

University of Regina Students' Union
Board of Directors' Meeting – URSU Boardroom
04/21/2020
Via video conference

Minutes

Attend	Report	Name	Position	Attend	Report	Name	Position
P	L	Victor Oriola	President	P	Y	Mark Matthies	Faculty of Nursing
			VP Operations and Finance	A		Jashneet Kaur	Faculty of Science
P	L	Harmeet Singh	VP Student Affairs	P	Y	Selma Babini	Faculty of Social Work
			VP External	P		Michael Shorting	First Nations' University of Canada
A		Jacq Brasseur	Campaigns and Equity				LaCite Students
			Campion College	A		Karlene Pruden	Indigenous Students
			Continuing Education	A		Oluwanifemi Adekoya	International Students
P	Y	Alfred Adenuga	Faculty of Arts				LGBTQ Students
A		Amit Kumar Bansal	Faculty of Business Administration	P	Y	Kiegan Lloyd	Luther College
P	L	Rylan Jensen	Faculty of Education	P	y	Songhoprio Khan	Part Time Students
P		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	Y	Barzany Ridha	Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies	Y	Y	Carl Flis	General Manager
A		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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the Agenda for April 21, 2020.
- b. Approval of the minutes of the April 7, 2020 board meeting.
- c. Adoption of the Executive and Director reports filed by the appropriate deadline.
- d. Adoption of the Governance Committee and Sustainability Committee reports.

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

Barzany Ridha/Songhoprio Khan.

Carried.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST / CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT DECLARATION

None.

4. PRESENTATION

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Accessibility accommodations for exams - Kaitlyn Richardson brought forward concerns about professors failing to meet Accomodation requirements for students who require them, especially in relation to COVID-19 changes around exams and adjustments. Kaitlyn will sum up complaints in writing and URSU will meet with the university office responsible for accommodations to address this issue..
- b. 2019/2020 Audit - MNP has been selected. MNP has no known conflicts of interest with URSU and no URSU board members declared conflict.

7. NEW BUSINESS

WHEREAS the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) expects membership dues well in excess of \$150,000 per annum, from URSU, and;

WHEREAS since 2016 the CFS has failed to provide any meaningful campaigns that would benefit students in Saskatchewan, and;

WHEREAS since 2014 the CFS Services failed to be functional or useful for members of URSU, and;

WHEREAS since 2012, CFS closed the CFS-Saskatchewan bank account and moved all the funds to the National Office, and;

WHEREAS since 2012, there has been no functional CFS-Saskatchewan component and;

WHEREAS the University of Regina Students' Union has duplicated all services and campaigns work to make up for the failure of the CFS, and;

WHEREAS the CFS has been involved in a number of allegations of corruption including but not limited to financial mismanagement, budget deficits, interference in student union elections, and electoral fraud; and;

WHEREAS the CFS refused to give members any information that would disprove these allegations, and;

WHEREAS history has proven that there is no significant benefit to URSU being a member of CFS, and;

WHEREAS the CFS has set precedent in negotiating exits by several student unions other than through its own referendum/decertification process;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board directs the General Manager of URSU to rescind any previous offers to CFS of payment of past dues, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE Board directs the General Manager of URSU along with the 2020/2021 Executive Committee to negotiate an exit agreement with the CFS based on a one time lump sum settlement.

Rylan Jensen/Mark Matthies.

Carried.

WHEREAS it is URSU that is a member of CFS and that individual students of URSU are not a member of CFS as per its own bylaws, and;

WHEREAS a recently held plebiscite supported by 89.7% of members directs URSU not to remit any current or future fees to the CFS on behalf of students;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board, based on the direction provided by its members, authorizes that effective retroactively to January 1, 2020, URSU is not to submit any fees to CFS and/or CFS Saskatchewan going forward, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT enrollment numbers for the 2019/2020 winter semester and any and all subsequent semesters are not to be factored in the negotiation of a one time lump sum settlement as part of exit agreement with the CFS.

Kaitlyn Richardson/Selma Babini.

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee be amended as presented.

Victor Oriola/Mark Matthies.

Carried.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Terms of Reference for the Sustainability Committee be amended as presented.

Victor Oriola/Rylan Jensen.

Carried.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS

- (i) Finance and Audit Committee
- (ii) Investment Committee
- (iii) Governance Committee - Report on activities for the year has been submitted.
- (iv) Events Committee
- (v) Social Responsibility & Sustainability Committee - Report on activities for the year has been submitted.
- (vi) Human Resources Committee -

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

None.

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

None.

12. UPCOMING EVENTS

None.

13. THANK YOUS AND GOOD BYES

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by John Lax at 6:43 pm on a motion by Rylan Jensen.