

# AGENDA

Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Members  
Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) - Local 24 Canadian Federation of Students  
Monday November 29, 2016 – LIB 72, Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario

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## CALL TO ORDER

### 1. WELCOMING REMARKS

- A. Remarks from the President, Obaid Ullah and Acknowledgement of the Land
- B. Remarks from the Anti-Harassment Officer, Corey Scott

### 2. COMMENCEMENT

- A. REMARKS OF CHAIR – Abe Snobar

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- A. MOTION 2016-11-29 A02:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the November 29 2016 Semi Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.

**MOVED:** Obaid Ullah                      **SECONDED:**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. MOTION 2016-11-29 A01:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the April 13 2016 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented in Appendix A.

**MOVED:** Obaid Ullah                      **SECONDED:**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

### 5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. MOTION 2016-11-29 F01: FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the Auditor's report of PwC and the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending April, 30 2016 be accepted and approved as presented in appendix B; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the President, Obaid Ullah and the Vice President of Operations, Neal Muthreja are hereby authorised to sign the balance sheet to signify approval on behalf of the membership.

**MOVED:** Neal Muthreja                      **SECONDED:**

**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**6. MOTIONS**

**A. MOTION 2016-11-29 M01: BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the amendments to the RSU Bylaws be accepted as presented in Appendix D.

**MOVED: Obaid Ullah**

**SECONDED:**

**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**B. MOTION 2016 -11-29 M02: BICYCLE RACKS**

**WHEREAS** there is currently an insufficient quantity of free-standing non-pod style bicycle parking racks located on campus to fulfill student need, and so cyclists resort to locking bicycles to railings along the Library building and Nelson Mandela Walk, and enrollment has increased by at least 1000 students per year since 2010[1],

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** additional bicycle parking racks will be purchased and placed on campus in appropriate places along Gould St. and Bond St. in a quantity and location determined by RSU members to fulfill anticipated growth in Ryerson student enrollment.

**MOVED: Kat Northern Lights Man**

**SECONDED:**

**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**C. MOTION 2016-11-29 M03: HAIR SALON**

**WHEREAS** I was personally treated awfully by the Hair Salon owner on Bond Street in early October 2016; and

**WHEREAS** I had to bike all the way past Gerrard and the DVP to get a reasonable haircut at the price of \$11.00 in Chinatown on the east end of Toronto; and

**WHEREAS** students need a place for more easily accessible and affordable hair cut to look professional and be presentable to professionals when looking for a career; and

**WHEREAS** the price of haircut on the hair salon location on Bond Street is \$13.00 to \$18.00, and it is financially prohibitive and unreasonable; and

**WHEREAS** the Bond Street hair, salon presentation is unprofessional;  
and

**WHEREAS** the Bond Street hair salon appeared to only serve a certain ethnicity of people and hence there is inherent racism and inequality for students to access the location on campus; and

**WHEREAS** all students share a common desire to find a reasonably affordable place on campus to have a hair cut when they need it; and

**WHEREAS** this is an essential small quality of life improvement in the attempts by all students to find an affordable location on campus to get a hair cut; and

**WHEREAS** I shall be personally involved in helping the RSU find a reasonable solution to help all student have equal and affordable access to a barber on campus; and

**BE TO RESOLVED THAT** the RSU investigate the situation, and determine what can be done about it to enable students to have a simple haircut on campus, and be treated with equity and respect.

**MOVED: Xinyu Hu**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**SECONDED:**

**D. MOTION 2016-11-29 M04 - POOL TABLES IN THE RAM IN THE RYE**

**WHEREAS** the Ram in the Rye did not charge students and players to play pool (billiards) in the first month of school and the place was much more lively, enjoyable, relaxing, stress-free and entertaining; and

**WHEREAS** the added cost of \$2.00 for billiards per game is discouraging to students and can turn off the relaxing mood in the bar; and

**WHEREAS** pool table breakdowns and maintenance services are required and needed, I can help ensure they are being maintained in high quality in the Ram in the Rye; and

