

RFA JOINT EXECUTIVE MINUTES

ILC London/Paris Room

May 8, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Yes/No/Regrets</i>
President	Ron Babin	Yes
Vice President Internal	Kileen Tucker Scott	Yes
Vice President External	Dave Mason	Yes
Treasurer	Carmen Schifellite	Yes
Secretary	David Naranjit	Regrets
Health & Safety Officer	Habiba Bougherara	Regrets
Chair, Grievance	Jesmen Mendoza	Yes
Chair, Negotiating	Ian Sakinofsky	Yes
Chair, Professional Affairs	Rachel Berman	Regrets
Chair, Equity Issues	Tariq Amin-Khan	Regrets
Member at Large	Amina Jamal	Regrets
Member at Large	Anthony Francescucci	Yes
Staff	André Foucault	Yes
Staff	Shiraz Vally	Yes
Staff	Agnes Paje	Yes
GUESTS		
Past President	Peter Danziger	
Past Vice President External	Rahul Sapra	

1. Order/Establishment of Quorum
Meeting began with quorum at 10:10 AM
Noted: encouragement from members of the Executive Committee to begin the meeting on time and to distribute Minutes and Agenda prior to meeting
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion to adopt Agenda (Tucker Scott/Francescucci) Carried.
3. Approval of Minutes
Motion to accept the revised minutes of May 1, 2018
(Tucker Scott/Babin) Carried.
4. Reports
 - a) Negotiations (Sakinofsky)
The Executive received an update on the current state of Bargaining. There is ongoing frustration with the attitude from the Administration.
 - b) Professional Affairs (all)
Discussion by the Executive regarding the lack of members (except the chair) in the Professional Affairs Committee. Suggestion that the Political Action Committee (PAC) could work with Professional Affairs.

c) Treasurer (Schifellite)

It was noted that release information for RFA Executives should have been reported at the May 2nd AGM, and was overlooked in error. Treasurer Carmen Schifellite will present this information at the December General Meeting.

Action (Schifellite) Budget Variance reports will be presented at May 29th Executive meeting

d) Campus Coalition (Vally)

The May 1 Coalition luncheon was well attended. It was noted that the Coalition can be a powerful force at Ryerson and we recognize that the RFA should encourage all-union participation in the Coalition.

e) Grievances (Babin/Mendoza)

A short discussion regarding progress on Grievance #2017.02 regarding student harassment of a professor. Noted that Academic Policy Review Committee (APRC) is currently reviewing Policy 134 (Undergraduate Academic Consideration & Appeals), the RFA Executive endorse a letter to be sent to the APRC Chair citing our experience and concern about students using frivolous human rights complaints to circumvent Policy 134.

Action (Babin): Draft a letter to APRC from RFA, review and confirm at Executive committee.

f) Internal Affairs (Tucker Scott)

A discussion about the importance of engaging Chairs & Directors (Cs & Ds). Suggestion that new Cs & Ds be contacted directly by small group of RFA Exec (President, VP Internal, VP External), for introductions and discussion, early in new academic year.

Action (Foucault): Request a list of new Cs & Ds from VPFA.

g) External Affairs (Mason)

Discussion regarding the issue of temporary workers at Ryerson e.g. CUPE & LTF members; this is a province-wide issue that the government has ignored and is now the basis for a prolonged strike at York.

h) Health & Safety (Bougherara not able to attend)

5. New Business

a) Whereas the RFA By-laws 10.4 (f) state:

[The Executive Committee] ... at its first meeting in September of each year, designate which of the two Vice-Presidents shall assume the duties of the President in the event that the President resigns, is absent or is otherwise unable to perform her or his duties, until such time as the President is able to resume her/his duties or is replaced in accordance with the provisions of Article 14.5 of this Bylaw;

and whereas the VP External, Rahul Sapra was nominated in September and is stepping off the Executive;

BIRT the VP External, Dave Mason, shall assume the duties of the President in the event that the President resigns, is absent or is otherwise unable to perform her or his duties as per Article 10.4 (f) of the RFA bylaw above. (Babin/Tucker Scott) Carried.

b) BIRT the signing officers for the RFA be any two of the President (Ron Babin), VP Internal (Kileen Tucker Scott) or Grievance Officer, (Jesmen Mendoza) (Schifellite/Francescucci) Carried.

6. Adjournment (1:00 pm)