



Students' Association Representative Meeting

March 15th, 2022, Zoom 12-1pm

MINUTES

Attending: *Adrian Vachon, Alexander Pazmino, Dyan Nicole Uy, Harjinder Singh Dhesi, John Kelvin Valerio, Joshua Malam, Karan Singh, Kashish Sandhu, Lei Bao, Manpreet Kaur, Muskaan Muskaan, Ryan Rutherford, Solangel Pena Palacios*

Other attending: *VP Academic – Jahnvi, President – Avery Halldorson, SA Executive Director – Steve Nachtigall, SA Reception (EDC) – Leslie Howie, SA Administrative Assistant (NDC) Trent Takeuchi, VP Internal – Mandeep Kaur, Elections CRO – Lauren MacLean*

1) **Call to Order** – 12:03pm

2) **Door prize** - stay to the end to enter a chance to win either a Fire TV stick or Google Chromecast

3) **Introduction**

- *Jahnvi, VP Academic*
- *Avery Halldorson, President*

4) **Candidate Speeches**

a) **President Candidate – Manpreet Kaur**

<https://rrcsa.ca/elections/> - positioning statement

b) **VP Academic Candidate** – no confirmed candidate

c) **VP Internal** – no confirmed candidate

d) **VP External Affairs** – no confirmed candidate

5) U-Pass

<https://rrcsa.ca/upass/>

U-PASS AT RED RIVER COLLEGE POLYTECHNIC

The Red River College Students' Association (RRCSA) is working with Winnipeg Transit to implement a U-Pass program for all full-time eligible Red River College Polytechnic students. The U-Pass is a Universal Transit Pass that gives unrestricted access to Winnipeg Transit transportation services for a mandated fee.

HISTORY:

Red River College Polytechnic Students voted in a referendum in Fall 2017 to approve a mandatory U-Pass fee for all full-time students. The referendum was ratified, with 57.44% of students voting in favour of implementing the U-Pass. The city council then approved the U-Pass in September 2018 to start in September 2020. The U-Pass program was suspended in 2020 because of COVID 19, as only a limited number of classes were offered on-campus at all post-secondary institutes.

However, we are now deciding to rerun this referendum to gauge the interest and appetite for the U-Pass program as it was ratified over five years ago by the student body but never actually implemented and used. If the referenda are ratified this spring (during our student elections), the RRCSA expects to implement it in January 2023

Referendum Results from the last election:

Universal Bus Pass Referendum:

Yes Votes – 113

No votes – 120

However, the student U-Pass did NOT have the minimum number of student votes for quorum and therefore was NOT ratified.

For more information and FAQ's - <https://rrcsa.ca/upass/>

6) Teachers Award of Excellence

Nominate your Instructor for the Teacher Award of Excellence

Think your instructor did an excellent job this year? Went above and beyond? Now is your chance to get them recognized and thank them for their amazing work.

Each year the RRC Polytech Students' Association presents a Teacher Award of Excellence in recognition of an instructor's outstanding teaching practices and dedication to students.

Every student has a favorite instructor. Ask your classmate to vote for theirs.

Tell us about your amazing instructor.

- *Boast about the way they teach!*
- *Brag about their outlandish engagement classroom antics!*
- *Tell us how they go above and beyond!*

Deadline is March 31st

<https://rrcsa.ca/teacher>

7) March events

March 1/8/15/22/29: Afternoon Yoga – 4:00pm-4:30pm.

March 4/11/18/25: Lunchtime Yoga – 12:00pm-12:30pm.

March 15 & 17: Adulting 101: Building Credit and Intro to Mortgages – 5:00pm-7:00pm.

March 16: Cooking for Wellness – 6:00pm-7:00pm. Ingredient kits will be available at NDC only.

March 24: Virtual Paint Night – 6:00pm-7:00pm. The last paint night of the academic year!!

March 25: Self-Care & Stress Management Workshop – 12:00pm-1:00pm.

March 31: SEED Winnipeg Information Session – 12:00pm-1:00pm.

8) Announcements

a. Food bank

<https://rrcsa.ca/food-bank/>

Step 1: Contact Harvest Manitoba Food Support Assistance Line

In Winnipeg:

204-982-3671 – New (first time signing up) to Harvest Manitoba

204-982-3660 – Returning or Re-booking (already in the system)

Harvest Manitoba Call Centre Hours: Monday to Friday: 9:15 am to 3:15 pm

Saturday: 9:15 am to 12:15 pm

- Provide your Manitoba Health card to Harvest Manitoba if you have one.
- International students can use their RRC Polytech Student ID card as identification.
- The Harvest Manitoba team will review your needs and arrange for your food hamper to be distributed and sent to the campus you request.
- Select a pick-up location.
- Pick-up locations at RRC Polytech can either be Notre Dame Campus or Downtown Exchange District campus. Pick whatever campus you prefer.
- Students can also choose to pick-up their food hamper at any food bank location in the city, not just at RRC Polytech.