**WHEREAS** due to the last point, some students I had spoken with left the bar to go find other activities on or off campus to do for fun and relaxation; and

**WHEREAS** when money is involved in entertainment, it becomes more constrictive and unequal for all students to participate on equal footing with one another to engage in social activities; and

**WHEREAS** money creates a psychological barrier and affects gameplay and enjoyment of said game, and can create a tense and adversarial atmosphere; and

**WHEREAS** I shall personally help negotiate between the RSU and the Ram in the Rye to reach a mutual agreement to resolve this problem in a professional and as neutral a manner as possible, for the benefits of all patrons who attend the Ram in the Rye; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the RSU body elect to encourage the Ram in the Rye to make billiards free for all patrons, to encourage more people to attend the bar after school, and to find other ways to compensate for lost potential revenue by increasing costs in other services at the Ram in the Rye.

**MOVED: Xinyu Hu**  
**RESULT OF VOTE**

**SECONDED:**

**E. MOTION 2016-11-29 M05: HOT WATER DISPENSERS**

**WHEREAS** there is currently an insufficient quantity of hot water dispensers located in a place easily visible and accessible to the student body,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** an additional hot water dispenser will be purchased and located in a location agreeable by the RSU member body and both easily accessible and visible for all student's enjoyment, possibly 1st floor podium near the HUB.

**MOVED: Lisa Hoeg**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**SECONDED:**

**F. MOTION 2016-11-29 M06: RESTRICTIONS ON COURSE SELECTION**

**WHEREAS** There is a restriction for students to choose useful courses;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the RSU lobby the University (esp Faculty of Grad Studies) to remove restrictions for Engineering Programmes.

**MOVED: Yu Huo**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**SECONDED:**

## **G. MOTION 2016-11-29 M07: BYLAW AMMENDMENTS**

**WHEREAS** the RSU has primary governing documents, the By-Laws and the Policy Manual, both of which contain different methods for amending the By-Laws; and

**WHEREAS** both documents list a minimum number of days before a General Meeting for By-Law changes to be submitted; and

**WHEREAS** this meeting was not advertised with sufficient notice to meet either of the recorded time frames in the By-Law's or Policy Manual; and

**WHEREAS** this robs the membership of their right to make changes to the way the RSU is governed and run; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** for the duration of this Semi-Annual General Meeting, any and all rules, regardless of which governing document or documents they may be recorded in, relating to timeframes for By-Law changes to be submitted by the Membership be suspended; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the RSU be required to advertise all future Semi-Annual and Annual General Meetings with a minimum of seven (7) days notice before the minimum cut-off time for members to submit By-Law amendments;

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER RESOLVED** the RSU clarify which method for amending the By-Laws is the most recent, and update all other documents to reflect said version as the correct one.

**MOVED: Matthew Smith**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**SECONDED:**

## **H. MOTION 2016-11-29 M08: VP EDUCATION RESIGNATION**

**WHEREAS** the Vice President of Education has taken more vacation days than the two weeks permitted under article 4.4, subsection b, of the Ryerson Student's Union By-Laws;

**WHEREAS** the Vice President of Education has not fulfilled responsibilities outlined under article 4.5, section C, policy iv, in the Ryerson Student's Union By-Laws in regard to participation in initiatives organised by the Canadian Federation of Students;

**WHEREAS** the Vice President of Education has publicized their repeated violation of Ryerson Non-Academic Code of Conduct policy 12, subsection d, by posting videos of themselves consuming alcohol in the Ryerson

Student's Union office to social media;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the general membership requests the resignation of Victoria Morton as Vice President of Education;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** that general membership requests Victoria Morton not be appointed in any capacity to serve in the role as Vice President, Education in the interim once her resignation has been submitted.

