D01: COMMISSIONER RATIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Directors be Ratified as Commissioners for the RSU for 2021 - 2022.

- i. Equity and Social Justice - Sabrina Ahmed
- ii. Events and Entertainment - Hussnain Khalid
- iii. Course Union - Joel Kuriakose
- iv. Student Group - Joel Kuriakose
- v. Student Action Committee - Parneet Brah

vi. Sustainability - Muhammad Rashid

Moved: Siddhanth Satish Seconded: Vaishali Result:

Chair: reads out the committee commissioner.

Olivia: asking when the vote will happen to approve the motion to make the google form official.

Chair: stated that this vote had passed due to no one opposing. Shoaib asks if anyone wants a role call and Siddhant decides to do a role call.

Google form made official.

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS RATIFICATION

a. MOTION 2021-05-28 D02: COMMITTEE MEMBERS RATIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following Directors be Ratified as Committee Members for the RSU Standing Committees for 20201-2022.

- i. Athletics - 2 positions
 1. Silver Idele
 2. Umar Abdullah

- ii. Equity and Social Justice - 3 positions
 1. Hilla Yaniv
 2. Muhammad Rashid
 3. Ravital Kofman

- iii. Events and Entertainment - 3 positions
 1. Joel Kuriakose
 2. Parneet Brah
 3. Salar Hussain Syed

- iv. Course Unions - 2 positions
 1. Ayat Rizvi
 2. Hussnain Khalid

- v. Student Groups - 2 positions
 1. Shawn Peari
 2. Darsh Gajera

- vi. Finance - 2 positions (may not be ex-officio)
 1. Umar Abdullah

2. Salar Hussain Syed
- vii. Bursary – 2 positions
 1. Sabrina Ahmed
 2. Umar Abdullah
- viii. Student Action - 3 positions
 1. Hilla Yaniv
 2. Silver Idele
 3. Muhammad Rashid
- ix. Sustainability - 3 positions
 1. Ravital Kofman
 2. Darsh Gajera
 3. Hilla Yaniv
- x. Governance - 2 positions
 1. Shawn Peari
 2. Ayat Rizvi
- xi. Oversight committee - 5 positions
 1. Hussnain Khalid
 2. Joel Kuriakose
 3. Sabrina Ahmed
 4. Salar Hussain Syed
 5. Parneet Brah

Moved: Siddhanth Satish Seconded: Vaishali Result:

12. MONETARY ACCOMMODATION FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

- a. **a. Motion 2021-05-28 C01:** Provide Funding for Charitable organizations fighting to provide support for individuals affected by conflict in the middle east.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The RSU board of directors, allocates \$5000 in funding to support charitable organizations and not-for-profit organizations in the community that focus on providing support for people in need of shelter and medical assistance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The RSU board of directors commissions 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: Siddhanth Satish Seconded: Result:Vaishali
Olivia: if there is a specific group being focused on

Siddhanth: it is not focusing on a specific group and that it depends on the equity committee and will be approved after presenting it to the board .

13. UPDATES

- a. Staff**
- b. Executives**

Siddhanth:Since it's been only one month since the start of our term so alongside our transition myself and my team were busy mapping out the plans for the first 60 days of our year. We have a lot of things planned for this year, we have already started work towards accomplishing most of our campaign promises. We have already launched our menstrual kits project and also started working on many other equity initiatives to ensure the complete functioning of centres like the Good Food centre and C3SVS. The university now also has a vaccination clinic set up at the daphne cockwell building where everyone can get an appointment for vaccines while they last. Apart from this, you will soon see some of the changes made to the health and dental plan and we are also working on bringing the price down. We are also looking to create a platform for students who missed their frosh last year and host a combined event for the first years and second years to welcome them to campus and eventually prepare for the transition to in-person learning. The RSU website is also being updated and will have a new look very soon, making it more user-friendly and accessible. To prepare students for after university life we are working on a career fair and some educational workshops that can help with students' professional development. We are in the process of hiring our full-time staff to prepare for the recovery and Finally, the finances for the year are being worked on and based on the enrollment rates and the graduates having their separate union now, we will have a difference in the budget. Briefly, these are the things I spent my month on.

Vaishali: I am working on the 2021-2022 budget and will be presenting it in the next board meeting. I have been scheduling meetings with different staff members and taking their proposed numbers. I have been working on the menstrual kits project and launched it this week. We have two statements with the post as well. I also have been working on the health and dental plan and have been looking for ways to improve it.

Maleha: She has been working with the Equity Service centers to plan events for pride month in June. She has events from the centers for every week of the month of June. The first event for pride month is a kick off event from RyePride center on June 1st For C3SVS, they will launching the text line for sexual violence support on June 11th. This month she has been recruiting, training and testing volunteers for the text line. For the Good food center, she has been working on creating promotions for students. She recently collaborated with Dominos to create the 35% promotion. That's valid for the entire school year. Currently she is working to collaborate with Tim Hortons to create promotions for students and then will be looking to collaborate with Popeyes.

Tarman: The past month she has worked towards building connections with ryerson student groups and the different centres which will provide support for our students. She is working towards collaborating with the Ryerson Career Centre to advance their career fair facilities. In addition, she will be collaborating with them and other student groups to help students with workshops that will help them with resumes, cover letters, presentation skills and much more. She also attended the CASA foundations conference. CASA, or the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, is a non-partisan, member-driven, not-for-profit student advocacy organization that works to influence policy at the federal level of government in ways that help make post-secondary education more affordable, accessible, innovative, and high quality. She worked with members of CASA and will continue working with them to help the students at Ryerson have a more affordable and better education.

Akibul: He spent the last month planning events. Giveaways: promoting and giving away merchandise to first year students. For example hosting different contests through social media. Winners of these contests will receive gifts and giveaways. Campus group fair: A virtual fair to introduce all the campus groups to the incoming students and provide ways to get involved with on campus.

Collaboration with Student Groups: Working with campus groups (like affiliate , course union , student groups and athletic clubs) to see what their plans are for the upcoming year and to support any needs with their events or collaboration process through financial assistance. This goes specifically for athletics where we will be working closely with them in hopes of achieving more for the year. An introductory email was sent out to the campus groups at the beginning of the month to set the initial process.

Frosh Virtual Events (Podcasts, Q&A): Frosh week events will be hosted to welcome incoming students this year and 1st year students from last year. These events will vary and consist of podcasts and q&a, as with social media influencers, talks with athletes, women empowerment panels and many others.

14. OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

a. MOTION 2021- 05 - 28

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 28th, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned.

Moved: Siddhanth Satish Seconded: Hilla Result: PASSED