



Ryerson Students' Union

Meeting of the Board of Directors

October 24 2016 – 6PM

Call to Order -

Executive Committee

Obaid Ullah	President
Victoria Morton	Vice-President Education
Tamara Jones	Vice-President Equity
Neal Muthreja	Vice-President Operations
Harman Singh	Vice-President Student Life and Events

Faculty of Arts Directors

Daniel Lis	Angelo Robb
Marzia Riaz	

Faculty Communication and Design Directors

Katii Capern	Kelly Kitagawa
William Fraser	Eleanor Kuan

Faculty of Community Services Directors

Abisola Asha	Chrys Saget-Richard
Michael Friedman	Anna Stevenson
Dahab Ibrahim	

Faculty of Engineering, Architecture Directors

Michael Foppiano	Naveed Khan
Ruken Dilsah Izol	Monica Kwong

Faculty of Ted Rogers School of Management Directors

Sandra Bahoua	Nasrudin Mumin
Anthony Esguerra	Michelle Park
Nav Marwah	

Faculty of Science Director

Robinder Jangi	Maryam Golbazi
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Course Unions Director

Betty Wang

First Year Representative

TBD

Graduate Representatives

Bhutila Karpoche
Isuru Weekasekera

International Student Representative

Ali Yousaf

Residence Representative

Lauren Emberson

Senate Representative

Amar Latchman

Student Group Director

Yuli Jadov



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Natasha Campagna

Casey Chu Cheong

Abe Snobar

General Manager

Internal Coordinator

Chairperson

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER and Attendance

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. MOTION 2016-10-24 A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved: Ullah

Seconded: Singh

Result: Carries

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION 2016-10-24 A02

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes from the September 26 2016 Board meeting be accepted as presented in Appendix A

Moved: Ullah

Seconded: Muthreja

Result: Carries

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. MOTION 2016-10-24 C01 – BY ELECTIONS – RATIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Report of the Chief Returning Officer be accepted as presented in Appendix B; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the results of the 2016 By Election be ratified.

Moved: Ullah

Seconded: Marwah

Result: Carries

B. RATIFICATION OF NEW STUDENT GROUPS - APPENDIX C

i) MOTION 2016-10-24 C02 – Arab Students Association

WHEREAS the Student Groups committee has met and reviewed the application of students seeking status to establish new RSU student groups, and

WHEREAS Student Groups committee has found that all matters and requirements were in order and the groups were thereby recommended by the Committee for adoption by the board, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the student group “Arab Students Association” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Singh
to the Next Meeting

Seconded: Marwah

Result: Tabled

ii) MOTION 2016-10-24 C03 – Hindu Students Association

WHEREAS the Student Groups committee has met and reviewed the application of students seeking status to establish new RSU student groups, and

WHEREAS Student Groups committee has found that all matters and requirements were in order and the groups were thereby recommended by the Committee for adoption by the board, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the student group “Hindu Students Association” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Singh

Seconded: Marwah

Result: Carries

Members of the Hindu Students' Association Presents to the Board of Directors
Question – Would they be operating out of the office?

Obaid – Offices have already been assigned for the year. They can apply for an office for the new school year.

iii) MOTION 2016-10-24 C04 – RU Stargazers

WHEREAS the Student Groups committee has met and reviewed the application of students seeking status to establish new RSU student groups, and

WHEREAS Student Groups committee has found that all matters and requirements were in order and the groups were thereby recommended by the Committee for adoption by the board, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the student group “RU Stargazers” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Singh

Seconded:

Result:

C. STUDENT GROUPS POLICY

MOTION 2016-10-24 C05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Student Groups Policy be accepted as presented in appendix C; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Student Groups Policy be added to the Ryerson Students' Union Policy Manual.

Moved: Singh

Seconded: Ullah

Result: Carries

D. CYCLING COMMITTEE

MOTION 2016-10-24 C06

WHEAREAS there is a need to increase and improve cycling services on campus; and
WHEREAS the RSU is focused on transit; and
WHEREAS accessible bicycling increases equity; and
WHEREAS current cycling infrastructure needs improvement; and
WHEREAS cycling improves health and wellness;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT a cycling committee be established.
Moved: Foppiano Seconded: Obaid Result: Carries

Foppiano speaks to the motion

- Bicycle Co-Op
- Bicycle membership programme

Obaid – Cycling is part of our transportation mandate, we have worked with the go transit and ttc about improving services for students. We spoke with campus facilities around cycling as a means of transport. The committee would be to give a voice to students and to get feed back and improve the community and ehcnace the method of transport

Eleanor – How will the committee operate?

