University of Regina Students’ Union  
Board of Director’s Meeting - URSU Boardroom  

MINUTES  

January 28, 2015  


Regrets : E. Barber, G. Jessup, E. Morris, D. Zemlak  

Absents :  

Guests: J. Woodward, AUDITOR  

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm  

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR:  

MOTION: Crossman/Drake  

THAT Brad Lulik be appointed as Chair for the January 28, 2015 URSU Board of Directors meeting.  

CARRIED  

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:  

MOTION: Crossman/Drake  

THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of ISA presentation.  

CARRIED  

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:  

4.1. MOTION: Peters/Drake  

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 URSU board meeting.  

Discussion: Patterson brought forth concerns regarding attendance at meeting.
4.2. MOTION: Peters/Siddiqui

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 URSU emergency board meeting.

CARRIED

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST / CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT DECLARATION:

6. PRESENTATIONS:

6.1. Indigenous Students’ Association: funding request for the upcoming Uniting Youth with Elders Pipe Ceremony, Feast & Round Dance. (Appendix A)

6.2. MNP - URSU Financial Report: (Appendix B)

7. OLD BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1. MOTION: Peters/Drake

EXECUTIVE CONTRACT (Appendix C)

WHEREAS URSU’s audit has revealed a lack of documentation around certain elements of the operation; and
WHEREAS Executive responsibilities, remuneration and requirements is an area that is largely undocumented; and
WHEREAS every other position in the organization has a contract; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU approve the Executive Contracts as presented.

Amendment #1: Vacation days shall be earned at a rate of 1.25 days/month. (Item 3.6 of Executive Contract)

Peters/Crossman
Result Amendment #1: PASSED
(Defective: Drake)

Amendment #2: Maximum hours banked shall not surpass 72 hours
(Item 3.6 of Executive Contract)

Peters/Beaudin
Result Amendment #2: PASSED
Discussion:

Jacobs: Holidays are earned in industry and that should be consistent with the URSU expectations.

Roberts: How are holiday hours going to be recorded?

Peters: Holiday hour recording is currently completed through personal recording, but this can be reviewed if it is deemed inadequate.

Drake: H&D and M parking passes are not considered within the 2014/2015 URSU budget. These proposed expenditures would need to first be approved.

Drake: Concerns regarding the ability of the URSU to retain employment for a period of up to one month. Termination should be immediate if requested by the employee.

Devon: It would be sensible and good practice for management to allow the employee to immediately terminate their employment upon request.

Beaudin: This clause would allow the URSU to hold the individual accountable for their responsibilities.

Cho: The elected officials have a responsibility to serve and one month is reasonable. This offers the URSU and their membership with security.

Jacobs: One month is adequate, but should first be compared to Sask Labour.

Drake: Concerns on the ability of the URSU to restrict a former employee's ability to hire employees of the Union.

Chair Interpretation: It was the understanding of the Chair that this document would be a condition of future employment. Current employees would have the opportunity to work with the URSU to modify areas of concern for the remainder of their term.

CARRIED (Opposed: Drake/Glass)

8.2. MOTION: Peters/Drake

UPASS REFERENDUM QUESTION

WHEREAS URSU has received a petition containing the signatures of 758 verified students calling for a referendum on the Question of a U-Pass.
WHEREAS URSU Bylaws require that a referendum be called on the question of the U-Pass;
WHEREAS the city has indicated that a U-Pass agreement is feasible at a cost of between $70 and $90 per student per fall and winter semester.
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Regina seek the opinion of its members on the following referendum question:

"Should the URSU negotiable a universal bus pass (U-Pass) that will:
● Cost every student $70-$90 per semester
● Provide unlimited access to Regina Transit and, when eligible, Para-Transit services for URSU members in the fall and winter semesters.
● Have exemptions for students who live within 1km of campus or who live outside of city limits."

Amendment #1: Attach a two calendar year time-frame to the referendum results.
   Peters/Crossman

Amendment #2: Move to previous question
   Patterson/McKenzie
   Result Amendment #2: DEFEATED
   Result Amendment #1: PASSED

Discussion:

Glass: Question why the Spring/Summer semesters were not included.

Peters: It would not be financially feasible for the city to offer the same quality of routes while there are lower enrolments.

Drake: The term "negotiable" is a vehicle towards the purpose of the UPass proposal.

Jacobs: No concerns with the wording of the proposal

Drake: What would the term of validity be for referendum results? This should be amended to include a time-frame.

Beaudin: Term of validity ensures that deliberation is not ongoing.

Glass: How will the location of address be determined for opting out of the proposed U-Pass?

Peters: The city will outline their requirements for opt-outs.
VCAB FUNDING ALLOTMENT

WHEREAS VCAB makes a recommendation to URSU about how funding should be distributed amongst club teams; therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU allocate $136,000 of VCAB funding, as recommended by the 2014-2015 VCAB Budget.

CARRIED

TRAILER PARK BOYS

WHEREAS a cost/benefit analysis and prior experience have shown that this event can be profitable; therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU approve up to $4800 to bring Randy and Mr. Leahy of the Trailer Park Boys to the Owl.

Discussion:

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

9.1. MOTION Peters/Drake

THAT the board move to executive session.

CARRIED

EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

NEXT MEETING

Peters will create a Doodle poll.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: _____ Drake

    THAT the meeting adjourn at 9:38pm