

University of Regina Students' Union
Board of Directors' Meeting – URSU Boardroom
03/24/2020
Via video conference

Minutes

Attend	Report	Name	Position	Attend	Report	Name	Position
P	L	Victor Oriola	President	P	L	Mark Matthies	Faculty of Nursing
			VP Operations and Finance	A		Jashneet Kaur	Faculty of Science
P		Harmeet Singh	VP Student Affairs	P	L	Selma Babini	Faculty of Social Work
			VP External	A		Michael Shorting	First Nations' University of Canada
P		Jacq Brasseur	Campaigns and Equity				LaCite Students
			Campion College	A		Karlene Pruden	Indigenous Students
			Continuing Education	P	L	Oluwanifemi Adekoya	International Students
P	Y	Alfred Adenuga	Faculty of Arts				LGBTQ Students
P	Y	Amit Kumar Bansal	Faculty of Business Administration	P	Y	Kiegan Lloyd	Luther College
P	L	Rylan Jensen	Faculty of Education	P		Songhoprio Khan	Part Time Students
P	Y	Tanaya Sharma	Faculty of Engineering	P	Y	Katlyn Richardson	Students' with Disabilities
P	Y	Rajbir Singh	Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research	P	Y	Amandeep Kaur	Women Students
P	L	Barzany Ridha	Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies	Y	Y	Carl Flis	General Manager
P		Melissa Barrows	Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance	Y		John Lax	Chair

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

Minimum number required to attain quorum - 11

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by John Lax.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the Agenda for March 24, 2020.
- b. Approval of the minutes of the March 10, 2020 board meeting.
- c. Adoption of the Executive and Director reports filed by the appropriate deadline.
- d. Next meeting to be held on April 7, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda as presented.

Kiegan Lloyd/Jacq Brasseur.

Carried.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST / CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT DECLARATION

Victor Oriola declared a conflict on agenda item 7(b).

3. PRESENTATION

CRO 2020 General Election Report - CRO Amber Smale presented. Report has been received. Elections committee has met to review 11 complaints - none were deemed intentional, and given that judgement - not serious enough to disqualify any candidate. There was an attempt to influence results from outside of the university, which is beyond the scope of the CRO's authority - nonetheless, it was worth mentioning.

Election delivery was impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. There may be value in reconsidering eligibility requirements and campaign guidelines. The recommendations around these are outlined in the CRO report.

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Career Development Grant - Kiegan Lloyd brought forward a concern with the perception that the name "Career Development Grant" is misleading.

***WHEREAS the Career Development Grant offered by URSU may give students the impression that it is a full service grant for career development by virtue of its name; and
WHEREAS the Career Development Grant is not a full service grant,***

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board rename the Career Development Grant as the Unpaid Work Experience Subsidy.

Kiegan Lloyd/Jacq Brasseur.

Carried.

- b. Budget process update - Carl Flis updated on adjusted University projections on enrolment (-1.5%) for upcoming semesters. URSU is looking at scenarios with significantly lower enrolment, to be prudent.
- c. PEC Funding Policy - Jacq Brasseur is continuing to work on this and will continue to support the work after her term is complete, if necessary.
- d. CFS Out campaign - Victor Oriola presented, noting the turnout was strong but did not meet the 3,500 student goal because of the reduced face-to-face interaction possible during the COVID-19 crisis.
- e. Covid-19 update - URSU has had to layoff 43 staff, mostly part-time, in response to reduced hours and service in response to the COVID-19 crisis. The process for layoffs and re-hiring are laid out in the collective agreement; there will be no cost savings as severance balances will be close to a push when compared to the automatic layoff period scheduled at the end of April in any case.

6. NEW BUSINESS

WHEREAS according to the URSU Board Meeting Policy the amount of honorarium that the Directors shall be entitled to in the next fiscal year must be approved by a majority vote of the Directors after the preliminary budget has been approved;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- i. The honorarium allotted per director for every meeting of the Board of Directors for the 2020/2021 fiscal year be set at \$65 per meeting, and;***
- ii. The honorarium allotted per director for every meeting of a Board sanctioned Committee for the 2020/2021 fiscal year be set at \$50 per meeting.***

***Victor Oriola/Kiegan Lloyd.
Carried.***

***Jacq Brasseur/Tanaya Sharma/Rylan Jensen
Abstention Amit Bansal***

***WHEREAS the Elections Committee has completed their investigations into any and all violations of the Election and Referendum Bylaw, and;
WHEREAS the CRO has submitted her final report to the Board,***

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board ratifies the result of the 2020 General Election as presented by the CRO.

***Jacq Brasseur/Tanaya Sharma.
Carried.***

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to enter into Executive Session

***Alfred Adenuga/Rylan Jensen.
Carried.***

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS

- (i) Finance and Audit Committee - review draft bridge budget next week.
- (ii) Investment Committee - waiting for monthly statement to review finances.
- (iii) Governance Committee - nothing to report.
- (iv) Events Committee - nothing to report.
- (v) Social Responsibility & Sustainability Committee - nothing to report.
- (vi) Human Resources Committee - no election problems.

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a. Budget Approval - April 7

11. UPCOMING EVENTS

Everything has been cancelled.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by John Lax at 8:31 pm on a motion by Rylan Jensen.