

**University of Regina Students' Union
Board of Directors' Meeting
12/29/2020**

Via videoconference

Minutes

Attend	Report	Name	Position	Attend	Report	Name	Position
P	L	Gurjinder Singh Lehal	President/ Chair	P	Y	Josée Pelletier	Faculty of Nursing
P		Gurkirat Singh	VP Operations and Finance	L	Y	Marmikkumar Patel	Faculty of Science
P	L	Zeo Li	VP Student Affairs	A		Selma Babini	Faculty of Social Work
P	Y	Amir Said	VP External				First Nations' University of Canada
P	L	Harmanpreet Kaur	Campaigns and Equity				LaCite Students
P	L	Ryan Tran	Campion College				Indigenous Students
P	L	Komalpreet Kaur	Continuing Education	L	L	MD Abul Hossain	International Students
P	Y	Alfred Adenuga	Faculty of Arts				LGBTQ Students
P	Y	Mehar Singh	Faculty of Business Administration	P	Y	Kiegan Lloyd	Luther College
			Faculty of Education	P		Emily Camposano	Part Time Student
P	L	Imtiyaz Ahmed	Faculty of Engineering	P	Y	Katlyn Richardson	Students' with Disabilities
P	Y	Amandeep Kaur	Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research	L		Uniniafore Jegede	Women Students
P	Y	Destinni Bentz	Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies	P	Y	Carl Flis	General Manager
P	Y	Kiera Ghiglione	Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance				

P - present R - provided regrets more than 24 hours in advance A - absent

Minimum number required to attain quorum - 11

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:02

2. GUESTS

Gurjinder welcomed all the guests including- Operation Manager Neil Middlemiss and students Florence Duesterbeck and Tayef Ahmed

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the Agenda for December 29, 2020.
- b. Approval of the minutes of the December 1, 2020 board meeting.
- c. Adoption of the Executive and Director reports filed by the appropriate deadline.
- a. Next meeting to be held on January 12, 2021.

Motion to approve the consent agenda
Josée Pelletier/Zeo Li
CARRIED

The board had extensive discussion on the way of voting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the board will carry out voting using chat messaging instead of zoom polling.

Amir Said/Mehar Singh
TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST / CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT DECLARATION

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a. none

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. none

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. **Partnership with Computers for Schools Saskatchewan**
Carl informed the board about the project and explained how it will help students
- b. **Selection of Chairperson**
Gurkirat presented the overview of the selection process along with the Executive Committee's recommendations of shortlisted candidates. See New Business.
- c. **EDI Committee - TOR update**
Gurjinder updated that no work has started on this as yet. The Executive Committee and the Equity and Campaigns Director will begin work after the break.
- d. **Strategic Framework**
Carl updated the board about the finalized Strategic Framework along with the supporting SWOT analysis and work needed to be done by the Executive Committee to further flush out specific projects to meet objectives. See New Business.

e. **Kinesiology Final Exam issue**

Gurjinder and Destinni informed the board about the issue. Board members further discussed possible solutions.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. WHEREAS the Executive Committee has concluded its search for the Board Chair and presented the board with its recommended three shortlisted candidates, and;

WHEREAS. The Board has reviewed the recommendations of the Executive Committee;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tim Otitoju be contracted as URSU Board Chair for the balance of the 2020/2021 fiscal year and that the contract contains provisions for annual extensions subject to ratification of a newly elected incoming board each year.

Kiegan Lloyd/Zeo Li
CARRIED

- b. WHEREAS a new partnership has been reached with Computers for Schools Saskatchewan that will allow URSU to provide refurbished computer systems to students in need;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Technology Support Policy is hereby approved as amended.

Josée Pelletier/Mehar Singh
CARRIED

- c. WHEREAS URSU current strategic plan expired in 2020, and;
WHEREAS extensive work has been performed by the Board, Executive Committee and URSU staff and stakeholders in developing a new three year strategic plan;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board of Directors hereby ratifies the URSU Strategic Framework 2021 - 2023 as presented.

Josée Pelletier/Kiegan Lloyd
CARRIED

- d. WHEREAS constitutional reform has been part of URSU's strategic plan since 2017, and;
WHEREAS according to legal counsel the concept of a constitution does not find a place in the statutory scheme of the Non-Profit Corporations Act, and;
WHEREAS legal counsel has recommended that the existing URSU Constitution and any existing bylaws be repealed and replaced with restated Articles of Incorporation and a Bylaw, and;
WHEREAS much of the necessary work regarding constitutional reform has now been completed, and;
WHEREAS the Board through a SWOT analysis as part of its strategic planning process has identified that the current governance structure is a weakness, and;

WHEREAS the Board presented its recommended changes to the membership at its 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM), and;
WHEREAS at the AGM a few members indicated that they would like more time for an opportunity to review the proposed revised Articles of Incorporation and ByLaw and provide input for consideration, and;
WHEREAS the membership was provided a opportunity to provide input by way of a student consultation discussion forum, and;
WHEREAS the Board resolved to review input received from the membership during the consultation period and make any necessary adjustments to the the Articles of Incorporation and ByLaw #1, and;
WHEREAS new articles of incorporation and bylaws need to be ratified by the membership at a Special General Meeting to be held on January 20, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors puts forth at the Special General Meeting of members a motion that the existing Constitution and bylaws be repealed and replaced with the restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw #1 as presented.

MD Abul Hossain/Gurkirat Singh

Considerable discussion was had regarding a newly proposed governance structure and not so much as to specifics within the draft Articles of Incorporation or Bylaw..

DEFEATED

- e. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the SGM scheduled for January 20, 2021 be cancelled.

Amir Said/Zeo Li

Carl strongly advised of the implications with not moving forward with an SGM as well as alternate options to consider.

CARRIED

- f. **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be extended until the all items on the agenda have been addressed. (unanimous vote required)

Amir Said/Imtiyaz Ahmed
CARRIED

9. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- a. None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President
b. VP Operations and Finance
c. VP Student Affairs

d. VP External Affairs
No verbal reports were provided given time constraints. See filed reports.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS

- (i) Finance and Audit Committee
Nothing to report
- (ii) Investment Committee
Nothing to report
- (iii) Governance Committee
See committee minutes
- (iv) Events Committee
See committee minutes
- (v) Social Responsibility & Sustainability Committee
Nothing to report
- (vi) Human Resources Committee
See committee minutes
- (v) Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee
Nothing to report

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

14. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a. Updated budget review
- b. OnBoard training

15. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. Winter Welcome Week - January 20 - 22
- b. Special General Meeting - January 20
- c. Mental and Sexual Health Awareness Week - January 25 - 29

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Josée Pelletier at 9:36 pm.