

University Students' Council Agenda
Sunday, May 29th, 2005

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**Attendance report not available.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USC MOTION01: Cole/Fernquist

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Move to consider informally.

USC MOTION02: Cole/Ansaldo

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that this portion is if there are people sitting on the side they can then be introduced. It is a time to announce anything happening in the college. Currently trying to move away from using this item to announce pub crawls. Everyone is still encouraged to bring that information forward but not on the formal agenda. There will be a board or an email bulletin will be sent out weekly to post events. If there are any questions there is an item allocated to questions and comments.

Move to consider formally.

USC MOTION03: Cole/Burnett

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to table the minutes from April 14th, 2005.

USC MOTION04: Connor/Fernquist

Carried.

6.2 Executive Committee Minutes

Move to consider informally.

USC MOTION05: Cole/Ansaldo

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that he would be covering the major issues that he has been dealing with since April 14th. He attended the Executive and Staff Retreat. There was a lot of orientation done within the office. A few things that had to be completed before May 1st also kept him busy. Four of the Executive members attended The Canadian

Federation of Students' National meeting. The report from that meeting will be available to Council at the USC meeting. The Executive is off to the Canadian Congress Students' Associations Conference in Vancouver, departing May 30th at 7a.m. and will be gone for the week. The Executive is trying to make it as cost effective as possible so they will be driving to Vancouver and sharing a hotel room. Renovations have been looked at again and VP Campbell will explain in more detail. The University has approached the USSU as to what they want the Students' Union presence to be in the new University Village project. At the next USC meeting there will be a brief explanation of the project. University plans on doubling the number of residence beds on campus. The first part of the project will be for approximately \$70 million. They are building 450 apartment style dorms and 350 dorm style beds. The project is supposed to be open in September of 2008. There was a budget amendment that included \$1.5 billion that was dedicated to tuition fee reduction. Saskatchewan's share of that is approximately \$50 million. Premier Calvert went to Ottawa he came back with \$120 million dedicated to higher education over the next 5 years with no terms of reference in how it must be spent. It is important to send opinions to either himself or VP Kowalsky as it is the first time that the federal government has invested in post-secondary education since the student loans program was established in 1966. In the last provincial budget, there is to be a review of student financial assistance and accessibility to post-secondary education. The Terms of Reference will be released next week to the Students' Unions and the university administration with the process starting up a few weeks after that. This summer is very busy for Council. The University does strategic planning on a 5 or 10 year plans; where as the Students' Union plans one year at a time. This sets the organization back and he would like to start planning on a longer term basis and not just on the political direction but also on the financial end. If anyone wants to be involved with that they can contact him by email. It is important that USC have more power. He will be working with Councilor Villeneuve on standing rules for Council to get things done as there was a lot of confusion last year about the rules.

VP Cole noted that since he has been in office he has been working on the Teaching & Learning Centre. They are wanting to develop the main and first floor of the library to a new learning commons. Along with President Gardiner and Chris Phillips, they gave a great presentation and gave the Centre a shift in their thinking of what they want to do with the project. Michael Atkinson would like to see the ball running in 18 months. There will be a lot of work that he will be involved with along with Chris Phillips, USSU Academic Advocacy Officer. He has been working with Disability Student Services to help subsidize some of the note-taking program. The on-line textbooks will not look the same as originally planned out. PAWS does not have enough man power or enough financial resources. There is another route that is being looked into that would cost approximately \$3,000 rather than \$15,000. He is hoping that the on-line textbooks will be up and running for September. Letters will be sent out to department heads about textbooks getting reserved in the library. He has been attending numerous meetings. He will be working with the university on communication courses.

VP Connor noted that she attended a presentation from Saskatoon Townhall on the overhaul that they are planning to start this summer. Place Riel will be the new centre for

transit for the short-term. The issue of family care has come up with a few committees that she has been working with. Trying to get more daycare available to students on campus. She has been conversing with the interns that have been hired by Facilities Management under the Sustainability Coordinator. One of her goals is to help solidify a mandate for the Environmental Responsibility Committee. She is hoping to make the “Making Poverty History” campaign a big focus for the organization this year. She is promoting the Positive Space campaign that the LGBTA Centre started. Pride week is June 10th – 18th; if anyone is wanting to help with a float for the parade to get in touch. She noted that they are currently trying to get Orientation to allow a play to take place on “Single and Sexy”. It is somewhat controversial at the moment.

VP Campbell noted that he has been dealing with club issues. The organization has been planning on doing renovations to Place Riel for quite a while. It has been decided to get things rolling on the renovations, a consultant will be hired to see what can be done with the funds. It is the last year for the copier fleet lease so it will be decided this year who the next lease will go through.

Move to omnibus the remainder of items under 6. Minutes and Reports for Information as there is nothing to report.

USC MOTION06: Ansaldo/Flavell

Carried.

7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

8. Business

No business.

9. New Business

9.1 Budget Amendments

VP Campbell noted that the budget that was passed would need to be amended due to some changes.

9.2 Appointments Board

President Gardiner noted that the Appointments Board is a body that is made up of Council members. This board appoints all the Students-at-Large and different officials for the USSU throughout the year.

10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

USC MOTION07: Ansaldo/Cole

Carried.

Councilor Ansaldo asked about the review process ???

Move to consider informally.

USC MOTION08: Connor/Cole

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that there has been no debate. It is unsure as to what the process will be. The USSU is being given the Terms of Reference next week and will be able to discuss what the Terms of Reference will be. We are one of the five groups being allowed to talk about what the process is going to be. In the Minister of Learning's mind the USSU and the URSU will be driving the review. The Minister of Learning was at Council on April 14th, which was the first time that any discussion took place with him since in November.

Councilor Ansaldo asked when the next meeting would be.

President Gardiner noted that it would be decided under Any Other Business.

Councilor Ansaldo asked how it would be decided what events could be announced under item 4.

President Gardiner noted that it would be up to the Chair to decide.

Councilor Ansaldo asked what was happening ????. He asked it would be under Student Issues or ???

President Gardiner noted that as in the Constitution it is under the Operations & Finance. It is something that can be changed but not until the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will not be up and running until the Fall because it does need Student-at-Large's to sit on the committee.

Move to consider formally.

USC MOTION09: Cole/Fernquist

Carried.

11. Any Other Business

President Gardiner noted that this item is typically not used during a Council meeting unless there is something that comes up that is an emergency and it needs to be dealt with immediately. At this meeting there will be a quick overview of the USSU, introduction to Robert's Rules, meetings for the remainder of the summer, get feedback on ideas of the Executive and ratify the 3 MSC's that have not yet been ratified.

Move to consider informally.

USC MOTION10: Connor/Cole

Carried.

Abrief overview of the USSU and Roberts Rules of Order was given.

Move to return to formally.

USC MOTION11: Connor/Cole

Carried.

Move to accept Gina Otte as the MSC for Kinesiology, Blaine Coffin as the MSC for Physical Therapy and Mark Taylor as the MSC for Physical Therapy.

USC MOTION12: Connor/Cole

Carried.

President Gardiner asked when the best time to meet was during the summer.

Councilor Lennox-Zept stated that several MSC's were working out of the city and a weekend meeting would be the only way they could attend.

Several councilors suggested that USC meet later in the day on Sundays.

President Gardiner suggested the next meeting be held at 7:30PM Sunday June 19th. The majority of councilors were in agreement.

Move to adjourn.

USC MOTION13: Connor/Cole

Carried.

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Brett Campbell, VP (Operations & Finance)
Sarah Connor, VP (Student Issues)
Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Brett Fernquist, Engineering
Alex Korshever, International Students' Association
Gina Otte, Kinesiology
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Vishnu Shankar Singh, Medicine
Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Blayne Coffin, Physical Therapy
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair

Absent

Agriculture MSC
Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Bobbi Birdi, Dentistry
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Nursing MSC
Indigenous Students' Council MSC
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Ana Carolina Melendez, VPRA
WCVM MSC

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

President Gardiner noted an amendment to the agenda to add as the first item on the agenda to be dealt with, Ratification of New Councilors.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USC MOTION14: Burnett/Flavell

Carried.

Move to ratify Alex Korshever, International Students' Association MSC.

USC MOTION15: Gardiner/Ansaldo

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

President Gardiner introduced Brent Thoma as the USC Chair for the 2005/2006 year.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

President Gardiner noted an amendment to the May 29th minutes. There were 3 Councilors who were ratified at the last meeting. Those who were ratified were Councilor Otte, Councilor Taylor and Councilor Coffin.

Move to adopt April 14th and May 29th, 2005, USC minutes as amended.

USC MOTION16: Gardiner/Cole

Carried.

6.2 Executive Committee Minutes

President Gardiner noted that the issues that were discussed in the Executive Committee minutes were also discussed at last Council meeting. His report is very short as he has only been in the office for 2 days since the last USC meeting. He noted that the Executive went to Vancouver for the CCSA meeting. He attended a meeting in Regina with the Department of Learning and then flew to Calgary to the CASA conference. The conference reports will be available shortly. The Department of Learning meeting in Regina was the Annual Scholarship, Loans and Bursary Committee meeting. He now has the terms of reference for the review and still in consultation. If anyone wants to stop by the office and take a look at it they are welcome to. VP Kowalsky and himself meet with the Department of Learning on June 20th. He noted that he is a National Executive Representative for both CASA and CFS.

VP Cole stated that he has had a lot of University sub-committee meetings. He has met with a couple students and the Head of the Department of Languages & Linguistics, Alex Sokalski to see what their stance is. After attending the CCSA Conference he came up with the idea of possibly creating first-year classes in Communications, which could be housed under Linguistics & Communications to give it a new facelift. He drafted Academic Advocacy Office Statistics policy to help with finding area where they could be more proactive in certain areas. He sent out letters to the Department Heads with requesting all faculty to put all required textbooks on reserve in the library.

VP Campbell stated that he has been assisting Amy Yeager, USSU Resource Services Manager, with staff interviews. He has met a few times with the Graduate Students' Association with perhaps having collaboration between clubs. This is currently very preliminary. Will be meeting with an architect to see what can be done with the budget for the Place Riel renovations.

VP Connor noted that the CCSA Conference was great for networking. An idea that she got from the conference was having a Social Committee and she is looking into what the history of this is on campus. She met with Councilor Ansaldo and Jeh Custer to discuss the Environmental Responsibility Committee. She attended a collaborative Community of Response meeting to discuss gender related violence and responses of different departments around campus and in the city. The President's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women sub-committee met on Thursday. A Graduate student will be hired to make a calendar to recognize women. She met with Wendy Novakowski from Parking

Services with lots of changes coming with parking. She noted that parking sales are from July 6 – August 31. There was a luncheon on Friday to honour ???

VP Kowalsky noted that he was not at the last Council meeting. He attended the CFS Conference. Before going to the conference he did research into the policy. After returning he tried to set up a meeting with Peter Prebble, MLA for this constituency, but was not successful. He attended the CASA Conference and sat on the Public Relations Committee. He has been doing research for the problem statement for the Student Financial Assistance review. At the meeting on June 20th, they will be stressing the financial barriers to post-secondary education and the societal benefits of post-secondary education. On June 17th, he attended a Strategic Advocacy workshop put on by the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation. He participated in the Pride Parade with the LGBTQA Centre's float.

7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

8. Business

8.1 Budget Amendments

VP Campbell noted that the amendments were straight forward. The Administration budget will lose an extra \$20,000. SecuriCor had to be hired for pick up of deposits, additional expenses were picked up because of Copy Central's closure, additional expenses for staff and all casual staff's wages were added from XL Design & Reproductions.

Move to approve the proposed amendments to the Administration budget.

USC MOTION17: Campbell/Otte Carried.

Move to approve the proposed amendment to the Browsers budget.

USC MOTION18: Campbell/Cole Carried.

VP Campbell noted that the reason for the change is because there is no Browsers Site Manager.

Move to eliminate Copy Central from the budget due to the closure.

USC MOTION19: Campbell/Flavell Carried.

VP Cole suggested that VP Campbell make one motion for all budget amendments.

Move to approve the amended budget.

USC MOTION20: Campbell/Cole Carried.

VP Campbell noted that the main reason is that Copy Central is no longer an operation and having opened XL Design & Reproductions.

8.2 Appointments Board

President Gardiner noted that the Appointments Board deals with appointing all Students-At-Large. The reason this board is being struck now and not the others is because its work starts far before all the other committees. There is not much for a time commitment. He noted that he is the Chair of this board and there are 4 Councilors who are needed.

Move to create the Appointments Board with 4 MSC's

USC MOTION21: Gardiner/Connor

Carried.

Councilor Burnett, Councilor Lennox-Zepp, Councilor Ansaldo and Councilor Gallaway were appointed to the Appointments Board.

8.3 Make Poverty History Campaign

Move to endorse the Make Poverty History Campaign.

USC MOTION22: Mitchell/Korshever

Carried.

***Abstentions noted by VP Cole, Councilor Burnett,
Councilor Fernquist and Councilor Flavell

Councilor Mitchell introduced the campaign stating that several campus groups had already signed on.

Councilor Burnett stated she did not feel comfortable with USC supporting the campaign, although she personally does, she said that she did not know what her Council would think about the campaign.

Councilor Fernquist stated that he thought it would be irresponsible for Councilors to vote without knowing what college societies wanted on the issue. He also stated that this may not be an issue for Council to deal with as it is a global issue and not an academic one. He also noted that Engineers Without Borders, who are involved in the campaign, may be upset with the USSU for stepping on their toes.

VP Cole spoke against the motion stating that it was not an academic issue and should not be dealt with by USC.

VP Connor spoke in favor of the motion and stated that one in six Canadian children live in poverty so the issue is domestic as well as global.

Councilor Korshever spoke for the motion stating that this was an issue facing many of the students at the University of Saskatchewan, which come from the countries affected by this campaign.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the campaign was overdue and that if any Councilor wants more information on the make trade fair aspects of the campaign they should talk to him. He also said that STMSU had a tradition of doing things right and this campaign is no different.

President Gardiner spoke in favor of the motion stating that there is a difference between supporting the campaign and being active in the campaign. The USSU is being asked only to be supportive where as the EWB is active. He also noted that the motion was brought forward by an MSC and cannot be called out of order.

VP Campbell spoke in favor and stated that this was not going to take up much of the organization's time and resources.

Councilor Otte spoke in favor of the motion stating that it was attempting to address poverty and that no college society could really be upset with that.

10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

VP Cole noted that a Teaching & Learning Centre is currently being created. They would like to start on this by July of 2006. He asked what Councilors would like to see at a Teaching & Learning Centre. Currently the ideas are learning commons, adding a group work area, coffee shop and a reference desk. Other ideas are Math Help Centre, Writing Centre, Languages lab and Gwenna Moss Teaching & Learning Centre.

VP Kowalsky noted that all of the ideas are great ones and they should all be used.

Councilor Fernquist asked when the next USC meeting is scheduled for.

President Gardiner noted that the next meeting time would be decided under Any Other Business.

Councilor Mitchell thanked the Councilors for the healthy debate on the Make Poverty History Campaign. This is very important and it is important to have debates like that.

VP Kowalsky apologized for his inappropriate comments that were made earlier. He asked Councilor Korshever to do an intro.

Councilor Korshever noted that he is in first year of ??? program. He was born in Ukraine. He has been involved in many community events both on and off campus. It is important to have a voice for the International students on campus as they have unique needs. He is looking forward to being at Council.

President Gardiner recapped what would happen with the motion that was passed on the Making Poverty History campaign. The USSU will sign on to the appropriate website and show the organization's support. He suggested that all Councilors take back the information to their Council's about the campaign.

Chair Thoma noted that this is all new to him and will be improving over the next while. He has been studying the rules and will get better as the meetings go.

11. Any Other Business

Move that the next USC meeting be held on July 17th, 2005.

USC MOTION23: Gardiner/Campbell

??? asked what time the meeting would be scheduled for.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp asked when alternative dates could be given.

Move to consider informally.

USC MOTION24: Gardiner/Burnett Carried.

??? noted that the proposed weekend is Craven, Ness Creek and Calgary Stampede.

President Gardiner asked if July 24th worked better for everyone.

