

University of Regina Students' Union
Annual General Meeting
Zoom
November 17th 2021 at 5:00 pm

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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

4. APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRPERSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tim Otitoju be appointed Chairperson for the 2021 URSU Annual General Meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Membership approves the agenda for the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

6.1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Membership approves the minutes of the October 28, 2020 Annual General Meeting.

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- 7.1.** Vice President External Affairs
- 7.2.** Vice President Student Affairs
- 7.3.** Vice President Finance and Operations
- 7.4.** President

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1. Audited Financial Statements period ending April 30, 2021

9. ORDINARY BUSINESS

9.1. Approval of Audited Financial Statements

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the audited financial statements for 2020/2021 be approved.

9.2. Appointment of the Auditor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT MNP be re-appointed as URSU's Auditor for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

10. SPECIAL BUSINESS

10.1 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

10.1.1 Resolution to Commit to Indigenous Governance and Representation in URSU

Whereas the University of Regina (UofR) and the University of Regina Students' Union (URSU) are located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 lands, which are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšīnāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation

Whereas in 2015 after many years of testimonials and research the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released 91 Calls to Action for various parts of society and in particular the provincial and federal government to undertake; and

Whereas the Government of Canada endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) in 2016, and

Whereas all students studying at all federated colleges including First Nations University of Canada are members of URSU, with some exceptions based on University Policy;

Whereas there are numerous spaces at the University of Regina where URSU could facilitate programs to support Indigenous members of URSU who are enrolled in First Nations University of Canada, University of Regina and/or all other federated colleges; and

Whereas URSU recognizes that efforts to build equitable supports for Indigenous students, as well as aiding in the creation of unique Indigenous-led structures that are essential to the aims of reconciliation on campus and beyond, and;

Whereas URSU wishes to commit to its members that it will work towards reconciliation not only in words, but in action, and;

Whereas there are many areas where the University of Regina might be able to better support Indigenous students, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU develop an equitable and accessible system to better support Indigenous students enrolled in First Nations University of Canada, University of Regina and/or all other federated colleges based on the diverse needs of Indigenous members of URSU

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU conduct consultations with Indigenous members, educators and elders to develop the system of supports that fits the needs of members;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU commits to lobbying and organizing to push all levels of governments to adopt the TRC Calls to Action;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU specifically works with the University of Regina to ensure the Calls to Action around Education (6 - 12) are adopted or addressed at the University level

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU works to ensure that the governance of URSU for Indigenous members' interaction with URSU is inclusive of Indigenous traditional ways of knowing and governance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU work to amplify campaigns and actions of members of URSU around reconciliation and decolonization and provide logistical support where needed.

Mover: Hannah Tait

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10.1.2 Justice for International Students

Whereas in 2020 Prabhjot Singh Katri, and international student, was killed while engaging in taxi duties; and

Whereas in 2019 Jobandeep Singh Sandhu, an international student, was arrested and faced deportation after being unjustly searched and allegedly overworking, due to the massive amount of fees his studies costed; and

Whereas the CBC reported international students were avoiding ambulance rides in emergencies due to costs and working in unsafe working environments (1), and;

Whereas international students are consistently targeted through intersectional racist and xenophobic attacks,

Whereas International students pay exorbitant tuition fees in order to study in Saskatchewan but often feel unsupported, under represented and underprivileged,

Whereas URSU can better represent international students by fostering a unique space for international students to organize, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU launch a campaign called "Justice for International Students" to seek justice for international students across Canada; and organize and support international student communities around issues that are harmful to them and organize and support international student communities around issues that are harmful to them, in the community, and provincially;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU hires an International Students Coordinator to organize this campaign, hold meetings and townhalls for international students, and develop further recommendations on how URSU can better represent international students

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU develops an International Students' Caucus to support the Coordinator and the International Student Community

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU works with organizations such as but not limited to Migrant Workers Alliance for Change and other organizations fighting for international student rights;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU develops recommendations for Postsecondary Institutions , the Provincial Government, and other parties on how to improve international student rights and protections in Saskatchewan

Sources:

1:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/migrant-workers-healthcare-1.6212536>

Mover: Harveer Singh

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11. Other Business

11.1 Presentation: Announcement of 2021 - 2022 Governance Review Master Plan

12. Q/A

13. ADJOURNMENT