

MINUTES
URSU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DATE: September 13, 2024 at 04:05 PM
OPTIONAL Via Videoconference, Regina, Saskatchewan



Board Members:

Mahad Ahmad - President (in person); Zuhruf Zarooq - VP Student Affairs(online); Jwalant Patel - VP Operations and Finance (in person); Honey Patel - VP External Affairs(online); Andrea Vera (in person); Veer Kapoor (in person); Rishi Thakkar (in person); Aum Patel (in person); Nisar Ali (in person); Hussain Baldiwala(online); Rokhsareh Kakvand(online); Simran Kaur (in person); Nabeera Siddiqi (in person); Abhayagiri Goswami (in person); Kanusika Kalaichelvan (in person); Ansar Ahmad (in person); Alexander Kuntz¹ (online);

Other Attendees²:

Tayef Ahmed (Chairperson); Aoun E Muhammad (General Manager); Rinkesh Patel (Executive Assistant); Hamzah Sheikh (Student); Razan Raza (student);

Regrets³:

None

Absent⁴:

Lenitta Antony

CALL TO ORDER

1. QUORUM

A quorum was established. The Board meeting was called to order by Tayef Ahmed at 04:21 PM.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

No conflict of interest was declared.

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Board Meeting agenda for September 13, 2024, as presented.

Moved by: Kanushika Kalaichelvan

¹ Joined Late.

² Members attended the Board Meeting but did not have voting power.

³ Submitted Regrets to the Chairperson in advance with reasonable cause.

⁴ Members did not send regrets by appropriate deadlines and noted as absent pursuant to Board of Directors Policy

Seconded by: Veer Kapoor
Carried Unanimously



4. PRESENTATIONS

Nothing was Presented

MATTER OF DECISION

6. Referendum Question: Women's Centre Levy Fee

The Executive Committee put forward a motion to consider having a referendum question in the upcoming by-election ballot— giving students an opportunity to make a decision about Women's Centre Levy Fee.

***Motion** to approve the following referendum question to ask the URSU members in the upcoming bi-election:*

“Do you support eliminating the levy fee collected for the University of Regina Women's Centre Inc, effective Winter 2025 semester?”

Moved by: Kanushika Kalaichelvan

Seconded by: Jwalant Patel

Carried with 2 opposition

7. Referendum Question: UR Pride Centre

UR Pride has not been in compliance with the “Service and Support Agreement” as agreed upon over the past few years and has been out of nonprofit status. The Executive noted that URSU has made adequate efforts to assist the centre in meeting the compliance requirements, no major progress has been made. The Executive Committee put forward a motion to consider having a referendum question in the upcoming by-election ballot— giving students an opportunity to make a decision about UR Pride Centre Levy Fee.

***Motion** to approve the following referendum question to ask the URSU members in the upcoming bi-election:*

“Do you support eliminating the levy fee collected for the UR Pride Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity Inc, effective Winter 2025 semester?”

Moved by: Rishi Thakkar

Seconded by: Kanushika Kalaichelvan



Carried with 3 oppositions.

8. Referendum Question: Engineering without Borders Levy Fee

The Executive Committee noted that there has been no update from Engineers Without Borders in the last two years. Despite attempts to contact them, the situation remains the same, with no progress in getting back into compliance.

***Motion** to approve the following referendum question to ask the URSU members in the upcoming bi-election:*

Do you support eliminating the levy fee collected for the Engineering without Borders- Regina Chapter, effective Winter 2025 semester?

Moved by: Rishi Thakkar

Seconded by: Veer Kapoor

Carried with 2 abstentions.

9. Referendum Question: Virtual Doctor Levy Fee

The Executive Committee has put forward a proposal to introduce a new levy fee to introduce “Virtual Doctor” services with the Gallivan. The committee noted that a virtual doctor is accessible for all the students including one who has no family doctor and deliver the prescription to the nearest pharmacy.