Move to consider formally.

USC MOTION25: Gardiner/Cole Carried.

Move to amend the motion so that the next USC meeting is Sunday, July 24th.

USC MOTION26: Gardiner/Fernquist Carried.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp asked if the time could be discussed for the next meeting and asked if it would be possible to have a bit earlier in the evening.

Move to hold July 24th meeting at 6p.m.

USC MOTION27: Lennox-Zepp/??? Carried.

Majority ruled at 6p.m.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 8:45p.m.

USC MOTION28: Cole/Fernquist Carried.

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Regrets

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Absent

Julien Kernalleguen, Agriculture
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Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Indigenous Students' Council MSC
Alex Korshever, International Students
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Vishnu Shankar Singh, Medicine
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing
Ana Carolina Melendez, VPRA
Chris Biederbeck, WCVN

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was not present.

VP Cole stated that the Executive would no longer be doing Roundtable at Council. In order to save time the Executive will be handing out paper copies of their Roundtable prior to Council. Executive Conference Report for CCSA is finished and printed; CASA and CFS will be printed tonight and available to be picked up at the USSU office tomorrow.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

University Students' Council Agenda

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Julien Kernaleguen, Agriculture
Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Indigenous Students' Council MSC
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing
Ana Carolina Melendez, VPRA

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the Agenda.

USC Motion 29: Flavell/Gallaway

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

President Gardiner asked if there are any questions regarding the reports.

Councilor Fernquist made a motion to Table Make Poverty History Campaign at the June 19th USC meeting, which was not recorded in the minutes.

Motion to adopt Minutes as modified.

USC Motion 30: Gallaway/Connor

Carried.

7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

9. New Business

9.1 CFS Referendum

President Gardiner stated that at the next USC meeting there would be information provided regarding the CFS Referendum. The Elections Board is getting started right now. There will be a CFS Referendum report available at the next USC meeting.

10. Questions & Comments

VP Kowalsky noted he wants to encourage Councilors to start thinking about which boards/committees they want to sit on.

Councilor Collins stated ???

Chair Thoma stated that announcements should be made under Introductions and Announcements and there will also be a board where all events happening in different colleges will be posted and/or placed on the USSU Website.

VP Campbell and President Gardiner stated that announcements should be made under the Questions & Comments section.???

Councilor Fernquist stated that this year for Hell Dance Wide Mouth Mason is playing. This is the first year it will be an all ages event. It should be a blast.

Chair Thoma stated that for announcements use the board and USSU Website to display events.

VP Campbell noted events that are specifically USSU oriented would be announced; however, events such as Louis' shows would not be announced.

President Gardiner stated that Councilors should encourage members of their college to run for Students-At-Large (SAL) and by the next USC meeting there will only be a week left to apply for SAL. Interested students can apply online or they can print off a SAL form or stop by the USSU office to pick up an application. It is a great way to get involved and we need people. The deadline is 2 weeks after the first day of class. The posting has the deadline on it.

Councilor Yakimoski asked if Councilors are interested in sitting on a board who would we talk to? Or would we announce our interest at the next USC meeting?

President Gardiner said it would be discussed at the September 22nd USC meeting. If you would like additional information you can talk to any of the Executive members.

VP Cole stated that anyone interested in the Academic Affairs Board should come and see him and give him their ideas.

Councilor Taylor asked the date of the next USC meeting?

VP Cole noted the next USC meeting would be held on September 15th.

President Gardiner confirmed the next meeting would be September 15th. He also noted that starting September 15th Council would meet every Thursday starting at 6 p.m.

Councilor Yakimoski sent her regrets for September 15th. She will be on a school trip at that time.

President Gardiner stated that before everyone leaves he wants to give Council members a tour of the USSU Office.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion31: Cole/Flavell

Carried.

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- 11. Any Other Business**
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University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, September 15th, 2005

Present

Gavin Gardiner, President
Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Brett Campbell, VP (Operations & Finance)
Sarah Connor, VP (Student Issues)
Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Brett Fernquist, Engineering
Trena Raven, Indigenous Students'
Alex Korshever, International Students
Gina Otte, Kinesiology

Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Vishnu Shankar Singh, Medicine
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing
Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Blayne Coffin, Physical Therapy
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Ana Carolina Melendez, VPRA
Chris Biederbeck, WCVN

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair
Jeremy Warren, Sheaf
Drew Larson, Sheaf
Lyndon MacNeill, USSU

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

President Gardiner stated an amendment to the Agenda to add item 8.0 Move to Ratify Councilors and add item 9.4 Elections to the University Students' Council Board.

USC Motion32: Gardiner/Kowalsky

Carried.

Move to adopt the Agenda.

USC Motion33: Gallaway/Gardiner

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

President Gardiner has quite a few announcements to make. The first announcement is the University Administration is putting on a discussion with Dr. Ross Finnie who is from the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University. The discussion is on tuition, student debt and access to PSE. The discussion will be

held Tuesday, September 27th in Convocation Hall in the College Building. The second announcement is the Faculty Association is holding a speaker series called Speak Up, the first talk is entitled “Student Tuition Revenue: Is the Golden Goose Healthy?” is Thursday, September 22nd in Lower Place Riel. The Faculty Association is putting on another event called “Who’s University is this?” the USSU logo is put on here because President Gardiner is speaking at the event. The Keynote speaker is Michael Hayden who used to be the University Historian he will talk about changing goals at the U of S in the last 100 years. This will be held on Wednesday, September 28th in Health Sciences A266 from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. Also, SAL application forms are now available. You can pick up forms at the USSU Office or access the forms on our website. Deadline is Friday, September 23rd. Please pick up an application form one per college.

Councilor Fernquist stated that Engineering President Ian Farthing resigned a couple of weeks ago and our elections will be held next week. The three candidates running are myself, Councilor Burnett and former Councilor Ashley Forbes.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.2 Executive Committee Minutes

President Gardiner noted that the executive would be doing a monthly report, which comes at the end of the month, instead of reporting what they have been working on at each USC meeting this is different than in the past. The reports will come at the end of the month. If you have any questions feel free to ask or if you are missing minutes from the summer email President Gardiner and he will see that you get a copy.

8. Business

8.0 Move to Ratify Councilors

Move to Ratify Holly-Anne Sedor from Nursing, Jeremy Olthof from Agriculture and Chris Biederback from WCVM as USC Councilors.

USC Motion34: Gardiner/Gallaway Carried

8.1 CFS Referendum

President Gardiner gave a brief update regarding the CFS Referendum. The Oversight Committee has been put together. The Chief Returning Officer is Dorina Stahl from Scharfstein Gibbins & Walen and the Assistant Chief Returning Officer is Martin Olszynski. The date for campaigning is Monday, September 22nd. Voting is set for October 4th-6th. Executive has decided not to remain neutral. VP Cole voted against an executive motion to endorse the referendum. The other 4 executive members voted in favour of endorsement. The Oversight Committee will meet again on the weekend. President Gardiner will send out information as it becomes available.

Councilor Villeneuve stated the Oversight Committee was set up by CFS and we are supposed to appoint two students, what are the names of the two students?

What type of role is our Elections Board having with this? Why wasn't the executive decision regarding CFS brought to USC so we could give our input on this? Councilor Villeneuve feels USC should remain neutral on this matter because we are a governing body and it is the student's decision to make. Council should be providing students with the best information.

Chair Thoma stated that there is no a debate at the moment, just questions, there has to be a motion made to debate this.

President Gardiner noted that it is not specified that it must be student representatives on the Oversight Committee it is USSU representatives. And those two individuals are USSU representatives because they are the only representatives on the Elections Board to sign contracts; they will represent the best interest of the USSU. The Elections Board's role is filling SAL positions, which have not been filled yet. The executive's role is not neutral so to pretend that we were neutral would be false. I think it is the same with a lot of council members sitting around the table. We are not doing this to students to force students to take a stand on it; we also want to make sure our opinions will be heard.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp moves that the USC endorse the Canadian Federation of Students in the upcoming referendum. Can I speak on this?

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Councilor Lennox-Zepp feels the executive has taken a strong stance on the issue and it is our time as councilors to take a stance. This has been an issue for the past ten months. We are student representative from our college and it is time we show strong leadership and direction to the student body. I think it would be negative consequence to be neutral on this referendum. We have a long tradition of the USSU and USC endorsing referendums in the past, such as the Health and Dental Plan and U-Pass. I also believe that the students of this university are able to make decisions on their own and we need to give our opinion as well. They can make up their own minds when voting. We have had the past 10 months to discuss CFS and this is the only time for us to take a stance. There is something huge happening on our campus and it is important that our student leadership is shown here, tonight.

VP Cole stated in this room we have councilors from every college. We have the collective voice of 17,000 students and for us to take a stance is essentially making the decision for the students. USC should remain neutral on the discussion because it would not be proper to give our endorsement as USC just as I feel the executive should not be giving our endorsement to this referendum.

Councilor Fernquist stated we are here to represent our respected colleges and the students in them not to represent the interest of USC as a group. To have any

voice in any direction on this issues would be as VP Cole said not be a voice of students in our colleges. We should remain neutral to this topic. I am voting no to this motion.

VP Connor wanted to remind everyone we were elected based on who we are and I think students should know how we feel. Would also like to remind councilors that the External Affairs Board last year recommended to USC to support CFS.

Councilor Burnett agrees with VP Cole and Councilor Fernquist it would be absolutely irresponsible for us to take a stand on this when we have completely responsible students that are backing us up. It is our job to relay the information to them, not make the decision for them. By being neutral we can provide information on both sides of the issue and they can make there own decision. We are taking this issue to referendum it is not our votes it is the collective votes. Therefore, by remaining neutral I feel that should be the stance we should take. We are representing the entire student body not USC. We should remain neutral on this issue.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp states that she feels the student body can make up their own mind and they will be voting within there own rights and by taking a strong stance here from our collective body we would in no way be taking that voice away from them. It would be a popular benefit for our council that we are giving direction and showing our leadership, and encouraging students to vote. We will not be one of the votes that matter in the ballot box.

Councilor Ansaldo wanted to remind everyone that even though the External Affairs Board last year encouraged USC to support CFS we did not. It is inappropriate especially because the CFS Referendum Policy states that they are voting for the individual students. I suggest USC does the best it can to inform the members of your college. Taking a stance seems inappropriate.

President Gardiner stated his rationale for voting for this at the executive level. The reason we did it at the executive level is so both opinions could be expressed. It does not force people to vote yes or vote no it raises the level of awareness. We have talked about this at the executive level and I'm sure it has been discussed in the colleges. This is what we do in this body is decide on issues.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if the executive were entirely behind this issue or if they were split on this decision?

President Gardiner states the executive was split but it was a majority decision.

Councilor Ansaldo asked that when the executive is approached about whether or not they support this decision would they say it was a split decision or a majority decision?

President Gardiner answered the executive will say it was a majority decision.

Chair Thoma noted that it is procedure not to carry on a conversation so back and forth.

VP Cole feels students should make up their own minds. USC should engage in an information campaign to inform the students; however, should not take a stance.

Councilor Gallaway wants to point out that USC has always taken a stance on Referendums. Students will make up their own minds no matter what we decide and would like to see happen just because we endorse it does not mean it will pass. Remember Upass?

VP Campbell states we are debating in circles. I think we should call the question.

Move to call the question.

USC Motion35: Campbell/Cole Carried.

Move that USC endorse CFS in the Referendum.

USC Motion36: Lennox-Zepp/Connor Carried.

9. **New Business**

9.1 **Architect Consulting**

VP Campbell stated it would cost \$9,625 for the architect to draw up preliminary plans for the Place Riel renovations.

Councilor Ansaldo asked what type of considerations have been made with regards to the Environmental side to make our campus as energy efficient as possible?

VP Campbell said that we are looking at energy efficient light bulbs and efficiency of utilities. There have been no major environmental overhauls at this point. Having the renovations will make it much more efficient.

Councilor Yakimoski asked how the architect was chosen for the design of the building and was it the architect that designed Louis'?

VP Campbell answered that it is the architect that designed Louis' and we have worked well with this architect a lot in the past.

Councilor Villeneuve questioned whether or not we have the necessary funds to renovate Place Riel or will we have the architect draw up plans and then six years down the road have the funds?

VP Campbell stated that we have the funds to renovate Place Riel.

Councilor Ansaldo asked that before plans get drawn the USSU talk to Margaret Assmus, Sustainability Director and Coordinator at the University of Saskatchewan.

President Gardiner stated that this is only a consultation all questions will come back when we come forward with the plans later in the year, likely in October.

VP Connor stated that we have discussed the possibility of a design team.

9.2 Sustainability Pledge

VP Connor stated she got all the information on the Council handout from Jeh Custer's website at www.sustainus.com. You might want to check this website out. I brought this forward under New Business so that we can vote on the issue next week. Give students a chance to sign the sustainability pledge.

Councilor Korshever stated he would like to motion for USSU as an organization to sign the pledge since we are leaders I believe we have to show an example to implement sustainability initiatives.

Chair Thoma asked if he is making a motion to adopt the Sustainability Pledge?

VP Connor stated that we couldn't make a motion under New Business.

VP Cole stated that signing the pledge is for individual students not for an organization. If you look into our values in our Constitution you will see environment responsibilities. I think it redundant and I don't think we need to sign as an organization.

Councilor Korshever has had several students approach him about the Sustainability Project and believe that recent events haven't been up to Article 4 of the USSU Constitution. How can we allow the organization to not follow the Constitution?

Chair Thoma stated that next week VP Connor will be making a motion to endorse the Sustainability Pledge to students, not necessarily as a group but maybe as a motion to put it in our Constitution, which would happen at the AGM, which we have later in the year.

9.3 Corporate Sponsorship and Agreements with Outside Bodies

President Gardiner noted that this New Business item came up from Councilor Korshever. I am working with development and facilities staff member and compiling all sponsorship and corporate agreements we have with outside bodies. This is not ready to present yet. Will present to council as soon as project is ready.

Councilor Korshever stated that several local and international students have been asking questions about the Coca-Cola Agreement and there is not much information out there.

Chair Thoma stated that there is no motion on the table. Under Business we should have the motion and idea present and have ideas presented under there. We will discuss when there is a motion.

Councilor Korshever would like corporate sponsorship and agreement information available to all students.

9.4 Elections to USC Boards

President Gardiner noted that there are several standing boards and committees of the USSU in the Constitution under Bylaw #1. This is how you get involved beyond council and just coming to meetings. This is where the bulk of decisions are made. It is on the website and have in mind next week what board or committee you would like to sit on.

Councilor Yakimoski sends her regrets for the September 22nd USC meeting; how do I express my interest.

VP Cole said other councilors can nominate you, so I recommend talking to your co-councilor and have him nominate you.

10. Questions and Comments

Councilor Villeneuve would like his opposition noted in the CFS motion.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the executive said that although they are going to support CFS they want to make sure this is a fair campaign. This summer it turns out that CFS was invited to Orientation to present to students and CASA was not, I am wondering how that was fair? So I took it upon myself to invite CASA, and President Gardiner asked CASA not to come. I'm wondering how that is technically fair if this is what the executive is going to be doing. CASA was not asked not to come. But they did not end up coming because I made sure it was fair. So if this is how things are going to be kept fair, I am wondering how the executives are going to keep things fair?

President Gardiner stated that he asked both CFS and CASA not to come. CFS was never invited by the Students' Union and I pulled the plug on them because Orientation should not be a political event. Neither one said they were going to voluntarily withdraw, so I asked Orientation to pull both of there tables and ask both not to come.

VP Cole noted he would also like his objections to CFS noted.

VP Cole asked President Gardiner if Orientation is not a place for political debate why was CFS invited in the first place?

Chair Thoma noted to stay on one issue.

President Gardiner responded that he does not know why CFS was invited he did not invite them. He received an email from CFS, which he forwarded on to the coordinator of the information table but he did not invite them.

VP Connor commented that the reason CFS came to Orientation is because they have people working in the province.

VP Cole stated that if CFS invited themselves to our Orientation what else are they going to invite themselves to.

Chair Thoma said this is questions and comments not a debate.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that he is a friend of the person who books tables at Orientation. I know for a fact that although President Gardiner may have asked CFS not to come it was that person who said that they could not come they would not have a table.

