

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting

Ryerson Commerce Society – TRS 1-010

Saturday June 11th, 2011– Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario

Board of Directors Meeting

Prepared by: Bushra Jawed

Location: Geneva Park Board Room, Orillia

Date: Saturday June 11th, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER – 11:36 AM

BOARD MEMBERS EXPECTED TO ATTEND:

Angelo Piroz	President
Samantha Almeida	Vice President Administration and Operations
Darren Shivraj	Vice President Corporate Relations
Laura Grisolia	Vice President Finance
Natasha Campagna	Vice President Events and Marketing
Michael Jor	Vice President Engagement and Outreach
Mustafa Amer	Business Management Director
Amir Golbazi	Business Management Director
Hitansh Nanda	Business Management Director
Prateek Bajaj	Information Technology Management Director
Faiza Hussein	Information Technology Management Director
Salvator Anania	Hospitality and Tourism Management Director
Nina Tavakoli	Hospitality and Tourism Management Director
Christina Gobran	Retail Management Director
Ife Osemeke	Retail Management Director
Bushra Jawed	Secretary
George Phu	Honorary Councillor
Dev Singh	Honorary Councillor
Abdul Snobar	General Manager

ABSENT WITH REGRETS:

Gerald Mak	Information Technology Management Director
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ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER – 9:05 AM

ITEM 2 ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER

Abdul discusses Robert’s Rules of Order in greater detail.

ITEM 3 GM POSITION AND SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Abdul discusses the RCS General Manager position and future school initiatives.

ITEM 4 CALL TO ORDER – 11:36 AM

ITEM 5 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Angelo Piroz pass his **Chairing Rights** to Abdul Snobar for the board meeting being held on June 11th.

Moved: *Angelo Piroz* **Seconded By:** *Michael Jor*

Result: Passes unanimously

For	Against	Abstentions
14	0	0

Item 6 GROWTH PROPOSAL

George, Angelo, and Hitansh discuss potential growth opportunities with the board (refer to their slides).

ITEM 8 VP ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Michael Jor presents his role as the VP Engagement and Outreach position and what it entails (refer to his presentation).

Amir: I just want to go back to collaborations and ask for some clarification, what exactly do you mean by that?

Michael: Well, okay, so a lot of times, we have different groups doing different events. Students may not be able to go to all the events they’d like to, so by collaborating the events, you give students the ability to attend events hosted by various student groups. Also, in some events there is 1 speaker for every 10 attendees. A collaboration effort can increase the number of speakers per attendees as well.

Dev: If we have a collaboration event, wouldn’t the ratio from speaker to audience be smaller because of the larger group of students attending?

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Michael: Yes, the audience would increase, but we're hoping that the two different student groups would attract more guest speakers therefore the ratio would be greater.

Angelo: Also, if you blend industries, you can get a panel of guests.

Prateek: Have you already spoken to the student groups about what events they'd want to collaborate on?

Michael: Well, we know that many of the student groups will not collaborate with their larger events, as they get a huge turn out as is. But many of the smaller ones with smaller audiences that may or may not show up, collaborations are a great idea. We can't force the events, but we can definitely make suggestions.

Ife: It would be good to get student groups that are similar to one another, or ones that share their office to collaborate. It would help the event go through more smoothly because the student groups are already familiar with each other.

Sal: How would you sum up your initiatives to engage those who are not engaged as well as those who are not outreached to? Student groups aside, what efforts are being made to engage students that are not engaged or not reached out to?

Angelo: Myself and Mike have both discussed turning the street team around. They're not just here for marketing, they can be used to receive feedback from students as well. Soapbox will allow you these students to give general feedback to us. We can receive feedback from a range of audiences, even from you guys in regards to this trip itself. Obviously, it will take a lot of training of the street team. The street team will not only have a marketing aspect, but they will become a known resource around the school. Also, if George's position is implemented, then Mike would have a lot of input on how the kiosk is dealt with and what is done with it.

Sal: At the end of the day, we get part of our budget from every single student and so, what are we doing for Outreach and Engagement for them? We have a budget set aside for this specifically and how is it being used?

Angelo: On the RCS, we really do try to engage students. We use the Street Team as a resource to find effective ways to engage students. Darren had a chance to help plan student group fairs, and now we're trying to implement ways to receive concrete feedback from the students. In the past, we haven't been successful in finding out what the students want or what they want changed, but this will allow us to take that into consideration.

