

AGENDA

Semi Annual General Meeting

Ryerson Students' Union – Local 24 Canadian Federation of Students

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2018 - RCC 204, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, M5B 1E9 – 6pm

1. **Call to Order -**

2. **Acknowledgement of the Land**

"Toronto is in the 'Dish With One Spoon Territory'. The Dish With One Spoon is a treaty between the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee that bound them to share the territory and protect the land. Subsequent Indigenous Nations and peoples, Europeans and all newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect."

3. **Welcome Remarks -** Ram Ganesh, President

4. **Remarks from Anti Harassment Officer -**

5. **Remarks from the Chairperson -**

6. **Approval of the Agenda**

a. **MOTON 2017-11- 29 C01**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the November 2018 Semi Annual General Meeting of the members of the Ryerson Students' Union (RSU) be accepted as presented.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Result:

7. **Approval of the Minutes**

a. **MOTION 2018-11-28 C02**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the

- [April 2018 Annual General Meeting](#),
- [November 2017 Semi Annual General Meeting](#),
- [April 2017 Annual General Meeting](#), and
- [November 2016 Semi Annual General Meeting](#)

be accepted as presented in Appendix A.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

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8. Previous Business of the April 2018 Annual General Meeting

a. MOTION 2018-04-03 F01 - Financial Report 2016-2017

WHEREAS the Ryerson Students' Union undergoes a yearly audit;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Auditor's report of PwC and the audited financial statements for the fiscal year May 2016 to April, 30 2017 be accepted and approved as presented in Appendix B;

Moved: Ali Yousaf Seconded: Result:

b. MOTION 2018-04-03 G 01 – Bylaw Amendments

WHEREAS the RSU Board of Directors have recommended that the By Law amendments be adopted by the membership as presented in [Appendix D](#);

- i. April AGM 2017 – Article 4
- ii. April AGM 2017 – Article 9
- iii. April AGM 2017 – Appendix A – Finance Committee
- iv. April AGM 2017– Article 6 – Elections and Appointments
- v. April AGM 2017– Article 6 – Elections and Appointments
- vi. November SAGM 2018 Article 3 – Standing Committees - Transit Committee
- vii. November SAGM 2018 Article 2 – Campus Groups Director
- viii. November SAGM 2018 Article 4 – Finance Committee
- ix. November SAGM 2018 Article 7 – Referenda – Online Voting
- x. April AGM 2018 - Standing Committee - Mental Health Committee
- xi. April AGM 2018 - Article 6 - Elections and Appointments - Executive Committee Member Eligibility
- xii. April AGM 2018 - Article 6 - Elections and Appointments - Campaign Expenses
- xiii. April AGM 2018 - Article 6 - Elections and Appointments - Slates
- xiv. April AGM 2018 - Article 6 - Elections and Appointments - Poster/Prints
- xv. April AGM 2018 - Article 4 - Officers of the Students' Union - Vice President Operations

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the By Law Amendments are adopted as proposed in Appendix D.

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Moved: Susanne Nyaga

Seconded:

Result:

9. Financial Report 2017-2018

a. MOTION 2018-11-28 F01

WHEREAS the Ryerson Students' Union undergoes a yearly audit;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Auditor's report of PwC and the audited financial statements for the fiscal year May 2017 to April, 30 2018 be accepted and approved as presented in Appendix C.

Moved: Savreen Gosal

Seconded:

Result:

10. New Business

a. MOTION 2018-11-28 G 02 – Bylaw Amendments

WHEREAS the RSU Board of Directors have recommended that the By Law amendments be adopted by the membership as presented in [Appendix E](#);

- i. Article 6 - Indigenous Student Representative
- ii. Appendix A - Equity and Social Justice Committee
- iii. Article 4 - Vice President Marketing

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the By Law Amendments are adopted as proposed.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Result:

b. MOTION 2018-11-28 C 01 - Career Development Grant

WHEREAS students across Ryerson University continue to struggle under the costly burden of unpaid internships; and

WHEREAS the RSU budget allocation to the Career Development Grant was reduced from \$35,000 to \$15,000; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU increase its allocation to the Career Development Grant to \$35,000 for the 2018-19 fiscal year;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU lobby the University to match funds that the former allocates to the Career Development Grant.