Councilor Ansaldo has no difficulty with CFS or CASA coming to Orientation. I find it difficult to believe that President Gardiner didn't know they were coming considering he sits on the National Board.

Councilor Fernquist also wants his opposition to CFS noted.

Councilor Villeneuve stated it is a conflict of interest and unethical to have an executive member sitting on both boards.

Councilor Ansaldo stated his confidence in the capability of President Gardiner. Chair Thoma reminded everyone that personal attacks of character are not tolerated under Roberts Rule of Order. You can attack an issue or a stance on an issue but not attack a character. We are getting close to that point.

Councilor Burnett feels it is entirely inappropriate to be having President Gardiner sit on both boards. It is a conflict of interest to be a member of both boards. President Gardiner is not going to dwell on this to long the points have already been stated. I do want to uphold my integrity here and explain my intentions were completely noble for running for both board. It is ridiculous to have two student lobby organizations and they are the same issues. It was miraculous that I was elected but both bodies chose me knowing my involvement in the other organization.

Councilor Mitchell voiced a concern that was raised to the ASSU. Last week a facilities management staff member took down hundreds of posters in our college one morning and the only notice that we were given was a phone call at 6:40 a.m. the morning the posters were removed. I understand that there is a new poster

policy; however, last year our students association was promised a copy of the poster policy and it was never provided. They said it would be provided at a later date when they had more time. We don't have a copy of the policy so it is unfair for them to call our office before our office hours and take down the posters when it costs students so much to produce. The reason I mention this is to inform you that it wasn't the decision of the ASSU to take these posters down. Administration is not adequately contacting us about this issue and we will be meeting with them this week.

Councilor Burnett noted that the posters were to advertise Hell Dance, which is next Friday. Thank you for looking after these concerns. This is our major fundraiser for the year, and our entire years budget depends on next Friday. Wide Mouth Mason will be playing at Hell Dance.

Chair Thoma stated that all events happening in your college should go on the events board.

Councilor Yakimoski sent her regrets for the next USC meeting, will be on the Churchill River.

Councilor Birdi commented on the architect consulting. It would be a fun idea to have the students decide what they want in Place Riel and have them decide what the best design is.

VP Campbell stated they are just planning the structural design and I don't think we should have students decide that.

VP Cole stated that having a large number of interior or conceptual designs would significantly raise our costs.

Councilor Ansaldo agrees it is a good idea and if we had done the same thing with Louis' we wouldn't be losing as much money.

11. Any Other Business

President Gardiner would like to have council meet every other week likely after the referendum.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion37: Cole/Fernquist

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, September 22nd, 2005

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- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
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Lyndon MacNeill, USSU

Regrets

Susan Yakimoski, Education
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Absent

Trena Raven, Indigenous Students'

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

President Gardiner noted an amendment to the agenda under 5. Council Address to add 5.1 Studentcare and 5.2 ACRO Olszynski.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USC Motion38: Gallaway/Cole

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Burnett noted that Councilor Fernquist won the Engineering

Presidential Election.

President Gardiner reminded everyone to swipe student cards when attending council. He also introduced Lyndon MacNeill as the USC stenographer for the first part of the year.

5. Council Address

5.1 Studentcare

Kristin Foster introduced herself as the Health and Dental Representative. She has worked for Studentcare Networks for 5 years. The Health and Dental plan opt out period just ended and things went as smooth as could be expected. Have no reports or stats yet. Had a few challenges with the U of S switching to the Banner System. Will give a formal presentation in October.

5.2 ACRO Olszynski

ACRO Olszynski stated there are some problems with the referendum. These problems can possibly be resolved at the discretion of USC. Under the USSU Elections Policy it states we should have a referendum question and it should have been ready last Tuesday. We still don't have a referendum question ready that has been approved by the Oversight Committee. If we try hard we could probably have one ready for tomorrow. From this you can conclude that we can't possibly have this referendum in less than two weeks. There have been some disputes about the constitution being followed. USSU solicitor Greg Walen said the constitution has to be followed exactly as stated and this isn't happening. We don't have an Elections Board as contemplated by the policy. The CRO and ACRO were under the impression that the policy was malleable and this is not the case. The Oversight Committee says this can be resolved. President Gardiner has indicated that council could pass a motion that could make the referendum binding. The ACRO and CRO and the opinion of a second lawyer are under the impression that there cannot be a legally binding referendum that can be held in less than two weeks. If it is pushed back a couple of weeks it could happen or else USC could change the policy. Any questions?

Member Forbes stated there were documented minutes from last year between the Elections Board and the Solicitor.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp asked what specifically would have to be changed in the USSU Elections Policy? Is this difficult to change?

President Gardiner stated he talked to the Solicitor Greg Walen asked what would have to be changed and The Oversight Committee would be the authority of the CFS referendum and the ACRO and CRO would be the USSU representatives

Chair Thoma stated that we seem to be getting fairly deep into this and we should wait until business.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that we have already pushed the referendum date back once and now we have to push it back again or we have to change a policy so we can get this question in. We have known this referendum was coming for a long time, is it miscommunication or what is going on?

Chair Thoma asked if it was possible for ACRO Martin to stick around for the meeting because it looks like we are getting into a debate on a question that hasn't been stated yet.

VP Cole stated Councilor Villeneuve asked a question and it needs to be answered.

ACRO Olszynski stated he was hired in mid-September and none of these issues that have been raised in previous efforts were brought to my attention or the CRO's at that point.

Chair Thoma stated he wants these questions answered. If someone wants to make a motion to move this up so we can discuss this right now.

VP Connor motioned to move this ACRO issue up to 5.3 under Council Address.
USC Motion39: Connor/Gallaway

Chair Thoma stated that because the agenda has already been adopted it would require 2/3 in favour to pass this motion. Any questions?

VP Cole asked if it is legit to do Business in a Council Address?

Chair Thoma noted that you can move Business wherever you want.

VP Connor asked to amend the motion to 6.0?

Move this ACRO issue up to 6.0 under Council Address.

USC Motion39: Connor/Gallaway Carried.

6.0 Referendum

President Gardiner made a motion to present these changes to the Elections and Referenda Policy. This takes the authority from the Elections Board and gives it to the Oversight Committee. The oversight committee is made up of two members of the CFS and two USSU appointees.

Motion to amend the Elections & Referenda Policy to include under Section 4

Referenda Authority adding a point 2 in Referendum regarding Membership in the CFS an Oversight Committee shall have authority over the Referendum. The CRO and ACRO shall act as the USSU Representatives on the Oversight Committee.

USC Motion40: Gardiner/Campbell Postponed.

President Gardiner stated the USSU is a completely separate organization and CFS is a completely separate organization each of which has its own guidelines governing referenda. In the CFS Constitution the way they deal with this and have for 80 other campuses across the country is set up an Oversight Committee with two members from the USSU and two members from their office. However, that isn't accountable to our policy guidelines. In order to make the referendum legitimate we have to make these changes, if we don't make them today we have to make them at some point. This is not a CFS Committee this is a committee that comes to compromise on discrepancies between the two organizations. It operates on a consensus basis and it has two members from each side. It makes it easier to make this change now rather than later.

VP Cole stated that after talking to USSU staff I have decided to vote no. Normally we have to give notice to change bylaws we try to give a weeks notice so we can fully understand the repercussions of changing a bylaw. This policy was assembled between 2:30 p.m. today and now. None of us have had a chance to see it none of us have had a chance to fully understand the repercussions of changing this bylaw. It opens up another can of worms that people need to think about. I don't think it would be proper for council to vote on this motion today. I think by bring it to business today was wise but I think that this is a vote that we should vote on next week. There is a reason we have a Constitution and if we are just going to change it and just go around it what's the point. We are changing our Policies for CFS what else are they going to invite themselves to on our campus. It is unfortunate but I think this is going to continue. We have to stop letting them run our business for us.

Chair Thoma stated that the Elections Policy is not a bylaw.

VP Cole stated it is a bylaw regardless it is a policy being changed, which requires two weeks notice.

President Gardiner stated no it is not a bylaw.

Chair Thoma stated it is not a bylaw being changed it is the Elections Policy being changed.

VP Cole stated that Elections Policies have not been provided to council. So we

are planning to change a policy that council members have not even had a chance to look at. I don't believe that is fair.

VP Connor stated she was under the impression that the Oversight Committee would have control over the referendum and is pretty sure that is what everyone else thought but we have not given them authority yet. I want to make sure the USSU holds up their end of the bargain and I don't want to be dealing with this for the rest of the year and I know council members don't.

Councilor Burnett agrees with VP Cole. How can we be responsible and vote on something that requires a 2/3 USC majority when our executive only found out about this 3.5 hours ago? How long is CFS going to pull us as a puppet and make sure that we follow their rules? We are well-bodies independent organization, how long are we going to stand for this? We should have this information and take it back to our council and see what they feel because that is what I feel is a responsible government. I have a member of the gallery here, Ashley Forbes former MSC, and would like to grant her with speaking rights.

Chair Thoma stated Member Forbes could speak at anytime. If it were a bylaw being changed we would require 2/3 USC majority; however, to change a policy you only need a majority vote.

Member Forbes stated being a former councilor there are many people at this table who knew what was going on and who knew this referendum was coming. Because this change was only brought up at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon this does need to go back to council and does need to go back to students. Don't be irresponsible and let personal opinions get in the way. To change a policy is essentially covering up the mistakes of people who have been forgotten, which is irresponsible. This is a major decision to be made. This policy was put in place to deal with referendum and to give us direction. Being on the Elections Board last year we came to the decision this was a good policy. We came to terms with CFS and how to deal with this issue. By putting this change into policy as Councilor Burnett stated it looks as though we are puppets of CFS. This policy was created for a reason, do not give away authority do not give away your rights to run this referendum.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated it is the job of our Oversight Committee to work with both CFS and USSU policies. As a council we put our faith into the Elections Oversight Committees to do so. On the Oversight Committee there are two representatives who are paid to protect the interests of the USSU the ACRO and CRO. This is a very safe committee they protect us. We are bound to this referendum, the legally responsible action would be to follow through on what we have bound ourselves to as a board. Keep in mind that we have two capable

members who are paid to represent our interests. In regards to VP Cole's comment about having to change policies for CFS what else are we going to have to change I just wanted to refer to the actual motion on the table right now and that is specifically regarding the CFS and USSU referendum reminding you all that this is only regarding two bodies. No other bodies will be able to get in on this, this is one area of policy and it will stage only these two bodies. The Election Oversight Committee does protect us I feel this is a safe committee that we can put our faith into this.

Councilor Fernquist stated we knew about this referendum along time ago and the fact that we are just trying to get this together now is ridiculous. We should have had this together months ago that's the reason we had been meeting over the summer. The fact that we have to change the policy now to suit CFS needs is absolutely ridiculous. I don't trust having a CRO and ACRO sitting on this committee instead of councilors because the CRO never talked to anyone last year and kept the Elections Board in the dark the whole time and lied to them about what happened and through out complaints. I would prefer to have a MSC sitting on this committee and that is what should be done.

Councilor Mitchell stated some of the statements suggesting CFS is playing puppets are unfair. This information was brought to our attention from the ACRO who was selected by a committee of USC members. There are members of USC who sit on an Appointments Board and they selected the CRO and ACRO a few weeks ago as was reported to council. They are quite adequate representatives chosen from a list and would hate to see hard work go unrecognized and not go to referendum. Unfortunately, we are not prepared and we should be. We are not going to get more prepared than we are right now at this meeting to pass this motion. It is essential that we follow through with this referendum and we understood last week that the Oversight Committee would be in control of the referendum.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that by voting no doesn't mean we are not going to have this referendum it means we will be pushing back the referendum. If this were to happen I think it would be a good thing because this is the second time we have dropped the ball. All of us have to take accountability for that. I don't think we have sufficient information and there are a few councilors here who haven't gotten all the facts. We didn't talk about CASA or CFS that much during the summer and we haven't provided them with all the information needed. They don't know what the policies are, we haven't gotten the policies to them, and they don't know what we are changing. Yet, we are trying to make a decision like we did last year on a last minute decision. We are trying to rush this. So if we say no right now what we are saying is yes we are still going to have the referendum because we are bound to it but it's going to be pushed back to a later date, which

needs to happen. We should need to change our constitution or our policies.

Chair Thoma noted to stick to one topic this can be brought up later.

Councilor Ansaldo asked councilors and members to calm down. ??? We have wasted so much time pushing back this referendum so let's quite pushing back this back and no matter who is chosen let's do this.

Chair Thoma noted that because of speaker's rights you have to let everyone speak once before you can speak twice.

Councilor Gallaway noted that people have been talking about pushing back the referendum and stated that it should run it democratically but no matter what we still have to make this change whether it is today or in two weeks we are still going to have to make the same change, so why push it back?

VP Campbell clarified that CFS referendums are run this way around this country. By pushing it back it will just hamper the process.

VP Cole has two points he would like to speak on. My opposition to this is based on my own ethics and USC ethics. Running a change of policy this close together is unethical. It is a major policy change but any policy change is major in my mind. The referendum has to be done by November but before November I want the process to be followed properly. We have room to move it back. If we don't do this referendum correct CFS could sue us. Lets do this referendum the right way. Vote no today vote yes next week.

Chair Thoma stated a motion to postpone is in order, which is better than no. This requires a 50 percent majority vote.

Move to postpone until next week.

USC Motion41: Cole/Burnett

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that this is a change that needs to be done anyway. This is work that is already being done by the Oversight Committee this is a house keeping motion there is a lot of paranoia about this and it is completely safeguarded. There is no point to postpone this.

Chair Thoma stated VP Cole had first speaking rights on the motion to postpone.

VP Cole noted he has already stated what needs to be said and that it was all right, President Gardiner can butt in if he wants to.

Councilor Gallaway asked ACRO Olszynski what would be implications if we push this back?

ACRO Olszynski stated that if we push it back it means that we would still go ahead not knowing the status of the legality of the referendum. You would decide next Thursday whether or not it is going to be legally binding. If we do it this week or next week it doesn't really matter it has to be done. It is possible that if we had more time we could maybe satisfy both constitutions but I can't guarantee that. CFS has made alterations to their policy to accommodate the USSU.

Councilor Burnett agrees with this motion because the executive only just found out about it a few hours ago. How can we make a responsible decision when the executive doesn't even know what is going on? We can be responsible and go back to constituents to say do you support us. This also gives executive members the chance to provide councilors with all the information that is lacking. There are a lot of confused councilors around this table, which is big deal this is a little more than housekeeping. We need information to take to our constituents in order to make a fair and responsible decision.

Councilor Ansaldo asked that councilors use every chance to speak. Would like to ask what we are debating right now? This has to happen. Let the Oversight Committee do their work, why stop them from forming a question?

Chair Thoma reminded councilors that it is not in order to make comments about what people's motives are. You can debate only the issues and don't paraphrase what other people have said. Let's debate the motion on the table, which is to postpone the change on the Elections Policy until next week.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp noted that she would vote against the postponement. Next week it will be the exact same question that is raised there won't be a difference. If we were to bring this to our councilors there won't be any substance to take them. We are voting on whether or not we give the Oversight Committee authority of the referendum. Is there a better alternative? I doubt it we will have to hand the responsibility over to a committee. Let's get this out of the way today.

Councilor Vishnu asked ACRO Olszynski if we push this back until next week and vote yes can the referendum still happen on time?

ACRO Olszynski answered yes.

Councilor Vishnu asked if we vote yes to the change is it just for this referendum or all referenda.

President Gardiner stated it would be all referenda to join or leave CFS.

Member Forbes stated that if she wasn't here to see what was going on right now and you voted then my voice as a student would have been taken away from me. Your responsibility is to represent constituents and to ask them what they think. Be responsible and take this back to your students ask what they think. Do not take away the voice of your students. Push this back.

Councilor Fernquist moves to call the question.

Move to call the question.

USC Motion42: Fernquist/Burnett Carried.

Chair Thoma stated that there is no debate on this and it requires 2/3-majority vote. This is going to apply to the motion to postpone not the motion to the table.