Laura: A lot of you have questions about what we are going to do. So of course we will have ideas, but don't look to us for all the answers. As a group, you're coming up with strategies and ideas as well.

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Sal: As an executive, what do you see as your vision for the strategy? Just so we can put things into perspective. You can approach us and be like this is the vision that I see. From past experience, I can see that there are strategies that we have for student groups, but we don't have concrete strategies for the rest of the 96% of TRSM.

Amir: The problem according to me is the marketing of the brand and engaging the students that aren't involved. We all have equal responsibility to try and engage students no matter who we are. I see where Mike is coming from because he's taken a very good path towards how he plans to make a difference. Through his iPad idea and the feedback from students, he is visualizing ways to continue this growth.

Prateek: Have you decided how many street team members you want?

Michael: Last year we found that 40 was a bit too much to handle. What I propose is less than 20, possibly around 15. When you have more than 20 people, I feel like it's just mayhem.

Prateek: Last time, we approved the iPads. However, we also wanted there to be some sort of action plan, is that ready?

Michael: Not at this point in time.

Faiza: It's important to remember that our job is to support Michael's role, especially because this is a new position. We're testing new things here. So we have to leave a few things as a learning experience. It's not possible to have all the concrete answers.

George: I think everyone touched on everything. With the mindset of restructuring the organization, we can all work towards a common goal. One main priority of this position is streamlining communication with the student groups. The second reason for this position is engagement and outreach. They had a position for a student who was involved with reaching out to first year students. It's tough to tackle third and fourth year students, who may already have a sense of what they want from school. The third part is getting to the rest of the people. We should all be discussing this idea tomorrow when we create our goals. The number one problem is student apathy.

Natasha: In your presentation, you said you wanted at least 5000 students to complete a survey? And so, how do you plan on doing that?

Michael: Well, it's over the course of the entire semester. We can have the street team get the answers from students, and of course, we will also have the iPads to use to our advantage.

Sal: Going back to engagement, I understand that we try to engage other students towards the student groups, however, the way that they engage students to student groups is through their events. In this sense, for all the ticketed events throughout the year, we are only in a position to engage students who are financially feasible. And I realize that we do student appreciation days with free pizza and food and

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all. However, that still does not engage these students towards the students groups in the way that events do. How do we engage those who are not at the financial position to be engaged? If all events were free, would you not say that people would show up more? How do we engage people by not charging them for everything?

Angelo: As the Ryerson Commerce Society, or student groups in general, because our budgets are so limited, we cannot afford to have all free events throughout the year. However, because those events are highly subsidized, we can say that these events, although not free, are affordable.

Dev: To add on, you can't really give out free events because you have to have people accountable for showing up. We do help fund the student groups, but they are also encouraged to create their own revenue as well which is done through the events.

Angelo: Just to bring the meeting back to order, we need to get back to the speaker list.

Hitansh: Does your portfolio have anything to do with alumni relations?

Michael: I have taken a step forward in that route, and because I do have access to Ryerson alumni, I could search and find these people. However, it's not under my profile.

Darren: I think because your role is new and ambiguous, it's hard to see what it actually entails. I think maybe we should just take into consideration everything that has been said, and then if were to work alongside George, if his role does go through, then we'd be able to see such results.

Amir: I think you bring up very good points Sal. We should definitely bring it up at the student groups retreat. However, student groups don't really have that much, their main source of revenue is the events. We need to take that into consideration that their tickets are how they make revenues and these tickets decrease the amount of funding they ask from us.

Sal: All I'm trying to say is that we're an organization with a mandate, and nowhere in our mandate does it say that we need to help create revenue. Our mandate has everything to do with the students, and nothing to do with revenues and expenses of other student groups. Our main purpose is to engage the students and we should focus on that entirely.

Abdul: That brings us to the end of our speaker list for the time being. I'd like to bring the meeting back to order, so Michael can continue with his presentation.

Michael Jor explains SoapBox, its benefits and how it can be used easily by all students.

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ITEM 9 ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION

Samantha discusses her administrative role, as well as, introduces her hires, Secretary and Webmaster to the rest of the board.

ITEM 10 INTERNAL RELATIONS

Natasha discusses her role, goes into detail about Frosh, introduces her Marketing team, as well as, lists goals for future events to be held by RCS.

