



URSU Board Meeting Minutes

U of R Students' Union

Mar 9, 2021 at 5:00 PM CST

Attendance

Members Present (Remote):

Imtiyaz Ahmed, Emily Camposano, Carl Flis, Harmanpreet Kaur, Gurjinder Singh Lehal, Ziyang Li, Tim Otitoju, Marmikkumar Patel, Amir Said, Gurkirat Singh, Mehar Singh, Ryan Tran

Members Absent:

Md Abul Hossain, Uniniafore Jegede, Amandeep Kaur, Komalpreet Kaur

Guests Present (Remote):

Nick Oleynick

I. CALL TO ORDER

Please indicate your attendance as "Remote"

Please respect the "camera on" policy.

Please make yourself familiar with the updated Board Meeting Policy.

QUORUM REQUIRED - 8

Meeting was called to order at 5:02

II. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Presenters: Ryan Tran)

The Students' Union of the University of Regina Inc. is situated on and operates on Treaty 4 lands with a presence in Treaty 6. These are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšīnāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation. Today, these lands continue to be the shared Territory of many diverse peoples from near and far.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Agenda for March 9, 2021.

B. Approval of the minutes of the February 24, 2021 Board Meeting.

Note. This will approve the full set of minutes which include executive session. There will no longer be a need to approve public minutes. Public minutes will be these official minutes less any content under Executive Session.

[URSU Confidential Minutes 02.24.2021.pdf](#)

C. Adoption of the Executive and Director reports filed by the appropriate deadline.

[Business 03.07.2021.pdf](#)

[General Manager 03.07.2021.pdf](#)

-  [VPSA 03.07.2021.pdf](#)
-  [International 03.07.2021.pdf](#)
-  [Campion 03.07.2021.pdf](#)
-  [VPEXT 03.07.2021.pdf](#)
-  [Graduate 03.07.2021.pdf](#)
-  [Equity and campaigns 03.07.2021.pdf](#)
-  [President 03.07.2021.pdf](#)
-  [VPOF 03.07.2021.pdf](#)
-  [Engineering 03.07.2021.pdf](#)
-  [Science 03.09.2021.pdf](#)

- D. Acknowledgement of reports submitted after the appropriate deadline
- E. Next meeting to be held on March 23, 2021

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consent Agenda is hereby approved.

Motion moved by Gurjinder Singh Lehal and motion seconded by Ziyang Li.









CARRIED

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST / CONFLICT OF COMMITMENT DECLARATION

none declared

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Q3 Financial Update (Presenters: Gurkirat Singh)

-  [All Classes Budget vs Actual Q3 2021.pdf](#)
-  [All Classes Budget vs Actual YTD Ending January 31, 2021.pdf](#)
-  [Exec-BOD Budget vs Actual Q3 2021.pdf](#)
-  [Exec-BOD P&L Year-over-year Q3 2021.pdf](#)
-  [Operations Budget vs Actual Q3 2021.pdf](#)
-  [Operations P&L Year-over-year Q3 2021.pdf](#)
-  [Owl Budget vs Actual Q3 2021.pdf](#)
-  [Owl P&L Year-over-year Q3 2021.pdf](#)

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Q3 financial report be adopted as presented.

Motion moved by Gurjinder Singh Lehal and motion seconded by Imtiyaz Ahmed.
CARRIED

VI. OLD BUSINESS

none

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Plebiscite questions for general elections

WHEREAS URSU has been active in campaigning for abolishment or changes to the use of Proctortrack and Recreation and Athletic Fees, and;

WHEREAS URSU is looking for direction from its members on whether or not its members wish URSU to continue its advocacy on these issues;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT two plebiscite questions regarding Proctortrack and RAF be added to the upcoming general election ballot as presented.

 [2021 General Election Plebiscite Questions.pdf](#)

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Motion moved by Ziyang Li and motion seconded by Gurjinder Singh Lehal.

DEFEATED

Motion:

Proctortrack

Many URSU members continue to express their frustration with the University of Regina's primary online proctoring platform, Proctortrack, for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to privacy concerns, undue stress causing poor mental health and anxiety, and technical problems such as glitches and improper flagging of users. Yet other URSU members view Proctortrack as a useful tool for use by faculty in protecting the academic integrity of student learning.

QUESTION: Should URSU continue advocating on behalf of its members for the University to stop the use of Proctorack and replace it with other forms of less invasive and problematic invigilation?

