

**Regina Public Interest Research Group**  
Board Minutes  
April 25, 2018 at 6pm in the URSU Boardroom

**1.0 OPENING ROUND**

- 1.1 Check-ins and announcements
- 1.2 In attendance: **Jonny, Harvey, Krystal, Lexie, Rachel, Gilbert, Claire, Ritva**
- 1.3 Regrets: **Made, Jessica, Catherine, Dela, Claire, Julian**
- 1.4 Absent:

**2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- 2.1 Meeting length – 2 hours
- 2.2 Approve minutes of last meeting, changes to agenda, agenda, choice of facilitator (**Krystal**) and minute taker (**Harvey**)

**3.0 CONTENT**

- 3.1 Report-backs from staff or committees
  
- 3.2 Motions
  - 3.2.1 Extension of CAP contract end date to June 30 - **approved**
  - 3.2.2 Two-Spirit group – re-application consideration - **approved**
  - 3.2.3 CRU Summer Institute –support for student registration (see Appendix) - **\$600 approved**
  - 3.2.4 Staff carry over of leftover vacation and personal days into 2018-2019 fiscal year - **approved**
  - 3.2.5 Approve new contract for Outreach and Events Coordinator to better reflect that the position is permanent - **approved**
  
- 3.3 Discussion items
  - 3.3.1 Budget – **run through of revenue and expenses from 2017-2018 fiscal year**
  - 3.3.2 Strategic planning session info update – **Saturday 9-5pm, Sunday 9-4:30**
  - 3.3.3 Sign Green Patch Coordinator contract - **done**

**4.0 CLOSING ROUND**

- 4.1 Next meeting – May 8, 6pm

**5.0 APPENDIX**

**5.1 CRU Summer Institute – support for student registration**

With the CRU's Summer Institute coming up in August, Lynn and I (Taya) have been looking at ways to make attendance more financially accessible for students. Registration is expected to be approximately \$100, and we know that can be a barrier for some. If students wanted to seek financial support from RPIRG, I wanted to check in and see which option would make it easiest on you and the board!

Would you prefer to consider something like one big application for a student-only bursary fund from the CRU (for the July 1 funding round)? We are in the process of completing our registration form, so we easily collect names and student numbers for that purpose. Or would you prefer that each student approaches you directly before July 1?

Funding options proposed:

- Fully fund a set amount of students (to be arranged by the CRU)
- Partially fund a larger amount of students (to be arranged by the CRU)
- Give the CRU a lump sum to distribute how they wish

#### **5.2 Two-Spirit Group program update (see original application attached)**

Since last spring, we've been holding bi-weekly gatherings for Two-Spirit people. We decided midway through the project, through discussion with the program coordinator, to expand the target audience to include all ages. There is a small group of committed participants who are benefitting greatly from this regular opportunity to access community and discuss common concerns and experiences. They've had a few special events including a community BBQ, a talking circle with a Two-Spirit Elder, bowling night, and a puppet-making workshop, which have helped to strengthen relationships and build trust and camaraderie.

In addition to hiring a Program Coordinator to run the group, we have hired a Student Researcher to help us compile the information we are gaining from this first year of development. She's working on doing interviews with group participants, circulating surveys to the broader community, and compiling information on the local context.

The project end date we indicated on our application was March 31. I'm writing to request an extension to August 31, 2018.

When we first started this project last spring, we didn't have a clear idea of what participants would want to do with the resources we were raising; we intentionally left it open so that Two-Spirit participants (our new Two-Spirit Advisory Council) could direct the program, allowing them to identify their own needs and ways of addressing them.

We budgeted for sweats and regular meetings with elders, but one of the gaps we've found is that there is a lack of Elders in Regina and area who are either Two-Spirit themselves or understand Two-Spirit identities and how to work with and conduct ceremonies for Two-Spirit people. So participants so far haven't accessed much of the sweat and Elder budget. It seems like a better use of those resources will be to extend our program until August this year, which will give us time to keep building our community and completing our initial research. We are planning for the next phase of this project to be focused on Elder development and inter-generational mentorship between a Two-Spirit Elder from Saskatoon, Elders in Regina, and Two-Spirit individuals in Regina. But before we develop our next steps, we need a few more months to solidify our group and finish our research.

Two-Spirit Group Revised Budget:

<b>Two-Spirit Program Draft Budget</b>			
			<b>Revised Budget - Extending to August 2018</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Actual</b>		
Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)	12,000		12,000
Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ)	1,249		1,249
UR Pride (URP)	3,500		3,500
RPIRG	1,500		2,000
Community Research Unit (CRU)	3,000		3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,249</b>		<b>21,749</b>
		<b>Spent as of 03/31/2018</b>	<b>Revised Budget - Extending to August 2018</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Student Researcher	6,120	5,154	<b>8,375</b>
Coordinator (B)	3,139	2,366	<b>4,359</b>
MERCs	172	242	<b>342</b>
Overhead	2,400	2,000	<b>3,000</b>
Summer Student	2,419	1,234	<b>1,234</b>
Elder/Consultant Fees	1,800	500	<b>500</b>
Tobacco			<b>0</b>
Sweat Expenses	1,720		<b>0</b>
Food	700	551	<b>701</b>
Travel	1,200	159	<b>500</b>
Childcare	200	142	<b>300</b>
Facebook Ads	150	220	<b>395</b>
Posters & Print Promo	400	378.05	<b>503</b>
Supplies/Resources	330	449	<b>449</b>
Program Fees	500	594	<b>1,094</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,250</b>	<b>13,988</b>	<b>21,751</b>