**MOVED: Matthew Smith**

**SECONDED:**

**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**I. MOTION 2016-11-29 M09: REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVE FROM OFFICE**

**WHEREAS** The RSU Executives are elected yearly by the membership, but once the Executive take office there exists no method for removing a member of the Executive from their position;

**WHEREAS** the only way currently given in the RSU By-Laws for removing an Executive requires the Board of Directors to pass a motion to remove said Executive from office;

**WHEREAS** the membership contributes a yearly levy towards the RSU, and as such should have a right to remove an Executive they feel no longer represents them or is no longer fulfilling the duties of their office;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Article 2.3 f) of the Ryerson Student's Union By-Laws be removed;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** The following be added to Article 4 of the Ryerson Student's Union By-Laws:

4.7 A member of the Executive may only be removed from office, and their position deemed vacant, through the following two methods:

**a) Removal by the Board of Directors:**

i) The Board of Directors of the RSU may remove a member of the Executive by passing a resolution, of which at least 30 days' notice must be given to the Board of Directors, by a minimum of a two thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors;

**b) Removal by the General Membership:**

i) The General Membership may remove a member of the Executive by a simple majority vote of Members of the RSU, voting in a referendum

requested by no less than 5% of the Members of the RSU. No more than 500 members from any one faculty may be counted towards the 5%;

ii) In the event of i), the requisition must be submitted to the Chair of the Board of Directors. The Chair must then call an Emergency Board of Directors Meeting, to be called to order no less than 72 hours after the submission of the requisition. At the Emergency Meeting, the Board shall schedule the requisitioned referendum to be held no less than ten (10) days before and no more than twenty (20) days after the day of the meeting. These timings shall take precedence over those listed in Article 7.2 of these By-Laws;

iii) The referendum shall be conducted according to Article 7 of these By-Laws, and a simple majority vote shall be sufficient to remove an Executive from office. In the event of a vote in favor of removal, the Executive in question shall be suspended as soon as the result of the referendum is published, and formally removed as soon as it is ratified by the Board of Directors.

**MOVED: Matthew Smith                      SECONDED:**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**J. MOTION 2016-11-29 M10: EXECUTIVE SALARIES**

**WHEREAS** RSU board and executive salaries are paid for by allocation of student levies collected from the general membership

**WHEREAS** It is impossible for a closed board to make the decision to raise salaries without a conflict of interest

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Ryerson Student's Union By-Law 4.3 be amended to read as follows:  
Executive members shall work a minimum forty (40) hours per week from May 1, until the end of their term in office. Executive member's salary shall be equal, and to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, with all decided increases not taking effect until they are ratified by the general membership at an SAGM or AGM.

**MOVED: Dylan Freeman- Grist   SECONDED:**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**K. MOTION 2016-11-29 M11: 6FEST REPORT**

**WHEREAS** 6Fest was organized by the Ryerson Student's Union and had a reported operating budget of 1.5 million dollars.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** a full breakdown of all individual sponsorship streams, and all ticket sales by type be prepared by the executive of the RSU and be presented to the general membership before the 2016-2017 AGM.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the final report should outline the amount of money paid out by the Ryerson Students' Union to those who requested a refund after purchasing a ticket to 6Fest, including any outstanding liabilities in this regard.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the breakdown of general members purchasing tickets be presented alongside the amount of non-members purchasing tickets in the report.

**MOVED: Dylan Freeman- Grist SECONDED:  
RESULT OF VOTE:**

**L. MOTION 2016-11-29 M12: RSU EVENTS – MEMBERSHIP ALLOCATION**

**WHEREAS** The Ryerson Students' Union's primary mandate is to advocate and provide benefit for its general membership.

**WHEREAS** The operations of the Ryerson Students' Union are supported financially by all general members.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Ryerson Students' Union Bylaw 4.5, section d, subsection ii, - under duties of the VP Student Life - be amended to read as follows:

plans and co-ordinates Ryerson Students' Union events and student life initiatives ensuring 75 percent of all spots at such initiatives be allocated to general members and student members of any collaborators.

