



Ryerson Students' Union

Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 26 2016 – 6PM, Pitman Hall

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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Board of Governors Representative

Mariam Nouser

Course Unions Director

Betty Wang

First Year Representative

TBD

Graduate Representatives

Bhutila Karpoche

Graduate Representatives

Isuru Weekasekera

International Student Representative

Ali Yousaf

Residence Representative

Lauren Emberson

Senate Representative

Amar Latchman

Student Group Director

Yuli Jadov

Ryerson Students' Union

Natasha Campagna
Casey Chu Cheong
Stephen Kassim

General Manager
Internal Coordinator
Chairperson

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Anna Stevenson
Betty Wang
Naveed Khan
Michael Friedman

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER and Attendance

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. MOTION 2016-09-26 A01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved: Ullah

Seconded:

Result:

Board Member wants to add the following motion

MOTION

Whereas a Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) member and former Graduate Deputy Chairperson Student Life and Events Ms. Binish Ahmed was removed from their role based on false information RSU President Mr. Obaid Ullah presented on Aug 10 and July 20 board of directors' meetings; and

Whereas Ms. Ahmed had been working in the role upon instruction of RSU President Mr. Ullah from June 24 to Aug 5, and had been seeking information about causes of delay for her appointment at the board level, for over a month without an explanation by Mr. Ullah; and

Whereas several members of the RSU board have seen documents which show Ms. Ahmed provided more than 5 business days' notice to be appointed at the July 20th board meeting, and continued working in the role with complete knowledge of RSU Staff, Graduate Executives and RSU Executives; and

Whereas the only event being organized was Graduate Orientation and Welcome for Sept 8, 2016; and

Whereas Ms. Ahmed was organizing the event in consultation with RSU staff, Graduate executives, sought but did not receive responses from RSU executives; and

Whereas no concerns were ever raised regarding her work as she worked transparently on the Sept 8 event; and

Whereas the causes for termination expressed by Mr. Ullah on Aug 10th boardmeeting shocked, surprised Ms. Ahmed and other Graduate Executives as they were being mentioned for the first time,

Whereas several members of the RSU Board of directors can confirm there are documents, which contradict the account and causes Mr. Ullah provided for removal; and

Whereas it was evident that Ms. Ahmed acted with regard for ethics, transparency, and conscientious of laws that govern freedom of expression, information, and privacy; and

Whereas she was terminated via email with no mention of cause on Aug. 5 at 7:06 pm by Mr. Ullah, and another person was appointed minutes later via email on Aug 5. at 7:18 pm; and

Whereas Mr. Ullah expressed comments that he had been interviewing and seeking other people for this role but had not made Ms. Ahmed and other graduate executives aware of it; and

Whereas she has yet to be compensated for the work she did all summer; and

Whereas Ms. Ahmed was defamed at August 10 board meeting, with use of strong statements such as Ms. Ahmed was thought to be 'damaging the organization' by Mr. Ullah; and

Whereas the RSU has had previous litigation situations with staff that has led RSU members to pay unknown value of thousands of dollars of members' dues in litigation; and

Whereas Ms. Ahmed has asked for an apology and striking of minutes to resolve this issue but has not got no response; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That false statements from the July 20th and August 10th board meeting minutes that slander and malign Ms. Ahmed be struck.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Mr. Ullah issue an apology.

Moved: Dahab

Seconded: Anna

Result: Defeated

Motion is read to the board of directors

Point of Information – Yuli – To amend motion

Seconded: Amar

Yuli – First whereas Clause – take out “false” information – it will not take away the severity of the information , we can deal with this without it will bring “Defamation” – take this out – you do not leave an accusation like that in a motion. By using defamation could involve civil litigation.
“RSU Previous litigation history” – take out as it does not serve the purpose of the motion.

By taking those things out we would more liking to get this resolved and come to an agreement

Dahab – I do not think false is an issue and does not need to be taken out, we should be worried about honesty and integrity.

Board members Ask not to be recorded during the meeting by guest.

Board member - What is the apology? For clarification?

Chair – The apology can be anything

Hanna – I want to second what Dahab said and false information was shared at the meeting. It happened, false information was shared and as a board we should be owning up to what.