Chair Thoma noted this would be the first item under business next week.

7. **Minutes and Reports for Information**

7.1 **USC Minutes**

Councilor Gallaway stated that Trena Raven was not present at last weeks meeting and she was marked as present.

Chair Thoma asked if there are any other changes? Can I have a motion to approve minutes with change?

Move to approve USC minutes with amendment.

USC Motion43: Gallaway/Otte Carried.

Councilor Korshever asked how the boards are formed and where can I get information on this?

Chair Thoma said it would be discussed under 9.4 Elections to the USC Board.

9. **Business**

9.1 **Architect Consulting**

VP Campbell moved to approve USSU portion of the architect consultation fee of \$9,625.

USC Motion44: Campbell/Otte Carried.

9.2 **Sustainability Pledge**

VP Connor presented this to council last week.

Move that the USSU endorse this as an option for students to sign the Sustainability Pledge at their convocation.

USC Motion45: Connor/Lennox-Zepp Carried.

9.3 Corporate Sponsorship & Agreements with Outside Bodies

President Gardiner stated he was in discussion with the staff member who deals with this. There is a meeting set up tomorrow with Councilor Korshever, staff member and myself to discuss what can and can't go because there is a signed contract and confidentiality to think about. This may not have to come back to council if Councilor Korsherver is satisfied with what he hears tomorrow. I will give a report next week

9.4 Elections to USC Board

President Gardiner noted this is the fun part.

Move to informality.

USC Motion46: Gardiner/Collins Carried.

President Gardiner stated that boards and committees do all the work throughout the year. Those boards and committees are listed under number 6 all are standing boards with the exception of 10, which is an adhoc board and was created last year and will run this year if council approves it. Raise your hands to nominate yourself or other people then we will vote on it. If anyone feels uncomfortable we can do it another way.

Councilor Otte stated she can only make it into the city for USC meetings and can't help out during the first semester. Can she help during the second semester?

President Gardiner responded that the membership is fairly explicit you can help out with the initiatives. That doesn't stop you from signing up for the committee and communicating via email; however, it might be a hindrance on the committee but it is an option.

VP Cole stated all executive boards are public boards so you can voice your opinion at anytime.

Councilor Otte stated she was under the impression that we were expected to join.

President Gardiner replied no.

President Gardiner stated that VP Kowalsky is the Chair and President Gardiner is the Vice Chair of the External Affairs Board. There will be three councilors from this body and three SAL. It deals with national lobby associations, campaigns and three levels of government. Any questions? Nominations?

Councilor Ansaldo would like to nominate Councilor Collins.

Councilor Burnett would like to nominate herself.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp would like to nominate Councilor Gallaway.

Chair Thoma asked if there were any other nominations? There are three councilors nominated for the External Affairs and we only need three members we don't need to have an election.

VP Connor informed council she needs two members for the Student Transportation Committee.

President Gardiner stated the Student Issues Board deals with non-academic issues such as Alcohol Policy, recycling, Trick or Eat, environmental, sustainability, transportation, security, etc. We need three council members and three SAL to fill the board.

VP Campbell nominated Councilor Gallaway.

Councilor Gallaway declined.

Councilor Coffin nominated herself.

Councilor Ansaldo nominated Councilor Collins.

Councilor Vishnu asked if you were only interested in the health part of student issues would you be required to attend all meetings?

President Gardiner noted you would be required to attend all meetings. If you are only interested in the health part of student issues you can go and give your input.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp nominated Councilor Boyle.

Councilor Korsherver nominated himself.

President Gardiner nominated Councilor Mitchell.

Councilor Mitchell declined.

Councilor Burnett nominated Councilor Fernquist.

VP Connor stated the Student Issues Board is not a joke.

Chair Thoma clarified we will be voting for three of the five nominations. The five council members running are Councilor Ansaldo, Coffin, Boyle, Korshever, and Fernquist.

Chair Thoma stated the Student Issues Board would consist of Councilor Ansaldo, Councilor Coffin, and Councilor Boyle.

President Gardiner stated the Elections Board deals with referendums, general elections that occur in March, sets up forums, and ratifies executive and USC members. It is a later term commitment. Nominations?

Councilor Flavell nominated Councilor Mitchell.

Councilor Fernquist nominated Councilor Flavell.

Councilor Flavell declined.

President Gardiner informed council that Councilor Yakimoski sent a letter to nominate herself.

President Gardiner stated the Academic Affairs Board deals with Teaching and Learning Centre and Where We Stand. It is a lot of exciting stuff. There are three USC members on the board.

VP Cole stated that it is boring stuff this year.

Councilor Gallaway nominated Councilor Taylor.

Councilor Fernquist nominated Councilor Flavell.

Councilor Ansaldo nominated himself. Later withdraws his nomination. VP Cole noted we could fill the third position another time.

President Gardiner stated the Operations & Finance Board deals mainly with the budget and all the fun stuff. This board requires 4 members.

Councilor Fernquist nominated Councilor Burnett.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp nominated Councilor Boyle.

Councilor Gallaway nominated Councilor Melendez.

Councilor Collins nominated Councilor Ansaldo.

VP Campbell nominated Councilor Otte.

VP Kowalsky nominated Councilor Sedor.

Councilor Sedor declined.

Councilor Fernquist nominated Councilor Olthof.

Councilor Olthof declined.

Chair Thoma clarified we will be voting for four of the five nominations. The five council members running are Councilor Burnett, Boyle, Melendez, Ansaldo and Otte.

Chair Thoma stated the Operations and Finance Board would consist of Councilor Boyle, Councilor Melendez, Councilor Ansaldo, and Councilor Otte.

President Gardiner stated the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee this deals with Bylaw #3 and roles and obligations of council. The board consists of four members and myself. This board doesn't meet often. If there are any issues we meet right after council and meetings don't last long.

VP Campbell nominated Councilor Sedor.

Councilor Vishnu nominated Councilor Korshever.

Councilor Mitchell nominated Councilor Lennox-Zepp.

Councilor Fernquist nominated Councilor Burnett.

President Gardiner stated the Environment Responsibility Board consists of two members if we want to turn it into a standing board it would make sense to appoint three members.

VP Cole suggested we nominate two for now and nominate another person next week.

President Gardiner stated that is complicated because under Council Elections and Committees we can come out of formality and move to create the board and appoint the people that is what we did last year.

Chair Thoma stated that what would happen if we did this right now is the person would make the motion to create the board and say who sits on it.

President Gardiner asked by a show of hands if we want two or three people on the board? The majority favoured three people.

Chair Thoma asked for nominations for the Environment Responsibility Board?

President Gardiner nominated Councilor Korsherver.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp nominated Councilor Ansaldo.

Councilor Korsherver nominated Councilor Mitchell.

Councilor Mitchell asked how often this board meets? Declined her nomination.

Councilor Ansaldo nominated Councilor Collins.

Councilor Ansaldo declined.

Councilor Boyle nominated Councilor Gallaway.

Councilor Fernquist nominated Councilor Olthof.

Chair Thoma clarified we will be voting for three of the four nominations. The four council members running are Councilor Korsherver, Collins, Gallaway and Olthof.

Chair Thoma stated the Environment Responsibility Board would consist of Councilor Korsherver, Councilor Collins and Councilor Gallaway.

President Gardiner stated the Student Transportation Committee this is made up of two USC representatives, two SAL, consumer services department, parking department, City of Saskatoon, GSA and VP Student Issues. This deals with transportation issues on campus.

Councilor Vishnu nominated Councilor Biederbeck.

Councilor Fernquist nominated himself.

Councilor Burnett nominated herself.

Chair Thoma stated the Student Transportation Committee would consist of Councilor Fernquist and Councilor Burnett.

Chair Thoma asked for a motion to end informality.

Move to end informality.

USC Motion47: Cole/Gallaway Carried.

Chair Thoma asked if anyone opposes to him making this really easy.

President Gardiner moves to appoint Councilors Collins, Burnett and Gallaway to the External Affairs Board; Councilors Mitchell and Yakimoski to the Elections Board; Councilors Taylor and Flavell to the Academic Affairs Board; Councilors Sedor, Korsherver, Lennox-Zepp and Burnett to the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Board; Councilors Boyle, Melendez, Ansaldo and Otte to the Operations and Finance Board; Councilors Boyle, Ansaldo and Coffin to the Student Issues Board; and Councilors Burnett and Biederbeck to the University of Saskatchewan Student Transportation Committee.

Move to Ratify Councilors to Boards.

USC Motion48: Gardiner/Fernquist Carried.

President Gardiner moves to create an adhoc Environmental Responsibility Committee and appoint to it Councilors Korsherver, Collins and Gallaway.

VP Cole asked who would be chairing this committee?

President Gardiner stated last year the Operations & Finance VP chaired it; however, this year VP Student Issues is adamant about taking it over. The two VP's will decide. There will be three SAL, the VP Student Issues and VP Operations and Finance.

Move to create an adhoc Environmental Responsibility Committee and appoint Councilors Korsherver, Collins and Gallaway and three SAL to it.

USC Motion49: Gardiner/Gallaway Carried.

10. New Business

Councilor Fernquist moves that a new CRO be considered due to information provided from Member of Commerce.

Chair Thoma is unsure if USC can do this.

President Gardiner stated that due to the hard work of former Councilor Forbes this matter could now be referred to the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee. I would encourage the councilor to bring concerns to the attention of the Chair as it is inappropriate to make such motions.

Councilor Fernquist would like to withdraw his motion.

11. Questions and Comments

Councilor Fernquist stated that on campus there is an Environmental Technician that is employed by the Department of Health, Safety and Environment and I am wondering if council might consider inviting him to become an additional member of the Environmental Responsibility Board.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that he was Chair of the Environmental Responsibility Board last year and extremely happy with conversations I have had at the executive level. I also think that is an excellent idea.

Member Hauser asked what is the U of S Parking Protocol? The guidelines for the yes campaign, how much money can we spend on each campaign? Is there a referendum maximum that we can spend?

VP Cole stated that hasn't been communicated to us by the Oversight Committee.

Member Hauser asked if there would be members of CFS on campus during voting time? If there is, is there a maximum allowed?

Councilor Gallaway stated that CFS has an office on campus year round so there will be someone here. The Oversight Committee would be the one to make that decision but we have not given them the power to do so yet. So we can't answer your questions.

Member Hauser asked whether the Buzz Boards will be used for the yes campaign or will it be kept separate from USSU events? Councilor Gallaway stated that they have space will they have access to USSU office space or phones?

President Gardiner stated that nothing has been decided with the Buzz Board space yet. He also noted that they would not be using his office space they have their own space on campus to use.

Member Forbes referred to an email that was sent to the USSU executive and councilors from Philippe Ouellete at CASA and I have a couple questions regarding President Gardiner's response. In this email it states that in 2005 at the Strategy Conference stated that the USSU would be a purely non-partisan affair, is this true? It is stated in President Gardiner's reply ????. Why are we allowing CFS to have so much access over our business but we are not allowing anyone else to come and campaign? I am very disappointed that this is still carrying on from last year. I spoke to James from CASA who was the National Director last year and he felt left out and felt he didn't have a good working relationship with the USSU. If they represent us how come the executive are not allowing them to do

so?

President Gardiner stated that he did say that in May because in May that was the decision of council. It was a decision everyone agreed with at the time but things have changed. As for not being on campus I was criticized by the CRO and ACRO and it was completely innocent. I have apologized to them and I will apologize to all of you. But it was my understanding that in a referendum campaign outside bodies should not be involved. For instance, in the Studentcare Networks Referendum and we did not allow other student health care providers to come on campus and campaign against the referendum to participate in Studentcare Networks. My understanding was that this should not be allowed to have outside bodies come on campus. The CRO and ACRO have reprimanded me on that and I completely apologize and I have forwarded all the contact information to the CRO and ACRO. This was an oversight on my part.

VP Cole stated in regards to the example of the Studentcare Referendum it was my understanding that no other outside bodies approached us about it so that's why none of them would have ran but if they had they would have been within the bounds of our Elections Policy but they would have been allowed on campus as long as they were representing the interest of students. There was a time when I also thought President Gardiner was neutral on this issue and I thought we had established a gentleman's agreement that the executive were going to remain neutral. I have a question for President Gardiner what is the Elections Boards role in this referendum?

President Gardiner stated that he is not on the Elections Board so he doesn't know what their role will be.

VP Connor stated that I was disappointed to find this in my mailbox. I can't believe they had the nerve come on to our campus and insult our leader. 1700 students voted to have President Gardiner run the USSU. I have faith in him and I think the fact that they did come onto campus like this and tried to get into our email, which they aren't even allowed to have our addresses, I think it is very strange.

VP Cole stated our email addresses are on the website.

VP Connor stated they called us unbiased and I think we all know that we are not unbiased, none of us are.

Member Forbes feels that our National Representative has every right to contact us in anyway possible. It is irresponsible for the executive to think that they can censor what we receive.

VP Connor noted that some of these comments were slanderous and I want to make sure everyone is aware of this.

Chair Thoma reminded councilors to keep comments in line. I never noticed anything that was insulting to character. Keep comments on the issue.

Member Forbes wants to be informed and does not want information censored. I want to be able to read what is going on and be informed.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated that the email address where she received the email from CASA has never been given out, it was not a public email address and it was not posted on the USC website. I felt that invaded my privacy.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that he is curious to know how CASA got a hold of personal email addresses.

Councilor Gallaway stated that he doesn't mind being informed by emails except when the email is false. A lot of it was about the Orientation and I was working for Orientation this year while that happened and it was not an accurate description of events. It was completely false and untrue. It is also false that we cannot be members of both organizations. We are members of both organizations right now as have been other universities. So if they are going to inform us I would like to get real information not have lies be spread around our campus.

Councilor Sedor asked if we could be members of both organizations?

President Gardiner stated that we could be members of both.

Councilor Coffin asked if we could have a copy of the Elections Policy for next week it would be appreciated.

President Gardiner stated that it is on the photocopier as we speak and it is available on the USSU Website. The proposed amendment is not available online but it is on the photocopied version.

Councilor Fernquist informed council members that if any of your student societies advertise by putting banners on the College Drive walkway to stop because today we got a phone call from the city saying they fined us for having Hell Dance banners there. Hell Dance is tomorrow night at 8 p.m. tickets are \$15 and you can get them at the door or at the SESS office. The city did not say how much the fine was but there is a bylaw that says you can't hang banners on the walkway.

Chair Thoma noted that city might have something against Councilor Fernquist for

some reason.

Councilor Fernquist stated that comment sounds kind of slanderous.

Councilor Mitchell stated that because we did not have enough information we postponed the motion until next week. Is it possible for the executive to put together an information session before the next meeting? I am not sure if that is possible but it is a suggestion.

President Gardiner said we would talk about that.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated the Sheaf this week had a photograph of a table and a caption that states “MSC’s vote to remain unaligned on a contentious CFS CASA. The information of the caption is incorrect and the photograph is of all of us voting. The photograph has my face and name very clear and it tells my student council that I voted no to remain unaligned and they are very angry with me. The College of Law really wants this referendum to happen. I wanted to put it on record that this photograph and caption are not true.

Member Forbes thanked the Arts MSC’s for hosting our Car for Hell Dance. I would also like to thank the Sheaf for printing “War on Crime” because that car is now considered a crime.

VP Kowalsky ???

Councilor Fernquist stated that security was with the car and they have a list of names of people who were there and it is not illegal according to them. .

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion50: Cole/Fernquist Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, September 29th, 2005

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – September 22nd, 2005**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – September 23rd, 2005**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.10 Environmental Responsibility Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
 - 8.1 Elections Policy**
 - 8.2 Corporate Sponsorship & Agreements with Outside Bodies**
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, September 29th, 2005

Present

Gavin Gardiner, President
Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Brett Campbell, VP (Operations & Finance)
Sarah Connor, VP (Student Issues)
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Brett Fernquist, Engineering
Alex Korshever, International
Gina Otte, Kinesiology
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Vishnu Shankar Singh, Medicine
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing
Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair
Martin Olszynksi, ACRO
Adrian Frank, Arts
Robin Mowat, Arts
Jeremy Ring, Arts
Susan Berg, Commerce
Ashley Forbes, Engineering
Scott Tedde, Engineering
Jeremy Warren, Sheaf
Melissa Cotton, USSU

Absent

Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture
Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Trena Raven, Indigenous Students'
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

VP Cole stated the presentation from CASA will be moved to Introductions & Announcements. CASA will talk later.

