

University of Regina Students' Union
Board of Directors' Meeting – URSU Boardroom
01/29/2019

Minutes

Attendance	Report	Name	Position	Attendance	Report	Name	Position
P	Y	Shawn Wiskar	President				Faculty of Science
P	Y	Derrick Gagnon (dep 6:55)	VP Operations and Finance				Faculty of Social Work
A		Jermain McKenzie	VP Student Affairs				First Nations' University of Canada
			VP External	A		Muhammad Khan	Francophone Students
R	Y	Carly Hill	Campion College	A	Y	Allyson Watson	Indigenous Students
			Faculty of Arts	P	Y	Harmeet Singh	International Students
P	Y	Harmanpreet Sidhu (dep 6:30)	Faculty of Business Administration	P	Y	Jacq Brasseur	LGBTQ Students
			Faculty of Education	P	Y	Dakota Kaufman	Luther College
P	Y	Usman Shafiq	Faculty of Engineering	P	Y	Radhika Bansal	Part Time Students
			Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research	P		Jashneet Kaur (arr 5:15 dep 6:00)	Students' with Disabilities
P	Y	Barzany Ridha (arr 5:31)	Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies	P	Y	Navjot Kaur Makkar (dep 6:55)	Women Students
			Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance	P	Y	Carl Flis	General Manager
			Faculty of Nursing	P		John Lax	Chair

P - present R - provided regrets more than 24 hours in advance A - absent

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Acting Chair Shawn Wiskar.

The Board went In Camera immediately to address the appointment of incoming Board Chair, John Lax.

*Motion to enter in-camera Discussion
 Radhika Bansal/Usman Shafiq
 Carried*

The board has selected John Lax as the new URSU Chair effective immediately. Newly appointed Chair, John Lax, took over management of the meeting and briefly addressed the board regarding intentions, expectations, and introductions, prior to moving on.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the Agenda for January 29, 2019.

An additional presentation from the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA) was added to the agenda.

Item 4. Appointment of the Chair was moved to the start of the meeting to ratify the appointment of incoming Chair John Lax.

- b. Approval of the minutes of the January 15, 2019 board meeting.
No minutes were provided due to an administrative error. Those minutes will be provided for approval at the next board meeting.
- c. Adoption of the Executive and Director reports filed by the appropriate deadline.
- d. Next meeting to be held on February 12, 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda as amended.
Dakota Kaufman/Usman Shafiq
Carried.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST / CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT DECLARATION

4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

See (1.)

5. CHAIR/DIRECTOR INTRODUCTIONS

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Living Skies Film Festival
- b. Cougar Racing
- c. Enactus
- d. Indian Student Agenda
- e. Chinese Students and Scholars Association

All presentations were complete by 6:00 pm.

7. OLD BUSINESS

WHEREAS the The International Students' Association has presented their funding request to the URSU Board of Directors for their upcoming event, international night.

BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors funds the The International Students' Association in the amount of \$8000.

Derrick Gagnon/Shawn Wiskar

AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors funds the International Students' Association in the amount of \$4,000 plus a \$2,000 catering credit for The Owl if they choose the Owl for catering services.

*Jacq Brasseur/Barzany Ridha
Carried.*

*Abstained: Dakota Kaufman.
Motion as amended, Carried.*

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Status of Chair recruitment - Jermain

This item was stricken as moot given the appointment of a Chair earlier in the meeting.

- b. Status of ISA constitution - Jermain

Dakota Kaufman presented, noting that the ISA had been presented with suggested amendments and recommendations. This item is ongoing and will be addressed in a future meeting.

- c. Perpetual standing Board meeting dates

URSU GM Carl Flis presented on this item. If perpetual board meeting dates are established, the information should be provided to candidates.

***WHEREAS fixed Board meeting dates will enable prospective candidates to determine if they would be able to fulfill attendance requirements of elected; and,
WHEREAS fixed Board meeting dates would provide for a more efficient and consistent governance process,
BE IT RESOLVED that URSU establish fixed board meeting dates as follows:***

- A. starting the second Tuesday of September and continuing bi-weekly on Tuesdays thereafter through to the month of April, with the exceptions of Christmas break, Frost Week, and winter Reading Week
B. The second Tuesday in the months of May to August.***

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Meeting Policy be updated to reflect this change, effective May 1, 2019.

