



AGENDA

Students' Union of the University of Regina Annual General Meeting April 9, 2014

1. Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:51 AM

2. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum is established at 153 members present.

3. Approval of the Chair

Moved: Mitch Simpson

Second: Brooke Paterson

"That Kyle Addison be appointed Chairperson for the 2014 URSU AGM."

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Mike Young

Second: Sean Wilson

"That the agenda of the 2014 URSU AGM be approved as presented."

CARRIED

5. Approval of the Minutes – 2013 AGM

Moved: Harot (*surname not noted*)

Second: Sean Wilson

“That the minutes of the 2013 URSU AGM be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

6. Financial Statements

The URSU General Manager, Amanda Smytaniuk, provided a verbal and visual report outlining the state of the URSU finances in the 2013/2014 fiscal year, reporting to membership that URSU’s current financial operations are not sustainable. Based on the losses incurred in both 2011-12, 2012-13 and the expected loss in 2013-14, which are expected to total over 1 million dollars, management reported the financial viability of the organization is in jeopardy.

Smytaniuk, who became General Manager in October, reported while she had no hand in the current financial situation of the organization (as presented in the 2013-14 audited financial statements) she had identified the main areas of concern: The Owl, Leases and Student Fees. She went on to report that she had developed a strategic plan for rectifying the situation, which was presented to the Executive, Board and was supported by the auditors (MNP). The plan, already showing signs of success in the initial stages with respect to the Owl, also identified inefficiencies with the current Leasing structure, which would be rectified and maximized in the 2014-15 year. Attention was also paid to student fees. Management reported that URSU currently has the lowest student fees of any other post-secondary institute in the province which is significantly impacting URSU’s ability to remain viable.

Finally, Smytaniuk reported that on paper URSU’s financial situation would get worse before it got better. This is because Management is new and only fully grasped the gravity of the financial situation as of January 2014. She reported that according to current financials, URSU stood to take one of the largest losses in the history of the organization and that as a result the auditors would be putting a “note of going concern” on the 2013-14 audited financial statements. She informed membership that this was anticipated and despite the positive gains being made, the

impact of the strategic plan would be realized until the 2014-15 year, which would represent her first full year as General Manger of the organization.

7. Resolutions

7.1. Student Refugee Fund

Be it resolved that the student refugee fund levy be increased from \$3.00 per student, full time and part time to \$4.25 per student, full time and part time. This levy shall be collected for the fall, winter semester and spring/summer semester

Moved: Patience Umereweneza

Second: Morgan Brady

CARRIED

7.2. Student Parent Director Position – URSU Board of Directors

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU create a Student Parent Director position on the URSU Board of Director's.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors be increased in size by one position to accommodate this position.

Moved: Ashleigh Delanghe

Second: Shadi Musleh

DEFEATED

7.3. Change in Composition to URSU Fee Collection

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of the University of Regina Student's Union change the collection of its URSU and URSU related fees to a per credit hour fee for the purposes of collection by the University of Regina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the auxiliaries will continue to receive their levies in the amounts established by the constitution of the Union.

Moved: Mike Young

Second: Devon Peters

CARRIED

2 Abstentions – unnoted

7.4. URSU Fee Increase

*WHEREAS the University of Regina Student's Union has moved from collecting fees from a full time and part time structure to a per credit hour basis; and
WHEREAS the amount of money collected by the URSU from Students in 2012-2013 averaged out to \$6.17 per credit hour.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of the URSU increase its per credit hour fee to \$8 per credit hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the membership of the URSU tie this fee to CPI.

Moved: Mike Young

Second: Sean Wilson

Motion to amend

Moved: David Crossman

Second:

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

Question called on original motion:

CARRIED

7.5. Elimination of CFS Director Position – URSU Board of Directors

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU remove the CFS Liaison director seat from the URSU Board of directors. Be it further resolved that to reflect this change Article V section 2 read:

The Board of Directors shall consist of an Executive Committee and one representative from the constituencies of the Students' Union as defined below:

- *Faculty of Arts*
- *Faculty of Business Administration*
- *Faculty of Education*
- *Faculty of Engineering*
- *Faculty of Fine Arts*
- *Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research*
- *Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies*
- *Faculty of Science*
- *Faculty of Social Work*
- *Campion College*

- *Luther College*
- *Part Time Students Director*
- *First Nations' University of Canada Director*
- *Women's Director*
- *Aboriginal Director*
- *International Students' Director*
- *Faculty of Nursing*
- *Differently-abled Students' Director*
- *Francophone Students' Director*
- *LGBTQ Students' Director*

Moved: Sean Wilson

Second: Shayna Glass

CARRIED

7.6. URSU Board Director Accountability Provision

WHEREAS the URSU Board of Directors has not reached quorum over the last few meetings due to a lack of attendance of the directors; and

WHEREAS the URSU Board of Directors have not been able to effectively conduct meetings and business surrounding decisions which need quorum;

WHEREAS the Carillon has noted in its February 24th article on board absenteeism, that some board members have not attended a single meeting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Constitution of the University of Regina Student's Union, Article VI, be amended to read:

9 (I) If a Board member must miss a meeting, they must send their regrets to the Board Chair 24 hours before the commencement of the meeting.

9 (I) a. If a Board member misses three consecutive meetings without sending their regrets to the Board Chair, declared "absentee", the board will have the power to ask the member step down from their position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Constitution of the University of Regina Student's Union, Article VIII be amended to read:

(I) Excepting "absentee" members (as defined in VI (9) I) who may be recalled with a 3/4-majority vote at a regular board meeting.

Moved: Dane Fleischhacker

Second: Nathan Sgrazzutti

CARRIED

7.7. Varsity Club Athletics Levy

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the membership of the University of Regina Student's Union establish a fund to support the Varsity Club Athletics teams of the University of Regina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the fund be sustained via a \$5.00 per student fee in the fall and winter semesters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors administer the fund and hold authority to allocate the money as necessary.

Moved: Nathan Sgrazzutti

Second: Sean Barschel

CARRIED

8. Executive Reports

The URSU Executive Committee, consisting of the positions of President, Vice-President Student Affairs, Vice-President Operations & Finance, and Vice-President External Affairs, each provided a verbal report on their respective individual goals and accomplishments for the 2013/2014 term.

9. Adjournment

"That the meeting be adjourned at 1:20 p.m."

Moved: Brad Belgarde

Second: Ty Buhler

CARRIED
