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, Campion 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 Symptaniuk, 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 Zemlak
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