

**University of Regina Students' Union  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
12/01/2020**

**Via videoconference**

***Minutes***

Attend	Report	Name	Position	Attend	Report	Name	Position
P	Y	Gurjinder Singh Lehal	President/ Chair	P	Y	Josée Pelletier	Faculty of Nursing
L	Y	Gurkirat Singh	VP Operations and Finance	L	Y	Marmikkumar Patel	Faculty of Science
P	L	Zeo Li	VP Student Affairs	A		Selma Babini	Faculty of Social Work
P	Y	Amir Said	VP External				First Nations' University of Canada
P	Y	Harmanpreet Kaur	Campaigns and Equity				LaCite Students
P	Y	Ryan Tran	Campion College				Indigenous Students
L	Y	Komalpreet Kaur	Continuing Education	P		Md Abul Hossain	International Students
P	Y	Alfred Adenuga	Faculty of Arts				LGBTQ Students
A	Y	Mehar Singh	Faculty of Business Administration	P	Y	Kiegan Lloyd	Luther College
			Faculty of Education	P		Emily Camposano	Part Time Student
P	Y	Imtiyaz Ahmed	Faculty of Engineering	P	Y	Katlyn Richardson	Students' with Disabilities
P	Y	Amandeep Kaur	Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research	A		Uniniafore Jegede	Women Students
P		Destinni Bentz	Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies	P	Y	Carl Flis	General Manager
P	Y	Kiera Ghiglione	Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance				

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

***Minimum number required to attain quorum - 11***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of the Agenda for December 1, 2020.
- b. Approval of the minutes of the November 17, 2020 board meeting.
- c. Adoption of the Executive and Director reports filed by the appropriate deadline.

***Motion to approve the consent agenda***

***Zeo Li/Kiegan Lloyd***

***CARRIED***

**3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST / CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT DECLARATION**

Non declared

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Gallivan
  - i. Mycanadaplan.ca
  - ii. Tuition insurance

Presentations were made by Sean Gallivan, Cory Wright and Binny Abraham of Gallivan regarding two new insurance products. Afterwards, the board discussed the pros and cons of the programs and were generally of the opinion that they did not see the value in these products even without having any pricing information. Carl indicated that there is no harm to get a quote if not for anything else but competitive market information.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. none

**6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**a. University Dec 4 Town Hall**

The President's Town Hall is open to all not just students. As this conflicted with URSU's strategic planning session all directors were encouraged to submit questions/concerns to RPIRG so they could raise them in the town hall on URSU's behalf.

**b. Student awareness of and welcomeness to board meetings**

The board discussed the positivity of creating awareness of board meetings. Marketing is to create some messaging to make students aware that board meetings are open to all.

**c. Community Service Month**

Zeo updated the Board on his plans to launch a Community Service Month campaign.

**d. Chair recruitment - update**

Executive committee updated the board about the ongoing recruitment of the Chair

**e. Resumption of Recreation and Athletic Fee**

Amir updated about the ongoing conversation with the university; the Executive committee will be sending a survey to students as the next steps.

**f. PAC Policy**

Gurjinder advised that there are no possible changes to the policy based on the year in which everything is online. See new business.

**g. OnBoard software**

OnBoard software agreement finalized. Carl and Neil have received initial administrator training. Will be rolling it out for implementation at the first board meeting in January.

**h. ProctorTrack**

The Executives updated the board about the recent negative reaction of the administration on the Proctortrack campaign. It was pointed out that it was disappointing that a majority of directors have not engaged in the campaign. This campaign can only be effective if it is supported by all directors and all students, not just those who have Proctortrack as part of their classes.

**i. Articles and Bylaw consultation**

The student consultation process regarding proposed changes to the new draft bylaws and articles of incorporation has been launched via a discussion forum in UniVerse. The consultation period ends on December 11.

**j. Strategic Planning Session**

Sessions scheduled for Dec 4 and Dec 7. It is imperative that all directors try to participate in both sessions. F

**k. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI Committee)**

Gurjinder highlighted the importance of having an EDI committee in URSU. The Executive committee endorsed the EDI committee and the board discussed it further. See New Business. It was decided that the Executive Committee and the Equity and Campaigns Director be tasked with developing the Terms of Reference at the inaugural meeting of the EDI Committee.

**l. Dates of next several board meetings**

Next meeting will be December 29 at 5:00. Bi-weekly meetings will recommence in the new year starting on January 12, 2021.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a.** WHEREAS the Governance Committee and the policy owner have reviewed the PAC Policy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the PAC Policy is hereby approved as presented.

*Josee Pelletier/Katlyn Richardson*  
**CARRIED**

- b.** WHEREAS many of URSU members identify with a variety of equity-seeking groups including but not limited to race, sex, age, colour, physical disabilities, sexual orientation, culture, gender identity, neurodiversity, and socioeconomic status, and;

WHEREAS URSU believes that equity, diversity and inclusion is about creating a culture that embraces the uniqueness of individuals and is representative of the URSU membership;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU establishes an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Committee, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the EDI Committee is established as a Standing Committee of URSU, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the first order of business of the EDI Committee is draft its' Terms of Reference for ratification by the Board, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all relevant governing documents and policies be amended to reflect the creation/establishment of the EDI Committee.

*Amir Said/Gurkirat Singh*  
**CARRIED**

## **8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- a.** none

*The role of Chair was transferred to Kiegan Lloyd and the Executives were excused from the rest of the meeting.*

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **10. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- a.** President
- b.** VP Operations and Finance
- c.** VP Student Affairs
- d.** VP External Affairs

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS**

- (i) Finance and Audit Committee

- Nothing to report
- (ii) Investment Committee
  - Nothing to report
- (iii) Governance Committee
  - See committee minutes
- (iv) Events Committee
  - See committee minutes
- (v) Social Responsibility & Sustainability Committee
  - Nothing to report
- (vi) Human Resources Committee
  - Nothing to report

**12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- a. Finalize and approve recommended drafts of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw

**14. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- a. Strategic Planning Session - December 4

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Destinni Bentz at 8:02 pm.**