ITEM 11 VP CORPORATE PRESENTATION

Darren presents his role as VP Corporate, as well as, discusses networking.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RCS take a 10 minute recess before starting on the budget.

Moved: *Angelo Pirosz*

Seconded By: *Amir Golbazi*

Result: Passes unanimously

For	Against	Abstentions
14	0	0

ITEM 12 CALL TO ORDER – 3:56 AM

ITEM 13 BUDGET APPROVAL

Laura: First of all we have the beginning balance. We have been left with a substantial amount, but keep in mind that we are still dealing with previous expenses. Charitable fundraising is a new line item, it was added because it was hard last year to keep track of the what was going into fundraising. It has been added to create transparency. Corporate sponsorships are 30 000, and it consists of sponsorships used towards RCS initiatives (mainly TRMC and Frosh). Next we have Collaborative sponsorships, which was initiated in 2009 by the CRC and George, and implemented by the CCPP. Any funding brought in from the CCPP program is used for student group events. The Dean funding is money that is allocated to the student groups. We are just responsible for distributing it because the amount has already been decided upon, and not by us. Interest revenue was implemented last year, initiated with the idea of investing the funds we don't need right now. Ryerson funding is anything to do with sponsorships coming from sources within Ryerson University. It's similar to the dean's money, we just distribute it. The Student levy is paid by each student into the RCS at the TRSM through their tuition.

Sal: Has the Dean's funding and the president's funding has already been allocated?

Abdul: For the most part, yes. But there is some leeway. We have some freedom with the Ryerson funding.

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Laura: TRMC revenue is self explanatory. TRSM funding is mostly from the \$10 paid upon graduation. It may include other things as well. Student levy is the \$60 that each student pays. It could increase with an increase in applicants. Now moving on to expenses. Banking fees are similar to last year. Banner is our initial marketing from last year, but we're eliminating that and putting that expense into marketing. Business cards expense has increased a little bit. CABS (Canadian Association of Business Students) membership fee is the \$1000. If you want to go to any of their events and you don't have the membership, you have to pay taxes and we found that it was more affordable to have the membership. It is mandatory for there to be an external chairperson for AGM and SAGM. Collaborative funding is the expense that is exactly what is coming in now going out. Conferences and competitions, we fund 100%, so the funds in this account will be put towards supporting academic competitions and conferences throughout the various schools. Corporate relations expense, Darren has to go out on a lot of meetings, take executives out for dinner, and so on. There is an obvious benefit as he does get the sponsorships. Dean funding requests once again match the revenue line. We are all covered for expenses from elections. Events expense will include all the Student Appreciate Days. Frosh week is the \$55 0000. General Manager's expense will be changed to Salaries and Wages, it should be more general especially if a new potential position is being considered. Graduation gala before was put on by three or four different organizations, but now, RCS is going to be taking it on entirely. Marketing expense in 2011 was not \$15 000, but we kept it as \$15 000 just to keep in mind all the growth that was being discussed by Natasha. Meeting expense is the food for our meetings. Office equipment is what you can use again and again, and it does include base camp and we're considering buying financial software. President's expense is anything that he spends on what he feels appropriate for the team. We've taken out the printing category because we want it to be more specific. We want to specifically know how much is going where, specifically allocating exactly what to Frosh, meetings or etc. In 2009, we signed a four year contract to give scholarships out to students from each faculty.

Hitansh: The contract, was it a set amount? Or was it a different amount?

Laura: It's a set amount.

Hitansh: So then, why does it change over the four years?

Abdul: It was our choice to increase them and we did decide to do so. This was because in order to get the awards presented they need to be at least \$1000. So we have three scholarships per school of \$1000 each and one Sheldon levy one of \$2000.

Laura: Student summits are just updates for the students and student groups. We felt the need and the student groups agreed that four throughout the year would be beneficial. The expense for student summit is basically food. Transition costs were just the costs incurred for the old board to train the new board. Website expense is for the web posting. There's miscellaneous expense and expenses that need to be paid off from previous years. Next, we put 10% of our budget towards a reserve fund for extreme emergencies. Right now, as our budget stands we're planning for \$70 000. But our revenue may increase, therefore the budget will be adjusted.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Budget of 2011-2012 be approved as presented.

Moved: *Laura Grisolia*

Seconded By: *Amir Golbazi*

Michael: I believe there was talk last time about increasing our reserve fund higher than the 10%?

