



University of Regina Students' Union

Annual General Meeting 2023 - 24

Date: February 1st, 2024, 12:00PM

Venue: Riddell Centre - Multi Purpose Room

Meeting Minutes

*This agenda is duly prepared by AGM Task Force:
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AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 3. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PAC
MEMBERS**
- 4. RATIFIED CLUB MEMBERS**
- 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRPERSON**
- 7. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- 8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
- 9. URSU EXECUTIVE REPORTS**
- 10. PRESENTATIONS**
- 11. ORDINARY BUSINESS**
- 12. SPECIAL BUSINESS**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER: 12: 29 PM CST

Presenter: URSU Chairperson

Please indicate your attendance as “Remote” Please respect the “camera” policy.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 nēhiyawak, Anihšināpēk, 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.

3. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND PAC MEMBERS

Executive Members

Tejas Patel	President
Zuhruf Zarooq	Vice-President Student Affairs
Oghenerukevwe Erifeta	Vice-President External Affairs

Board Members

Jwalant Patel	Science Director
Style Stenberg	LGBTQ+ Students Director
Alexander Kuntz	Campion Director
Sunpreet Singh Sidhu	Centre of Continuing Education Director
Hitesh Chaudhry	Student with Disability Director
Kanusika Kalaichelvan	International Students Director
Honey Jignesh Patel	Engineering Director
Rashad Haque	Social Work Director
Shivam Patel	Graduate Director
Taryn Acoose	Indigenous Students Director
Chioma Emefiana	La Cite Director
Nakul Purohit	Kinesiology and Health Studies Director
Nabeera Siddiqi	Luther Director

Amin Malakootikhah	Media, Arts and Performance Director
Daphne Nnebeife	Arts Director
Lenitta Antony	Nursing Director
Abhay Goswami	Part-Time Students Director
Harmandeep Hundal	Women's Students Director
Sundram Maini	Business Director
Manindermeet Singh	Equity and Campaigns Director

President's Advisory Committee Members

<i>Name of Student Society</i>
UR POLIS (Political Science and International Studies Students Association)
Social Work Students Society
Science Students Society
Regina Engineering Student Society
Psychology Students Association
Physics Student Society
Nursing Students' Society
Media, Art, and Performance Students Society
Luther University Student Association
Kinesiology and Health Studies Students Society
Hill Business Students Society
Film Student Association
English Students Association
Computer Science Students' Society
Campion College Student's Union Faculty Society

4. RATIFIED CLUB MEMBERS

All the names of the ratified club members will be updated.

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5. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM : 12 :30

6. APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRPERSON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU membership approves the chairperson for the 2023-2024 Annual General Meeting.

Mover: Alex Kuntz

Secunder: Oghenerukevwe Erifeta

Motion: Carried

7. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Membership approves the agenda for the 2023-2024 Annual General Meeting.

Mover: Zuhruf Zarooq

Secunder: Indika Oberding

Motion: Carried

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

8.1 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Membership approves the minutes of the 02 March 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Mover: Daphne

Secunder: Alex Kuntz

Motion: Carried

8.2 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the URSU Membership approves the minutes of the 12 April 2023 Special General Meeting.

Mover: Kanushika

Secunder: Alex

Motion: Carried

9. URSU EXECUTIVE REPORTS

9.1 Tejas Patel – President

9.2 Oghenerukevwe Erifeta – VP External Affairs

9.3 Zuhruf Zarooq – VP Student Affairs

10. PRESENTATIONS

- 10.1 Strategic Plan 2024 – 27
- 10.2 Audited Financial Statements period ending April 30, 2023

11. ORDINARY BUSINESS

11.1 Approval of Audited Financial Statements

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the audited financial statements for 2022/2023 be approved.