***Motion** to approve the following referendum question to ask the URSU members in the upcoming bi-election*

“Do you support establishing a new levy fee for \$39 plus taxes per academic year for Virtual Doctor program in addition to extended health and dental program?”

Moved by: Nisar Ali

Seconded by: Ansar Ahmed

Motion Defeated.

10. Referendum Question: My Canada Plan Levy Fee

The Executive has proposed this new service to provide coverage for the blackout period for international students.

Motion to put the following referendum question to students in the upcoming



bi-election: *Do you support establishing a new levy fee according to schedule below per academic year for MyCanadaPlan in addition to extended health and dental programs for international students?*

Moved by: Kanushika Kalaichelvan

Seconded by: Mahad Ahmad

Motion Defeated

11. **Referendum Question: Do you support the creation of the Centre for All, a new student center managed by URSU, with a levy fee of \$8 per student per semester (including Spring/Summer), indexed to the Consumer Price Index(CPI)?**

The Executive proposed to open a new student centre named “Centre for All”. URSU will be responsible for managing the center, with involvement from faculty for setup and training. The center will offer workshops, and training to administrative staff will depend on the progress of the initiative in the areas of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Motion to put the following referendum question to students in the upcoming bi-election: *Do you support the creation of the Centre for All, a new student center managed by URSU, with a levy fee of \$8 per student per semester (including Spring/Summer), indexed to the Consumer Price Index(CPI)?*

Moved by: Mahad Ahmad

Seconded by: Jwalant Patel

Motion Defeated.

12. **Referendum Question: Do you support increasing the Emergency Bursary Reserve levy fee from \$0.25 to \$3.00 per Fall and Winter semester?**

Discussion to increase the bursary amount. All additional funds will be allocated to a restricted reserve funds and provided to students in extreme need.

Motion to put the following referendum question to students in the upcoming bi-election: *Do you support increasing the Emergency Bursary Reserve levy fee from \$0.25 to \$3.00 per Fall and Winter semester?*

Moved by: Mahad Ahmad

Seconded by: Ansar Ahmad

Carried Unanimously



13. Appoint David Ennis as Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for bi-election Fall 2024

Motion to: Appoint David Ennis as Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for bi-election Fall 2024

Moved by: Kanushika Kalaichelvan

Seconded by: Jwalant Patel

Carried Unanimously

ACTION: The General Manager will send an email to David Ennis, confirming appointment as CRO for the upcoming bi-election for Fall - 2024

14. Appoint Harmandeep Kaur Gill as Presiding Elections Officer (PEO) for bi-election Fall 2024

Motion to: Appoint Harmandeep Kaur Gill as Presiding Elections Officer (PEO) for bi-election Fall 2024

Moved by: Nisar Ali

Seconded by: Ansar Ahmad

Carried Unanimously

ACTION: The General Manager will send an email to Harmandeep Kaur Gill, confirming appointment as PEO for the upcoming bi-election.

15. Appoint Shahzaib Ahmed Cheema as Senior Elections Officer (SEO) for bi-election Fall 2024

Motion to: Appoint Shahzaib Ahmed Cheema as Senior Elections Officer (SEO) for bi-election Fall 2024

Moved by: Nisar Ahmad

Seconded by: Ansar Ahmad

Carried Unanimously

ACTION: The General Manager will send email to Shahzaib Ahmed Cheema, confirming appointment as SEO for the upcoming bi-election

MATTER OF DISCUSSION



None

MATTER OF INFORMATION

None

OTHER BUSINESSES

No other business was conducted.

18. IN-CAMERA SESSION

The Board of Directors entered an "In-Camera" session at 05:57 p.m.

The Board of Directors exited an "In-Camera" session at 06:21 p.m.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was Adjourned at 06:22 PM

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Respectfully Submitted by,
Rinkesh Patel,
Executive Assistant

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Reviewed and Approved by,
Tayef Ahmed,
Board Chair