Abdul: There is a total amount of \$70 000 right now in the reserve fund and it will be kept that way.

Prateek: When you gave your presentation on the student retreat, what was your estimated cost?

Abdul: Approximately \$41 000.

Prateek: So that 120 000, is that how much we spent on students? So how come we're taking the money away?

Abdul: No, we actually spent more. We didn't change the budgeting, but we had extra so we let them spend \$150 000.

Angelo: Dave and I were just discussing this and our actual budget seems wrong. We made a \$60 000 transfer into the reserve account. So the checking account is correct, but then the reserve account should read \$70 000, should it now?

Angelo: Motion to take a recess for 10 minutes?

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RCS take a ten minute recess.

Moved: *Angelo Piroz*

Seconded By: *Ife Osemeke*

Abdul: Would you like to motivate?

Angelo: We want to take an opportunity to deliberate that that number is really correct and before we go on, we want to confirm that the numbers are right.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RCS take a ten minute recess.

Moved: *Angelo Piroz*

Seconded By: *Ife Osemeke*

Result: Passes unanimously

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Abdul: Call to order.

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Laura: Basically what happened is that we inputted \$60 000 from our checking into our savings, but we did it this year, so we had to show it this year. So we added it to our beginning balance to make it match. On May 15th, the books closed. But on May 16th, the money was put in. So we have to show that the money was put into the account in the new fiscal year.

Abdul: Motion on the table to pass the budget. I'll let you guys pull out items if you want. Or you can pass the budget as is?

Dev: Can I pull out General Managers expense? And previous year's expense? And events? First of all, I want to discuss general manager's expense and wages. If George's position is approved, there will be an additional expense added on, which is going to increase your expenses and alter the budget significantly.

Sal: We could motion to table the budget.

Abdul: I highly recommend you don't table the budget.

George: Someone should have put forth the motion to discuss my position before approval of the budget?

Abdul: That is true. Okay, so we'll discuss the other ones you pulled out Dev.

Dev: What are we doing for students that can't afford to go to these events? I propose that you change that line to Engagement. And make it some kind of subsidy that students can apply for to go to an event. You can look at their application, review it, and then give them the subsidy.

Abdul: So that's just a recommendation on behalf of Dev.

Sal: My argument is that I don't think we should change events to engagement because we don't even have an engagement strategy.

Dev: Well, like a student applies for scholarships. Change the events expense to engagement. In terms of the definition of the line, it would include events that the RCS puts on as well as subsidies.

Abdul: Understandably so, we can offer students that can't afford to go to events a way to go to these events by applying for these subsidies.

Angelo: My opinion is that we should hold off on it and actually develop some strategies. I would strongly suggest we take it on as a separate budget line. This would be a huge branding opportunity for us. If the RCS allocates x amount of money towards subsidizing students, I feel like it would be hidden in the Events line.

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Laura: Even after today, there are multiple chances to review and change the budget before September if the need arises.

Sal: If we approve the budget, we need the money for this proposal must be taken from somewhere. When we're accepting a proposal, we have to look at the rest of our services. We have to take something from some of our services to add it somewhere else. So if we're going to be approving this proposal, we might have to, in essence take it from another line.

Hitansh: What's the worst that would happen if we were to decrease our reserve?

Laura: The only thing that could be putdown is the less balance forward. So next year's board will have less money to start off with.

Sal: With all the growth we have in mind, we might have to take risks this year. We might have to start a year with less money because we need it for the start.

Hitansh: Abdul touched on earlier that we might have other sources of funding?

Abdul: I can't guarantee that there will be something, but I'm going to try my best to get RCS something.

Laura: If you believe that investing this will be more beneficial to the RCS, then I agree with the board. Speaking from a financially risk averse perspective though, it would obviously be a better idea to not use the reserve.

Sal: Point of order. I would think that the proposal that George is asking for requires the budget committee to get together and discuss because it is a funding request is it not? So we should put it aside, and the budget committee should discuss this, and then we can decide at the next board meeting?

Dev: It's not really technically a funding request because he's not a student anymore.

Abdul: Because he did present it today, and we're at a board meeting today, and therefore, we should decide today. If the board does want to though, we can table it until a later date.

Dev: The previous year's expense, what are you basing the 40 000 on?

Abdul: We're estimating it's around \$40 000, we're trying to be conservative.