Tamara – What is the false information? The motion does not define what the issue was and that should be added.

Daniel - Propose – amendments be separated.

Chair – You can amend the amendment.

Dahab – Okay with striking the litigation part.

Chair – Amendment to remove the litigation part from the original amendment
Passes

Yuli – Remove the two uses of the word false. It is our responsibility to compromise. I fear if we do not do this, this motion will not pass

Seconded: Ali

Lauren – I would like to know which statements are false as I am not clear on the issues.

Dahab – Page 11 of the August 10 board minutes. I reviewed the emails around this discussion and I realised that the statements were false.

Angelo – We asked about situation and we were told the person lost interest. However the person said that they did want the position and they are indeed interested and was doing the work

Dahab reads page 11 of the August 10 board minutes

Sandra – These emails have not been presented to the board and I can't vote on this without the proper information

Carolyn – Binish reported directly to me, she never left the country, she would cc me and the RSU exec on any emails.

Anna – Can we be cc;d on these emails

Chair – We are voting on the amendment

Obaid – my talks with Carolyn and Binish were in person so there aren't any emails. Binish sent an email that she did not want the roll because the honorarium was too small and was not interested in the by election. I received the an email afterwards that she would want to continue.

I was informed by Carolyn that the responses coming in, sponsors were being requested and I received complaints.

Chair – Vote to strike “false” from the motion

Result – carries

For – 20

Chair - We are at the original motion we are voting if this should be on the agenda

Result – Defeated

Tamara – Add to Other Business - Paper Copies of Agendas

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION 2016-09-26 A02

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes from the August 2016 Board meeting be accepted as Amended in Appendix A

Moved: Ullah Seconded: Neal Result: Carries

Obaid – Strike the statements about Binish from the minutes

Anna – Add motion about the issue with Binish

4. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

A. MOTION 2016-09-26 C01 - Appian Way Group Report

Whereas the RSU has come under a lot of fire over the recent restructuring that resulted in the fire of an employee on maternity leave; and

Whereas past reports indicate that the elimination of said employee and subsequent layoffs, as well as the creation of the GM position was as a result of recommendations given in a report done by external auditors Appian Way Group; and

Where as many board members have yet to see a full copy of this report, and members from the previous board have also gone on record saying that a full report was never presented to them; and

Whereas this board and our members have the right to all information that informs our decision; and

Whereas our membership and members of the board have yet to see a full copy of this report; and

Be It Resolved That a copy of the full Appian Way Groups report and their recommendations be made public on the RSU's website; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of Appian Way Groups full report and recommendations be presented at the next board meeting for discussion.

Moved: Carolyn Qin Seconded: Amar Result: Out of Order

Obaid – Board members can view these documents. There is information that we cannot share publicly. It has to be in a closed meeting and the information cannot be shared. I think the motion is out of order. Board members already have access to the document.

Anna – can we make amendments to make this in order? Report be presented to the board under full confidentiality in a closed meeting.

Seconded Yuli Result: Defeated

Obaid – Can't you just drop by my office

Anna – Its' better to have It in a meeting with the board

Motion is ruled Out of Order

Motion – To Review Student Group Applications next on the agenda

Moved: Maryam Seconded: Amar Result: Carries

5. NEW BUSINESS

CFS REVIEW COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

Victoria – I hope folks have read the CFS report. I wanted to open the floor up for q&a. It was commissioned at the last general meeting. A committee was formed. There wasn't any guidelines so we elected some board members and a grad rep and created a report and requested the CFS to answer some questions and this is in the report.

The conclusion – it is the value is lacking , especially if you evaluate the services. Most of the services we have moved away from. In terms of advocacy, when politics shift there is context and the CFS cannot make connections to their successes where other organizations can.

Angelo – It seems neutral to me. I want to know what is the goal of the report.

Victoria – To review our relationship with the CFS and to educate the students

Angelo – We have to provide options, we can go to the CFS with suggestions or say goodbye?

Vic – On September 19 we put forward some things to the CFS for change for exemple meeting minutes. This is year's minutes have been posted so they are responding to suggestions that we have made.

Dahab – commend the committee for the hard work. I don't agree with everything but I want to thank them for all the work they have done.