Chair Thoma noted to remove CASA from Council Address and have them introduced.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he is against the removal of CASA Address.

Chair Thoma noted that the agenda has not been adopted and changes can be made.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he would like to have the CASA address on record so that people can see it.

VP Cole stated it would be noted in the Introductions that the CASA reps are present and President Gardiner will explain a bit more about that.

Chair Thoma asked if that is acceptable to everyone? Any other changes?

???? stated to remove Council Address 5 from the Agenda.

Move to adopt Agenda as amended.

USC Motion51: Fernquist/Flavell Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Collins introduced Mick Sensor???, a Grad Student from Vancouver with the Environmental Sustainability Conference.

President Gardiner stated it is a pleasure to introduce two representatives from Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, Philippe Oulette, the National Director of CASA and Ryan Conrod the Board Chair for CASA. They are in Saskatoon because they were concerned that Councilors were not getting enough information. They are set up in the Private Function Room at Louis'; an information session will be held which everyone is very encouraged to attend. If you have anything that can be put off, it is encouraged that you go to this meeting and they are going to explain what the organization is about.

Councilor Gallaway is sending regrets for Councilor Boyle.

VP Connor introduced George Sole, the National Chairperson for the Canadian Federation of Students. He will also be doing a Council Address after CASA. It will be a good opportunity to ask all the questions you have been wanting to ask. So everyone is encouraged to come out.

Councilor Villeneuve introduced Robin Mowatt, former USSU President; Ashley Forbes, former MSC last year for Engineering, Melissa Cotton, Safewalk and Student Crew Director; Jeremy Ring from the ASSU; Susan Berg from Commerce; Jeremy Warren from the Sheaf and ??? last years MSC.

Councilor Fernquist introduced Scott Tedde ???, one of the council members.

VP Kowalsky introduced Jen Divall, Director of the USSU Women's Centre.

VP Connor introduced Adrian Frank, who works with SECC and is a dedicated student here on campus and Dianne Ogel, from the Saskatchewan Council on International Cooperation.

5. Minutes and Reports

5.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt September 22nd, 2005 USC minutes.

USC Motion 52: Connor/Taylor Carried.

5.2 Executive Committee Minutes

President Gardiner stated the minutes are here for review. Two sets of minutes that are outstanding, just had a meeting this afternoon, and will be available next week.

Move to Adopt Executive Committee Minutes from September 23rd, 2005

USC Motion 53: Gardiner/Burnett Carried.

5.4 Operations & Finance Board

VP Campbell stated one major thing is the \$600,000 project that we passed to get electricity to Place Riel, right now don't have enough electricity to run our operations. For example, the Jugo Juice opening required unplugging a few of the pinball machines from the Campus Cove to have the power to run it. It is necessary for the renovations to take place.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if this our cost or our share? Is the University putting any money towards this? Place Riel, right above it is the Library, are they going to be using power that we are providing them or is that our sole cost?

VP Campbell stated he believes this is our sole cost. We may be reimbursed \$90,000 for that.

Move to adopt Operations & Finance Board minutes.

USC Motion54: Campbell/Collins Carried.

5.6 Appointments Board

President Gardiner stated the Appointments Board met yesterday, September 28th, to appoint SAL, a good group of people applied. All of the minutes list who was appointed to which committees. Congratulations to Councilor Frenquist who will be sitting on the Academic Affairs Board this year, once he has departed USC.

Move to adopt the Appointments Board minutes.

USC Motion54: Fernquist/Burnett Carried.

5.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee

Chair Thoma stated there is a report. Unfortunately, unable to get the minutes printed due to technical difficulties. Met just before the USC meeting. Minutes

and report will be provided in hard copy before next week, probably tomorrow, should people be interested in picking it up. Board feels that it is important to get it dealt with and out there right now so will be reading the report, if there are no objections. Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee received its first complaint on Tuesday September 27th via email. The complaint was as follows: "I am writing to you about an incident which occurred at the September 22nd, 2005 University Student Council meeting. Member Hauser, one of our members of the USSU in the Gallery that night, brought forward concerns about our Chief Returning Officer, Dorinda Stahl. She claimed to have Googled Ms. Stahl's name and the Canadian Federation of Students together and found that Ms. Stahl's name was associated pro-CFS comments online. She then asked Council to question whether or not Ms. Stahl could do her job in an unbiased manner." It goes on to say that "I did some research on my own and was unable to find any link between Ms. Stahl and the Canadian Federation of Students anywhere online, even when trying to do searches on www.google.com that Member Hauser claimed to have used to find this information. Enclosed you will find printouts of some of the searches I attempted on google.com." It continues: "I am concerned about the lack of evidence behind the accusation made by Member Hauser about our CRO Dorinda Stahl at our last meeting. I feel that Council has been misled by these comments with no real evidence that they are true. I request that the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee look into the behavior of Member Hauser and the situation as they see fit." Chair Thoma received the email on Tuesday, September 27th. I will go on to mention the comments referred to in the complaint are contained in the unofficial minutes, they were at the time unapproved, so that is why it says unofficial, of the September 22nd meeting of the USC. You can all find those in your own minutes. They state, so I might as well read them for you: "Member Hauser stated that she was an MSC last year and is here as a Member of Commerce. I remember sitting at this table last year and is here to ensure that this referendum has to happen, so let's run it democratically. Let's have both side state their issues, let whoever the students want be it. Dorinda Stahl is the CRO who was appointed by the Appointments Board and I am concerned that when I searched her on the Internet that there were some pro-CFS things that came up beside her name. Is it the best thing to have her running the democratic election?" That was the statement from the minutes, which can be found in your own copies. The Chair of the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee made Member Hauser aware of this complaint on September 28th, which was yesterday. The information provided above, Chair Thoma sent her both the minutes containing the passage that he just read and the complaint that he just read. She decided she would write a statement for the Committee to give her original defense. The Committee informed her that if they needed more information from her, they would come back to her for more. That was received this morning, September 29th. It read as follows: Member Hauser stated, "I suggested concerns about the background of the appointed CRO, it appears my initial information was inaccurate and I would know like to apologize for my comments about Ms. Dorinda Stahl. I believed it sincerely at the time and raised those concerns with the best interests of students at heart." This afternoon, before

this meeting the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee met and felt that there was enough information available at this time to address the complaint. It was decided that the following recommendations be made from the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee to Council: First that USC rescind and expunge from the minutes the comments made by Member Hauser at the September 22nd, 2005 meeting as per her statement to the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee. Second that the letter is sent to Member Hauser from the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee stating that her actions were inappropriate and that she should ensure the accuracy of her future statements to USC. Third that the USC Chair remind USC of the seriousness of the discussions occurring at Council and the need for accurate information and professional conduct from its members. Discussion arising from the issue was something that the Committee also felt should be shared. Some of the statements made are that one: slanderous comments towards any person are unacceptable at a USC. We are a decision-making body and are therefore subject to judicial review. Comments made during meetings could have legal repercussions for USC. USC must protect itself from liability by conducting itself within the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Bylaws. Finally, information provided to USC should be thoroughly researched and all efforts should be made to ensure its accuracy. This report was compiled and approved for presentation to USC by the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee today. Again apologies that it is not presented in a paper copy, but it is the best that we could do.

Councilor Villeneuve stated it is his understanding that it is the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee and that it rules MSC's, people who come here and chose to speak on a side are not governed and we have no jurisdiction over what they say. How was this complaint brought to the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee? Who brought this complaint? I don't think that we have any jurisdiction over these people. Yes we have means to keep them in line when they are at the Council meetings, when they are addressing us and talking to us, but this a thing where it was meant to keep all of us in check, not people who come here to speak. So I am wondering where it came about that we felt justification to impose limits on the gallery?

Chair Thoma asked if Council wish that I step aside from the Chair of this discussion, since it is my committee?

President Gardiner stated that would probably be best.

Chair Thoma yeah I am agree. President Gardiner would you like to Chair?

President Gardiner stated sure

??? isn't he on the committee?

Chair Thoma stated yes that doesn't work either. VP Campbell?

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated as member on the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee, I just wanted to respond to one particular comment, which was whether or not we have the authority to be able to take action here. I would like to remind Council the action that was given in our report is a submission to University Student Council and we have asked the Chair to make a report to our Council regarding this conduct. So this is directed to all of us; however, I think that one thing was the letter. I will submit it although the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee applies to all members of USC, there is absolutely nothing barring us, we could write a letter to the member who spoke at a meeting. There is no bar here, although he is absolutely correct in that the CEDC does apply to all members of the USC.

Member Forbes stated she would like to read what we changed last year so we could contain the environment of USC and also the boards and certain committees. Freedom of speech is a great thing that we have here and love in Saskatchewan and Canada and by having Member Hauser approached by the CEDC is way beyond the bounds of the CEDC and I know this because we tried to do it last year and we were told by a solicitor not to approach these people because it was not within our rights within the CEDC Bylaw.

Member Thoma stated when he received this complaint, he wanted to make sure the CEDC did get a response and get a response quite quickly because I felt that this was important as in other years I kind of heard that the CEDC was not taken very seriously as it could not do a whole lot. Member Hauser stated as Councilor Villeneuve said, is not a member of University Students' Council, she is however a member of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union and as such has right to speak at all of our meetings. We never attempted or thought or even considered attempting to censor her or anything of the sort. Basically what we thought was unacceptable and we felt that it was the CEDC's job to have something before Council and what was stated was not true. And if there is a complaint made to us, I think that any complaint made to any committee, especially the CEDC should be discussed. The CEDC did discuss it and we thought we should let the USC know because among other things, there was discussion of slandering a lawyer, implying that she was biased to one side in those statements. We really felt that if some incorrect statements were made at our meetings, we really should try and make sure that doesn't happen again. We decided to take a stance on this and make this report and hopefully make everyone aware that that is not acceptable and the CEDC will look into everything that is brought before it.

Councilor Fernquist stated I think that the bottom line is that the CEDC should not have approached Member Hauser regarding this because she is in fact not a Member of USC; however, she was approached, an apology was submitted from her to the CEDC so why don't we just accept the apology and move on?

Member Thoma stated that as the Chair of the CEDC, I think that we will in fact look into whether or not we can or cannot approach or talk to someone else who has come to speak at our meetings. I think that's kind of important and we will need to know that in the future so as Chair I promise that we will meet again, we will look into that and make sure that nothing was done incorrectly, as far as I understood we were acting in our rights at the time and we hope to get the situation cleared up as quick as possible. I hope that everyone is satisfied with that and I promise that we will have another report on that in the future to clear all of this up.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated she has two points to make. The first is that in no way is the CEDC disciplining a member, we were raising an issue that does affect Council, so we were not disciplining her. The second point that I have to raise is the fact that these submissions from the members are in our minutes are actually very damaging to our Council, having inaccurate information is quite dangerous seeing as our minutes are posted publicly. They are publicly on the website and anyone can access that, so I just wanted to raise the point that we are at risk having inaccurate information posted on our website.

Councilor Fernquist stated it maybe inaccurate, but it was in fact stated at USC so I think we should keep it in the minutes. However, if we need to put a tag on it saying it was inaccurate information or we believe it to be inaccurate information, why not just put that behind what she said?

VP Cole stated he just wanted to make the point that regardless of what was said it affected further discussion. I feel that we need to attach an addendum to either these minutes or to those minutes and note in there that this action has happened. I would also like to point out that we don't need to send a letter of reprimand out to our member, I think that the idea behind that would be to send a warning out to people not to speak out of turn or without due care and attention at Council. That is fine for that one individual but she is not going to go around and tell people what they can and cannot say at Council, so that is why I think it would be wasted breath and I think it is wasted paper and I don't think that it's within the jurisdiction of our authority.

Member Mowat stated he is a student and used to work for the Sheaf. It is my understanding that in this case these comments could affect the career of this lawyer. They are negative, it accuses them of being biased and predisposed to some sort of conclusion and could negatively impact their job, their ability to do their job, their standing in the community. And that is illegal and then for us to put that in the minutes and reprint it becomes the printed version of slander, which is liable. For it just to sit there it seems to me that it is not a good thing to have us repeating endlessly on the Internet or on paper in Lower Place Riel. Second, to that that there is no basis to this, now speaking as someone who is involved in the upcoming referendum, I would like the referendum to be, after the conclusion to it to be open to as little dispute as possible.

VP Campell reminded everyone that we should not be debating this right now we should be debating this under Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports. Any other comments?

Member Thoma returned as USC Chair.

6. Motion Arising form the Minutes and Reports

Councilor Lennox-Zepp made a motion to rescind and expunge Member Hauser’s comments as noted in the Ethics and Disciplinary discussion from the September 22nd USC meeting.

Chair Thoma stated that this would mean the minutes posted on-line would be re-posted with Member Hauser’s comments removed. It requires a majority of Council. Any discussion. All in favour.

Motion to rescind and expunge Member Hauser’s comments as noted in the Ethics and Disciplinary discussion from September 22nd USC meeting.

USC Motion55: Lennox-Zepp/Connor Carried.

7. Business

7.1 Elections Policy

President Gardiner stated that this was brought up at council last week and it comes up again as promised it would. I would like to make an amendment that was brought up by USSU Solicitor, General Manager and General Manager’s Designate. The original motion was to amend the Elections & Referenda Policy to include under Section 4 Referenda Authority adding a point 2 in Referendum regarding Membership in the CFS an Oversight Committee shall have authority over the Referendum. The CRO and ACRO shall act as the USSU Representatives on the Oversight Committee. I would like to amend the motion to remove “regarding membership” and replace with “federate.” The motion would read “In Referenda to federate in the CFS an Oversight Committee shall have authority over the Referendum. The CRO and ACRO shall act as the USSU Representatives on the Oversight Committee.”

Chair Thoma reminded council members that we are only debating the amendment to the motion.

President Gardiner stated that the USSU remains a totally autonomous organization, as does CFS. The process to compromise on the Election and Referenda Policy remains the same and that is the Oversight Committee. We need to empower the Oversight Committee in order to hold the referendum so that it is recognized and fair by both organizations. This is very important. Council has already confirmed that we will have the referendum this is just a matter of doing it properly. The reason for this amendment is because it refers specifically to this referendum and does not bind us to anything in the future. It just deals

with what is here and now, this is what we have to do to get this done and make it legitimate.

VP Cole asked if the debate is strictly regarding the amendment?

Chair Thoma confirmed that it was only regarding the amendment.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he would like to make an amendment to the amendment. I would like it to amend the motion to read “In Referenda to federate in the CFS an Oversight Committee shall have authority over the Referendum. The CRO and ACRO shall act as the USSU Representatives on the Oversight Committee and the Elections Board must ratify the results of the Referendum.”

Chair Thoma stated that is out of order. We have to deal with the first amendment then we can make a motion to amend the policy again. We are still debating the first amendment.

Move to amend the policy to strike out “regarding membership” and replace with “federate”.

USC Motion56: Gardiner/Connor Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the idea behind this motion is we are essentially giving away our control of the referendum and what this does is bring it back to our control. Then we are being responsible to our own Constitution.

VP Cole stated this motion is going to give control of our Referendum to the Oversight Committee and it is going to give them the jurisdiction to run it. By giving them the authority to do this all the decisions that are made today, are made valid. We should look at the decisions that have been made to date before we make this decision. So we can decide if we want the Oversight Committee to be running our election. The first decision was a paper ballot and that used to work for us. I find a problem with our internship and off-campus students who are excluded from voting; at least 500 education students and 100 engineering students are going to be unable to vote and that is 600 members in two colleges who are unable to vote because of this decision. Polling Stations are located in Lower Place Riel, Arts Rm 140, Commerce Reading Room, Education Students Lounge, Pharmacy & Nutrition Students Lounge, Ag/Engineering Skywalk and the Kinesiology Student Lounge. Lets look at what is excluded from this? Health Sciences, Nursing, Medicine, Physical Therapy, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine all have to go way out of their way to vote. I think councilors from those colleges should be quite upset because of this. We are inconveniencing our students because of the placement of our Polling Stations. Spending limits on campaigns our policy says that \$1,000 is permitted per campaign; the reason for this is that it gives everybody a fair chance. Everybody can go legitimately and has a shot to make there say. Right now, from what I can tell is there is no

spending limit. It is well over the \$1000; I have done some investigating and CFS has spent \$200 for the banner in Upper Place Riel over the Grille.

