

University of Regina Students' Union
Annual General Meeting
March 2nd, 5pm - 8pm
Zoom
Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

4. APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRPERSON

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

Moved: Navjot Kaur

Seconded: Pedram Monfared

Motion: Carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Membership approves the agenda for the 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Harshkumar Patel

Seconded: Nadiya Ekhteraeetoussi

Motion: Carried

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

6.1. BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Membership approves the minutes of the October 28, 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Moved: Pedram Monfared

Seconded: Harshkumar Patel

Motion: Carried

7. URSU YEAR END REPORT and EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7.1. URSU Year End Annual Report

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1. Audited Financial Statements period ending April 30, 2022

Moved: Navjot Kaur

Seconded: Pedram Monfared

Motion: Carred

9. ORDINARY BUSINESS

9.1. Approval of Audited Financial Statements

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the audited financial statements for 2021/2022 be approved.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion:

9.2. Appointment of the Auditor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT MNP be re-appointed as URSU's Auditor for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Moved: Navjot Kaur

Seconded: Pedram Monfared

Motion: Carried

10. SPECIAL BUSINESS

10.1 CONSIDERATION OF MOTION SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

10.1.1 Resolution to amend Article XIII of the Constitution: Service Centres

Whereas Article XIII of the URSU constitution has not been updated in many years

Whereas there are many independent student service centres which operate independently but in partnership with URSU

Whereas the current language in the constitution does not reflect this, and

Whereas it is important to allow students as many avenues to create student spaces as possible

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Constitution Article XIII be amended as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any conflicting articles be repealed

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Article IX, 12) be repealed.

ARTICLE XIII

INDEPENDENT SERVICE CENTRES

1. The Students' Union recognizes that there are a number of independent, autonomous service centres, organizations that operate in conjunction; and in partnership with the Students' Union.
 - 1.1 Each service centre provides a unique experience for student involvement on campus, and students have a unique relationship with each service centre.
 - 1.2 The Students' Union shall provide levied funds as determined per Article XIII, 2.0, and office space to each student centre.
 - 1.3 The current recognized student service centres are:
 - 1.3.1 University of Regina Women's Centre Inc.
 - 1.3.2 UR Pride Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity
 - 1.3.3 Regina Public Interest Research Group

- 1.3.4 The Carillon Student Newspaper
- 1.3.5 Key Regina Youth Incubator Services Inc
- 1.3.6 WUSC - Student Refugee Fund
- 1.3.7 Regina Student Radio Inc.
- 1.3.8 University of Regina Engineers Without Borders
- 1.3.9 Fifth Parallel Art Gallery
- 1.3.10 Regina Student Legal Advocacy Centre
- 1.3.11 Insert additional student groups here

2 Service Centres may be created:

- 2.1 By the Board and/or Executive of the Students' Union such that the Centre is funded using existing fee levies
- 2.2 By a General Meeting of members or a referendum of students, such that the centre is funded by existing fee levies or new levies as approved by members
- 2.3 Any additional Service Centre that is created by members through Article III, 2) will be added to this list upon request per Article XIV c) and will be considered a non material change.
- 2.4 Introduction or removal of Fee levies for Student Centres may be changed through a referendum. Such referenda must be called by the Student Centres through processes laid out in their governing documents and will be facilitated by the Students' Union in the following General Election after the request has been made.
 - 2.4.1 Members who vote on removal of fees must be members of the organization to be altered and changed.
- 2.5 Existing levies may be increased by no more than 20% through a motion at an Annual General Meeting. Structural changes (e.g.: modifying a levy from opt-in to opt-out or vice versa), or changes of greater than 20% must be performed through a referendum.

Moved: Siddhi Shah

Seconded: Nimra Burki

Motion: Failed

10.1.2 Condemnation of Hate Speech

Whereas URSU affirms its commitment to promoting diversity, tolerance, and inclusiveness and to creating a safe and inclusive campus environment for all students.

Whereas URSU vehemently condemns hate speech and all forms of bigotry, including sexism, racism, Anti Muslim racism, and Xenophobia and,

Whereas these and all forms of hate have no place in our community and are harmful to the individuals and groups targeted.

Whereas it is important to take proactive steps to raise awareness about the harmful effects of hate speech and bigotry and to educate the student body about the importance of promoting diversity, tolerance, and inclusiveness.

Whereas it is important for all members to challenge hate speech and bigotry whenever they encounter it, and to report incidents of hate speech to the appropriate authorities therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT URSU call upon the university administration to take a strong stance against hate speech and bigotry and to provide support and resources to students who are targeted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU work with community organizations and other stakeholders to promote diversity, tolerance, and inclusiveness on campus and to combat hate speech and bigotry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU create and distribute materials on anti hate speech to all members of the student union and to the university administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT URSU create a task force on combatting bigotry on campus to create a report on hate speech and the needs of students on combatting hate speech

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be reviewed annually to ensure that the student union remains committed to promoting diversity, tolerance, and inclusiveness and to combating hate speech and bigotry.

Moved: Aoun Muhammad

Seconded: Navjot Kaur

Motion: Carried

10.1.3 Resolution on withheld dues of the Canadian Federation of Students

Whereas since 2015, URSU has withheld membership dues owed to the Canadian Federation of Students, and the Canadian Federation of Students Saskatchewan, which amounts to approximately 1 million dollars between 2015-2020, and

Whereas in 2020, URSU collected a petition on leaving the Canadian Federation of Students, which included a large graphic offering students entry into a draw to win "5000\$", in violation of URSU's known contractual obligations, and

Whereas in 2020, URSU held a referendum to validate this effort to withhold these membership dues, and any future membership dues that would be collected for the Canadian Federation of Students, and

Whereas based on the precedents set in CBUSU v. CFS[1], UTGSU v. CFS[2], and most recently CUSA v. CFS[3] the referendum held by URSU is legally indefensible and invalid in terms of the dues from 2015-2020, and

Whereas legally, the fees held in trust are owed to the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students, Saskatchewan, and

Whereas legally, URSU is contractually obligated to return these funds to the Canadian Federation of Students, whether the collective membership of URSU wish to leave or stay in the Federation, and

Whereas until URSU holds a referendum that is compliant with all contracts and bylaws to which URSU is contractually obligated to, URSU's membership status in the CFS will not change,, and Whereas in order to defederate from the Canadian Federation of Students, all fees must be submitted to the Canadian Federation of Students regardless, and Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students has confirmed that all fees withheld, if returned, will be used for work in Saskatchewan; therefore:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT all fees withheld by the University of Regina Students' Union be returned to the Provincial component of the Canadian Federation of Students

[1]

<https://www.canlii.org/en/on/onsc/doc/2015/2015onsc4093/2015onsc4093.html?searchUrlHash=AAAQAQJY2J1c3UgY2ZzAAAAAAE&resultIndex=1>

[2]

<https://www.canlii.org/en/on/onsc/doc/2016/2016onsc4503/2016onsc4503.html?searchUrlHash=AAAQAQJdXRnc3UgY2ZzAAAAAAE&resultIndex=1>

[3]<https://www.canlii.org/en/on/onsc/doc/2022/2022onsc5859/2022onsc5859.html?searchUrlHash=AAAQAIY3VzYSBjZnMAAAAAAQ&resultIndex=1>

MOVER: Navjot Kaur

Secunder: Pedram Monfared

Motion: Carried

Meeting Time Exhausted: Meeting Adjourned.