



## MINUTES

### URSU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: March 25, 2025 at 4:05 p.m.

OPTIONAL Via Videoconference, Regina, Saskatchewan

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#### Board Members:

Mahad Ahmad, President (in-person); Zuhruf Zarooq, VP Student Affairs (in-person); Nisar Ali (in-person); Hussain Baldiwala (online); Simran Kaur (online); Kanusika Kalaichelvan (in-person); Mohammad Jibrael (in-person); Rishi Thakkar (online); Daphne Nnebeife (in-person); Azan Ahmad (in-person); Rokhsareh Kakvand (online); Ansar Ahmad (online)

#### Other Attendees<sup>1</sup>

Tayef Ahmed, Chairperson; Aoun E Mohammad, General Manager; Rinkesh Patel, Executive Assistant; Manoj Goyal, Chief Returning Officer, Zinia Jaswal (Carillion News Editor), Emily Lighthouse, Adria Bateman, Amy Alexander (President KHSS), Shazib Ali, Jessica Singh, Nicole Garn, Joshua Oriade, Mindy Ellis, Lily Evanochko, Kai Poulin, Michelle Hood, Amber Fink, Nicolas Flamon, Rebecca B, Francis Camba, Yannah Rabot, Hannah Kalssen, Zara Batool, Azan Ahmad, Nlaryam Tahil, Mohamed Ahmed, Basher Mcolla, Rafiq Chowdary, Grant Zhao, Shaemus Monaghan, Richard Yeomans, Katrina Lei Ocampo, Holden Rogers, Jad De-Booq, Luke Petry, Abdulaziz Shammari, Sabsham Dahiya, Ahad Ali Buttar, Muhammad Subhan, Muhommad Hamza Rehan, Rezan Raza, Jyotidaditya Nalik, Prajjwal Tomar, Ricky Desai, Mohammad Sadik.

#### Regrets<sup>2</sup>

Veer Kapoor; Jwalant Patel

#### Absent<sup>3</sup>

Aum Patel, Honey Patel, Azan Ahmad, Abhayagiri Gaswami

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<sup>1</sup> Members attended the Board Meeting but did not have any voting power.

<sup>2</sup> Submitted regrets to the Chairperson in advance with reasonable cause.

<sup>3</sup> Members did not send regrets by appropriate deadlines and noted as absent pursuant to the Board of Directors Policy



**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum was established. The Board meeting was called to order by Tayef Ahmed at 4:16 p.m.

**2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS**

No declaration conflict was made.

**3. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

An amendment was made to add the following items to the agenda:

- 5b. Engineering Student Society PAC Funding
- 5c. URSU's Statement Regarding Women Centre AGM

*Motion to approve the Board meeting agenda for **March 25, 2025**, as amended.*

**Moved by:** Zuhruf Zarooq  
**Seconded by:** Kanusika Kalaichelvan  
Carried Unanimously

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion to approve the URSU Board Meeting Minutes from **March 11, 2025**, as presented.*

**Moved by:** Mahad Ahmad  
**Seconded by:** Zuhruf Zarooq  
Carried Unanimously

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**5. PRESENTATION— CRO REPORT FOR URSU GENERAL ELECTION 2025**

The Chief Returning Officer, Manoj Goyal, presented his report on the 2025 URSU



General Election to the Board. He shared that voter turnout was 9.4% out of nearly 15,000 eligible students — a drop from 13.8% in the previous year. Of the 32 nominations submitted, 30 candidates were confirmed as eligible, with two disqualified for not meeting the requirements. Elections were held for two executive positions — President and VP Student Affairs — while the remaining executive roles were acclaimed. Several constituency positions also went uncontested, with six receiving no nominations at all.

Manoj noted that the election ran smoothly overall, aside from a few minor issues with the voter list, which were quickly resolved. He addressed a small number of complaints and concerns received during the campaign period, none of which required further action. In wrapping up, he put forward several recommendations to improve the election process, including tweaks to the bylaws for better clarity, changes to how eligibility is verified, and updates to campaign guidelines. The Board thanked him for his detailed report and the work that went into ensuring a fair and well-managed election.