Moved: Sachin Persaud Seconded: Result:

c. MOTION 2018-11-28 C 02 - Executive Committee Salaries and Board of Director Honoraria

WHEREAS the executives and board members of the RSU are able to vote and decide on their own salaries without quorum or a vote from the student body;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in order to decide on matters of executive salaries or board members' honoraria the decision must be brought to a vote by the students of Ryerson and only by the students of Ryerson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT only the student body with quorum can decide on the change of executive and board member salaries.

Moved: Conor De Vries Seconded: Result:

d. MOTION 2018-11-28 C 03 - Annual Student Food Security Audit

WHEREAS many student groups have analyzed the issue of food insecurity on campus, and have also developed food solutions that could be implemented;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU employ leaders to create and conduct an annual audit of food on the Ryerson campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RSU develop an action plan to improve access to affordable healthy culturally appropriate food at Ryerson.

Moved: Maria Jude Seconded: Result:

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e. MOTION 2018-11-28 C 04

WHEREAS Ryerson's 2017 Mental Health Committee found that in the student body: "67% felt overwhelming anxiety"

(<https://www.ryerson.ca/content/dam/mentalhealth/RMHC-Report2017-Web.pdf>) ; and

WHEREAS And the same report found that in the Ryerson community: "Mental Health ranked as the top claim type for both sick leave and long term disability at Ryerson University in 2016"

(<https://www.ryerson.ca/content/dam/mentalhealth/RMHC-Report2017-Web.pdf>); and

WHEREAS in the context of Ryerson's statement of commitment to mental wellbeing: "Ryerson is committed to the success of all its community members by creating an environment that is supportive of mental well-being."

(<https://www.ryerson.ca/content/dam/mentalhealth/RMHC-Report2017-Web.pdf>); and

WHEREAS with the knowledge that other universities in Toronto give undergraduate students a dedicated day to study between the end of classes and the beginning of the exam period,

1. University of Toronto:

December 5	Fall Term Classes end
December 6	Make up Monday Classes
December 7	Student Break - No Classes
December 8-21	December examination period

2. York University

Fall Classes End	Dec 4
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Fall Student Day - No Classes	Dec 5
Fall Examinations	Dec 6-21

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU will advocate for the Ryerson University undergraduate student calendar to include a dedicated study day between the end of classes and the beginning of exams, for Fall and Winter academic terms, in order to create a supportive environment for student mental health.

Moved: Leila Valentine

Seconded:

Result:

f. MOTION 2018-11-28 C 05 - RU Transit Pass Optional

WHEREAS An average student taking the Go transit and the TTC will commute to Toronto for 60 days in an average semester; and

WHEREAS With the discount receive from using the Go transit, said students will pay approximately \$180 per semester to use the TTC; and

WHEREAS the transit pass adds another \$100 burden on these students per semester excluding the proposed annual 5% increase of admin fees; and

WHEREAS this motion will ensure that majority of the students of this commuter school benefits from the transit pass rather than the minority;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The RSU transit pass be resolved as an optional pass for users that will truly benefit from this project without the expense of adding on to the financial burden to the majority of Ryerson students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The RU transit pass is to remain optional until it covers more than just unlimited use of TTC but also the use of Go transit, miway etc then and only then should it become compulsory.

Moved:Dianne Kathleen Cheng

Seconded:

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g. MOTION 2018-11-28 C 06 - RU Transit Pass Re-Vote

WHEREAS the conduct of the RSU persons tasked with handing out flyers and food to inform people about the vote, they lied about a connection to the GO-transit pass and an easy opt-out; and

WHEREAS Instead, an expensive mandatory fee will be forced onto students next year;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a re-vote for the RU-pass should be performed with proper information, given to students.

