

**University of Regina Students' Union**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**RC Multipurpose Room**  
**October 24, 2018 at 11:30 am**

***Draft Agenda***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Juliet Bushi be appointed Chairperson for the 2018 URSU Annual General Meeting.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Membership approve the agenda for the October 24, 2018 Annual General Meeting.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**6.1.** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Membership approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 Annual General Meeting.

**7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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

**8. PRESENTATIONS**

**8.1.** Audited Financial Statements period ending April 30, 2018

**9. NORMAL BUSINESS**

**9.1. Appointment of the Auditor**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT MNP be re-appointed as URSU's Auditor for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

**10. OLD SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**11. NEW SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**11.1. Creation of New Director Position**

WHEREAS Students enrolled in the Centre for Continuing Education are fee-paying members of URSU, and;  
Whereas they currently have no representation on the URSU Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that URSU creates a position on the Board to ensure that these students are represented, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this new constituency representative be added to Article V(2) of the Constitution as "Continuing Education Director"

**MOVED: Conor Woolley**

**SECOND:**

**11.2. Amendment to Article VI of the Constitution**

WHEREAS thorough and consistent Executive accountability measures are in the best interest of the URSU; and,

WHEREAS responsibilities and duties of the Executive Committee should remain static and unchanging; and,

WHEREAS such consistent measures should be incorporated into the Constitution to ensure that they remain consistent with the will of the student membership; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following text be added to the Article VI POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the URSU Constitution:

(14) The Executive Committee shall be subject to the following additional duties and responsibilities, on account of the public nature of their duties to the Board of Directors and the URSU:

(14.1) The members of the Executive Committee shall be required to meet at least 20 hours per week of office hours during the open business hours of the University of Regina Students' Union.

(14.2) The Executive Committee shall be required to publicly disclose any and all additional honorariums, payments, or gifts received from any party that works with or for the University of Regina Students' Union to the Board of Directors and the membership.

(14.3) The Executive Committee shall recognize their duties as officers and employees of the organization and not engage in secondary work (practicum, work-term, Co-op placement, internship, other employment) during the majority of open business hours of the University of Regina Students' Union.

(14.3.1) Executives who accept secondary work during the majority of open business hours shall be given four weeks to adjust their schedules or a recall vote shall be called by the Board of Directors.

(14.4) Failure to comply with any duty or responsibility applicable to members of the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee, shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors, and a recall vote may be ordered by a 2/3 majority of the Board.

**MOVED: Shawn Wiskar**

**SECOND:**

**11.3. Addition to Article V of the Constitution (1)**

WHEREAS the current constitution allows for a potential eight (8) year consecutive term limit; and,

WHEREAS turnover of executive positions is healthy to a functioning democracy; and,

WHEREAS clear and concise rules are essential for URSU as an organization to plan for executive transition on an annual basis; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following text be added to ARTICLE V - OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION TERMS of OFFICE of DIRECTORS of the URSU Constitution:

(11) No student may be elected or acclaimed to serve more than three terms total in any Executive position, as defined in ARTICLE V (3), on the Executive Committee of the Students' Union."

**MOVED: Shawn Wiskar**

**SECOND:**

**11.4. Addition to Article V of the Constitution (2)**

WHEREAS the current executive employment contracts are reported to be in contradiction with URSU policies; and,

WHEREAS newly elected boards do not have the experience or the luxury to understand why a previous board may make changes to the employment agreements of Executives; and,

WHEREAS there is an inherent conflict of interest in allowing an executive to petition to change their employment contract; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following text be added to ARTICLE V OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION TERMS of OFFICE of DIRECTORS of the URSU Constitution:

(12) Each Executive Committee member shall sign an executive employment contract prior to the start of their term.

(12.1) For executives elected in the General Election that date is May 1.

(12.2) For executives elected in a By-Election, or appointed to fill a vacancy, that date shall be prior to assuming the duties of their elected position.

(12.3) Each employment contract is subject to review and amendments by the Board of Directors. Such changes may be made at any time, but said changes shall not take effect until May 1 of the following year.

(12.4) 12.3 shall not apply to changes that are required by Federal or Provincial labour Regulations.

