



MINUTES

URSU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: January 28, 2025 at 4:05 p.m.

OPTIONAL Via Videoconference, Regina, Saskatchewan

Board Members:

Mahad Ahmad, President (online); Jwalant Patel, VP Operations and Finance (in-person); Zuhurf Zarooq, VP Student Affairs (in-person); Honey Patel, Vice President External Affairs (in-person); Nisar Ali (online); Hussain Baldiwala (in-person); Simran Kaur (online); Kanusika Kalaichelvan (online); Rishi Thakkar (online); Abhayagiri Gaswami (online); Andrea Vera (in-person); Daphne Nnebeife (in-person); Ansar Ahmad (online)

Other Attendees¹

Tayef Ahmed, Chairperson; Aoun E Mohammad, General Manager; Rinkesh Patel, Executive Assistant; Mayad Ahmed, URBSA; Nadia Islam, URBSA; Noor Fatiha, URBSA; Hasan Anik, URBSA; Tushif Suhban, URBSA; Joshua Oriade, URMUN.

Regrets²

Absent³

Aum Patel, Azan Ahmad, Veer Kapoor, Mohammad Jibrael, Azan Ahmad, Rokhsareh Kakvand

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established. The Board meeting was called to order by Tayef Ahmed at 4:12 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

¹ Members attended the Board Meeting but did not have any 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 the Board of Directors Policy



A conflict of interest was declared by Daphne Nnebeife on the following item:

3.c PEC Funding Application — University of Regina Model United Nation

3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

PEC Funding Presentation— URMSA was removed from the agenda since their representatives were present in the meeting.

*Motion to approve the Board meeting agenda for **January 28, 2025**, as amended.*

Moved by: Mahad Ahmad
Seconded by: Kanusika Kalaichelvan
Carried Unanimously

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board of Directors Minutes from January 14, 2025 has been postponed to a future meeting.

Matters for Decision

5. PEC FUNDING APPLICATION — BANGLADESHI STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The University of Regina Bangladeshi Students' Association (URBSA) applied for PEC funding for its Bangladeshi Night, scheduled for February 22, 2025, at the Riddell Centre Multi-Purpose Room. The association expects over 350 attendees, including approximately 200 students and 150 family members from the Bangladeshi community, though the event is open to everyone. URBSA plans to showcase its culture to the U of R community through this event.

The association requested \$5,000 in funding from URSU. After a robust discussion, the Board of Directors approved \$3,500. The Board noted that a portion of the funding will be returned to URSU since the event will be held in the MPR. The Board



thanks the URBSA team for hosting the event on campus.

*Motion to approve \$3500 PEC funding to the Bangladeshi Students' Association for their **Annual Bangladeshi Night**.*

Moved by: Mahad Ahmad
Seconded by: Zuhruf Zarooq
Carried with an abstention.

6. PEC FUDNING APPLICATION— URMUN

The funding application was not decided during the meeting due to technical issues during the presentation. The Board Chair deferred this item to the next scheduled Board meeting and requested the representative from URMUN to attend the meeting on February 11, 2025.

7. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The University of Regina Students' Union (URSU) Board of Directors is updating its Constitution to align with the recently modernized legislative framework governing nonprofit organizations in Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Nonprofit Corporations Act, 1995, has been replaced with the Nonprofit Corporations Act, 2022—referred as the Act—which reflects current governance practices. In response to these changes, the Board recognizes the importance of ensuring its governing documents remain aligned with the legislation; therefore, proposing some non-material amendments. The proposed amendments also include removing Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 in Article X, provisions around requisition of meetings. Guidelines around requisition of meetings are set out in the Act, so it is redundant to keep similar clauses in the Constitution. Alongside the non-material updates, the Board is introducing a provision for "membership proposals," allowing members to submit proposals for consideration ahead of meetings. The process to submit proposals is laid out in the Act; this new provision further provides assurance that membership may propose any matter to discuss before the membership in general meetings of members.

Motion to approve the amendments to the Constitution, as presented.

Moved by: Zuhruf Zarooq
Seconded by: Mahad Ahmad
Carried unanimously



8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

The Executive Reports were submitted with due notice. The Board of Directors accepted the reports as read.

9. IN CAMERA SESSION

No in-camera session was held.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tayef Ahmed', is positioned to the right of the main text.

Tayef Ahmed, The Board Chair
Respectfully Submitted