

**University of Regina Students' Union  
Board of Director's Meeting – URSU Boardroom  
February 25, 2015**

*Minutes*

**PRESENT:**

Devon Peters, President  
Daniella Zemlak, VP External  
Luanne Drake, VP Student Affairs  
Jermain McKenzie, Arts Students' Director  
Maria Arman, Women's Director  
Grayson Beaudin, Francophone Students' Director  
David Crossman, Engineering Director  
Ramy Saddeldin, Graduate Students Director  
Matt Jacobs, Social Work Director  
Ty Buhler, Business Director  
Mohammad Noufil Siddiqui, International Students Director  
Jeremy Roberts, Aboriginal Students' Director

**REGRETS:**

Minsoo Cho, VP, Operations and Finance  
Greg Jessup, Nursing Director  
Emily Barber, LGBTQ Students' Director  
Emily Morris, Champion Students' Director

**ABSENT:**

Billy Patterson, Part-Time Student's Director  
Charlene Claude, Luther Students' Director  
Shayna Glass, Science Director  
Kevin Ma, Kinesiology Director

**GUESTS:**

Amanda Symntaniuk, General Manager  
Nwaka Okere – President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (PACS)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm by the Interim Chair, Barbra Bell.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR**

Barbra Bell was appointed Interim Chair at the February 11, 2015 Board of Director's Meeting.

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

That the agenda be approved with reversing the order of 6.1 and 6.2.

Moved: Devon

Second: Grayson

Carried

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 URSU board meeting.

Moved: Devon

Second: Luanne

Carried

### **5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT DECLARATION**

### **6. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **6.1 MANAGEMENT – Financial Update – Capital Fund**

The General Manager distributed and reviewed the Financial Update on the Capital Fund and the Investment Reconciliation.

#### **6.2 UOFR – Sustainability Strategic Plan Update**

Nwaka Okere delivered a PowerPoint Presentation to update the URSU Board of Director's on the Sustainability Strategic Plan. There are four Strategic Areas of Focus: Waste, Transportation, Energy and Engagement. The full PowerPoint presentation can be found at <http://www.uregina.ca/fm/assets/Sustainability-Strategic-Plan-Outline.pdf>

(Jermain McKenzie joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.)

### **7. OLD BUSINESS**

7.1 WHEREAS URSU is committed to maintaining a level of professionalism, and;

WHEREAS the upkeep of the office is essential to maintain professionalism therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors approve the spending of up to \$8,100 on the repainting of the URSU office.

Moved: Devon Peters

Second: Daniella Zemplak

Defeated

7.2 WHEREAS URSU gives funding to various groups on campus to promote student life, and:

WHEREAS the English Students Association is holding its annual conference with a projected enrollment of 40-50 students

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU fund the ESA's conference in the amount of \$1,000.

Moved: David Crossman

Seconded: Ramy Saddeldin

Carried

It was noted during the discussion that feedback be provided to the presenters on being particularly clear in their request and details associated with their request. Plans are underway to create a guide for presenters at URSU Board Meetings.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

8.1 WHEREAS the Owl's kitchen oven has become unreliable due to its old age, and;

WHEREAS the expense with continuing to repair this oven are prohibitive,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Owl purchase a new oven for up to \$5,000.

Moved: David Crossman

Second: Daniella Zemlak

Carried

A quote from Facilities Management was distributed. Management committed to responding as to the age of the current oven and on the ability for resale.

8.2 WHEREAS URSU'S accounting department has noted that taxes have not been properly filed for several years,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU hire a consultant to do URSU's backlog of tax returns for up to \$35000 including taxes.

Moved: Devon Peters

Seconded: Maria Arman

Carried

8.3 WHEREAS URSU's Management and Executives have identified the lack of a proper budget planning process for URSU, and;

WHEREAS URSU needs to develop a budget before the end of the fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS developing a budget, as well as a process and associated documents will save URSU staff time & money in the future, and;

WHEREAS MNP business consulting will be able to offer significant professional expertise related to the development of the budget,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU approve up to \$30,000 to cover the expenses associated with the creation of a budget and budget planning process.

Moved: Devon Peters

Seconded: Ramy Saddeldin

Carried

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

(Daniella Zemlak and Ramy Saddeldin left the meeting at 7:06. Quorum was lost)

## **10. EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Reports were provided by Executive Board members

VP Student Affairs, Luanne Drake – verbal report

VP External – written report distributed and read by Luanne Drake

VP Operations and Finance – written report distributed and read by Devon Peters

President, Devon Peters - written report distributed and shared

Verbal reports were provided by:

Jermaine McKenzie, Arts Students' Director; Maria Aman, Women's Director; Ty

Buhler, Business Director; Mohammed Noufil Siddiqui, International Students Director;

Grayson Beaudin, Francophone Students' Director; Jeremy Roberts, Aboriginal Students'

Director; David Crossman, Engineering Director; and Matt Jacobs, Social Work Director.

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

## **12. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

## **13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

## **14. NEXT MEETING**

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Moved: David Crossman

Second: Luanne Drake

Carried