University of Regina Students' Union Annual General Meeting

April 12th 2023, 2-5pm Multi Purpose Room and Zoom

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Agenda

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
- 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRPERSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ be appointed Chairperson for the 2023 URSU Annual General Meeting.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Membership approves the agenda for the 2023 Special General Meeting.

6. SPECIAL BUSINESS

10.1 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

10.1.1 Internal Forensic Investigation for URSU

WHEREAS the Students' Union at the University of Regina, referred to as URSU, has shown disregard for its membership in terms of its management practices, including significant increases in spending without strategic planning, loss of a significant amount of money without providing an explanation, and concerns from the membership regarding financial and managerial irregularities; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors has acted as a rubber stamp and taken little accountability for these issues:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT MNP be hired to conduct an "Internal Forensic Audit" to investigate URSU's internal management practices, including but not limited to hiring, HR, nepotism, funds management, budgeting, relationship and treatment of staff, and operational expenditure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT MNP be supported by a committee consisting of one representative from each student faculty association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT MNP shall be given any and all information required by URSU management to complete the investigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT MNP reports back to the membership in Fall 2023, either via email or a presentation at the Annual General Meeting, and the report will be written in a manner that all students can comprehend.

Mover: Tayef Ahmed

10.1.2 Governance

WHEREAS URSU is currently noncompliant with the Saskatchewan Nonprofit Corporation Act 2021:

WHEREAS member turnout in URSU elections is in the single digits;

WHEREAS URSU's governance structure has been questionable to the wider student body;

WHEREAS many student groups have lost confidence in URSU to operate with transparency;

WHEREAS URSU failed to provide necessary information to students with respect to transparency, keeping students in the dark about their business;

THEREFORE, I move to appoint a reputable consulting firm based in SK to conduct a third-party governance review to bring URSU into alignment with the Saskatchewan Non-Profit Act, 2021 and review internal policies and processes to ensure a member-centric URSU.

The (FIRM) shall be appointed by a committee consisting of one representative of each ratified student society.

The (FIRM) has member support to utilize university mailing lists to contact URSU members directly, pending University of Regina Administration approval.

The (FIRM) will prioritize consulting and working with current members, and can include URSU Staff, current and past URSU Executives or URSU Member Alumni as they deem necessary.

The (FIRM) will report back to URSU members at a Special General Meeting or next Annual General Meeting.

Mover: Bronwyn Heerspink

UR Pride Fees

WHEREAS UR Pride is committed to excellent service delivery to the university community and southern Saskatchewan that supports 2SLGBTQ+ individuals; and

WHEREAS UR Pride has not increased membership dues for over two years; and

WHEREAS Service Centres are restricted to incremental increases of 20% per year; and

BE IT RESOLVED that student levies due to UR Pride increase for full-time students by \$1.05 and for part-time students by an increase of \$0.55.

Mover: UR Pride and(or) Style Dayne Stenberg LGBTQ+ Director, URSU

Cross Contamination Food Policy

WHEREAS a large part of URSU's membership is vegetarian and/or vegan as well as other food diverse diets; and

WHEREAS many members have various food related allergies; and

WHEREAS it would be important to develop formal operational policies with regards to food safety and security; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU create a cross contamination food policy to ensure URSU's services have as little cross contamination (including various allergens) as possible, using such tools as guides, marketing materials, and other methods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU work with the University of Regina and University of Regina Food Services, as well as any other vendors on campus, to implement cross-contamination food guidelines in all food spaces on campus.

Mover: Olufemi Oluyemi

Student-Worker Solidarity

WHEREAS corporations and Governments are constantly undermining worker rights; and

WHEREAS membership among labour unions has been declining in the last couple of decades; and

WHEREAS today's students are tomorrow's workers and it is important to promote workers rights and union; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Worker Solidarity policy be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that URSU supports various Labour Unions on campus and promotes Union Solidarity among students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the URSU run the Student Worker Solidarity Campaign.

Mover: Olufemi Oluyemi

Student Worker Solidarity Policy

Policy owner: Director of Advocacy and Campaigns

Audience: International Students Coordinator, International Student

Members, Board of Directors, Staff, Executive

Approved:

Last Reviewed:

Review Schedule:

Introduction:

Students and Workers have a unique relationship in the labour market, as todays students becomes tomorrow's workers.

In the current labour market, worker protections are constantly being undermined by corporations and the government by undermining workers rights.

It is important that students understand and learn from unions regarding workers rights and labour movement.

It is important URSU works with labour unions to promote Student work solidarity on the University of Regina Campus.

Mandate:

The mandate of the Student Worker Solidarity policy is to promote Unionism on campus. URSU should work with various Unions and District Labour Councils to create awareness among students about various issues faced by workers.

URSU also work with Faculty Unions and other labour unions located on University of Regina Campus to support and establish Campus Labour Council.

URSU promotes worker rights among students and and show solidarity with labour movements.

Consequences for Non-Compliance:

Members that do not abide by the Student workers Solidarity Policy and/or the Policy on Campus Groups may face disciplinary action up to and including loss of funding eligibility

Campaign on Provincial Election and Education

WHEREAS Provincial Elections in Saskatchewan are due in Summer 2024; and

WHEREAS URSU has not conducted any recent campaigns in the last Federal or Provincial elections.

BE IT RESOLVED that URSU organizes Get Out the Vote Campaign for the upcoming Elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that URSU plans and organizes Election campaign for 2024 Election in Saskatchewan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that URSU put aside \$30,000 for a Provincial Election Preparedness Fund to fund this campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that URSU engage with other student organizations on the provincial election.

Mover: Olufemi Oluyemi

Lobby Week

WHEREAS URSU did not organize lobby weeks and regular Government relations in the last couple of years; and

WHEREAS URSU Advocacy Department established relationships with MLAs from all parties in Saskatchewan Government; and

WHEREAS URSU Advocacy organized lobby week this year in February after many years;

BE IT RESOLVED that URSU Advocacy Department plans and organizes Lobby Week on an annual basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that URSU conducts outreach to students to understand their issues and perform necessary research for Lobby Week.

Mover: Olufemi Oluyemi

11. Q/A

12. ADJOURNMENT