

RRC Polytech Students' Association

Board Meeting

March 30th, 2022, at 6:00 pm, E-Meeting

MINUTES - draft

Members Present: Avery Halldorson, Jahnavi, Austin Burtniak, Steve Nachtigall, Lauren Slegers, Laureen Janzen, Katie Ellis, Adrian Vachon, Harjinder Singh Dhesi, Yash Chopra, Sukhmandeep Kaur, Riley Gibbons, Joshua Malam, Richard V Arpin, Jerri-Lynn Orr, Melissa Ghidoni, Madhsudhan Singh, Samuel Oladeinde, Adeniyi Adekola.

Members Absent: Lilliam Norori, Faezeh Khadem

Guests: Manpreet Kaur, Ryan Rutherford

1) Committee Meetings

- Finance Committee met from 5:00-5:30pm.
- Building Trust Fund Committee met from 5:40-6:00pm.

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

3) President's Opening Remarks

4) **Proxy:** No proxy

5) Adoption of the agenda

Motion – To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover – Joshua Malam

Seconder – Harjinder Dhesi

Motion To Amend: Add to New Business, Ukrainian support.

Mover – Joshua Malam

Seconder: Richard V Arpin

Motion Carried

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

Motion – To approve the SAB minutes from Feb 16th, 2022.

Mover – Riley Gibbons

Second – Sukhmandeep Kaur

Motion Carried

7) Executive Reports

A) President Report

- Guests were welcomed in the meeting, Manpreet (incoming President-elect).
- Met with department of advanced education. SLT met with SA about quarterly lunch for students to discuss supports and initiatives where the first session filled. Worked on board appointments and policies.

B) Vice President Academic Report

- Teacher's award of excellence had over 1000 nominations. I helped with hallway promotions for elections. I hosted SA rep meetings, candidate speeches. The Yellow wall initiative is looking to add something at EDC.

C) Vice President External Affairs Report

- We are working on Advocacy Priorities for 2022-23. I am working on Advocacy Website write-ups and development with will include MAPSS, RRCSA, and CASA specific pages. The Advocacy Survey is being updated and revised to be completed and sent out this Friday.
- A question was asked about the CASA AGM. I was sick and didn't attend the AGM. Avery said she attended. Another question was asked about MAPSS and where things are at. Minister Reyes was reluctant to meet with MAPSS.

8) Managers Reports

A) Executive Director Report

- Worked on next years Budget. Was involved in helping out with Elections and the CRO. A question was asked about the Ox Store. The SA is proposing to RRC Polytech administration to convert the Ox Store space into mental health & wellness space.

B) Director, Student Support Services

- College is thinking about ways to support students from Ukraine.

- Raised Ukraine flag at college to signify solidarity and opposition to the war.
- Continuing to engage in supports.
- Virtual and in-person supports coming up in April.
 - NDC and EDC fitness facilities opening to full hours (April).
 - Drop-in sports in south gym to encourage interactive opportunities
- Focus groups on running peer support program (going to pilot it with some programs in the fall)
- A question was asked about what RRC is doing to support Ukraine and other international student from conflict areas. The response was that RRC is focused on supporting all international students although current focus is on students from Ukraine. The college is also looking at what they can do for international students at this time through RRC bursaries and financial support.

9) Committee Reports

A) Verbal Reports

i. Finance Committee

- In the middle of budget process for following fiscal year. The executive committee is meeting next , then will go to the finance committee and finally the SAB on April 13th for approval.

ii. Building Trust Fund

- The GIRC committee reviewed and approved the BTF policy. The SA is proposing a new NDC mental health & wellness lounge which RRC Polytech administration is currently reviewing. The costs would be about \$500,000+ depending on what the designer and facilities requires.

iii. GIRC – Avery

- The committee reviewed BTF policy and approved it. There are other policies still needing to be reviewed and approved and is a work in progress.

iv. Elections and Referenda – Avery

- The committee discussed and approved the elections package. An email motion was sent to approve elections result and board application panelists, which is being confirmed at this board meeting.

v. Advocacy – Austin

- The committee met and updated the advocacy survey with Steve's suggestions. We began discussing and determining advocacy priorities for 2022-23.

vi. Scholarships – Jahnavi

- The committee is reviewing a few scholarships remaining to be decided on and will make their selections. There have been numerous inquiries from students and the committee is meeting soon to make their final decisions. The committee is meeting about the 6 (\$1000) athletic scholarships that need to be revised with the shutting down of that area where they will either be added to existing SA ones or creating more new scholarships.

10) Business Arising:

i. VP Internal Announcement:

- Mandeep Sidhu has resigned from her VP Internal position effective March 21, 2022. Her duties and responsibilities are being divided up between executives and staff.
- A request to send flowers to Mandeep out of compassion for her time as mentioned. Steve will arrange.

ii. Budget: End of February

- The budget is on track with a potential surplus. Events portfolio is not generating revenue and is under budget. Media portfolio is in line with budget with not much revenue. Hallway vendors have not been on campus and is lower than anticipated revenue which includes the no career fair revenue. Wellness and Advocacy portfolio revenue is above budget, and we will look to change that percent allocation next year. We are still waiting on the second CASA invoice for the year which will be a substantial one. **Overall, the SA is in a good financial position.**
- The Finance committee will look to review any potential surplus in May and bring forward recommendations for the SAB to vote on.

iii. Elections Results:

- Motion: To approve 2022-23 spring executive election results: Manpreet Kaur (president-elect), with no vice-present candidates.

Mover: Katie Ellis
Motion carried

Seconder: Harjinder Singh Dhesi

iv. U-Pass Referendum:

Motion: To accept the Universal Bus Pass referendum results as follows; In-Favour 408 (57% Yes) and Against 307 (43% No) with a total 715 votes.

Mover: Riley Gibbons

Secunder: Joshua Malam

Motion Carried

Note: Acceptance of these results does not infer acceptance of the universal bus pass for RRC Polytech students.

11) New Business

i. U- Pass Discussion

- 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 board was provided an overview of the U-Pass program including a pro's and con's list.
- A long question period and discussion was had.

Motion: To ratify the Universal Bus Pass for the 2022-23 school year for RRC Polytech students with 715 student votes based on the Bylaws (Article 11.3.07) until the next U-Pass referendum is ratified.

Mover: Joshua Malam

Secunder: Richard V Arpin

Motion FAILED

SAB member recorded votes:

- Richard V Arpin voted Yes.
- Joshua Malam voted Yes.
- Samuel Oladeinde voted No
- Adeniyi Adekola voted No

ii. SAB Panel Appointment:

Motion: To appoint Lauren MacLean, Jay Michno, Faezeh Khadem, Jemma Ignacio, Luigi Imbrogo, Gurbir Singh Sandhu, and John St

Pierre

to the SAB selection panel effective April 1, 2022 until the next selected.

panel is

Mover: Elections & Referendum Committee

Motion Carried

iii. Vice President nominees:

- Joshua Malam, Harjinder Singh Desi, and Sukhmandeep Kaur each gave a speech up to 5 minutes as to why they wanted to be appointed as Vice-president.
- Each candidate had one minute to give their final remarks after candidates were asked to provide their comments on 2 questions; truth & reconciliation and the calls to action as well as what specific vice-president position they would prefer.
- The board will vote to appoint up to three SAB members in the vice-president roles at the April 13, 2022 board meeting for a 6-month interim position.

iv. Ukrainian support:

- The SA or board will reach out to the international department to see how we can support Ukraine and other international students from conflict areas.

12) Open Forum:

13) Adjournment @ 9:16pm

Next Meeting: April 13th, 2022