**MOVED: Shawn Wiskar**

**SECOND:**

**11.5. CFS fee rebate**

WHEREAS URSU has been tasked with holding a referendum on membership between the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and the University of Regina Students' Union; and,

WHEREAS a year has gone by since this motion was passed and no progress has been made by URSU in holding this referendum; and,

WHEREAS the students of the University of Regina deserve an opportunity to choose if they are in favour of keeping maintaining membership in CFS; and,

WHEREAS URSU is committed to alleviating financial hardship among students; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT any student who can prove they have not engaged in any services, activities, or promotion of CFS within the fall semester will be eligible for a full refund of their CFS fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this refund shall be made from a new budgetary line separate from the CFS levy due to URSU's financial obligation to the CFS and that this line shall remain until a referendum date is announced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that this refund shall be disbursed on a first come first served basis and shall be capped at \$10,000 of available funds.

**MOVED: Shawn Wiskar**

**SECOND:**

**11.6. Executive Accountability (1)**

WHEREAS executive accountability is an essential aspect to the operation of the University of Regina Students' Union; and,

WHEREAS students have the right to know that their elected officials are meeting the expectations placed on them by the membership; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an exception report be generated monthly announcing when URSU executives have failed to meet their office hour obligations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if a report is generated that it is posted on the URSU website for the membership to view.

**MOVED: Shawn Wiskar**

**SECOND:**

**11.7. Executive Accountability (2)**

WHEREAS Article VIII.1 of the URSU Constitution requires that a "recall of a director shall only be successful if the number of votes to recall the director exceeds the number of votes it took to elect that director" during an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting; and, WHEREAS the 2018 CRO's report has shown that all Executive members were elected with over 400 votes; and,

WHEREAS the average attendance of an Annual General Meeting is between 100 and 250 people and Annual General Meetings are not accessible to all members of URSU; and,

WHEREAS the University of Saskatchewan Student Union's removal from office bylaws require for a special resolution of non-confidence to be passed by the Board level after a petition requesting the removal of the member of the Executive or Director of at least 7.5% members or constituents is presented; and,

WHEREAS students should have an accessible way to hold their Directors and Executives accountable; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article VIII RECALL OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS be immediately amended to read:

- 1) Any member of the Board of Directors may be recalled, that is to say removed from office, when a quorum of two-thirds of members of the Board is present at a Board meeting, and a special resolution of non-confidence is passed.
- 2) A special resolution of non-confidence shall be held when a petition requesting the removal of a member of the Executive containing the signatures of at least 7.5% of members is presented to the Board or when a petition requesting the removal of a Director of the board containing the signature of at least 7.5% of the constituents the representative represents is presented to the Board.

**MOVED: Jacq Brasseur**

**SECOND:**

#### **11.8. Spring/Summer U-Pass Program**

WHEREAS URSU currently provides a U-Pass service to students during the Fall and Winter semesters only; and,

WHEREAS URSU has received many complaints about the lack of a U-Pass program in the Spring/Summer; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU hold a referendum during the next election on whether a Spring/Summer U-Pass program should be implemented; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the wording of the referendum will be approved by the URSU Board of Directors at the last Board of Directors meeting prior to the election.

**MOVED: Derrick Gagnon**

**SECOND:**

#### **11.9. Change to Part-Time Intramural Fee**

WHEREAS URSU's mission statement is to provide students high-quality supports, services, opportunities, and advocacy, to ensure that all students have a fun, safe and healthy University experience; and,

WHEREAS Intramurals is an essential part of 2200 students' healthy university experience; and,

WHEREAS all students have equal access to participate in intramurals regardless of credit hours registered; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the part-time intramural fee be raised from \$1.25 to \$2.50 to be equalized with the full-time intramural fee.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this fee be in addition to any fees charged by URSU.

**MOVED: Chelsea Jones**

**SECOND:**

**11.10. Increase of UR Pride Centre levy**

WHEREAS the UR Pride Centre levy is currently \$5.00 per full-time student; and,  
WHEREAS the UR Pride Centre levy has not increased for over 5 years; and,  
WHEREAS the UR Pride Centre would like to increase their wellness fund, emergency bursary, and student project funding pots; and,  
WHEREAS all students can choose to opt-out of the UR Pride Centre levy on request; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU increase the UR Pride Centre student levy by \$0.25; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this fee be in addition to any fees charged by the URSU; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU ensures that UR Pride Centre provides an annual report with clear explanations of how students have benefited from their services and programs.

**MOVED: Jacq Brasseur**

**SECOND:**

**12. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**