VP Connor interrupted and stated it only cost CFS \$75 to put that up because it was only up for a week.

VP Cole stated he checked with our Development/Communications Coordinator and it cost \$200. The price of the booth in the tunnel cost \$1200. The full-page ad in the Sheaf has to be worth at least \$1000 right there. They are spending well over anything that a "No" Campaign would be able to compare with. It is unfair. Our representatives on the Oversight Committee the CRO and ACRO are doing an excellent job, they are remaining unbiased; however, I don't believe that is the same case with the CFS representatives on the Oversight Committee. I believe they are biased because they are paid by CFS. When you have to people who are unbiased and two people who are biased what do you get? You are going to get a biased committee. I leave it to you to think about when we are voting to give the Oversight Committee power. I think we should not allow the Oversight Committee to have power.

Councilor Fernquist stated he has a letter to read to Council from a Member of the College of Engineering. It says "I feel CFS presence on campus is disrupting my ability to learn. CFS is giving presentations during class time the various classes. When I go to class that I paid for I find it very disrespectful and rude to infringe on the class time I have. As a student organization to support my education I find it very unethical for them to take away my class time. I have also learned today that campaigning during class time is against the rules set in the USSU Constitution. If they are allowed to break the rules of the USSU Constitution and the USSU is running this referendum. I feel there is no way that this is fair, just and unbiased. What information is there to support that this referendum will be fair? Also, if the CFS is not disciplined for there action of breaking policy bylaws. Where can I go for an external review?" Councilor Fernquist clarified what the Member of Engineering stated. They are coming into class time, which is against our Elections Policy they are disrupting class time. How much does a person pay for a class? Lets say you have 200 people in a class and they interrupt for 10 minutes that has to be into thousands of dollars. I have even heard of complaints from professors. This is just one of the reasons that CFS should not be allowed into the Oversight Committee.

Chair Thoma reminded Councilors hold placards up before speaking. Are there any objections to the ACRO responding to this?

ACRO Olszynski confirmed they received the complaint and investigating it. There have been "No" Campaigners in classrooms. There was an alleged Commerce class that was interrupted for an hour and a half; I will not say whether or not this is true. But this is the allegation. It has been expressed to me that CFS campaigners have been vigilant to ensure that they have not been cutting into

class time, they are aware of this policy. The policy is open to the interpretation that they are not allowed to cut into class time but being in the classroom for a few seconds before or after class time does not necessarily mean they are violating a policy. I will be here throughout the entire meeting in case there are more questions.

Councilor Mitchell stated that with regards to the Oversight Committee being biased; I don't feel this is the case because it is a committee that operates on consensus. What consensus means is that it is not a majority rule process it means all people have to agree on every decision that is made. I don't think it is fair to say that this committee is dominated one way or another by biased members. Secondly I think that a lot of the comments that are being brought up are very extraneous to the motion on the floor. I am wondering if you can speak to that? What we are discussing is whether we want to empower the committee or not and concerns we have about the work that committee is doing need to be brought up. These are valid concerns. We have a process for dealing with this and it is speaking to the ACRO who is present and who is open to our concerns. I wanted to remind members to discuss the motion on the floor.

Chair Thoma stated that he did think of those comments and it has to be my ruling that the committee is going to be empowered with something. Please don't bring up the same thing over and over if they have already responded to how they are dealing with the situation because that is not productive it just takes up a lot of time. Feel free to ask ACRO Martin any questions.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he doesn't think that they have touched on the constitutions. As VP Cole stated we are heavy-bound to what the Oversight Committee is going to be doing. We still haven't gotten the referendum question yet. It is the constitution of CFS, which they cannot change unless they go to there AGM. It says that the referendum question has to be in two weeks in advance as it does in our policy.

ACRO Olszynski confirmed we do have the referendum question.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that it still has not come within the two weeks, so are we not against the CFS Constitution and our own policies?

ACRO Olszynski noted he would let CFS speak on there constitution. As far as our constitution and policies went we did not make the two-week deadline. We changed the way the question was going to be worded. The process of deciding the question began more than two weeks ago.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he heard students have to put down their student numbers on the ballots. How democratic is this? I am basically telling you how I vote and now I have put my student number on the ballot. I am pretty sure that administration said I would never have to give out my student number. Is this the

case? I don't want someone knowing how I vote. It is democratic it is supposed to be a secret ballot, so how is it a secret if I have to put my student number on the ballot?

ACRO Olszynski stated this is not the case. We will have laptops with special software to confirm that they are current students. We are not allowed to have a members list so it is to make sure that they are current students.

Member Berg stated she should like to respond to CASA being in classrooms. They were in-fact invited to speak to the government policy class in commerce as part of there academic learning.

Member Cotton wants to respond to Councilor Fernquists comment about CFS interrupting classes. I am a staff member of the USSU and I am concerned about the number of phone calls I am receiving from university departments that are concerned about the amount of time that this lobby group is taking up in their classrooms. I don't feel it is my place to get involved with the referendum but it is hard when it is taking up my work time. I have worked at the USSU for two and a half years much of which is on my own voluntary time and when it starts to infringe on my work time that student's pay for it becomes a concern to me. It is also a concern to me when a university department doesn't feel comfortable taking to someone else. I am concerned that I am being put in a situation that is not comfortable to me. I don't feel it fair that student's are paying for my time to have to deal with those questions.

Member Forbes asked ACRO Olszynski are the meetings for the Oversight Committee being taped and are they available for students?

ACRO Olszynski stated the minutes are being taken by the General Manager's Designate, Amy Yeager. They are available whenever.

Councilor Taylor noted that we are using computers to confirm only current students are voting. Why is it not possible to vote online? There are several students in my college that are not going to be on campus and they are ticked off that they can't vote in this referendum.

ACRO Olszynski stated we are not voting online because CFS policy does not stipulate online voting. We have been trying to compromise between the two policies, which is technically not legally possible without this amendment. The ACRO and CRO were informed that it was not an option. So we got over it.

Chair Thoma asked if there are any questions for the Oversight Committee to ask them once and let them respond. If you want things changed you need to be make a complaint to the Oversight Committee.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated I have decided to not to speak on the ballots or polling stations; however, the issue we have on the table is allowing our Oversight Committee authority over our referendum. Students on both sides of this issue have agreed that if this motion fails we still must have the referendum. If we don't have this referendum there will be serious legal repercussions. The referendum will have to happen at some point regardless of this motion today. And regarding the supposed biased of the Oversight Committee, I don't think we couldn't be less biased. How could we be less biased? We have an equal number of people sitting on the board representing the two parties that have interest in the referendum. I don't think it can get any better than this.

Chair Thoma stated everyone could only speak once until everyone has spoken.

Councilor Yakimoski stated she was absent last week and is just catching up. We are discussing an Oversight Committee that was unanimously appointed by council. It sees that we should probably want to empower the committee that we are putting together. So it makes sense that we get down to business and empower the people we selected.

Chair Thoma confirmed the Appointments Board selected the Oversight Committee.

VP Kowalsky stated that there are two sides on this issue. Those who want to have this referendum and those who want to drag it out. This motion should have been passed last week. What we have done is allowed you to go back to your council and speak to them, come back and vote yes on this motion. What we are doing is a bit of housekeeping. Basically we are empowering this Oversight Committee. Does everyone understand what is happening? If you are voting no, do you don't know why you are voting no, I think you should ask yourself. Do I like the tuition freeze?

Chair Thoma stated VP Kowalsky is out of order. Let's stick to the motion on the table.

VP Kowalsky stated I think the people voting no are fundamentally opposed to CFS.

Chair Thoma stated that's out of order that's toward character.

VP Kowalsky stated he would like to have councilors vote yes.

Member Mowat thanked ACRO Olszynski for all his hard work. I have known him a long time and I know he is doing a good job and I am sure the CRO is also doing a good job. I am running a "No" campaign and I want to make sure I am participating in something that is fair and democratic. I am concerned that there is a lack of clarity and rules on some issues. What are the penalties for breaking

these rules? It is not in there. I am spending my own personal money to run a “No” campaign. I don’t know if anyone can answer my question and that part of my concern. Either way I want this referendum to go forward even though I am on the no side but I want there to be no ambiguity about the results. So if there is a matter of votes on one side of the other, or violations here or there. How do you come to the conclusion if that vote was just? You overturn it. What happens if half the Oversight Committee wants to overturn the results and the other half doesn’t? I haven’t been able to get answers to these questions. I just want to make sure that the Board of Directors and USSU knows what it is they are proving and making sure the organization is not liable in the aftermath of this referendum. There are a lot of concerns with the process that have not been addressed.

Councilor Gallaway stated he was under impression last week that we postponed the motion so we could go back to our colleges and talk to students and see what they wanted. Nobody has mentioned any of that? Personally in Commerce we went back and talked to students about what they want want. People on the “Yes” and “No” side, everybody wants this to happen next week. We voted in council unanimously to pass this motion tonight, get this referendum over with, and move on with the year so USC can do something else other than have lengthy meetings about CFS every week. We all came here to vote in favour, Councilor Boyle couldn’t make it, I have about 35 emails from students and my college wants to make this happen, let’s pass this and get it over with.

President Gardiner stated that the process is what seems to be the issue.

Councilor Villeneuve made a very good amendment. He said that the Elections Board is going to have the final authority on this from the USSU end. All of us on both sides have expressed our explicit faith in the CRO and ACRO. They are the chair and the deputy chair of the Elections Board. It is completely for members of council and members from the student body that were appointed by the Appointments Board. That can be the house of sober second thought. Everything has been done completely legitimately. I must repeat that the USSU Solicitor who has absolutely no care whether any national lobby group represents us recommended this. He is just looking out for the best interest of the USSU. Our General Manager who again has no care, also recommended this. This has to happen in order for us to have the referendum. The referendum is advertised to every student on this campus that this it is happening next week. I for one can guarantee that I want this to be done more than everyone else in the room. So let’s pass this amendment lets do it right and get on with our lives.

VP Campbell would like to call the question.

Move to call the question.

USC Motion57: Campbell/Gallaway

Carried.

Move to amend the policy to include “and that the Elections Board must ratify the results of this referendum.”

USC Motion58: Villeneuve/Fernquist Carried.

Move to amend the Elections & Referenda Policy to include under Section 4 Referenda Authority to add point 2 “In Referenda to federate in the CFS the Oversight Committee shall have authority over the Referendum. The CRO and ACRO shall act as the USSU Representatives on the Oversight Committee and that the Elections Board must ratify the results of this referendum.”

USC Motion40: Gardiner/Campbell Carried.

Councilor Fernquist would like his objection noted to the passing of that motion.

VP Cole would like his objection noted to the passing of that motion.

Councilor Villeneuve would like his objection noted to the passing of that motion.

Councilor Ottie would like her objection noted to the passing of that motion.

Councilor Flavell would like his objection noted to the passing of that motion.

7.2 Corporate Sponsorship & Agreements with Outside Bodies

President Gardiner would like to strike this from the Agenda, which should have been done under Adoption of the Agenda but Councilor Korshever, the Development & Communications Coordinator and myself had a meeting this morning and this issue has been resolved. If anyone has any questions they can come and talk to me.

10. Questions & Comments

Councilor Fernquist asked if the ACRO is still here.

Chair Thoma stated he left.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that with the referendum coming there have been a few responsibilities that have been forgotten. I am wondering were the Executive Accountability Reports from summer are? Accountability Reports are an important thing and we are one month into our year, which means we are only couple of months away from our Fall Accountabilities. You have been on the job for about five months now and I think there should be some type of accountability. I am aware that this is a busy time for our executive but I do think it is due. I would like when I am done speaking for VP Kowalsky to describe what he has been doing in this new VP External Affairs position? Who he has been talking? Also, in the accounting report is that it says Crystel Knihniski, General Manager (Acting). Are we actively seeking a new General Manager? We need a person in there that can give us continuity from year to year a person that knows what’s going on from year to year because there are new executive

and council members every year. Last year there was University in the News, which were little pamphlets that we got at the start of the year. They were good to put up in your colleges. It brings all universities across Canada together because then I can look up what's going on at other universities.

President Gardiner stated that the Accountability Reports should have been done. I am not even going to try and justify why they are not finished. We do have the monthly accountability reports that we have started doing and July and August should be up. The executive has been discussing the General Manager position and we are on the verge of making some major decisions. University in the News was stopped half way through the year when we cut the Research Position. This is something that we can start up again but there would have to be a lot of interest with this body. Send me an email in the next week if this is something you would like to see started again. If the majority of you want this then we will do it.

??? asked if we can have a ballot right now?

VP Connor stated that this is still going and the USSU Receptionist goes through the papers every morning so if you want to stop by there is a huge pile of PSE articles in the lunchroom. To make that many copies it is huge waste of resources.

Member Forbes stated that maybe this is something that could be scanned into PDF format and put on the website so that anyone can view it.

Councilor Vishnu stated he was going to say that.

President Gardiner stated he would look into that for next week.

VP Kowalsky stated he has had four meetings in four months, one with the MLA Peter Prebble, second with Mike Savage who is the chair of the PSE Commons Committee, the third was with Saskatchewan Learning, and I have met with Andrew Thompson twice who is the Minister of Learning. The first time I met Andrew Thompson was at the pre-budget announcement before they announced the tuition freeze and once during the pow-wow. We have not sat down and met formally yet.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if there have been any kind of talks set up to find out what will happen next year with the tuition freeze?

VP Kowalsky stated they have been working with the U of R and have our campaign finalized. In response to the Minister of Learning meeting we have been meeting his minions. I am really excited to have my External Affairs Board running and we should be looking at the issues.

Member Forbes stated because this is the first year this position has been back I would like some feedback from you. Do you feel this position is worthwhile for the USSU? Could the other four executive members do this position? Is it worth our money to have this position in general? I think we should get the feedback from you.

VP Kowalsky stated that the position should likely be part-time during the summer months.

Councilor Ottie stated that she wanted to clarify why she voted no in the motion and that is because she can't vote in the referendum because she is an intern neither can any of the Education Students who are on an internship and I just wanted have this on record in the minutes.

Councilor Taylor asked if CFS would respond to this?

Chair Thoma stated it would be the Oversight Committee that would need to respond to this. If a lot of members feel quite strong about this I highly recommend going and talking about that and seeing what could be done.

VP Cole stated that he has had a student who has sent some questions. With regards to the upcoming CFS Referendum it is my understanding that the votes will be done on paper ballots. There are hundreds of students like me who are on an internship program that are going to be unable to vote. We are interested in the outcome of this referendum. ACRO Olszynski's response was voting will take place from 8 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. so if you are in town and feel like going out of your way to campus you will be able to vote and there is advanced polling on the 3rd. As for people from out of town; unfortunately, the CFS constitution and bylaws does not stipulate e-ballots. The best we can do with a limited budget is encourage students to come to campus and vote.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that a typical day for him is getting up at 6 a.m. go to work at 7 a.m. and don't get home until 6:30 p.m. We have students that are in North Battleford, Prince Albert and are hours away and they are being excluded from this referendum.

Chair Thoma stated that we can hopefully leave this issue. The complaints have been noted in the minutes and there is nothing that can be done except complain to the Oversight Committee.

Councilor Yakimoski stated that despite the fact a lot of people can't vote on paper and my vote won't be present. There is no reason why we shouldn't support the people who can vote.

Member Mowat stated that everyone probably received the email from the unknown source that had a bunch of information from President Gardiner's book.

Chair Thoma asked President Gardiner to clarify this issue for people who did not receive the email or read the Sheaf.

