

RRC Polytech Students' Association Board Meeting

April 13, 2022, at 6:00 pm, E-Meeting

MINUTES - draft

Members Present: Avery Halldorson, Jahnavi, Austin Burtiak (joined 6:30pm), Steve Nachtigall, Lauren Slegers, Laureen Janzen, Katie Ellis, Adrian Vachon, Harjinder Singh Dhesi, Yash Chopra, Sukhmandeep Kaur, Joshua Malam, Jerri-Lynn Orr, Melissa Ghidoni, Madhsudhan Singh (Mandy), Samuel Oladeinde, Adeniyi Adekola, Faezeh Khadem.

Members Absent: Lilliam Norori, Riley Gibbons

Guests: Ryan Rutherford

1) Committee Meetings

- Elections & Referenda Committee met from 5:00-5:30pm
- Building Trust Fund Committee met from 5:35-6:00pm.

2) Call to Order @ 06:10 p.m.

3) President's Opening Remarks

- President welcomed everyone and gave a land acknowledgment.

4) Wellness Check-in

- The president provided support and encouraged all board members to make sure they are feeling and doing well and to talk to them if they want to. Every board member should not feel intimidated or threatened and should discuss things openly without fear of reprisal and vote on matters as they see fit.

5) Proxy: No proxy

6) Adoption of the agenda

Motion – To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover – Harjinder Singh Dhesi Seconder – Joshua Malam

Motion To Amend: REMOVE the contact information at the end of the agenda.

Mover – Joshua Malam Seconder: Samuel Oladeinde

Motion Carried

7) Adoption of the SAB minutes from February 16th, 2022

Motion – To approve the SAB minutes from March 30, 2022.

Mover – Madhsudhan Singh (Mandy) Seconder – Joshua Malam

Motion Carried

8) Executive Reports

A) President Report

- Finishing up with committees, projects, and starting on transitioning with Manpreet.

B) Vice President Academic Report

- Working on Yellow Wall at EDC and finished up the scholarship awards.

C) Vice President External Affairs Report

- No written report submitted. Provided a verbal update. Met with the international department with Joshua Malam to see how we could support Ukrainian and international students from war torn countries.

9) Managers Reports

A) Executive Director Report

- Read his report, completed the budget which will be presented tonight for SAB approval, and working on the community garden with RRC Polytech.

B) Director, Student Support Services

- RRC Polytech and the SA have almost finalized the Operating Agreement and will get Avery to sign it before her term ends, Senior Leadership Team in partnership with the SA had a student conversation event. The main topic focused on 'support for students as they return to campus'.

10) Committee Reports

A) Verbal Reports

i. Finance Committee

- The committee met on April 7th and is recommending the budget that will be presented tonight.

ii. Building Trust Fund

- We have \$300,000 in the bank, the college is still approving the Mental Health & Wellness lounge and the committee approved \$25,000 for initial start-up costs with architects and designers. Once the budget is refined, they will bring it to the SAB for approval as it will be at least \$500,000.

iii. GIRC – Avery

- The committee contacted and reviewed the outburst actions the SAB member exhibited last meeting and are dealing with it. The SA will consider getting board members to complete the RRC Polytech anti-racism, diversity, reconciliation, and respectful college courses.

iv. Elections and Referenda – Avery

- The committee approved the panel members who graded the SAB applications which are being approved tonight.

v. Advocacy – Austin

- The advocacy survey is currently being revised and should be ready soon.

vi. Scholarships – Jahnavi

- All SA scholarship selections are decided. We continue to need to tighten up the criteria as there are gaps and will also look to confirm the new ones that need to be re-allocated with athletics being eliminated.

11) Business Arising:

i. Budget: End of March

- The budget is on track with a potential surplus that the finance committee will review and bring recommendations to the board for approval at the June 15th meeting. **Overall, the SA is in a good financial position.**

12) New Business

i. 2022-2023 Budget

Motion: To approve the 2022-2023 RRCSA balanced budget as presented.

Mover: Finance & Executive Committee **Motion Carried**

ii. Interim Vice-President Appointments

BIRT secret ballots be used to determine the three vacant vice-president positions, and to amend the main motion with the successful nominee(s).

BIFRT the ballots be destroyed after the vote on the main motion is complete.

Mover: Joshua Malam **Secunder:** Harjinder Singh Dhesi

Motion Carried

Motion: To appoint Joshua Malam as Vice-President Academic starting May 1, 2022 until a by-election is held and a successful candidate is elected.

Mover: Joshua Malam **Secunder:** Katie Ellis

Motion Carried

Motion: To appoint Harjinder Singh Dhesi as Vice-President External Affairs starting May 1, 2022 until a by-election is held and a successful candidate is elected.

Mover: Katie Ellis **Secunder:** Joshua Malam

Motion Carried

Note: There was no Vice-president Internal candidate, and the position currently remains vacant.

iii. **SAB Appointment**

Motion – To appoint Ryan Rutherford, Shiffali Singh Minhas, Dyan Nicole Uy, Gabriel Lino Montes Ayres, Jahnavi, Ryan Rutherford, Simran Kaur, and Austin Burtniak to the 2022-2023 Students' Association Board for a one-year term until the next board members are appointed in March/April 2023.

Mover: Joshua Malam

Second: Adrian Vachon

Motion Carried

iv. **SAB Appreciation**

- The new execs will be planning a board appreciation get-together in late June or early July. Please watch out for an email invite as we plan to do a fun event together.

v. **SAB Survey**

- Avery will be sending out an online SAB survey to get your feedback from how the year went and how we can improve things.

vi. **U-Pass:**

- The SA execs and staff are looking for guidance and input from the board into where we go from here. After running a referendum for 2 straight elections and not getting any official results, the SA typically takes a break to re-examine and re-evaluate what we did, why we got the results we did, how we can improve, and strategize for future campaigns.
- The current U-Pass agreement is finishing up year 2 of a four-year Transit agreement and consensus appears that the board is fine with taking a break and to pause for at least one year before continuing again.
- We will look to engage referendum discussions again to prepare things for the next U-pass Transit agreement which starts September 2024.
- We should engage students before running another referendum and bring forward a clear communication strategy. For example, incorporate billboards, Learn posts,

sessions/seminars, poster campaign, hallway engagement, targeting specific campuses/programs/areas.

- We should also consult with Winnipeg Transit and get them engaged in the campaign and to see if they want this.

13) Open Forum:

14) Adjournment @ 8:00pm

Next Meeting: June 15th, 2022