Michael – Finalised plan by AGM

Will – AD Hoc or Standing Committee?

Michael – AhHOC for now.

E. PLANT BASED CONSUMPTION
MOTION 2016-10-24 C07

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming that the RSU recognizes that plant-based eating promotes social justice, as well as the health of individuals, the public and the planet, and therefore adopts a policy of serving at least 50% plant-based food and beverages at the RSU's events whenever food is involved. Based on dollar amounts

WHEREAS the RSU's goal is to promote the broadest inclusiveness at Ryerson; to be reviewed 6 months in.

WHEREAS the RSU recognizes that plant-based food is acceptable to all cultures while animal-based products are not;

WHEREAS the RSU wishes to help Ryerson demonstrate leadership in protecting and advancing sustainability, food security, social justice, the promotion of individual, public and ecological health, and global economic growth;

WHEREAS a growing number of national dietetics and public health authorities are advocating a shift towards plant-based eating for both health and environmental reasons;

WHEREAS animal-based diets have been found to be associated with a number of chronic diseases and certain cancers while plant-based diets are found to be health-promoting;

WHEREAS animal-based diets, especially the consumption of meat and dairy, are recognized as unsustainable considering the inefficiency in the production of animal products and the massively disproportionate land use and carbon and water footprint of animal agriculture;

WHEREAS in 2010 the United Nations Environment Programme (“UNEP”) commented that a global shift towards a vegan diet is vital to save the world from hunger, fuel poverty and the worst impacts of climate change;

WHEREAS mounting scientific evidence points to the fact that plant-based eating is the single most potent, immediate and cost-effective solution to multiple global crises, including but not limited to global warming, world hunger, fuel crises, water shortage, pollution, deforestation, loss of biodiversity and antibiotic resistance, which in turn will seriously jeopardize food security, economic growth, political stability, ecological integrity and even humanity;

WHEREAS the orientation towards plant-based eating yields benefits far greater than reducing food waste and food miles;

WHEREAS some nations, such as Denmark and Sweden and the International Resource Panel of the UNEP are proposing a tax on meat at the retail and/or producer level in light of the unsustainability of animal-based consumption;

WHEREAS “Going vegan” was voted internationally to be the winner, defeating more than 150 entries from all over the world in the one-time Best Water Idea Contest conducted by Stockholm International Water Institute in 2015;

WHEREAS the World Bank has warned that drug-resistant infections, largely attributable to the reckless use of antibiotics in animal agriculture and aquaculture, could cause global economic damage on par with the 2008 financial crisis;

WHEREAS in October 2016 a coalition of institutional investors managing \$1.25T publicly expressed serious concerns about the unsustainable ‘animal

protein bubble' and is urging food companies to shift from animal-based protein to plant-based proteins for economic and environmental viability;

WHEREAS an Oxford study led by M. Springmann in 2016 predicts that up to 8.1 million lives and \$1 trillion dollars of health-spending can be saved if the world will adopt plant-based eating;

WHEREAS a study in 2015 by a research team led by J. Piazza reinforces findings that defending the consumption of animal products is associated with the support for social inequality towards both human and non-human animals while adopters of plant-based eating are associated with less tolerance of social inequality;

WHEREAS the RSU wishes to support the promotion of plant-based food literacy which is advocated for by more and more scientists, civic societies, investors and government agencies so as to feed the growing global populations on dwindling resources;

WHEREAS the RSU agrees that an orientation to plant-based consumption will contribute positively to Ryerson Sustainability Office's triple bottom line: social, environmental and economic;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU offer at least 50% of plant-based food and beverages at its events, *based on the dollar amount*, including but not limited to meetings and social functions.

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 50% threshold be based on dollar terms.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all food and beverage payment be approved by the VP Equity to confirm compliance with this resolution *and this motion will be reviewed in 6 months time*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Can the RSU send out a survey to gather data to get results after social events.

Moved: Jones

Seconded: Ali

Result: Carries

Debbie Presents to the Board

Marwah – 50 % of allocated budget to be spent on food. What is the cost?