***Shawn Wiskar/Navjot Kaur Makkar
Carried.***

- d. Executive performance reviews

The board discussed executive performance review purpose and practices. In particular, it was noted exit interviews do not have a natural individual who should perform them. It was decided the HR Committee will draft a policy for the board to consider implementing next year.

e. The Potential Demise of Student Unions

URSU GM Carl Flis presented on this issue, which is a growing concern given government actions and positions on unions and mandatory membership across the country. Recent government actions in Ontario and pending legislation in Alberta pose the greatest threat to student unionism ever. The board committed to continue to monitor the issue. Relevant articles/information to assist directors in educating themselves on these threats and challenges will be posted to the URSU Board Google Site under the link "Potential Death of Student Unions".

f. Provision/use of interpreter services at CDC and/or CCSA hearings

Shawn Wiskar presented the issue. The board agreed that supporting students' right to have a competent interpreter present was sound policy but would be ineffective if the university were expected to pay or otherwise engage professional interpreters. The sourcing of interpreters would be left to students.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. WHEREAS Souravdeep Sohal, Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance Director, tendered his resignation effective January 18, 2019;*

BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors hereby acknowledges Souravdeep's resignation.

*Radhika Bansal/Harmeet Singh
Carried.*

- b. WHEREAS the Living Skies Student Film Festival has presented their funding request to the URSU Board of Directors for their upcoming Film Festival,*

BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors fund the Living Skies Student Film Festival in the amount of \$3,000.

*Derrick Gagnon/Shawn Wiskar
Carried.*

- c. WHEREAS Cougar Racing has presented their funding request to the URSU Board of Directors for their upcoming Baja SAE competition.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors fund Cougar Racing in the amount of \$7,000.

Derrick Gagnon/Usman Shafiq

AMENDMENT

**BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors fund Cougar Racing in the amount of \$5,000.
Barzany Ridha/Usman Shafiq
Carried.**

Motion as amended, Carried.

- d. WHEREAS Enactus Regina has presented their funding request to the URSU Board of Directors for their upcoming Enactus Canada Regional Exposition.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors fund Enactus Regina in the amount of \$4,000.

Derrick Gagnon/Shawn Wiskar

AMENDMENT

**BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors fund Enactus Regina in the amount of \$3,600.
Shawn Wiskar/Jacq Brasseur
Carried.**

Motion as amended, Carried.

- e. WHEREAS The Indian Students' Association has presented their funding request to the URSU Board of Directors for their upcoming event, Fresher Party.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors fund the Indian Students' Association in the amount of \$4,000.

Derrick Gagnon/Harmeet Singh

AMENDMENT

**BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors fund the Indian Student Society in the amount of \$3,000.
Barzany Ridha/Shawn Wiskar
Carried.**

**Abstained: Radhika Bansal.
Motion as amended, Carried.**

- f. WHEREAS The Chinese Scholar Student Association has presented their funding request to the URSU Board of Directors for their upcoming event, Chinese New Year.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors funds The Chinese Student and Scholar Association in the amount of \$5,000.

Shawn Wiskar/Harmanpreet Sidhu

AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the URSU Board of Directors fund the Chinese Student and Scholar Association in the amount of \$2,000.

***Jacq Brasseur/Shawn Wiskar
Carried.***

***Abstained: Dakota Kaufman.
Motion as amended, Carried.***

Jacq Brasseur volunteered to to help draft a policy outlining the objective evaluation and submission rules for URSU funding requests.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

***Motion to enter into Executive Session
Barzany Ridha/Radhika Bansal***

The board has selected Shafeeka Sayyid as the new URSU CRO ahead of the upcoming General Election.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS

- (i) Finance and Audit Committee
- (ii) Investment Committee
- (iii) Governance Committee
- (iv) Events Committee
- (v) Social Responsibility & Sustainability Committee
- (vi) Human Resources Committee

No further discussion was necessary on any reports.

12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a. 3rd quarter financial review
- b. Strategic Plan review
- c. VCAB TOR
- d. PEC Funding Policy
- e. HR Exit interview and Exec performance review

14. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Special General Meeting - February 14 at 4:00 pm
 - i. Deadline for motion submissions - February 8 - email to chair@ursu.ca

15. ADJOURNMENT:

*John Lax adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.
Radhika Bansal/Dakota Kaufman*