



Students' Association Representative Meeting

April 5th, 2022, Zoom

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Attending: Alexandria S., Amanda G., Anam C., Carolina G., Cass, Charmaine S., Diana S., Dyan U., Genelyn N., Harjinder S., Hélène T., Ignacio I., Jamie H., JOSE L., Karan S., Karen V., Keisha W., Ketan G., Ludmila Y., Mailen Martinez R., Mansi T., Mark B., Mufidat M., Myles I., Naidong Z., Parampreet K., Victoria L.

Other attending: VP Academic – Jahnvi, SA Executive Director – Steve Nachtigall, Administrative Assistant (EDC) – Leslie Howie, President-Elect – Manpreet Kaur

1) **Call to Order** – 12:01pm

2) **Door prize** - Stay with us till the end and be entered for the draw where you can win a Kindle, or a Fitbit Inspire 2.

3) **Introduction**

➤ **Jahnvi, VP Academic**

Jahnvi will be ending her term as VP Academic on April 30, 2022.

Jahnvi began her journey with the SA in the April 2021 as a Students' Association Board member. At the first meeting as a board member, Jahnvi stepped up from the board to cover the position of VP Academic. In the Fall of 2021, Jahnvi ran in the by-election and won the position of VP Academic. Jahnvi has been working tirelessly on many projects within the SA while also being a full-time student during the pandemic

Here are a few words from Jahnvi on her journey:

"This year as a VP Academic, I have learned a lot of things from here. This being my first job, I came here as a learner with sense of few things but leaving as a confident, ambitious, and goal-oriented women. I have learned a lot of things from Students Association like time management, work-life balance, keeping yourself organized, never be afraid of speaking up your ideas because no idea is a bad idea. Also, I have worked on many projects throughout the years like Yellow Wall Initiative where we could see student and staff engagement. Formed new scholarships with the help of the committee to help students across the college and currently working on the Teachers Award of Excellence to pay gratitude towards the instructors. These things gave me directions and

showed me my potential. Working in SA have made me realize that nothing is impossible if we do it with right motivation and direction which I feel will help me throughout my life. Lastly, I would say that it is a great opportunity for the students who have potential and seek to do something different from other for the betterment of students.”

➤ **Manpreet Kaur, SA President-Elect**

Manpreet will be taking on her role as SA President beginning May 1st, 2022.

- *She is pursuing Business Technology Management for 2022-23 and I have chosen this program to know more about managing a business with latest technology. She would like to help her father expand his business with the knowledge that she will be learning.*
- *In high school she excelled in the science field. Manpreet also completed a one-year diploma in Office Automation and Accounting where she gained valuable knowledge of MS Office and Basics of Accounting.*
- *She used to play handball and Kho-Kho.*

Here are a few words from Manpreet on her newest journey in the SA:

“As a president, I want to help students to cope with all their difficulties and to bring new opportunities so that they can learn new things and can gain various benefits.”

4) Speakers

- a) **Debbie Donato** (Manager at Student Employment Services) - see attached PDF of presentation

contact: ses@rrc.ca

<https://www.rrc.ca/ses/>

- b) **Vera Godavari** (Diversity and Inclusion Specialist)

contact: diversity@rrc.ca

Student Self Identification Campaign

<https://www.rrc.ca/diversity/self-identification/>

5) April events

April 1/8/22/29: Lunchtime Yoga – 12PM-12:30PM. Registration in staff/student news.

April 5/12/19/26: Afternoon Yoga – 4PM-4:30PM. Registration in staff/student news

April 6: Why Am I So Tired Lately? – 12PM-1PM. An interactive workshop to explore fatigue, sleep, and why you may be so tired. Hosted by Canadian Mental Health Association, partnered with HMHC.
<https://rrcsa.ca/events/why-am-i-tired/>

April 7: Therapy Dogs On-Campus!! – 11:30AM-1PM. Therapy dogs will be in the STTC atrium.

April 11-15: Chocolate in SA offices (CM20 or P110) for Easter. While supplies last.

April 12: Self-Care Meditation & Journaling Workshop – 12PM-1PM. An in-person workshop at NDC eTV Studios for relaxing, getting in touch with yourself, and exploring self-care. Bring a journal and something to write with. Masks required. To register, email pvillafranca@rrc.ca

April 13/27: On-Campus Yoga – 12PM-1PM. In eTV Studios at NDC. Registration links will be in staff/student news.

April 14: Paint Night – 6PM-8PM. This is the last paint night of the academic year. Paint kits will be available for one last time. <https://rrcsa.ca/events/virtual-paint-night-10/>

April 21: Cooking for Wellness – 6PM-8PM. Ingredient kits will be at NDC only. <https://rrcsa.ca/events/cooking-for-wellness-a-virtual-cooking-class/>

April 28: Vision Board Workshop – 6PM-8PM. Magazine pickups will be at NDC only.
<https://rrcsa.ca/events/vision-board-workshop-3/>

6) 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.
- Select a pick-up location. **NOTE: no food bank available on campus during the summer. Harvest will assist you in finding a location and date that is convenient for you during the summer.**

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
- EDC – pick-up Wednesdays in room WB14

Student Foodbank Pick-up dates are as follows:

Exchange District Campus (Wednesdays) 2-4pm ONLY

April 13 (**LAST ONE**)

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

Harvest Manitoba website:

<https://www.harvestmanitoba.ca/need-food/>

they have various locations throughout the city that can be utilized

b) **Election results**

Election Results – Winner

The Students' Association President for 2022-23 is

Manpreet Kaur

There were no vice-president candidates.

The Students' Association bylaws (Article 10.1.02) dictate we will appoint board members to fill the vacant vice-president positions until the next by-election can be held which is October 2022.

The board will appoint the vice-presidents on April 13, 2022, board meetings.

c) **Door prize winner announcement**

Mansi Trivedi

Congratulations!

7) **Open Forum**

Q - *would like to know more about the mandatory bus pass*

A – Steve Nachtigall, Students' Association Executive Director:

Universal Bus Pass (U-Pass) referendum was held during the SA elections on March 21-23, 2022.

U-Pass results as follows:

In-Favour 408 (57% Yes)

Against 307 (43% No)

Total U-Pass votes was 715.

The Students' Association bylaws (Article 11.3.05) require a minimum of 1000 votes for a referendum to be ratified by RRC Polytech students.

The Students' Association bylaws (Article 11.3.07) allow the Students' Association Board (SAB) to ratify a referendum if the 1000 votes are not met but there are a minimum of 500 votes.

The SAB made a decision at the March 30, 2022 meeting that the U-Pass will be NOT be ratified. What this means is the U-Pass referenda is suspended and will NOT be implemented. In other words: There won't be additional charges on the fall tuition for mandatory bus pass.

Post-Secondary Peggo cards can still be obtained from our offices as long as you are a qualifying student. Peggo cards can be loaded at 7/11 or Shoppers Drug Mart.

8) Adjournment – 12:46pm

That is it for the SA Rep meetings for the 2021-22 year.

For those of you coming back in the fall, watch your Student News and emails for the date and time for the first fall meeting. For those who are graduating, congratulations and good luck on the next leg of your journey.

Thank you for joining us.

If you need us, we can still be contacted throughout the summer:

www.rrcsa.ca

www.rrcsa.ca/executive

<https://rrcsa.ca/contact>

Don't forget about our Live Chat Monday – Friday 9:00am – 3:30pm

Have a great summer!