

University of Regina Students' Union
Board of Directors' Meeting – URSU Boardroom
11/15/2018

Minutes

Derrick Gagnon, Vice President Operations and Finance
Jermain McKenzie, Vice President Student Affairs
Allyson Watson, Indigenous Students
Harmanpreet Sidhu, Faculty of Business
Carly Hill, Campion College
Jashneet Kaur, Students with Disabilities
Harmeet Singh, International Students
Jacq Brasseur, LGBTQ Students
Dakota Kaufman, Luther College
Radhika Bansal, Part Time Students
Barzany Ridha, Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies
Souravdeep Singh, Faculty of Arts
Usman Shafiq, Faculty of Engineering

Carl Flis, General Manager

Absent (Less than 24 hours notice):

Ramanpreet Singh, Faculty of Science
Vanessa Paynenburg, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research
Muhammad Khan, Francophone Students
Keisha Desjarlais, First Nations' University of Canada
Navjot Kaur Makkar, Women
Keisha Desjarlais, First Nations' University of Canada
Muhammad Khan, Francophone Students

Regrets (More than 24 hours notice):

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:52pm**
- 2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jermain McKenzie be appointed as Chair for the purposes of this meeting.

Moved: Barzany

Second: Jacq

Carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the Agenda for November 15, 2018.
- b. Approval of the minutes of the November 2, 2018 board meeting.
- c. Adoption of the Record of Decision dated November 10, 2018
- d. Adoption of the Executive and Director reports.
- e. Next meeting to be held on November 30, 2018.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda, with the following amendment to the Agenda for November 15th 2018:

“6. a) BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors reconsider the motion to consult a third party to investigate and mediate the result and complaints regarding the by-election.”

Moved: Carly

Seconded: Radhika

Carried

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST / CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT DECLARATION

No conflicts were presented.

5. PRESENTATION

- a. Decision-Making Structures & Possibilities (Jacq Brasseur) - 10 minutes

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors reconsider the motion to consult a third party to investigate and mediate the result and complaints regarding the by-election.

Moved: Radhika

Seconded: Harman

In favour: 6

Against: 6

In the case of a tie, the Chair (being a board member) has the deciding vote. The Chair was in favour of the motion.

Carried.

- b. WHEREAS URSU has decided to hire a third party to investigate and mediate the result and complaints regarding the by-election;
WHEREAS Committee Members were tasked with finding a list of lawyers with cultural/social justice experience;
WHEREAS the scope of the investigation would be to answer the following questions:
Did the Elections Committee properly follow our Elections Policy during their investigation that resulted in the disqualification of a presidential candidate? Was the Elections Committee investigation done in a consistent, fair and unbiased way?
WHEREAS URSU will also request for the third party to provide recommendations in how to ensure equitable, and culturally competent Elections Committee investigations in the future;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Executive Committee request quotes from four lawyers (Kara Moen, Nicole Hamm, Kevin Miller, Tavengwa Runyowa) to complete a third-party investigation;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the URSU Executive Committee will hire one of the quoted lawyers by Wednesday, November 21st 2018.

Moved: Jashneet

Second: Harman

In favour: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 5 (Derrick Gagnon, Carly Hill, Jacq Brasseur, Barzany Ridha, Dakota Kaufman)

Carried.

- c. WHEREAS URSU recently held a by-election to fill the vacancy of the position of President; and,
WHEREAS the Elections Committee received several complaints regarding potential violations of the Election and Referendum By-Law by candidates in the Presidential race; and,
WHEREAS the Elections Committee has now completed its investigation into these alleged violations and has presented its findings to the Board; and,
WHEREAS the Board recently past a motion that rescinds any previous challenges to the authority of the CRO and the Elections Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED, given the disqualification of Sukhdeep Brar, that the result of the 2018 By-Election for the position of President declaring Shawn Wiskar as the winner is hereby ratified; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU makes the CRO's By- Election Report available on its website.

Motion tabled.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Annual Holiday Celebration - December 7
- b. Committee report by Jermain

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Enter into Executive Session (In-camera)

Mover: Harman

Second: Barzany

Carried.

- b. Discussion of concerns from FGSR Computer Science students regarding a change in the registration process

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

13. UPCOMING EVENTS

14. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Moved: Barzany

Second: Jacq