Angelo: I would like to suggest to the board that someone put forth the motion to table. It would make strategic sense to talk about what the board wants to do first and so we can push the budget passing to a later time. It might be a good idea to table the passing of the budget motion till after dinner.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RCS table the approval of the Budget for 2011-2012 till after dinner.

Moved: *Amir Golbazi*

Seconded By: *Michael Jor*

Result: Passes unanimously

For	Against	Abstentions
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Abdul: We have tabled the budget till after dinner.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RCS accepts the position of the Manager of Student Life and Services of the RCS.

Moved: *Sal Anania*

Seconded By: *Hitansh Nanda*

Sal: Question first, to George.

Abdul: Before you go on, there's one thing that I didn't explain during Robert's Rules of Order. There's a motion to go in camera which basically means to go into a confidential meeting with the board. Minutes are not taken at that point in time. There are three situations that are typical for going in camera – salaries and wages, union and staff relations, and capital purchasing. It is also often used if you're discussing contracts.

Sal: So, anyone who isn't voting has to leave?

Abdul: Yes.

Sal: Besides your breakdown of the salary, would you have any other sort of financial information you can present to the board? The chances of us getting the kiosk are very likely, so are there costs related to that? Or anything in general?

George: My plan is to affect the RCS budget as minimally as possible. This falls under office, renovations and so on. There are other sources of funding from the university, as well as, sponsorships for the kiosk.

Prateek: You mentioned that you will also be taking care of sponsorships? Darren gets sponsorships, as does Abdul, and now so will you?

George: Darren and I will be working together with the sponsorships.

Abdul: And if mine if do work out, they will be the ones that will really help us out in the future.

Abdul: Speakers list is dry.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RCS move the meeting to in camera.

Moved: *Angelo Pirosz*

Seconded By: *Hitansh Tanda*

Result: Passes

For	Against	Abstentions
11	3	0

Abdul: That being said, minutes will not be taken after this point. In camera at 5:14pm.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RCS move the meeting to out of camera at 5:55pm.

Moved: *Ife Osemeke* **Seconded By:** *Hitansh Tanda*

Result: Passes unanimously

For	Against	Abstentions
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Abdul: To summarize what happened in the in camera discussion. There was a consensus that the position is definitely needed, however there needs to be more information presented first before any action is taken.

Angelo: I'd like to amend the motion to state that the RCS approve the manager of student life on the following conditions set:

1. Confirmations of capital and salary related funding
2. Detailed succession plan and evaluation
3. Detailed capital cost breakdown
4. More detailed implementation timeline

If by mid-July, we have information on the above, the position is to be accepted by the board.

Moved: *Angelo Pirosz*

Seconded By: *Amir Golbazi*

Abdul: Would you like to motivate?

Angelo: As we said we're all for the position, we just need a bit more information to make the decision.

George: The only thing that is not possible is to have a detailed capital cost breakdown. It's out of scope because the approval of the space and the capital cost is in realms of the position.

Amir: I think because you're requesting your wages to be partially paid by us, we need to know the expenses (admin costs, infrastructure costs) that will be incurred.

George: It's fine if it's along the lines of the position to be approved. But what it violates is that the capital cost breakdown is out of the realm of approval.

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Abdul: You proposed a few products that you would like to include. So you can definitely include that into the capital cost breakdown?

Sal: On the legal sense, if we approve something on the board, it will happen. Therefore, we in a logical sense cannot approve a position if we don't know if anything that you're proposing is actually valid. You need to inquire first if you are able to provide us with evidence that the variables that you're presenting are following through.

Angelo: I think the point is that with this position, a great factor of it is the capital structure. We need to know that we're not going to have to at a later time fund this capital structure.

Ife: I see where Sal and Amir are coming from, and also where you, George is coming from. But I would like to know from you, what do you think we could do?

Amir: Point of order. I think Ife's asking George to do what the board should be doing.

Abdul: You are correct, Amir. Back to the main motion, which is that the position will be followed through with as long as that the stipulations are followed through with.

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Moved: *Angelo Pirosz*

Seconded By: *Amir Golbazi*

Result: Passes

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Abdul: We've finished tabling and now we're back to the motion to approve the 2011-2012 budget.

Amir: Point of information, could you clarify that the budget is pending a later date depending on the changes?

Abdul: That is correct.