- Yes
- No
- Abstain

Recreation and Athletic Fee

The University has recently reinstated its mandatory Recreation and Athletic Fee (RAF) during a pandemic in which students face many financial challenges. The RAF is supposed to be assessed only to those students attending the Main Campus, which allows them to access facilities, activities, services, and programs at no cost or at a subsidized rate, however the University is assessing this fee to all students registered in an on campus course and not just those attending the Main Campus.

The RAF is used to provide partial funding for fitness, wellness, recreation, intramural, and sport-related programming, services, and facilities. It also funds several programs (e.g., Varsity Sport, Competitive Club Sport, Sport Clubs) that benefit only a select few. There is no transparency on behalf of the University as to how the RAF is actually spent.

Students already support recreation and athletics by way of referendum-mandated levies as part of their URSU student fee such as the Intramural Program and Varsity Club Athletics Teams levies which is in addition to the University's RAF.

QUESTION: Should URSU continue advocating on behalf of its members for the University to either abolish the mandatory RAF and replace it with either a mandatory fee that will only fund facilities and programming that is accessible to all students that attend the Main Campus or a user-based/opt-in fee structure?

- Yes
- No

Abstain

BE IT RESOLVED THAT two plebiscite questions regarding Proctortrack and RAF be added to the upcoming general election ballot as presented.

Motion moved by Gurjinder Singh Lehal and motion seconded by Ziyang Li.
CARRIED

B. URSU Board Meeting Policy (Presenters: Amir Said)

WHEREAS the Governance Committee has reviewed the URSU Board Meeting policy and has suggested several changes;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Board Meeting Policy is hereby ratified as amended and presented.

 [URSU Board Meeting Policy.pdf](#)

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Motion moved by Amir Said and motion seconded by Mehar Singh. CARRIED

C. Committee Meeting Policy (Presenters: Amir Said)

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Motion moved by Amir Said and motion seconded by Imtiyaz Ahmed. CARRIED

D. EDI Committee - Terms of Reference

WHEREAS the founding members of the EDI Committee have formulated the Committee's Terms of Reference;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Terms of Reference are hereby ratified as presented.

 [EDI Committee TOR.docx](#)

Motion:

WHEREAS the founding members of the EDI Committee have formulated the Committee's Terms of Reference;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee Terms of Reference as amended are hereby ratified as presented.

Motion moved by Gurjinder Singh Lehal and motion seconded by Mehar Singh.
CARRIED

VIII. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Sustainability Town Hall (Presenters: Gurjinder Singh Lehal)

Gurjinder urged all directors to attend

- B. RAF campaign update (Presenters: Executive Committee)

No update

- C. Stop Proctortrack campaign update (Presenters: Executive Committee)

Waiting for the Board of Governor's report.

The administration has confirmed that certain faculties are using level two of Proctortrack instead of level one. Now we have something concrete to lobby on.

Administration is not happy with the stop Proctortrack email survey.

We have to be cautious about going against the administration.

- D. Statement by URSU (Presenters: Executive Committee)

 [Statement release.pdf](#)

Shared draft. No input from board. Released on SM. Many negative comments by Carillon and its supporters. Issue of release did not follow URSU protocol or policies.

- E. Community Service Month (Presenters: Ziyang Li)

Update on initiative, budget, and review of microgrants approved to date.

About 9 applicants so far. Some grants have been approved. Most requesting the max of \$1000

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the maximum budget for community service month be increased from \$7000 to \$10,000

Motion moved by Ziyang Li and motion seconded by Gurjinder Singh Lehal.
CARRIED

F. EDI & Anti-Racism Training (Presenters: Carl Flis)

URSU staff and new directors will have to go through mandatory workplace training on this.

Current directors decided that it will be optional for them.



IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Enter into Executive Session
- B. Exit Executive Session

X. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. President
- B. VP Operations and Finance
- C. VP Student Affairs
- D. VP External Affairs

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS

- A. Finance and Audit Committee
- B. Investment Committee
- C. Governance Committee
 -  [Governance Committee Minutes 03.04.2021.pdf](#)
- D. Events Committee
- E. Social Responsibility & Sustainability Committee
 -  [SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING 4 March 2021.docx](#)
- F. Human Resources Committee
- G. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

XII. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

XIII. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Ratification of General Election Results

XIV. UPCOMING EVENTS

- A. General Election
 - 1. Campaign Period - Mar 1 - 18
 - 2. All Candidates Forum - Mar 11
 - 3. Voting Period - Mar 17-18
- B. Community Service Month - March
- C. Sustainability Town Hall - March 10

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm

Motion moved by Ziyang Li and motion seconded by Gurjinder Singh Lehal. CARRIED