Step 2.

- Attend Your Appointment – Pick up your food hamper
- Bring your Manitoba Health Card or RRC Polytech Student ID card when you come to pick up your hamper.
- Bring your own bags or boxes to carry your food hamper. You will get 2-3 bags/boxes of food.
- Food Hamper pick-up at RRC Polytech is between 2:00pm & 4:00pm, every 4 weeks.
- NDC – Pick-up Fridays in the food bank trailer (N/W student parking lot)
- EDC – pick-up Wednesdays in room WB14
- Any other food bank you chose – contact them directly

Step 3.

- Re-book for next time with Harvest Manitoba – 204-982-3660

- **Students must phone and re-book every time** they want to receive a hamper.
- You can only re-book after 2 weeks from when you receive your last hamper.
- Harvest Manitoba hampers are provided every 4 weeks.

Student Foodbank Pick-up dates are as follows:

Notre Dame Campus (Fridays) 2-4pm ONLY

March 18 (**LAST ONE**)

Exchange District Campus (Wednesdays) 2-4pm ONLY

March 16

April 13 (**LAST ONE**)

NOTE: No summer food bank pick-ups available on RRC Polytech campus

b. SAB appointments

The Students' Association Board (SAB) consists of 15 student members. The SAB is a governing body of the SA that oversees a \$3.5 million budget

October – we appoint 10 new members

March – we appoint 5 new members

Current appointment applications will be accepted March 21st – April 1st

Benefits of being on the SAB:

Make new friends, looks great on a resume, exclusive swag, informative information, monthly dinners provided by the SA, experience utilizing Robert's Rules of Order, reference letter for volunteer hours, and much more.

What you bring to the SAB:

Be outgoing and enthusiastic, organized, punctual, and responsible, have excellent communication skills, maintain confidentiality where applicable, professionalism, work well in groups, must have minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and must be in good standing with both RRC Polytech and RRC Polytech Students' Association.



c. Appointment panel

The RRC Polytech Students' Association is looking for a variety of individuals to sit on our appointment panel. This panel will be responsible for reviewing and selecting the RRCSA Board for 2022 – 2023.

What you gain:

Volunteer Experience

Honorarium

Help choose the best board members

The appointment panel is a one-time one week long volunteer opportunity that selects the board. The board is a year long commitment of once a month meetings. :)

Important information:

*Applications open: **March 7th to March 23rd at 12pm***

*Offer of Appointment: **April 1st***

Possible Categories: current student, Alumni, past and present SAB Member, RRCSA Ex-officio etc.

For more information or to apply visit www.rrcsa.ca/panel

d. Survey

Shape the future of student life for everyone attending RRC Polytech!

We Need Your Help!

For the past several years, the RRC Polytech Students' Association has been publishing an annual events survey for RRC Polytech students to fill out, accepting feedback about events from the academic year. This year is no different. We use this information to determine what you like and dislike, what you hope to see moving forward, and why. All responses are valuable to shaping the future of events, both virtual and in-person, at RRC Polytech.

Prizes

We appreciate every single response, and with this, we want to give back by offering a chance to win something amazing at the end. What is a survey without the chance to win a prize?!

Completed entries can enter to win one of the following four prizes:

- *Apple AirPods*
- *Google Chromecast*
- *HomePod Mini*
- *Fitbit Fitness Watch*

<https://rrcsa.ca/survey/>

Survey closes March 23rd

e. Voting dates

Voting for your candidates starts March 21st and ends March 23rd at 3pm

f. Door prize winner announcement

Joshua Malam

Congratulations!

Open Forum

- **Question** - *Can first Years, first semester student also apply?*

Answer – Yes

- **Question** - *If I volunteered as a panel, I can't join the board am I right?*

Answer - Correct

- **Question** - *If I am currently a board member and I apply for the panel, do I remain in the board position?*

Answer - Yes

Adjournment – 12:43pm

Next meeting:

April 5th, 2022

12-1pm

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85117305718?pwd=ME82UTJSNzVWS0xKR0FCZmZBU3BSQT09>