Mover: Jwalant Patel - Science Director URSU (*Currently fulfilling the duties of VP Operations and Finance*)

Secunder: Daphene

Motion to call to question

Mover: Style

Secunder: Tejas

Motion: Carried

Abstain: Shan Vanderlan

Main Motion: Carried

11.2 Appointment of the Auditor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT MNP be re-appointed as URSU's Auditor for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

Mover: Tejas Patel

Secunder: Zuhuf Zarooq

Amendment: STRIKE THE WORD MNP TO BE REAPPOINTED AND THE BOARD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEKING A NEW AUDITING FIRM FOR 2023-24 FISCAL YEAR

Mover: Style

Secunder: Tejas

Amendment: Carried

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Main Motion: Carried

12. SPECIAL BUSINESS

12.1 Motion 1: SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE

Whereas an ongoing humanitarian crisis is unfolding the conflict in Gaza, and
Whereas since October 7, over 1.6 million Palestinians have been displaced, over
23,968 have been killed, mostly women and children due to the ongoing bombings and
attacks; and

Whereas the siege and blockade on Gaza have left Palestinian people displaced without
access to water, food, medical aid, or communication; and

Whereas one of the Student Union's core pillars is to develop the social, economic and
cultural interests of its members; and

Whereas many Colleges and Universities continue to maintain investments with
weapons manufacturers such as Lockheed Martin, Northrup Grumman, Hewlett Packard
and Elbit Systems Ltd that sell and supply weaponry and other technologies to various
armies which have resulted in 23968 deaths in Gaza; and

Whereas students of the UofR have repeatedly rallied in large numbers to raise
awareness for the genocide taking place in Gaza, therefore:

Be it resolved that URSU affirm its support for the Palestinian people and their ongoing
fight against settler-colonialism, apartheid, occupation, genocide, and all inhumane
practices as seen in Gaza; and

Be it further resolved that URSU join the call for an immediate and permanent
ceasefire; and

Be it further resolved that by Feb 5, 2023, a draft template letter be created for and
distributed to members that call on the college and university administrators to
immediately cut any investments and ties with weapons manufacturers and other
corporations that fund the genocide on Gaza; and

Be it further resolved that a donation of \$500 be made to the University of Regina
Students for Justice in Palestine in support of their organizing efforts that include their
ongoing fight and keeping the community safe; and

Be it further resolved that URSU offer its support and services to any future activism
planned on and off campus in support of and in solidarity with the people of Palestine.

Mover: Oghenerukevwe Erifeta
Secunder: Nabeera Siddiqi
Motion: Carried (Unanimously)

12.2 Motion 2: Enhancing Student Employment Opportunities by Teaching Digital Skills and Providing Access to Freelancing Opportunities

Whereas the job market in Canada is currently facing challenges with low employment opportunities,

Whereas the job retention rates for students are on a downward trend, exacerbating the difficulties faced by student job seekers,

Whereas the evolving nature of employment requires students to acquire diverse and contemporary skills,

Whereas a strategic and comprehensive approach is necessary to bridge the gap between student skills and industry demands,

Be it resolved that the University of Regina Students' Union (URSU) takes proactive measures to address these challenges by implementing a comprehensive program aimed at enhancing student employment opportunities.

Mover: Kanushika
Secunder: Tejas Patel - President

Amendment: Be it further resolved URSU take additional measures to enhance understanding of employment law for students.

Mover: Shan Vanderln
Secunder: Rukky
Amendment : Carried

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Motion: Carried

12.3 Motion 3: Student Support Fund Bylaw

Whereas the Board has approved changes to the Student Support Funds Bylaw, and per the URSU Constitution Article VII, 4) changes must be approved at the Annual General Meeting, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amended Student Support Funds Bylaw be approved.

Mover: Zuhruf Zarooq
Secunder: Tejas Patel
Motion: Carried

12.4: Motion 4: My Wellness Advanced Service

Whereas the executive committee met previously with Gallivan, the health and dental insurance broker for the health and dental plan provided to students at the University of Regina, First Nations University, and all federated colleges, in negotiations for a more effective mental health service for our student membership.

Whereas, Gallivan has provided information on My Wellness Advanced to URSU, as an enhanced version of our present MyWellness service, where all 16,000+ students will have access to mental health support whether they opt out of the health/dental plan or not.