Member Mowat stated he brought this up because of the article in the Sheaf and one of the councilors said to ignore this. I would like some clarification on some of the goals in President Gardiner's stolen notebook. What kind of meeting was this? Was there a meeting at all? What do some of these comments meetings mean? I understand that there is a referendum here to join CFS but I am concerned that student money is going towards a goal to get UBC out of CASA to switch our health plan. President Gardiner stated that in the paper some of these goals were forged, and some were real, he didn't want to go into this because it was personal. I am uncomfortable as a student paying his salary to spend time doing some of these activities, if he was at all. I would like an explanation.

Councilor Mitchell stated she does not want President Gardiner to have to defend himself right now. I don't think this is appropriate considering it is under criminal investigation about how this information was obtained. It is offensive that our intelligence is being questioned as councilors. I would encourage President Gardiner not respond unless he chooses to.

President Gardiner stated he is going to stay away from the specifics. If Member Mowat wants to talk to me one on one I will do that. The fact at hand remains that my notebook and I have written lots of things down that are not necessarily my own opinion. A lot of this was taken completely out of context and I don't think it is appropriate for me to explain a stolen notebook at a public forum.

Member Forbes asked if this Planning Session went ahead?

President Gardiner stated he was at a meeting and there were MSCs and lots of other people there besides me.

Member Mowat stated this is really sketchy but once the president acknowledges some of the comments that he made and I want clarification. It seems to me this meeting took place and he is a member of the CFS Board, was this something that was discussed at a CFS meeting? Is this the stuff they talk about at CFS. If this is what is going on at CFS meetings and I'm not sure because the president won't say but if that's what it is I'm running a "No" campaign and this is exactly the kind of information that we need to know. I am not sure that with out the president's denial or explanation of this information that I can believe he has been completely forthcoming to council members and the students to what this referendum is and means. If this is the type of organization and this is what goes on at CFS meetings I don't want to pay \$10/year to interfere with other schools. When I was president of the USSU the URSU VP External Affairs sent out a mass email stating that they needed to kick me out office or elect someone else, they were interfering other student unions business. Then I had the URSU president apologize to me, and she knew it wasn't right. Then I am looking at

documents that seem to indicate that's what is going on by the USSU and I don't want our image to be tarnished by that kind of behaviour or our involvement that endorses that kind of behaviour. I know that the circumstances from which this document was obtained are sketchy but I think that the president owes an explanation to the members that elected him and to all the members that pay his salary and to explain the context of this, especially if it is relevant to the upcoming CFS Referendum.

President Gardiner agrees with Member Mowat but thinks there is a time and place to explain this. I don't believe Member Mowat's intentions are as noble as he tries to make them out. The reality remains that this is a criminal issue and I have a meeting with security tomorrow to discuss this. I am not going to go into a public forum and talk about this when I don't know if I have the right to. I promise this will be resolved but I can't do it right now and that is not because of fear. Anything in that book that was mine I will stand by but I need to talk to campus security about this first.

VP Cole stated that I think President Gardiner will fill us in on this matter when this has been resolved and he is able to speak on it. More importantly I would like to find out what is fake in there. I would like to state that my name was brought up in there under a topic called "get VP Cole to resign." I find this comment very hurtful but I also know President Gardiner did not put that in there. I looked through the document and I found parts had been copied and pasted. I would like to speak on President Gardiner's character and he and I are on really good terms and we see this referendum differently but he and I work together strong and he is a noble person, or as much as he can be.

Councilor Fernquist asked when the email list on the website is going to be updated? I don't want another incident to happen that could have been prevented. When will council email addresses change so that we can live happier?

President Gardiner stated it would be updated in a few weeks.

Chair Thoma stated that the discussion period is over.

Move to extend the Questions and Comments period by 5 minutes.

USC Motion59: Collins/Fernquist Carried.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp wanted it recorded in the minutes that absolutely appropriate to be speaking about stolen goods in a decision making body such as ours.

Councilor Collins asked if there is any way the Oversight Committee would reconsider the format of the polling stations?

Chair Thoma stated there is no one from the Oversight Committee here to respond.

VP Cole stated he talked to ACRO Olszynski yesterday about this and the reason there are only seven polling stations is because of a matter of resources.

Councilor Fernquist stated he would be away for a few weeks and we are in the process of electing a new MSC and he/she will be here two weeks from today. Also there was a car in Arts for a while and it is gone, the car was advertising for Hell Dance that was last week and it was going on Friday and Wide Mouth Mason was playing and it was a great time.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he finds it odd that the whole Oversight Committee was not here tonight. I don't know if they are in town but there was only one guy here and he left before Questions & Comments and obviously we are going to have questions one week before the referendum and they are not here to answer our questions. It just seems odd.

Councilor Gallaway stated we should send that comment to the Oversight Committee not council so feel free to do that.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjorn.

USC Motion60: Villeneuve/Fernquist

Carried.

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Vishnu Singh, Medicine
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Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition
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Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Regrets

Jason Villeneuve, Education
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Blayne Coffin, Physical Therapy
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

Absent

Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Trena Raven, Indigenous

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USC Motion61: Flavell/Boyle

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Burnett introduced the new Engineering MSC, Benjamin David; he will be replacing Councilor Fernquist who will be the new Engineering President.

President Gardiner stated there are letters at the back for each individual council member. Please read through the letter and I will speak on it in Questions & Comments.

VP Cole stated there are two posters at the back one is for Writing it Right Week, which will be held from October 31st through November 4th. Also, on November 4th will be an Information, Communication & Technology Forum and it is an all day event and there will be a draw for a free I-pod. I am looking for somebody for the Research Scholar and Artistic Works Committee of University Council; if you are interested please let me know after council. There is a Town Hall meeting on November 18th at 2:30 p.m. in Arts Room 241 for the Outreach & Foundational Documents. If you have any concerns please state them at this meeting. The Dean of Library Search Committee has narrowed it down to four potential candidates for the dean position; on October 25th at 2:45 p.m. students are welcome to come to the USSU boardroom to meet Vicki Williamson, on the October 27th at 2:45 p.m. Jeff Trezciak on November 1st at 2:45 p.m. Margaret Haines and on November 4th at 1:30 p.m. Tom Hickerson. All candidates will be there for half an hour and you can give me your comments afterward.

Councilor Taylor introduced Cynthia Berry from Pharmacy & Nutrition.

Councilor Ansaldo stated he missed last weeks meeting since he was in Vancouver at a Sierra Youth Coalition Sustainable Campus Conference.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

President Gardiner stated on Page 14 about two-thirds of the way down it says "Our General Manager who again has no care also recommended this" there was some concern about this. I would like to amend this to say, "Our General Manager who has no biased put forward this amendment."

Chair Thoma asked if there are any objections?

Councilor Flavell stated on Page 2 under Introductions and Announcements it states Jeremy Ring is from the ASSU, which is incorrect, he is a Member of the Gallery.

Chair Thoma asked if there are any objections?

VP Cole clarified that last week VP Connor and I were discussing the price of the CFS banner. The rental cost to hang up the banner was \$10; however the production cost of the banner was \$100 each and that is why it was about \$200.

Chair Thoma stated that could be noted in the minutes this week.

Move to adopt September 29th, 2005 USC minutes.

USC Motion62: Flavell/Gardiner

Carried.

6.2 Executive Committee Minutes

President Gardiner stated that we are completing our Accountability Reports and they should be available by the next meeting. We had a lengthy executive meeting today so the minutes are not available.

6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

VP Campbell stated that we just Ratified a few clubs and provided some event funding, nothing out of the ordinary.

6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

VP Connor stated that the Student Issues Board had there first meeting today and minutes will be available at the next USC meeting.

6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report

Chair Thoma noted that every council member has a copy of the report, last weeks minutes and minutes from this week. There were some points brought up that the CEDC cannot be disciplining or doing anything towards a student who is not a member of the USC. We have all read the constitution and the bylaws and we acknowledge that it is not up to the CEDC to discipline or investigate people who are not members of USC or any of its committees. We made a motion last week to send a letter to Ms. Hauser regarding the complaint. We are still planning to send a letter but not the original letter, which is semi-finished. We called and asked her, her opinion when we were investigating the complaint. We feel that it is right to tell her what happened in the complaint. We feel it is imperative that the accuracy and integrity of statements made at USC meetings be upheld and in the future if legitimacy of statements made at USC meeting by anyone who is present is called into question by making a complaint to the CEDC. The accuracy of the statements will be examined by the CEDC and let you know whether or not they are accurate. We will not be investigating the person who made the statement, but the statement that was made. It is important that discussions at USC meetings be entirely accurate. Any questions?

6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report

VP Kowalsky stated quorum was not present at the External Affairs Board meeting.

6.10 Environmental Responsibility Board Minutes and Report

VP Campbell stated the board would be meeting tomorrow.

10. Questions and Comments

Chair Thoma stated Questions and Comments will last for half an hour and it is know 6:15 p.m.

President Gardiner stated he has four things to comment on. The first is the referendum results are on the USSU website. There are several violations that are being looked at by the Oversight Committee a process that I am not familiar with,

which is why there is no report. If anyone has any questions about the referendum please stop by the front office or email the Oversight Committee at USSU.Referendum@gmail.com. The letter from Peter MacKinnon pertains to statements I made at a forum hosted by the Faculty Association on September 28th. I was invited to speak on the changing direction at the University of Saskatchewan and I presented three different reasons why I thought the university had shifted from its original focus. The first reason was tuition, the second was quality of education and faculty compliment, the third was on the definition of education in general. The quotes are in this letter and in On-Campus News and they were quotes that I quoted from another person. I have invited Peter MacKinnon to address council and clear up any misconceptions and have a discussion about this. He is planning to attend council in the first part of November. The tense in which the minutes are written is going to be changed, it is currently in the first person and will be in third person, as discussed in our executive meeting. We have not taken full advantage of council address this semester but we should. If anything is going on in any of your colleges please email any executive and we will be sure to put it on the agenda.

Councilor Burnett asked where the executive accountability reports for the summer are?

VP Connor stated they are just about completed and we should have them in by Friday evening and they will be going printers. They should be finished for the next council meeting; if they are finished earlier we will put them out in the office.

Councilor Otte stated there is no i in her last name.

Member Forbes asked if the executive could submit electric copies of their accountability reports to councilors so it could be pasted on to students? Last year there were problems with credit cards being misused, is the policy effective?

President Gardiner stated last year the policy was not being followed the credit card was being used for personal expenses and the money was not paid back. This year no one is misusing their credit cards.

Member Forbes stated that wasn't her question. Is the policy that was put into place effective?

President Gardiner noted yes it is effective it is no longer being used for things that it was being used for last year. There have been other issues though.

Member Forbes went through all the Oversight Committee meeting minutes and the ACRO and CRO did an excellent job. All their opinions and concerns were exactly what I had and I think they represented the students very well.

Chair Thoma asked if there are any other questions or comments?

Councilor Korshever stated that last night's event in the STM Auditorium was over capacity. STM Auditorium is too small for large international events; there was a problem with food. We can't hold the event in Place Riel Theatre because there is no stage there is only podium for lectures and there is no kitchen for food. The best location we discussed was Quance Theatre. It is a large theatre better than STM Auditorium; however, we are not allowed to hold events there. There was also a problem with transportation. We need more spaces on campus that all students can access.

VP Campbell stated he could look into Quance Theatre but you might want to try book Louis' if you are going to have an event that is over 200 people.

Councilor Korshever stated they like to bring their own food.

Chair Thoma stated Convocation Hall is very large and he has seen food served there before.

Member Forbes stated that Convocation Hall is booked through Cheryl Siedgwick in Room Scheduling.

Councilor Korshever stated he would look into Convocation Hall.

11. Any Other Business

Move to Ratify Benjamin David as the new Engineering MSC.

USC Motion63: Burnett/Connor Carried.

Councilor Korsherver stated that at the last International Student Association Executive meeting several issues were brought up. One concern is that there is no place for student association or groups to have meetings.

Chair Thoma stated this should have been brought up in questions & comments. Are there any objections to move back into questions & comments?

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion64: Cole/Flavell Carried.

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 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – October 17th, 2005**
 - 6.10 Environmental Responsibility Board Minutes and Report – October 14th, 2005**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

President Gardiner noted 9.2 Academic Affairs Board Election should be 8.1 under Business.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USC Motion65: Flavell/Cole

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

VP Cole introduced Lea Pennock, University Secretary and Cathie Fornssler, Committee Coordinator are here to present “Writing it Right Week.”

Councilor Collins stated that STMSU decided to turn down Coca-Cola money from the USSU and cheques from 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 would be reissued.

VP Connor introduced Kristen Foster from Studentcare is here to present to council.

President Gardiner noted that the USSU Annual General Meeting would be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 17th in Arts 146. Amendments are due by November 7th. Forms for Constitutional Amendments will be online and in the USSU office. Posters should be up early next week.

5. Council Address

5.1 Writing it Right Week

VP Cole noted that Lea Pennock and Cathie Fornssler are present to give a quick presentation on what will be happening with Writing it Right Week.

Move to consider informally.

USC Motion 66: Cole/Ansaldo Carried.

Lea Pennock, University Secretary, noted that Writing it Right Week happens next week from October 31st through November 4th and was started through Gordon Barnhart a couple of years ago. Writing it Right Week is based on academic integrity, dishonesty and offenses. It is the third year in a row that we have compiled statistics on the number of cases of academic dishonesty that have come before College and University Panels. In 2003 there were 79 cases, in 2004 there were 73 and in 2005 there were 52 cases of academic dishonesty, it is on a downward trend. We are working together try to understand what we mean by academic integrity and honesty. There are presentations in Orientation, we have an honesty website and the third annual Writing it Right Week is coming up.

Cathie Fornssler asked if everyone received a copy of the handouts? There are extra at the front if needed. The handouts tell you what is on the agenda for next week. All receptions are over the lunch hour. Keynote speaker is Brian Thwaites who will give a presentation called “Train you Brain.” The idea of this presentation is to give students a positive approach, which is the approach the university, has taken towards academic integrity. On Tuesday, November 1st former University Secretary, Gordon Barnhart, will talk about a video drama students created. On Wednesday, November 2nd, Linda Fritz explains how to use the Internet for research and how to site Internet sources appropriately. Thursday and Friday are sessions for Graduate and Honour Students and Faculty but anyone can attend. They will be held at the Gwenna Moss Teaching & Learning Centre.

VP Cole thanked Lea Pennock and Cathie Fornssler for coming and addressing council.

5.2 Studentcare

VP Connor introduced Kristen Foster, Studentcare, and is here to present to council.

Kristen Foster, Studentcare, stated that she brought in a report to provide council with an update on the change of coverage period and opt-out period. The health plan has been in effect since 2001, and was brought in by student referendum. It is probably the most significant service the USSU offers and it has a large impact on students. Studentcare Networks is broken down into two distinct roles. On one side there is program consultants who negotiate with insurance brokers, plan-analysis, prepare reports, etc. The other side is acting as your plan administrator, communicator and service provider, and make sure students are aware of the plan, update website information, spouse coverage, etc. The SIB is going to monitor phone calls and emails regarding the opt-out period. Studentcare Networks is open to suggestions on how to better their services. Fifty-five percent of students are enrolled in the plan and forty-five percent have opted-out and twenty-six percent of students opted-out online. This year we attached a PDF to upload proof of coverage to our website and it was error free. We had three hundred and eighty five students upload their proof on our website. Students who opted out had tuition credits processed before their fees were due. One hundred and fifty five students enrolled spouses or dependents in the student health and dental plan.

Move to consider formally.

USC Motion67: Flavell/Burnett Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt October 13th, 2005 USC minutes.

USC Motion68: Campbell/Otte Carried.

6.2 Executive Committee Minutes

President Gardiner stated that there are three sets of minutes. The September Executive Reports are available. The executive have decided to advertise the general manager position. The position will be posted next week for three weeks and if we do not receive enough qualified applicants we will re-evaluate the process. The executive will have made a decision by Christmas and the start date will be in February. Council members will be given regular updates on the general manager hiring process.

6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

VP Cole noted that the Academic Affairs Board is the most efficient board on USC.

6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

VP Campbell stated there is not much to report. USC will be investigating the purchase of Coco-LoCo in the next few weeks. It is a good investment for the USSU. If the USSU is solely running the event it could be held more accountable to the students.

