

November 25th Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Ahmed, Clint, Nikko, Travis, Charene, Shaheen, Laurie, Charlotte

Meeting begins 5:32

Check-In

Minutes from November 18th meeting approved

Agenda approved: Ahmed wants to discuss overall structure and major issues concerning RPIRG, so it was added to the agenda.

Consensus Decision-Making presentation: Some points to remember:

- Consensus rejects majority rule
- Consensus is non-hierarchical
- cooperative, not competitive
- incorporates roles (minute-taker, facilitator, vibe-watcher...etc)
- respects the listeners
- tries to give everyone a chance to speak (be conscious of how much space we are taking up)
- group-oriented, not individuals

Contracts: these are high priority. Many of the distinct contract details were taken from previous contracts and revamped to be more clear, direct and reflective of Saskatchewan labour standards. It was decided that the contracts will be approved by the Staff Relations Committee, then sent to the rest of the Board for approval via email/Basecamp or the next meeting.

RPIRG General Information:

Nikko discussed the two primary legal concerns RPIRG is currently facing:

1. Acquiring, from the University of Regina, a list of all RPIRG's members. This is needed so that RPIRG may have direct access to its members.
2. RPIRG is currently trying to put in place a legal contract between RPIRG and the UofR that binds both parties to an agreement on how and when student levies will be granted to RPIRG.

Funding Rounds: Nikko explained how our annual budget is determined by the number of students that register per semester at the UofR. Every Winter and every Fall semester, RPIRG receives five dollars from every student (unless they opted-out). The amount received in *Fall* will be used to plan our budget for *Winter, Spring and Summer*. The amount received in *Winter* will be used to plan our budget for *Fall*. This system will allow RPIRG to have consistency within our budgeting and funding rounds.

Funding rounds have two deadlines: October 15th and February 15th of every year (if these days land on a weekend, the deadline will be the following Monday). We may also choose to incorporate a Spring/Summer deadline.

So, applications will be accepted year-round, however they will only be assessed after the deadline date for which the applicant has applied. The Applications Assessment Committee (AAC) has 4 weeks to approve the applications. The Board of Directors then have 2 weeks to finalize the approvals. For example, if an applicant submits a request for a Project/Event on November 30th, 2008, the application will be held by RPIRG until the deadline on Feb 15th. The application will be either approved, or rejected by the AAC. Further actions will be determined.

Check Out

Next Meeting: URSU Board room December 9th