Michael: Looking at the events expense, can you explain how it fell ten grand?

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Laura: What used to be in there were the Student Appreciation Days.

Abdul: Speaker list is dry.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Budget of 2011-2012 be approved as presented.

Moved: *Laura Grisolia*

Seconded By: *Amir Golbazi*

Result: Passes unanimously

For	Against	Abstentions
15	0	0

ITEM 14 RCS COMMITTEES AND ELECTIONS

Abdul: We'll start with the governance committee. With this, you get to learn constitutional and bylaw changes, and as being the person implementing the changes, you essentially learn a lot.

Angelo: Anyone going into law or just has a general interest in that area, this would be an excellent committee.

Abdul: We're going to go committee by committee here to do the nominations. So now we're at the governance committee.

Angelo: I'd like to nominate Sal.

Faiza: I'd like to nominate Hitansh.

Abdul: Any more nominations? Going once, going twice? Nominations closed.

Abdul: Sal, do you accept your nomination?

Sal: I do.

Abdul: Hitansh, do you accept your nomination?

Hitansh: Accepted

Abdul: There is one position open for a board of director on the governance committee, so therefore, each candidate will be given a minute to speak and then a vote will be taken.

Sal: My ability to over think and critically analyze situations will be greatly beneficial. Although, it may have its downsides at times, in the governance committee it will be a benefit to over think and over

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analyze things. Also, my passion to get into law school eventually will play a great part in bringing passion into the role.

Hitansh: My biggest reason for wanting to be in the governance committee is for curiosity and how I feel I can further enable myself to help out as much as I can. Critical thinking and analyzing is important and I do believe I have that. I have experience in the past where I've used these skills and in the future, whether I go to Law school or anything else I do, I hope to continue to use my critical thinking and analytical skills.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Salvator Anania be appointed to the governance committee.

Moved: *Angelo Piroz*

Seconded By: *Mustafa Amer*

Result: Passes

For	Against	Abstentions
12	0	2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballots be destroyed.

Moved: *Amir Golbazi*

Seconded By: *Ife Osemeke*

Result: Passes

For	Against	Abstentions
13	0	1

Abdul: Now on to RCS cares, there are two positions to go on RCS cares, upon nomination to be a chair.

Dav: I'd like to nominate Christina.

Faiza: I'd like to nominate Nina.

Angelo: I'd like to nominate Gerald.

Abdul: Close off the nominations.

Abdul: Christina, do you accept?

Christina: No

Abdul: Nina, do you accept?

Nina: No

Abdul: And Gerald accepts as his was a self-nomination.

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Abdul: Open the floor up for nominations again, and see if there any more nominees. Any second chance for nominations?

Faiza: I'd like to nominate Mustafa.

Abdul: Mustafa, do you accept?

Mustafa: No

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gerald Mak be appointed to the RCS cares committee.

Moved: *Ife Osmeke*

Seconded By: *Angelo Piroz*

Result: Passes

For	Against	Abstentions
12	0	2

Abdul: Moving on the student groups committee, we need at least three board of directors in the student groups committee.

Darren: I'd like to nominate Hitansh.

Amir: I'd like to nominate myself.

Mike: I'd like to nominate Ife.

Angelo: I'd like to nominate Gerald.

George: I'd like to nominate Christina.

Laura: I'd like to nominate Faiza.

Abdul: Hitansh, do you accept?

Hitansh: No.

Abdul: Amir, do you accept?

Amir: Yes.

Abdul: Ife, do you accept?

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Ife: Yes

Abdul: Does Gerald accept?

Angelo: Yes, he does.

Abdul: Faiza, do you accept?

Faiza: No

Abdul: Christina, do you accept?

Christina: No

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Amir Golbazi, Gerald Mak, and Ife Osemeke be appointed to Student Groups Committee.

Moved: *Faiza Hussein*

Seconded By: *Natasha Campagna*

Result: Passes

For	Against	Abstentions
12	0	2

Abdul: Within my capacity as chair, I'll accept the one position from the board of directors into the Marketing Committee.

Sal: I think it would be an unfair advantage for the board to get privilege to be on the committee simply because we're on the board of directors.

Abdul: However, Natasha did her due diligence in trying to hire. Those were the only two that she got a response from.

Sal: I'd like to nominate Nina.

Hitansh: I'd like to nominate Christina.

George: I'd like to nominate Amir.

