

**University of Regina Students' Union
Annual General Meeting
Multi-Purpose Room
Thursday, February 10, 2011**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:36 PM

2. Establish Quorum

MOVED: Mike Young

SECOND: Eric Moser

“That quorum has been achieved at 150 students.”

.....CARRIED

3. Approval of Chair

MOVED: Jordan Palmer

SECOND: Bart Soroka

“That Sean McEachern is appointed the Chairperson for the 2011 URSU AGM.”

.....CARRIED

4. Introduction of the URSU Board of Directors

5. Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED: John Cameron

SECOND: Kyle Addison

“That the increase to the Carillon fee be the first item on the agenda.”

.....CARRIED

MOVED: Kaytlyn Barber

SECOND: Ahmed K.

.....CARRIED

6. Approval of Minutes

MOVED: Aaron Warner

SECOND: Jordan Palmer

“That the minutes of the 2010 URSU Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.”

.....CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Increase to Carillon Fee

MOVED: John Cameron
SECOND: Kent Peterson

Whereas the Carillon has not received a funding increase in over 13 years, despite rising printing and equipment costs, and

Whereas the Carillon has cut down its operating costs by reducing the number of issues printed per week, among other things, and has simultaneously attempted to raise operating revenue by hiking advertising rates, and

Whereas the Carillon has moved to make the paper more accessible and visible by creating and updating a new website, holding a public CFS referendum debate, and hosting a series of lectures by local journalists;

Be it resolved that the student fee for the Carillon be increased from \$2.00 per semester to \$2.75 per semester for part-time students and \$4.00 per semester to \$5.50 per semester for fulltime students.

.....CARRIED

7.2 Membership of Nursing Students

MOVED: Kyle Addison
SECOND: Adam Nelson

Whereas there the University of Regina is creating a new faculty, the Faculty of Nursing; and

Whereas the current structure of the URSU constitution does not accommodate a Faculty of Nursing position on the URSU Board of Directors;

Be it resolved that the URSU constitution article V, (2) be amended to include: Faculty of Nursing;

Be it further resolved that this change will not be in effect until August 15th, 2011.

7.3 Membership of ESL Students

MOVED: Kaytlyn Barber

SECOND: Bart Soroka

Whereas there has been some interest from English as a Second Language (ESL) students to have the ability to access URSU services; and

Whereas the current URSU constitution does not allow for non-credit students, such as those studying in the ESL program, to become full fee paying members of the URSU;

Be it resolved that the URSU constitution article III, (1) be amended to read:

"Any and all person(s) enrolled for credit, non-credit, or audit at the University of Regina, who pay the required student fees, shall be a member in good standing of the Students' Union. Membership shall remain effective for the immediate four months following the last semester the student is enrolled for credit, non-credit or audit at the University of Regina. Membership shall also remain effective for the duration of a student's University arranged employment, for any student that is required by their program to work in University arranged employment to complete their degree."

7.4 Limit Term of Office for URSU Executive

MOVED: Kent Peterson

SECOND: Jonathon Petrychyn

Whereas the eventual turnover of URSU executives is healthy for our students' union in that it brings new ideas and perspectives to student government;

Be it resolved that the University of Regina Students' Union constitution be amended to remove Article V Section (9.1), and add the following as section (10) under Article V: Any student may not be elected or acclaimed to serve more than two consecutive terms on the executive of the University of Regina Students' Union.

.....DEFEATED

7.5 Fixed URSU Election Dates

MOVED: Kent Peterson

SECOND: Sonja Stanger

Whereas currently URSU elections can occur any time in the month of March;

Whereas such a policy allows existing holders of office the opportunity to call elections whenever it is beneficial to them;

Whereas fixed election dates would eliminate any chance of students not being prepared for annual elections with regards to voting dates, nomination dates, and the like.

Be it resolved that Article XI Section (1) of the University of Regina Students' Union constitution be amended to read: An annual General Election to elect members of the Board of Directors must be held on the third Wednesday and Thursday of March, with a day for advanced voting taking place on the third Monday of March.

Be it further resolved that Article XI Section (2) of the University of Regina Students' Union constitution be deleted, and all subsequent sections in Article XI be re-numbered appropriately.

.....CARRIED

7.6 Investigate the Use of Slates in URSU Elections

MOVED: Kent Peterson

SECOND: Hanin Nur

Whereas many students have concerns about the unclear rules regarding slates, or groups of people running together during elections; and

Whereas there seems to be little research and information-collecting regarding this issue;

Whereas any changes to how students can run in elections should be investigated fully before being changed.

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors establish a committee to investigate the policy surrounding slates in other Canadian universities, and present a policy recommendation regarding the use of slates to the next Annual General Meeting of the University of Regina Students' Union;

BIFRT the committee shall consist of one member of the executive committee, two members of the Board of Directors, and three students appointed by the Board who are not already members of the Board of Directors or URSU employees.

.....CARRIED

7.7 Extend URGSA Transition Deadline

MOVED: Adam Belton

SECOND: Kaytlyn Barber

Whereas the University of Regina Students' Union (URSU) and the University of Regina Graduate Students' Association (URGSA) has entered into a negotiation toward URGSA organizational autonomy based on a motion approved by the student body at the Dec. 1st, 2009 URSU AGM; and

Whereas the negotiation process has been hampered particularly by the slow process of sharing of service usage information necessary for negotiating continued student services as required by the original mandate;

Be it resolved that the agreed upon transition deadline of September 1st, 2011, be extended by one year to April 1, 2012 to reflect difficulties in sharing service usage information that is vital to a fair negotiation process; and

Be it further resolved that this motion have no other implications on the terms of the original mandate other than amending the length of term for this transition to occur.

.....CARRIED

7.8 Disclose Expenses of CFS Referendum

MOVED: Kristy Fyfe

SECOND: Jonathan Petrychyn

Whereas the accountability and transparency of the University of Regina Students' Union (URSU) is important for members; and

Whereas the only expense of the Canadian Federation of Students' referendum that has been disclosed has been the \$3,000 towards campaign materials; and

Whereas the CFS referendum costs should be known to all URSU members

Be it resolved that URSU disclose all expenses incurred pursuing defederation from the CFS; and

Be it further resolved that these expenses be posted on the URSU website within two weeks; and

Be it further resolved that these expenses include the pseudo-referendum in early 2010 as well as the referendum in late 2010, staffing costs, legal expenses, and all campaign and advertising materials.

.....CARRIED

8. 2010 Audited Statements

Matt Steen presented the 2010 Audited Financial Statements.

8.1 Appointment of Auditor

MOVED: Kristy Fyfe

SECOND: Jordan Palmer

Whereas the firm of Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) is our auditor or record.

Therefore be it resolved the MNP be appointed as the auditor for the 2011 fiscal year of the University of Regina Students' Union

Motion was withdrawn by Kristy Fyfe. Board of Directors was directed by the membership to do a search for other auditors before officially selecting MNP.

9. Board of Director's Reports

The executive made a presentation on the various initiatives and activities they have been engaged in over the past year.

10. Adjournment

MOVED: Garret Genge

"That the 2011 AGM be adjourned at 2:24 PM."

.....CARRIED