[The full report is available on URSU's website.](#)

### ***Matters for Decision***

#### **6. RATIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULT**

The Board briefly discussed the General Election. Some members raised concerns about communication and outreach efforts. The Board acknowledged these concerns and noted that it will work to increase outreach in order to engage more students in future elections.

The Board also recognized that some vacancies remain an ongoing concern, particularly the positions for the Indigenous Students Representative and the First Nations University of Canada Representative. The Board plans to explore strategies over the summer to address these vacancies.

A suggestion was made that Board members representing each faculty or constituency develop a communication plan in collaboration with their respective faculties or student societies. The Board Chair confirmed that this will be



incorporated into the upcoming Board member training

[The election results are available on URSU's website.](#)

*Motion to ratify the results of URSU General Election 2025, as presented.*

**Moved by:** Nisar Ali

**Seconded by:** Mahad Ahmad

Carried Unanimously

#### **7. PEC FUNDING— U OF R SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB**

The Ski and Snowboard Club requested funding of \$2,700–\$3,000 for their upcoming annual ski trip, supposedly happening in Lake Louise, Banff, Alberta. The group noted that it has had continuous success in organizing annual trips, allowing students to explore the outdoors and winter sports at a reduced price, making it more accessible and affordable. The group wants to pre-book hotels for the upcoming year and requires at least a 10% deposit.

*Motion to approve \$2700 PEC funding to U of Ski and Snowboard Club.*

**Moved by:** Mahad Ahmad

**Seconded by:** Zuhruf Zarooq

Carried Unanimously

#### **8. PEC FUNDING — ISLAMIC RELIEF CANADA, U OF R CHAPTER**

Islamic Relief Canada, Regina Chapter, requested funding of \$5000 to host its first-ever Eid-ul-Fitr celebration on campus. Eid-ul-Fitr is a Muslim holy day and festival celebrated to mark the end of Ramadan. The group noted that the event is open to everyone, from all faiths, and aims to celebrate the cultural and religious diversity on campus.

*Motion to approve \$3500 PEC funding to the Islamic Relief Canada, Regina Chapter for Eid ul-Fitr event.*

**Moved by:** Mahad Ahmad

**Seconded by:** Mohammad Jibrael



Carried Unanimously

## **9. PEC FUNDING — FILIPINO STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Filipino Student Association requested \$3,000 in PEC funding for their annual “Filipino Night.” The group hosts Filipino Night to showcase Filipino culture to the wider student body and campus community. The event is open to everyone, but dinner is only available to those who purchase a ticket. Tickets will be sold to students at a reduced price because of the PEC funding.

*Motion to approve \$3000 PEC funding to the Filipino Student Association for annual “Filipino Night”*

**Moved by:** Kanusika Kalaichelvan

**Seconded by:** Zuhruf Zarooq

Carried Unanimously

### ***Matters for Discussion***

## **10. ENGINEERING STUDENT SOCIETY PAC FUNDING**

The Engineering Student Society President expressed concern about receiving their PAC funding, noting that the group has not received its funding this winter. The URSU President addressed the concerns and clarified that URSU has yet to receive the funding from the University. The URSU fees collected from students have not yet been remitted to URSU for disbursement.

## **11. STATEMENT FROM URSU REGARDING WOMEN CENTRE AGM**

Some members voiced their concerns and frustration about URSU’s statements regarding the Women’s Centre AGM. They had questions about URSU’s claim of not being involved, especially since there were questions about whether URSU executives were involved.

The URSU General Manager addressed these concerns, explaining that URSU wasn’t actually involved in the incident. However, after the AGM, URSU received several complaints from students. These complaints have been shared with the



University, and the matter is now under investigation.

The URSU President also spoke up to clarify the situation around his involvement. He denied the accusations and reassured everyone that the current executives were not involved.

***Matters for Information***

**12. EXECUTIVES REPORTS**

The Executive Reports were accepted as read.

**13. IN CAMERA SESSION**

The Board entered into an in-camera session at 6:12 PM

The Board exited from the in-camera session at 6:43 PM

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Tayef Ahmed, The Board Chair  
**Respectfully Submitted**