



MINUTES
URSU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DATE: August 20, 2024 at 04:05 PM
OPTIONAL Via Videoconference, Regina, Saskatchewan

Board Members:

Mahad Ahmad - President (in person); Zuhruf Zarooq - VP Student Affairs (in person); Honey Patel - VP External Affairs (in person); Andrea Vera (in person); Veer Kapoor (in person); Rishi Thakkar (in person); Nisar Ali (in person); Hussain Baldiwala (in person); Rokhsareh Kakvand (in person); Nabeera Siddiqi (in person); Alexander Kuntz (in person); Abhayagiri Goswami (online); Ansar Ahmad (online);

Other Attendees¹:

Shiva Askari (Accountant); Aoun E Muhammad (General Manager); Rinkesh Patel (Executive Assistant); Tayef Ahmed (Chairperson); Muhammad Bilal (MNP Audit); Christie Dipaola (MNP Audit); Jacqueline Tri (Ceramic Student Society);

Regrets²:

Kanusika Kalaichelvan; Jwalant Patel - VP Operations and Finance;

Absent³:

Aum Patel; Simran Kaur; Harjot Singh; Harmeet kaur Brar; Jasmeen Dhillon; Lenitta Antony;

CALL TO ORDER

1. QUORUM

A quorum was established. The Board meeting was called to order by Tayef Ahmed at 04:20 PM.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

No conflict of interest was declared.

3. CONFORMATION OF AGENDA

Amendment: Adding a discussion item UR Pride Contract and Removing Presentation and Decision item of Ceramic Student Society.

¹ Members attended the Board Meeting but did not have voting power.

² Submitted Regrets to the Chairperson in advance with reasonable cause.

³ Members did not send regrets by appropriate deadlines and noted as absent pursuant to Board of Directors Policy



Motion to approve the Board Meeting agenda for August 20, 2024, as Amended.

Moved by: Mahad Ahmad
Seconded by: Jwalant Patel
Carried Unanimously

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from July 16, 2024, as presented.

Moved by: Mahad Ahmed
Seconded by: Nisar Ali
Carried Unanimously

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. **Ceramic Student Society PEC Funding** – Jacqueline Tri, representing the Ceramic Student Society (CSS), requested \$3,000 in funding from the Students' Union for the 1000 Miles Ceramic Conference, taking place October 3rd to 5th. The conference, hosted by the University of Regina, aims to enhance student skills, promote cultural exchange, and foster community ties through artistic activities. Expected attendance is 80-100 people, including U of R students and attendees from other universities.

- b. **Draft Audited Financial Statement As at April 30, 2024** – The annual audit for URSU highlighted steady revenue growth, particularly from bus pass sales and health and dental fees. Despite some increased operational costs, the Union has effectively managed its resources, with emergency bursary reserves doubling and a strong overall financial position.

MATTER OF DECISION

6. Draft Audited Financial Statement As at April 30, 2024

After the presentation and discussion, the board members requested additional time to review the budget and agreed to make a final decision in the next board meeting.

Motion to defer the Draft Audited Financial Statement As at April 30, 2024 to Next Board Meeting



7. Appointment of Tayef Ahmed as Chairperson.

Tayef Ahmed will continue as chairperson until the end of the year, either in person or online. If he is unable to continue in this role, he will provide the board with a three-week advance notice.

Motion to approve Tayef Ahmed to remain chairperson till April 31, 2025.

Mover: Nabeera Siddiqi

Seconded by: Andrea Vera

Carried Unanimously

8. Removal of Directors.

Harmeet was disqualified due to repeated absences and lack of participation despite warnings. The Board also emphasized that leaving meetings early or turning off cameras will count as an absence, per policy. All members are required to keep their cameras on during the entire meeting.

Motion to remove Harjot Singh, Harmeet Brar Kaur, Jasmeen Dhillon from the Board of Directors.

Mover: Nabeera Siddiqi

Seconded by: Alexander Kuntz

Carried with 1 Abstention

9. Appointment of Committee Members

The committees are established to oversee executive functions and ensure effective management of each portfolio. The members for each committee are as follows:

Investment Committee: Jwalant Patel, Abhayiri Goswami, Rishi Thakkar, Veer Kapoor, Hussain Baldiwala

Governance Committee: Mahad Ahmad, Honey Patel, Rishi Thakkar, Nisar Ali, Nabeera Siddiqi

Events Committee: Honey Patel, Simran Kaur, Kanushika Kalaichelvan, Mahad Ahmad, Nabeera Siddiqi

Social Responsibility and Sustainability Committee: Zuhuf Zarooq, Aum Patel, Hussain Baldiwala, Simran Kaur, Rishi Thakkar.

Human Resources Committee: Jwalant Patel, Nisar Ali, Kanushika Kalaichelvan, Mahad Ahmad, Rokhsareh Kakvand



Motion to approve the committee members as presented.

Mover: Veer Kapoor

Seconded by: Hussain Baldiwala

Carried with 1 Abstention

10. UR Ceramic Student Society PEC funding.

The Ceramic Students Society funding request was amended from \$3,000 to \$2,500 after deliberation. The motion to approve \$2,500 passed with a majority vote, and the funds will support the society's initiatives for their upcoming event.

Motion to approve PEC funding for the University of Regina Ceramic Student Society.

Mover: Mahad Ahmad

Seconded by: Veer Kapoor

Carried Unanimously

Action Item: The Board Chair will send an email to the Accountant to process the cheque for \$2,500 and will also inform the Ceramic Students Association (URCSS) that the funds have been approved.

11. Board Meeting Schedule.

The URSU Board discussed shifting from monthly to bi-monthly meetings to improve decision-making, as monthly meetings have delayed addressing some issues. However, concerns were raised about the feasibility of twice-monthly meetings, especially if recurring items like PEC funding requests decrease.

Motion to defer the Board Meeting Schedule to Next Board Meeting.

MATTER OF DISCUSSION

12. Welcome Week

URSUs Welcome Week in September features three days of tabling and a \$30,000 budget, with \$27,000 in sponsorship from various companies. Partnering with Galivan and the City of Regina, the event spans two weeks, including activities like car shows, BBQs, a club fair, and student engagement events like karaoke, trivia, and casino night.



13. UR Pride Contract

The Board discussed the urgency of providing funds to UR Pride to help them regain good standing. It was recommended that a lawyer review the agreement, although this may be delayed by two weeks. A one-page contract, signed by the General Manager, will be drafted with a 1-2 month completion timeframe, ensuring the audit is initiated promptly to prevent any concerns of mismanagement.

MATTER OF INFORMATION

14. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

The executive did not submit their reports with the notice and noted that they will submit the reports via email to the Board at a future date.

OTHER BUSINESSES

No other business was discussed.

15. IN CAMERA SESSION

No in-camera session was held.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.


Rinkesh Patel (Oct 1, 2024 13:50 MDT)

Respectfully Submitted by,
Rinkesh Patel,
Executive Assistant



Reviewed and Approved by,
Tayef Ahmed,
Board Chair