

**Regina Public Interest Research Group**  
Board Meeting Agenda  
Dec 6, 5:45pm – **URSU Boardroom**

**Opening Round**

1. Check in, transition into meeting  
In attendance: Harvey, Catherine, Jamie, Claire, Ritva  
Regrets: Lexie, Jonny, Julian  
Absent:
2. Requests for changing/adding agenda items

**Administrative Matters**

1. Meeting length – 45 min.
2. Approve minutes of last meeting, Acceptance of the agenda, acceptance of any additions, facilitator (Krystal) and minute taker (Harvey) - **passed**
3. Announcements

**Matters of Content**

1. Staff and committee updates
  - 2.1 ED
  - 2.2 O+E
2. Proposals or motions
  - 2.1 That RPIRG partner with Sask Writer's Guild on storyteller event (Appendix A) and provide funding – **Approved funding for Gwen Benaway's flight**
3. Discussion items or notifications
  - 4.1 Apathy into Action - update
  - 4.2 Plan next board meetings
  - 4.3 Board development – what kind of training would you like to see?
  - 4.4 CAP student – status
  - 4.5 Board committee re-arranging
  - 4.6 Help with 2018-19 election

**Closing Round**

1. Next Meeting – **January 9 6-8pm**

**Appendix**

**A – SWG Partnership Proposal**

**History:**

Saskatchewan Writers' Guild (SWG) has hosted the First Nations University Reading Series for five consecutive years in both the spring and fall semesters. Starting in fall 2016, SWG paired with the Office of Indigenization, based out of the University of Regina, for a sponsorship to continue the readings each year.

In the past, we have hosted Indigenous authors such as Richard Van Camp, Gregory Schofield, Dr. Robert Innes, Dr. Robert Henry, Rita Bouvier, Louise Halfe and Tenille Campbell. Topics have covered storytelling from the North, weaving Indigenous language into poetry, Indigenous masculinities and reclaiming Indigenous femininity and sexuality.

**Proposal:**

SWG and the Indigenous Program Coordinator has noticed a gap of representation in Saskatchewan in LGBTQ2S Indigenous authorship and would like to remedy that for the spring 2018 First Nations University Reading Series. Emerging authors Billy Ray-Belcourt and Gwen Benaway, whom identify as two-spirited and trans respectively, have been invited to join us for a reading in Treaty 4 territory. The date of the event is tentatively aimed between March 19-April 6 2018. Organizations that are interested in separate talks are invited to pitch their speaking honorariums at their own cost, as well.

It is the hope of SWG, on behalf of the Office of Indigenization and First Nations University, that other organizations would participate both in the organizational and financial efforts required to bring these two speakers to campus. Below is an anticipated budget, complete with what SWG, Office of Indigenization, and FNUUniv have to offer at this time:

Item:	Cost:	Covered by:	In-kind by:
Speaking honorarium for Billy Ray-Belcourt	\$500	Office of Indigenization	
Speaking honorarium for Gwen Benaway	\$500	Office of Indigenization	
Flight for Billy Ray-Belcourt (Edmonton)	\$300	n/a	
Flight for Gwen Benaway (Toronto)	\$600	n/a	
Hotel for Billy Ray-Belcourt	\$150	SWG	
Hotel for Gwen Benaway	\$150	SWG	
Meal per diems for Billy Ray-Belcourt (SWG rates)	\$116	SWG	
Meal per diems for Gwen Benaway (SWG rates)	\$116	SWG	
Venue Rental	n/a		FNUUniv
Catering for event	\$300	n/a	
Poster	n/a		SWG Designer

\*Cost estimates are subject to change.

\*Organizations interested in covering a specific aspect are welcome and funding can be rearranged to accommodate.

\*Logos of all participating organizations will be included on the poster for distribution (an effort ideally made by all participating organizations).

For any questions, please contact Nickita Longman at [swgip@skwriter.com](mailto:swgip@skwriter.com) or 306-791-7741.

**Regina Public Interest Research Group**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Nov 21, 2017 6pm – **Women’s Centre Boardroom**

**Opening Round**

1. Check in, transition into meeting  
In attendance: Jonny, Ritva, Claire, Lexi, Catherine, Julian, Krystal  
Regrets: Jamie, Harvey  
Absent:
2. Requests for changing/adding agenda items

**Administrative Matters**

1. Meeting length – 1.5 hours
2. Approve minutes of last meeting, Acceptance of the agenda, acceptance of any additions, facilitator (Krystal Lewis) and minute taker (Julian Wotherspoon) **Approved**
3. Announcements **None**

**Matters of Content**

1. Staff and committee updates
  - 2.1 ED
  - 2.2 O+E
2. Proposals or motions
  - 2.1 That RPIRG sponsor \$2000 for the Angela Davis event in March 2018 (as per printed request) **Approved**
  - 2.2 Approval to buy a new printer sometime this fiscal year **Approved**
3. Discussion items or notifications
  - 4.1 Apathy into Action - brainstorming topics, discussing plans so far, live stream possibilities? **Good Ideas, ASL, Streaming**
  - 4.2 Assign Ritva to board committees/re-arrange other committees if necessary  
**Meet at a later date to decide (Thursday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 12-1:30pm)**  
**If anyone wants to switch up let Krystal know**
  - 4.3 Art Build Dec 1-2
  - 4.4 Re-starting some past committees, getting more students connected  
**Table Until January**
    - 4.4.1 – Green Patch
    - 4.4.2 – Generating Momentum
  - 4.5 board professional development **Take an UDEMY course!**

**Closing Round**

1. Choose if meeting Dec 6 before Christmas party **Elf Yourself Invites**
2. board challenge: share AiA call for proposals to groups/friends

**Appendix**