Moved: Hakeem Abdul-Razak Seconded: Result:

h. MOTION 2018-11-28 C 07 - RU PASS CHALLENGE

WHEREAS Students have reported that they were given misinformation regarding the RU-PASS voting dates and opt out provisions; and

WHEREAS Students have reported that they were given misinformation regarding Metrolinx/GO deal; and

WHEREAS False claims were made about an existing McMaster-Metrolinx deal; abd

WHEREAS Students have reported that the RSU campaigners solicited votes with food but would withhold food for “no” votes; and

WHEREAS the RSU RU-PASS referendum was in violation of Ryerson University policy and broke campaign rules; and

WHEREAS many students were not able to make an informed vote given the various types of misinformation provided to them;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a RU-PASS revote take place and a non-biased statistical/financial report be provided to the student body. This report should

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specify the impact the pass will have on all the major groups of peoples present on campus (i.e. students living on campus, GO commuters, TTC commuters, commuters using non-public transportation, part time students, graduate students, etc.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU release information about how an RU-PASS fee will affect OSAP funding, list of examples of “need” that will warrant eligibility for the RU-PASS, and specify how much money has been set aside for need based transportation grants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU issue a formal apology for the spread of misinformation and will implement a resource for members of the Ryerson community so that misconduct can be reported, investigated, and followed up on in a timely manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU update their bylaws to help prevent/deter members from spreading misinformation. Bylaws will include updated, clearly outlined rules of conduct and consequences for the type of misconduct that was witnessed during the referendum vote.

Moved: Diana Schwendener Forkel

Seconded:

Result:

i. MOTION 2018-11-28 C 08 - RU-Pass Challenge

WHEREAS the RU-Pass referendum was unfairly decided; and

WHEREAS the RSU broke election rules; and

WHEREAS the RSU created posters with the wrong last day to vote and therefore students were misinformed about voting dates; and

WHEREAS students have reported that the RSU campaigners solicited "Yes" votes with food, but would withhold food for "No" votes; and

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WHEREAS RSU campaigners surrounded students on the tiered seating at the Student Learning Centre and would not leave them alone until they voted "Yes" ; and

WHEREAS students have reported that they were lied to about the opt-out provision. Students were told that they could opt out of the RU-Pass for any reason, except they can only do so if they have a permanent disability; and

WHEREAS students have reported that they were lied to about an RU-Pass with GO Transit and an existing McMaster University-Go Transit deal. Metrolinx has confirmed that there would be no RU-Pass with Go Transit in the near future;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT there be a fair revote with the RU-Pass; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a non-biased, financial report be provided to the student body about the RU-Pass. This report should specify the impact the RU-Pass will have on all groups of students on campus. These will include, but are not limited to, students living on residence, students who take Go Transit, students who take the TTC, students who drive, part time students, and graduate students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU release information about how an RU-Pass fee will affect OSAP funding. The information should list examples of need that will warrant eligibility for funding for the RU-Pass; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU issue a formal apology for the spread of misinformation during the RU-Pass referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU create a committee of volunteers that people can report misconduct for during future referendums. The committee of volunteers will investigate all claims of misconduct and follow up in a timely manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU update their bylaws to deter campaigners from spreading misinformation. New bylaws will include a clearly outlined code of conduct and consequences for misconduct; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU require any signs for future referendums to be inspected by the Board Secretariat to ensure they are accurate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU be banned from giving out food or material goods during future referendums; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU hold future negotiations with the TTC to determine the feasibility of an opt-out provision for the RU-Pass; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all future referendums have at least one debate where members of the "Yes" and "No" sides make arguments.

Moved:Dylan Bradley

Seconded:

Result:

j. **MOTION 2018-11-28 C 09 - Board of Directors Honoraria**

WHEREAS transparency, especially when it comes to student money being spent, is important for the RSU to maintain; and

WHEREAS the RSU Board of Directors recently raised both the executive salaries and the honorariums for the Board of Directors; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU will make the amount that each director received in honorarium a publicly available figure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RSU must post the amounts, along with a summary of the rationale used to determine that amount, on their website within two (2) weeks of honorarium amounts being decided, every time honorariums are given to Board members

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the information must stay on the website until the next Board of Directors takes office on May 1st.