Obaid – Just want to be clear that the CFS and RSU are separate organisations, the RSU is a separate organisation. There is no legal contract, it's a triangle system, we collect the fees for the CFS, we are not part of the CFS, we share members and they collect a separate levy. We can collaborate

with them if we want. Essentially there is no decision to make, we just want to educate students.

Victoria - Thanks

A. MOTION 2016-09-26 C02 – BY ELECTIONS – APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Nalinie Singh be ratified as the Chief Returning Officer for the 2016 RSU By-Election; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the By- Election Dates of October 5, 6, 7 2016, be ratified for the positions Deputy Chairperson Student Life and Events.

Moved: Ullah

Seconded: Yuli

Result:

Carries

Harman Abstain

B. RATIFICATION OF NEW STUDENT GROUPS - APPENDIX B

i) MOTION 2016-09-26 -: C02 – Ghanaian 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 “Ghanaian Students' Association” be ratified as an RSU group with full rights as defined by the Student Groups Policy.

Moved: Singh

Seconded: Yuli

Result:Carries

Amar – Student Group committee reviewed their application and we support them.

Ghanaian Students Association member presents to the board

Whitney Smith

C. FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be ratified as the First Year Representative on the RSU Board of Directors for 2016-2017.

Moved: Ullah

Seconded: Singh

Result: Carries

D. RSU BY- LAWS – APPENDIX C

MOTION 2015-09-26: B01 – RSU By-Law Amendments
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amendments to the Ryerson Students' Union By-Laws be accepted as presented in Appendix C

Moved: Ullah Seconded: William Result: Carries
Ullah and Jadov review the amendments to the RSU By Laws with the Board.
They review all the changes and open the floor to discussion.

New Amendment – Polling Stations for Election – Minimum is changed to 1 polling station.

Changes

4.5 c (iii) – Change “ external lobbying organizations” to “ Student Advocacy groups that are paid for by RSU Membership dues”

6. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE – APPENDIX D

MOTION 2016-09-26 R01

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

Moved: Daniel Seconded: Yuli Result: Carries

Executive members present to the Board

Questions for VP OPs

Yuli – RSU collaborated with Ryerson Law network

DAHAB – Sweet potato fries back on menu

Anna – what is the finance coordinator job

Obaid – you can find it on the website

POS systems were out dated so we are getting new systems for MSO and CopyRITE

Angelo – How much have we spent?

Neal – I can provide a report

Angelo – Overall spending?

Neal – Can you email me?

Obaid – Our fiscal update is due soon to discuss what we have spent.

Dahab – We talked about the H&D plan and how it was in a weird spot and if we can review that.

6FEST –

Anna – will there be refunds?

Harman – june onwards have been issues. Sept 26 we will be issuing more refunds

Anna – selling tickets

Harman – you cannot resell tickets, however we are deciding what we will allow with that policy

Anna – the post does not say anything about not reselling tickets. It should say something about the selling tickets.

Sandra – Tickets say that you cannot resell.

Anna – I think we should cover our bases.

Harman – This event is going to accommodate 20 000 students, and we can't please everyone.

Anna – For refunds ?

Harman – There will be a google form

Will – Do Board members get tickets?

Harman – 1 vip ticket each

Kelly – Why cant we address each issue?

Harman – I will be making an general post and there is a q&a on the website.

President

Abi – There are RSU events that aren't communicated to board members. We would like if we can share information with everyone.

Will – I don't think the membership got notice of this meeting

Obaid – We will communicate this to the membership

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

A) SUSTAINABLE FOOD CONSUMPTION

TAMARA – STUDENT FROM NUTRITION PROGRAMME. SHE DRAFTED THIS IDEA – SHE WANTED A SUSTAINABLE FOOD CONSUMPTION POLICY FOR RSU.

THE RSU WOULD OFFER 50% PLANT BASED FOOD AT MEETING.
REDUCING MEAT CONSUMPTION.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

B) OPT IN FOR HARD COPIES OF AGENDA

C) HEALTH AND DENTAL VOLUNTEERS FOR WED , THURS AND FRI

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION 2016-09-26 A03

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

Moved:Angelo

Seconded:Monica

Result: carries