Whereas, unlike our present version where a free questionnaire and service reimbursement offers are provided, the advanced version provides an additional access to three free hours of therapy, from a wide range of mental health professionals, of different cultural, racial, and religious backgrounds, to all 16,000+ students for a fee of 8.50 + tax/ year, with potential increases depending on usage,

Whereas fees may increase up to a maximum of 20% at an Annual General Meeting,

Whereas URSU's primary goal is the provision of services as urgent as mental health resources like My Wellness Advanced for its students, due to the rising suicidal rates within the postsecondary student community, and the inadequate provision of mental health support provided in our university to abate these rising rates.

Whereas, Gallivan will partner with URSU to provide My Wellness Advances services to its student membership at a rate of \$8.50+tax/year. Be it resolved that URSU goes forward with taking up My Wellness Advanced as a new mental health support service provision for its student membership in the year 2024/2025, at a cost of \$8.50 + tax/ year.

Be It Further Resolved that URSU be authorized to increase the fee related to My Wellness Advanced specifically should there be an increase in cost on a year-to-year basis such that the increase is less than 20% of the fee,

Be It Further Resolved that should this increase be more than 20% of the fee, it be brought back to students for a vote at a General Meeting.

Mover: Oghenerukevwe Erifeta
Secunder: Tejas Patel
Motion: <Motion called out of Order(by chair)>

Motion to challenge the chair: Challenge to the decision of the chair to call motion 12.4 out of order.

Mover: Rukky
Secunder: Tash Bigeau
Motion: Defeated
Abstain : Zuhuf Zarooq

12.5 Motion 5: Advocacy for AI policy

Whereas there is a noticeable increase in instances of academic misconduct attributed to the utilization of Artificial Intelligence tools, such as CHAT GPT, etc.,

Whereas there is a current absence of well-defined policies specifically addressing the use of AI tools within the academic framework of the University of Regina,

Whereas the potential misuse of AI tools poses a threat to the academic integrity and ethical standards of the University,

Whereas proactive measures are essential to ensure the responsible and ethical use of AI tools by students,

Be it resolved that the University of Regina Students' Union takes a proactive stance on behalf of the entire student body, strongly recommending the University of Regina to institute and formulate a comprehensive Artificial Intelligence Policy.

Mover: Tejas Patel - President
Secunder: Indika Oberding

BE it resolved that the University of Regina Students' Union works and advocate with each of the faculty and departments to formulate their own AI policy.

Mover: Tejas Patel - President
Secunder: Indika Oberding
Amendment: Carried

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Motion: Carried

12.6 Motion 6: MOTION - UR PRIDE

Whereas UR Pride is committed to advancing their service delivery to the University of Regina community and southern Saskatchewan;

Whereas UR Pride continues to lead the Nation in 2SLGBTQ+ advocacy;

Whereas UR Pride continues to work on advanced case work on behalf of 2SLGBTQ+ students, faculty, and staff at the University of Regina;

Be it resolved that the student levy for UR Pride be increased for full-time students by \$1.05 and for part-time students by \$0.55 commencing September 2024 and effective for the 2024/25 academic year.

Mover:. Morgan

Secunder: Tash Bigeau

Motion to Re-consider- Motion 4: My Wellness Advanced Service- Challenge to the chair

Moved: Rukky

Secunder: Tash Bigeau

Motion: Defeated

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Main Motion (12.6): Defeated

12.7 Emergency MOTION

WHEREAS The appeal process is called into action according to FNU SA, URSU was supposed to create an appeal committee, a non-bias with staff and various members, according the constitution.

BIR To establish a student committee to investigate financial management and 100% of URSU all student fees 2019-2024.

Mover: Dilynn Kehler

Secunder: Tash Biegeu

Challenge the Chair - Out of Order - No Notice

Moved: Dillon

Secunder: Tash Biegeu

Motion: CARRIED

Move to table the motion 12.7 Emergency Meeting

Mover: Ethan Wiechert

Secunder: <none>

Motion: Defeated

Motion to Call the Question

Mover: Tejas
Seconder: Alex
Motion: Carried

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Main Motion(12.7): Carried
Abstention: Style

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn AGM 2023 -24
Mover: Zuhruf
Seconder: Tejas
Motion: Carried

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