**MOVED: Dylan Freeman- Grist SECONDED:  
RESULT OF VOTE:**

**M. MOTION 2016-11-29 M13: ANTI CHOICE**

**WHEREAS** anti-choice demonstrators have been actively displaying graphic images of late-term abortions in the middle of Gould Street on a weekly basis; and



**WHEREAS** graphic images traumatize and retraumatize students who are on campus, thus disrupting students' abilities to focus on their academic studies and negatively impacts their mental health and wellness; and

**WHEREAS** the trauma that students experience from the presence of anti-choice demonstrators creates a barrier between students and access to education on campus by creating a hostile environment due to graphic images. Further, the graphic images used by anti-choice demonstrators actively traumatizes and re-traumatizes members of the Ryerson community, particularly those who have had abortions, considered abortions or have been supports for family and friends who have sought abortions; and

**WHEREAS** the tactics of the anti-choice demonstrators aim to shame members of the Ryerson community for choices that they or people that they may know have made over their own bodies; and

**WHEREAS** the anti-choice demonstrators film and photograph students and community members without their consent, thus violating the bodily autonomy of community members; and

**WHEREAS** the rhetoric used by the anti-choice demonstrators has violated almost all sections of the Ryerson Students' Union Equity and Acknowledgement Statement; and

**WHEREAS** the lack of involvement from Security at Ryerson to remove the graphic and violent imagery on campus has caused a significant amount of distrust between students and security on campus; and

**WHEREAS** numerous Ryerson students have called on the University to have these people removed from campus; and

**WHEREAS** a group of students and community members at Ryerson University have been actively counter-protesting and providing support space when anti-choice demonstrators are on campus; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Ryerson Students' Union openly and actively takes a pro-choice stance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Ryerson Students' Union support the campaign organized by Ryerson students and community, by writing a public letter and offering financial resources; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Ryerson Students' Union puts pressure on Ryerson University to prevent anti-choice campaigns and

signage from being present within the Ryerson University campus, particularly on Gould Street; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Ryerson Students' Union demand that Ryerson University and its security prevent anti-choice violence on campus.

**MOVED:** Jessica Ketwaroo-Green  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**SECONDED:**

**N. MOTION 2016-11-29 M14: RSU BOARD MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES**

**WHEREAS** In order to make informed decisions in regards to the governance of their union the general membership needs access to information regarding their elected representatives activity as members of the Board.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Ryerson Students' Union Bylaw 5.2, section C, - under duties of the Secretary - be amended as follows

ensure that copies of all facts and minutes of all proceedings are submitted to members of the Board of Directors as soon as conveniently possible after the particular meeting has been held and that the same minutes, including all referenced appendixes, be posted for the general membership no later than 48 hours after the meeting in question.

**MOVED:** Dylan Freeman- Grist **SECONDED:**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**O. MOTION 2016-11-29 M15: FOSSIL FUELS DIVESTMENT**

**WHEREAS** fossil fuel corporations cause and will continue to cause environmental degradation and the displacement of and unsafe living conditions for people around the world, particularly Indigenous people and people living in the Global South, and whereas Ryerson University claims to be a progressive and forward thinking institution that understands the science of climate change, yet has an endowment fund that holds significant investments in fossil fuel corporations; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Ryerson Students' Union will formally endorse the fossil fuel divestment movement, which calls on Ryerson University to stop investing in the top 200 fossil fuel corporations and

include the following question on the 2017 RSU election ballot to serve as a student referendum:

Ryerson University has \$4.5 million of its endowment fund invested in the fossil fuel industry. Fossil fuel companies claim that they can extract and burn their proven reserves of fossil fuels. Proven reserves are the amount of oil, coal, and gas companies own underground. If the companies Ryerson invests in burn their proven reserves, the planet will warm by more than 4 Degrees Celsius. This is a problem because climate scientists and 150+ countries in the United Nations have promised to limit global warming to no more than 2 Degrees Celsius. These same fossil fuel companies also have a long record of taking fossil fuels from indigenous peoples' lands, or building pipelines that pollute and damage traditional territories, without the consent of Indigenous communities.

In light of the fossil fuel industries plans to burn more carbon than science says we can safely emit, there is a student led campaign asking Ryerson to divest from fossil fuel companies.