MOVED BY: David Jardine

Seconded:

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k. MOTION 2018-11-28 C 10 - Audit Information from the Emergency Student Grant Funds

WHEREAS recently allegations surfaced that members receiving emergency grant funding were told by an individual responsible for the disbursement of emergency grant funds that they could receive additional grant money contingent on them paying a portion of the grant money back to the individuals responsible for making such decisions; and

WHEREAS this would be a violation of RSU Financial policies, RSU Bylaws and Canadian Law; and

WHEREAS audits are regularly performed by the Ryerson Student Union to ensure transparency and compliance with relevant rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS the RSU produces audited financial statement audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RSU retain PricewaterhouseCoopers to conduct a forensic audit on the above claims. Be it further resolved that if any other instances during the investigation arise where the disbursement of Emergency Grant Funding was made not in accordance with the relevant policies, bylaws, and laws that these infractions be investigated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the results of the financial audit be made public upon completion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PricewaterhouseCoopers also do an assessment risk of fraud for these disbursements and provide operational suggestions and guidelines to mitigate their potential.

Moved: Lauren Sciacchitano

Seconded:

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I. MOTION 2018-11-28 C 11 - RSU Meeting Minutes Policy

Preamble

A policy that requires the posting of approved meeting minutes and any supporting documents or agendas referenced within said minutes in a easily accessible and available medium, for the general populous.

Scope

The following would apply to Board of Director Meetings and RSU Standing Committee Meetings as per bylaws.

1. Board of Directors
2. Athletics Committee
3. Bursary Committee
4. Course Union Committee
5. Equity and Social Justice Committee
6. Events and Entertainment Committee
7. Executive Committee
8. Governance Committee
9. Student Action Committee
10. Student Groups Committee
11. Sustainability Committee

Policy

1. Minutes must be posted within 2 weeks of said minutes being approved.
2. All supplementary documentation “linked” (the hyperlinks in the documents) must be posted with said approved meeting minutes in order to inform the student body on decisions.
3. Minutes cannot be censored by the Board of Directors unless information presented violates current RSU policies or Bylaws. If such an event occurs then an omission may be made in the document, with a footnote or citation inserted. Such citation must clearly state the reason for omission along with a referenced by-law or policy violation that such information contained.

WHEREAS such a policy highlights the crucial roll the RSU plays in student body changes, and would ensure the effective communication of Student Body decisions with the general populous; and

WHEREAS such policy would also require the documentation, and posting of any private meetings and or Student group/equity/course union meeting minutes as to

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ensure transparency between elected representatives and their respective student bodies; and

WHEREAS Such policies would require that the “posting” of material refers to the documentation and presentation of a english document available in a paper medium (Available at the RSU building) or a PDF medium to be posted on the RSU website (rsuonline.ca under meeting minutes); and

WHEREAS Such a policy would require that a link or location to the approved meeting minutes be provided in a RSU based communication via email or paper based information system; and

WHEREAS Additionally it would require the posting of all BoD meeting agendas as to inform the student population of what the planned and outcomes of discussions were;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all meeting minutes of the Board of Director and RSU Standing Committee meeting and any supporting documents or agendas referenced within said minutes in a easily accessible and available medium, for the general populous; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT All minutes or documents from the Board of Directors Meetings, RSU Committee Meetings and Executive Committee that are posted in an electronic medium must be made available to any registered Ryerson University members by way of email account verification (View privileges on any google document that pertains to the decisions or provides context to the agenda objectives).

Moved: Adam Yang

Seconded:

Result:

11. Executive Reports

a. MOTION 2018-11-28 R01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reports of the Executive be accepted as presented in Appendix F.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Result:

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12. Other Business

a.

13. Adjournment

a. MOTION 2018-11-28 C07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 28 2018 Semi Annual General Meeting of the members of the Ryerson Students' Union be adjourned.

Moved: Ram Ganesh

Seconded:

Result: