



Students' Association Board Meeting

January 19, 2022, E-Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Mandeep Sidhu, Avery Halldorson, Jahnavi, Austin Burtniak, Steve Nachtigall, Lauren Slegers, Laureen Janzen, Katie Ellis, Adrian Vachon, Harjinder Singh Dhesi, Lilliam Norori, Yash Chopra, Sukhmandeep Kaur, Riley Gibbons, Joshua Malam, Faezeh Khadem.

Members Absent: Richard V Arpin, Jerri-Lynn Orr, Melissa Ghidoni, Adeniyi Adekola, Madhsudhan Singh, Samuel Toladeinde.

Guests: Valerie Shantz joined at 7:15 p.m.

1) Committee Meetings

GIRC 5:00pm – 5:50pm

2) Call to Order @ 06:21 p.m.

3) President's Opening Remarks

4) Adoption of the agenda

Motion – To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover – Katie Ellis

Seconder – Harjinder Dhesi

Motion Carried

5) Adoption of the SAB minutes from December 1st, 2021

Motion – To approve the SAB minutes from December 1st, 2021.

Mover – Joshua Malam

Seconder – Harjinder Dhesi

Motion Carried

6) Executive Reports

A) President Report

Attached

- President worked on bylaws, policies and Christmas Hamper give away over the month.

B) Vice President Academic Report Attached

- VP Academic have worked on Appeals, Yellow Wall, Orientations and SA Rep Meeting.
- Also worked with Anti-Racism Committee and attended committee meetings.
- SA Rep Meeting had 50 student participation which was a great success.
- Had a meeting with Laureen and Academic Plan Meeting.

C) Vice President Internal Report Attached

- Worked on compassionate bursary applications and helping students in meantime.
- Connected with clubs and prepared for club orientation
- Connecting with NSA and working on cheque requisition requests
- RRCSA Orientations in the first week of winter term.

D) Vice President External Affairs Report Attached

- Worked on Advocacy Survey and MAPPS Meeting.
- Worked with Vera Godavari for Gender and Sexual Diversity Group

7) Managers Reports

A) Executive Director Report Attached

- Main focus over the month was on online events and website update.
- Reviewing staff's job description and finding new opportunities for staff.

B) Acting Director, Student Support Services Attached

- Worked on events to welcome new and returning students to RRC Polytech.

- Focused on college wide all student communication including physical and mental well-being.

8) Committee Reports

A) Verbal Reports

Finance Committee – Mandeep

- Reviewed Investment Policy with Finance Committee and waiting on further discussion.

SATF – Mandeep

- No meeting – No quorum

GIRC – Avery

- Reviewing and approving Bylaws and Policies.

Elections and Referenda – Avery

Advocacy – Austin

- Austin will host another meeting with Advocacy committee to work on Advocacy Survey again.

Scholarships – Jahnvi

- Scholarship committee will have a meeting in next couple of days.

9) Business Arising

i) Budget Review

- Steve reviewed the budget for December 2021.
- RRCSA is plugging away with 6 months done in our fiscal year.

ii) Bylaw Revisions New

Motion – To amend the RRCSA Bylaws as presented

Mover - Governance and Internal Review Committee

Motion – To postpone the motion until next SAB Meeting

Mover – Riley Gibbons **Second**er – Joshua Malam **Motion Carried**

10) New Business

Academic Plan Presentation by Valerie Shantz

Do the proposed themes resonate for you?

Is there anything essential missing from your perspective?

- Students looking for more support for dealing with EDI issues in individual classes
- May need to communicate clear process for students to review instructors and ensure it is consistent
- Board Member reenforced the importance of pathways and focusing on how students come into and leave RRC Polytech – talked about their experience with transferring to Asper and talked about high university entrance expectations are and that coming through RRC may be their only/best opportunity
- Lack of financial aid for international students

11) Open Forum

12) Adjournment

Next Meeting: February 16th, 2022