Amir: That was my nomination, I was going to nominate myself.

Abdul: Nominations are closed.

Abdul: Nina, do you accept?

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Nina: Yes

Abdul: Christina, do you accept?

Christina: Yes

Abdul: Amir, do you accept?

Amir: I gladly accept.

Sal: Point of information, can we quickly go through the commitments of the marketing committee?

Natasha: Day to day operations in marketing, possible change in the logo, adding a mascot, designing t-shirts, incentive programs, and so on.

George: Clarify that even if board members are not elected on to the committee, can they still join?

Abdul: They can participate, and offer recommendations. However, they cannot vote.

Nina: I feel as though I'd be a great candidate because marketing is one of my passions. I know all about the service aspect and this year, I feel like RCS is really focusing as service. It's really hard to reach the awareness with commuters. I have that in common with the people we are trying to reach. My interpersonal skills and creativity would really help in this committee.

Christina: I have a passion for marketing, I've worked in retail since I was 16. I believe in the brand that I try to promote. You have to truly believe in what you're trying to promote. And I do believe in the RCS. I've done marketing videos in the past, I have experience in creating a brand that would get across to the students.

Amir: I would like to point out that everyone got here on the board through elections. And I was the one who was behind the election campaigns. I've done projects for the marketing committee even before I was on the board. I did the frosh logo, I'm very proficient in photoshop, and illustrator. I have a lot of great ideas and I can meet deadlines as well. Natasha is a leader and she needs someone who can help out and I promise to do so. I gave her committee a few lessons in Photoshop too. I would like the board to consider not just who they want, but also the skills that I bring to the table.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Amir Golbazi be appointed to the Marketing Committee.

Moved: *Mustafa Amer*

Seconded By: *Michael Jor*

Result: Passes unanimously

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Moved: *Michael Jor*

Seconded By: *Faiza Hussein*

Result: Passes unanimously

For	Against	Abstentions
14	0	0

Abdul: Now we're on to the street team committee. How many people are on this committee right now?

Michael: None

Abdul: We've never offered this to anyone else yet. You're only recommending one position on the board. I'm going to open up nominations and everyone that wants to nominate, can be.

Michael: This person will help me figure out the schedule of the street team members, performance checks, what the student groups want to do in terms of marketing.

Abdul: Anyone can run for the general membership team, but only one person can get the chair position. The floor is open for nominations.

Mike: I'd like to nominate Prateek for cochair.

Dev: I'd like to nominate Christina for cochair.

Natasha: I'd like to nominate Ife as cochair.

George: I'd like to nominate Nina for cochair.

Mustafa: I'd like to nominate Amir for cochair.

Abdul: Prateek, do you accept?

Prateek: I accept as cochair.

Abdul: Christina, do you accept?

Christina: No

Abdul: Ife, do you accept?

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Ife: I accept as cochair.

Abdul: Nina, do you accept?

Nina: I accept as cochair.

Abdul: Amir, do you accept?

Amir: I'd like to politely decline.

Prateek: I was part of street team last year, I was logistics coordinator. Learning curve, positives and negatives and I've learned from that. I'm for that structure. We thought that the street team went too big too quick. We have to have much clear communication, I've learned from that. I want a chance to make a better product line.

Ife: I would like to withdraw.

Nina: I would really like an opportunity to get to know all about it. I feel as though I have great leadership skills and my interpersonal skills will be great for this role.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Prateek Bajaj be appointed as cochair on the RCS Street Team.

Moved: *Mustafa Amer*

Seconded By: *Samantha Almeida*

Result: Passes unanimously

For	Against	Abstentions
13	0	1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ballets be destroyed.

Moved: *Ife Osemeke*

Seconded By: *Hitansh Tanda*

Result: Passes unanimously

For	Against	Abstentions
14	0	0

Angelo: Myself and Sam were supposed to present today, but we'd like to move it to tomorrow directly before the goal setting session. For tomorrow, keep any goals that you mentioned or brought up. It's going to be a huge brainstorming session. Stay critical. Come with an open creative mind, but let's keep focused. And to everyone that got appointed to committees, congratulations!

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Moved: *Mustafa Amer*

Seconded By: *Natasha Campagna*

Result: Passes unanimously

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ADJOURN THE MEETING at 8:20 PM.

Minute Prepared By: Bushra Jawed (June 11th, 2011)

Approved: _____

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