Divestment means to stop investing in something. It is an economic statement, but it is also a political and moral statement that we do not support the fossil fuel industries plans to disrupt the global climate system.

**Do you call on Ryerson to divest from fossil fuel companies whose business plans are incompatible with the United Nations' Paris Climate Agreement, and companies that do not respect the rights of indigenous peoples?**

Yes

No

**MOVED: Emma Beattie    SECONDED:  
RESULT OF VOTE:**

**P. MOTION 2016-11-29 M16: HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK**

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to learn about the Holocaust; and

**WHEREAS** it is important to learn about the value of pluralism and the acceptance of diversity; and

**WHEREAS** it is important to learn about cause and affect of power of individuals, organizations, and nations; and

**WHEREAS** it is important to learn how a modern nation can utilize its technological expertise and bureaucratic infrastructure to implement destructive policies ranging from social engineering to genocide; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the RSU celebrate the official Canadian Holocaust Education Week (or dedicate a full five work days annually and consecutively) which numerous events/education programs are offered in collaboration with the remembrance and history of the Holocaust; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this week is not in dedication to Anti-Zionist propaganda; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the RSU pairs with numerous organizations, but primarily make contact with UJA Federation of Greater Toronto to collaborate with events and programs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the RSU implement this motion by January 1st 2017.

**MOVED: Samantha Cooper      SECONDED:**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**Q. MOTION 2016-11-29 M17: SILENCE FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY**

**WHEREAS** it is important to remember those that fought in the line of duty during WW1/WW2.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** official veteran poppies stations be set up a week prior of Remembrance Day to purchase and donate money in exchange for a poppy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** veteran support be offered on campus; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** educational discussions and programs be offered throughout the month of November in recognition of the history of WW1/WW2; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** on the eleventh month, on the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, Ryerson takes a two minute moment of silence throughout the entire school; May it be that Ryerson bodies are to be notified in advance through social media outlets, and via email; Be it resolved that an announcement will be made throughout the school when the silence will begin as well as notifications on social media outlets; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the RSU organizes such mentioned by next November 1st 2017.

**MOVED: Samantha Cooper      SECONDED:**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**R. MOTION 2016-11-20 M18: CANADIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM**

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to give respect to the democratic country we live in; and

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to encourage some patriotism in the formulating of identity in Toronto known as a diverse metropolis;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the RSU plays the Canadian National Anthem throughout the entire school, every morning at 9:05am (between classes) Monday-Friday.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the RSU begin to play the anthem starting January 1st 2017.

**MOVED: Samantha Cooper      SECONDED:**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**S. MOTION 2016-11-20 M19: - RSU "Water Bottle Free" Campaign Revision**

**WHEREAS** it is necessary to reduce the amount of plastic bottles for all types of beverages; and

**WHEREAS** the alarming rate of plastic production and usage causes environmental damage; and

**WHEREAS** using recyclable materials can help reduce pollution and provide sustainable solutions;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Ryerson sells reusable bottles for purchase at all applicable locations that sell beverages and those that do not; Ryerson to eradicate all plastic beverages and replace them with other branded beverages that provide sustainable packaging solutions that are plastic free; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the RSU make changes in their campaign by May 2017. May it be further resolved that in such a situation that this is not in RSU authority, may the RSU relaunch a new campaign called "Bottled Beverages Plastic-Free" at Ryerson.

**MOVED: Samantha Cooper      SECONDED:**  
**RESULT OF VOTE:**

## **7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

Members of the Executive Committee will give verbal presentations to expand on sections of the written Executive report; the report is provided in Appendix B.

### **A. MOTION 2016-11-29 R01:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Report of the Executive be accepted as presented in Appendix B.

**MOVED: Obaid Ullah**

**SECONDED:**

**RESULT OF VOTE:**

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **A. MOTION 2016-11-29: A03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2016 Semi Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

**MOVED:**

**SECONDED:**

**RESULT OF VOTE:**

**Meeting adjourned:**