Debbie – Plant based meals are usually less than meat option

Michael- Has a concern been raised about food waste. Asks for best practices and asked to concentrate on that instead of focusing on the dollar amount.

Tamara – Understands why food waste is an issue but does not think it is exclusionary to offer plant based meals.

This is not the right aspect. We are ordering based on student consumption. We should focus on education and best practices.

Obaid – What would social functions extend to ?

Tamara – RSU events mainly.

Chair - the policy does not specify . you would need to add that.

Michael – Have you talked to RUeats about stats?

Lauren – Not many people only eat meat so there will be options for everyone. I agree it will not be exclusionary.

Daniel – I would like to propose an amendment

Chair – First we will deal with the first amendment

Obaid – Strike out the second be it resolved clause

Amendment to the amendment

Change the be it resolved clauses - strike second Be It Resolved Clause and change first Be It Resolved Clause to “ 50% in terms of dollars” .

Moved: Tamara Seconded: Morton Result: Carries

Dahab – What type of social events does this extend to? Will this include student groups?

Tamara – Only in terms of the RSU Admin.

Anthony - What about things like water bottles?

Chair– This only pertains to RSU and RSU is bottle water free.

Obaid – I like the concept, it would be great to be the example to the campus and the broader community. However I don't want to impose this one the community so quickly.

I would only like this to be for board meetings. I do not want to open this social events. Can we limit this for board meetings?

Seconded: Rob

Tamara – We want to cut down on the amount of meat we offer basically.

There will still be meat options, I don't know why this is such a big deal.

Dahab – We can have a test basis for 6 months and then revisit the motion

Obaid – So this motion will only be in place for 6 months

Marzia – Example when we order pizza, it gives more flexibility for vegetarian and vegans to have less meat options and more veggie options. Majority of people can eat both the meat and veggie options and vegetarians and vegans are often left compromising.

ONLY for the Board Amendment - Fails

Dahab – can we add trial basis – 6 months then subject to review
Seconded- Tamara
Result – Carries

Daniel – based proposed on metrics to avoid food waste instead of a dollar amount.

Be it resolved that the RSU offer plant based food based on metrics provided by RU eats.

Moved Michael Result: Failed

Tamara – I don't think that RU eats is a good representation of students since there are so many options downtown.

Michael – we want to know what the student population eats and use this as a guide to be more efficient and not increase food waste.

Dahab – The point of the motion to push students to change the amount of meat they consume.

Michael - We don't know what students want

Anna – it's not about student preference but it's more about an equity issue and about student's having better options.

Lauren – Important to note that this is not turning people in to vegans, this is a trial, I have not been to a meeting where everyone could eat everything, it's about cutting down meat to have more options.

Tamara – this is just for meetings and social events like board meeting- we are reducing the amount of meat we consume at these meetings.

Obaid – I think we should use this trial to gather data

Eleanor – Amend the amendment

Can the RSU send out a survey to gather data to see if we can get results after social events.

Seconded: Michael Freidman

Result – carries

Nav – what is the 50%, where did this number come from – is this because we are trying to be equal

Debbie – Researchers are encouraging consumers to orient towards plant based diets completely. I suggested 50%.

5. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE – APPENDIX D

MOTION 2016-10-24 R01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the reports of the Executive Committee be accepted as presented in Appendix D

Moved: Ullah

Seconded: Will

Result: Carries

Executive give a brief presentation of their reports

Question – Part time staff for wellness centre

Obaid – 24 hours per week. Similar to a coordinator

Neal presents the RSU Fiscal Update for May – August 2016

Questions for Neal

Dahab – This is for the summer months? The usedbookroom?

Neal – We budgeted a loss and we are at a greater loss at the moment because of outstanding book pick up.

Obaid – Students have not picked up cheques and books at this time. Now students are picking up money and it will show at a loss but it is not a loss as we have this money in reserves.

Motion to go in camera – 7:20pm

Moved: Obaid Seconded Daniel Result: Passes

Motion to come out of camera – 8:50pm

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

SAGM – NOV 29

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT WITH BOARD FOR STUDENT
FEEDBACK

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

AMAR ARRIVES 7PM

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION 2016-10-24 A03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Meeting of the Board be adjourned.

Moved: Michelle

Seconded: Isuru

Result: Carries