6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

VP Connor stated that there are two sets minutes. Trick or Eat will be held on October 31st and encouraged council members to get teams together. The USSU will then hold a Volunteer Appreciation at Louis' and volunteers will receive free beer. The October 17th Student Transportation Committee minutes are available.

6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report

Chair Thoma noted the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee would be meeting after USC tonight.

6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report

VP Kowalsky stated the EAB discussed the provincial campaign.

6.10 Environmental Responsibility Board Minutes and Report

VP Campbell stated the board met briefly to discuss what they would be doing throughout the year.

8. Business

8.1 Academic Affairs Board Election

VP Cole noted that the AAB is lacking an MSC. The board will meet Friday's at 3:30 p.m.

Move to consider informally.

USC Motion69: Gardiner/Gallaway Carried.

VP Cole asked if there is anyone interested in sitting on the AAB.

Move to consider formally.

USC Motion70: Cole/Connor Carried.

Move to appoint Councilor Birdi to the Academic Affairs Board.

USC Motion71: Gardiner/Cole Carried.

9. New Business

9.1 NORTEP Students

VP Campbell stated he has been talking to NORTEP (Northern Teacher Education Program) Administration and their students want to be exempt from the PT USSU fee. This is the first year they have paid this fee. In the past this fee has been paid for by their administration and they are no longer paying this fee. NORTEP Students are located in La Ronge and if we allow them to not pay their

fees other students such as students on internship may also not want to pay their fees. The executives feel they should continue to pay their fees. He suggested going back to your student councils and find out what they have to say. VP Campbell stated their college society was to send a letter but they have failed to do so. When he receives the letter he will pass it onto council members.

Councilor Villeneuve asked how many NORTEP Students there are.

VP Campbell stated there are 250 students.

Councilor Mitchell asked if it is just the NORTEP Students in La Ronge because there are other NORTEP Students on campus.

VP Campbell stated they are to pay the PT USSU fee but must opt into the health and dental plan.

Councilor Villeneuve asked why the administration office did not pay the fee for them.

VP Campbell stated they found out under the new university banner system. They did not pay the fees on purpose.

10. Questions and Comments

Councilor Collins stated STMSU has turned down the Coca-Cola money for the past three years. We have turned down the money because through research we have found that coke has violated human rights violations in Columbia and India. We do not want to be associated with Coca-Cola based on our values and beliefs. We should review coke and decide if you want that type of association. Hopefully the USSU could join other universities across the countries that are campaigning against Coca-Cola. MacMaster University had a referendum a few weeks ago and the entire student body voted not to renew their contract.

Councilor Ansaldo stated we should try and get on board with the other universities. The USSU should take a leading role and talk to other universities.

VP Connor commended STMSU. The SIB and Environmental Responsibility Committee are working on an Ethical Purchasing Policy and if USC does happen to pass this policy it would be against our values.

Councilor Birdi stated this is ridiculous. Sporting events in the College of Kinesiology are endorsed through companies such as Adidas and Nike. It is hard to make a difference when all companies sponsor.

Councilor Coffin stated Kinesiology has no ties with these companies. It is Huskie Athletics that does.

Councilor Burnett asked if Councilors Ansaldo and Collins would provide council with more information.

Councilor Collins stated there are a number of sources. Killercoke.org, Globe & Mail, Indian Resource Source, International Corporate Accountability are a few of the sources that were used.

Councilor Ansaldo stated Councilor Collins compiled a report on coke.

Councilor ??? stated she is not sure if Huskie Athletics is sponsored through Nike it could be a distribution company.

Councilor Korshever stated last year on the Amnesty website it was documented that in Columbia, India and several other locations Coke violated Human Rights. It is part of the Constitution to implement ethical standards. At the AGM we should move forward and set an example as a university community.

Chair Thoma stated Councilors Ansaldo and Collins could provide facts for council members.

Councilor ??? stated what STMSU is doing is important. We have to keep in mind that Coke is not a benevolent company who is just giving the USSU money because they want to be right. In the Globe & Mail it stated UBC had to renew there coke contract for another two years because they did not sell enough coke product and coke is not provide them with funding during this two-year period.

President Gardiner noted STMSU is a leader in the country on this issue and this has been discussed in several conferences. He asked what everyone thought of council meeting every second week. The accountabilities are located in the back of the room. They do not have nice cover like they have in the past because we shut down the Print Shop last year but they are still bound. He will resend the electronic copies to council members to distribute through the colleges. The Referendum results are still not official. There are still some outstanding disputes that the Oversight Committee is discussing. The editorial in the Sheaf today regarding VP Cole violating the Code of Ethics and this was not the case. VP Cole acted very professional throughout the Referendum campaign.

Councilor Burnett stated she was pleased the Executive summer accountability reports came out on electronic copy today because she had a chance to review it. On page 28 in the middle paragraph we possible have the busiest students sitting on this board. This document sounded more like a poem then a technical paper. The purpose of this accountability report is to inform students what you have done this summer not show of your fancy writing skills save that for English 110. Perhaps VP Kowalsky should get involved in the Writing it Right sessions.

VP Kowalsky stated the mythological turpentine monster is contained in the colourful imaginations by all of us.

VP Campbell stated it was a metaphor.

Councilor Villeneuve stated in the October 13th Executive Committee minutes President Gardiner has been asked to investigate why second year education students that are away on internship are classified as USSU members even though they are not on campus. He asked who brought this up and what this means for future students like him. He is an MSC but if council decides to allow them not to pay student fees this means he is not part of the USSU and cannot sit on council. He stated several other students such as engineering, pharmacy, medicine and dentistry how will this affect these students. He has been working with student leadership while on internship in the school. We are losing resources coming out of high school. We have talked about apathy and see an increase in apathy when these students come to university. When he asked these students why they are student leaders in high school and are not when they come to university. The main answer was they don't know how they get lost in the shuffle. It would be a good idea for USC or the Executive to give these students a letter stating we appreciate what you have done at your school and these are the options that you can do at the U of S. He stated he broke his student card and the Student Card Office hours are crappy and because he can't get to the office during there hours he can't even sign out a library book and if he does get time off during there hours he has to pay \$10. It is not his fault the card is damaged. If he lost his card he would be willing to pay for the \$10 but is not willing to pay because the card is worn out. USC should get take a stance on student cards.

VP Kowalsky noted it is \$15 for a replacement student card.

Chair Thoma stated Councilor Villeneuve should talk to him after because BOCP could get involved with this easier.

Councilor Villeneuve stated it should come from USC.

President Gardiner stated he is investigating the USSU fees because he was asked to look into this by the University's Registrar Office. It looks as though it is not going to go anywhere and it is a growing issue with all the involved students. The Student Recruitment is a brilliant idea because he had it a year and a half ago. Student Recruitment and the executive talked about sending letters to high school students who sit on SRC then there was some restructuring in that department and the idea was dropped. This is an issue we should work on together and he will also talk to Student Recruitment.

VP Campbell noted Louis' is offering promotions for campus clubs and college societies.

VP Cole stated the Dean of Library Search is still going on and would like to thank the once councilor who showed up for one of the session. If anyone else is interested there will be two more sessions and input is valuable.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion72: Cole/Gardiner Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, November 10th, 2005

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – October 27th, 2005**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – October 26th & November 4th, 2005**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report – October 28th & November 2nd, 2005**
 - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – October 31st, 2005**
 - 6.10 Environmental Responsibility Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
 - 8.1 NORTEP Students**
- 9. New Business**
 - 9.1 World Café'**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, November 10th, 2005

Present

Gavin Gardiner, President
Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Sarah Connor VP (Student Issues)
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Robert Boyle, Commerce
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Benjamin David, Engineering
Alex Korshever, International
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Vishnu Singh, Medicine
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing
Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Ana Melendez, VPRA

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair

Regrets

Brett Campbell (VP Operations & Finance)
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Gina Otte, Kinesiology
Blayne Coffin, Physical Therapy
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

Absent

Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USC Motion73: Flavell/Cole Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

President Gardiner stated the Annual General Meeting would be Thursday, November 17th at 4 p.m. in Arts 133. He introduced Kelly Morin the new Indigenous Students' MSC.

Councilor Ansaldo stated Councilor Collins sent her regrets for the meeting.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt October 27th, 2005 USC minutes.

USC Motion74: Cole/Lennox-Zepp Carried.

6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report

Councilor Burnett noted that there is a correction to the October 31st External Affairs Board Minutes. The minutes say Wayne Elhard is the Swift Current MLA and he is actually the MLA for Cypress Hills.

8. Business

8.1 NORTEP Students

President Gardiner stated VP Campbell has been looking after this; however, he is away at a funeral. Councilors should have received an email from the NORTEP Students' Council, which outlined their case for wanting to be exempt from paying University and PT Student Union Fees. The executives recommend that they pay half of the Students' Union fees because they do receive several benefits such as the Health and Dental Plan if they opt in, advocacy work, voting rights and are able to attend USSU events. Unless council votes otherwise NORTEP Students will continue paying the PT USSU Fee.

9. New Business

9.1 World Café'

VP Connor stated that there is an Executive Project Proposal called "The Campus Café" available for councilors. The World Café' is growing all over North America and Europe. It is a good way to get people together and get new ideas on the table. This has been passed at the executive level. If you have questions or comments you can contact VP Connor.

10. Questions and Comments

President Gardiner stated the executive were notified today by Crystel Knihniski, the Acting General Manager who gave her two weeks notice that she has taken another job at a construction company, which is unfortunate for the Students' Union. She turned the organization around when she was the USSU Controller and made major changes and hard decisions while Acting as the General Manager. Senior Management will be taking over the day-to-day duties of the General Manager in consultation with the executives until the position has been filled. The position has been posted and will remain posted until November 25th. We have received a dozen resumes. He personally thanked Crystel Knihniski for the years she has committed to the Students' Union particularly the last year and a half for working with him.

Councilor Mitchell stated that there are 1800 CUPE 1975 workers on campus who took a strike vote and have been working with out a contract for the past 23 months. They voted to strike which means they have a strike mandate. Some issues on the bargaining table include a decrease in health benefits, weakening seniority rights and wage increases. The employees involved include food service workers, campus security and caretakers. This university would not function without these employees. Councilors should support them being treated fairly. She encouraged councilors to look into this information or view the website at

www.cupe1975.ca. Peter Mackinnon will be addressing council in the next few weeks so hopefully he can answer some questions.

Councilor Burnett asked when President Mackinnon would be addressing council.

President Gardiner stated that there was never a set date for him to address council but hopefully would be able to come in the next few weeks.

Councilor Vishnu asked if we had access to the CUPE 1975 proposal.

Councilor Mitchell stated you could access it online.

President Gardiner stated he does not know where people could access the proposal. He stated the main concerns are job evaluations, and how employees are selected for shifts.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp asked if NORTEP students are aware of all the benefits they have through the USSU through paying their PT USSU Fees or where they could find information on that.

President Gardiner stated that they have sat down with the Administration on this issue. Because they are mostly off-campus students they likely weren't aware of the services available. He stated they would be sending out letters clarifying this.

11. Any Other Business

Move to Ratify Kelly Morin as the new Indigenous Student's MSC.

USC Motion75: Gardiner/Cole Carried.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion76: Cole/Flavell Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, November 24th, 2005

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – November 10th, 2005**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – November 10th & 21st, 2005**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – November 18th, 2005**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – November 18th, 2005**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – November 14th & 21st, 2005**
 - 6.10 Environmental Responsibility Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
 - 8.1 World Café**
- 9. New Business**
 - 9.1 Raise a Flag Campaign**
 - 9.2 This Year, Students Count!**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

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Present

Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Kelly Morin, Indigenous
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Hardeep (Bobby) Birdi, Dentistry
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Benjamin David, Engineering
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

Also present

Brent Thoma, Chair
Charles Hamilton, Sheaf
Jeremy Warren, Sheaf

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USC Motion77: Cole/Flavell

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

VP Cole stated Andrew Thompson, Minister of Learning would be attending the next USC meeting on Dec 1, 2005. He stated President MacKinnon would be declaring December 2nd Green and White Day, in honour of the Huskies playing in the Vanier Cup, so everyone should come to school in U of S colours. He noted the USSU's lawyer got back to the Oversight Committee with his recommendations, so there should be an announcement regarding the Referendum by December 2, 2005.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt November 10th, 2005 USC minutes with the addition of Councilor Morin to “Present.”

USC Motion78: Cole/Lennox-Zepp Carried.

6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Councilor Villeneuve requested details on the Louis’ trip to Vegas and asked why the BOCB was receiving USSU funding.

VP Cole stated Louis’ asked about the feasibility of a Vegas trip and the Operations and Finance Board would be investigating this.

Chair Thoma stated the BOCB is, in fact, a Campus Club Ratified by the USSU and would be eligible for funding.

8. Business

8.1 World Café

VP Cole moved that this item be postponed until the next meeting.

Chair Thoma stated that a motion to be postponed is not in order, as a motion on World Café had not yet been made. He mentioned that it would be taken up next week when someone present is prepared to make a motion.

Councilor Coffin stated that the Student Issues Board liked the idea and it has their backing.

9. New Business

9.1 Raise a Flag Campaign

VP Cole stated that the Saskatchewan government is seeking an Energy Accord, similar to those in Newfoundland, Labrador and Nova Scotia. The goal is to keep 100% of energy revenues in Saskatchewan rather than have it go to Ottawa. There have details at <http://www.raiseaflag.ca>. It is likely that next week President Gardiner would move to have the USSU to sign onto this campaign.

9.2 This Year, Students Count!

VP Cole introduced a draft document of the USSU’s provincial campaign and noted that it was not for general distribution yet. He noted that the photo on the cover was an old one of Premier Lorne Calvert and it had been slightly altered; the previous message was something about pay levels for U of S employees. Please read the document, President Gardiner and VP Kowalsky will likely be looking for feedback in the near future.

10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Korshever asked whether or not the Sheaf was an autonomous organization and mentioned that he had e-mailed a member of their staff and has not received a reply. He asked where he might find out more information regarding the Sheaf's directors. He raised a concern over the flyer inserted into last week's issue. He felt that it was a student issue as students pay a 'Sheaf' fee and should be investigated by the USSU.

VP Cole stated that the Sheaf is autonomous from the USSU, there is information about this near the front of Section A of pretty much every issue. Councilor Korshever would be able to find the information he is looking for there and he should raise his concerns with VP Connor and the Student Issues Board.

Councilor Villeneuve reminded Council that he had mentioned a few weeks prior that he thought it would be a good idea for the USSU/BOCP to send information on campus groups to graduating high school Student Council members.

Chair Thoma apologized that the letters to high school students were not brought up at the last BOCP meeting and promised that it would be discussed at the January meeting.

11. Any Other Business

Move to dissolve the Environmental Responsibility Committee.

USC Motion79: Cole/Burnett Carried.

VP Cole noted the Sustainability Board was created at the last AGM to take over the work of the Environmental Responsibility Committee.

Councilor Vishnu wondered if it would be possible for the Environmental Responsibility Committee to simply change its name to the Sustainability Board.

Chair Thoma stated that this would not be possible as they are technically different committees and the Sustainability Board would have to be populated in the same fashion as any other board.

VP Cole stated that it would likely be that the composition of the Sustainability Board would remain the same as the Environmental Responsibility Committee.

Councilor Korshever noted he did not feel that this should be done.

Councilor Korshever would like to have his objection noted.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion80: Villeneuve/Cole Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, December 1st, 2005

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1 Margret Asmuss, FMD Sustainability Coordinator**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – November 24th, 2005**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – November 25th, 2005**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
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- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
 - 8.1 World Café**
 - 8.2 Raise a Flag Campaign**
 - 8.3 This Year, Students Count!**
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
 - 11.1 Elections to Sustainability Board**
- 12. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, December 1st, 2005

Present

Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Brett Campbell, VP (Operations & Finance)
Sarah Connor, VP (Student Issues)
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Benjamin David, Engineering
Alex Korshever, International
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing
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Regrets

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Chris Gallawy, Commerce
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Kelly Morin, Indigenous
Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Hardeep (Bobby) Birdi, Dentistry
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Gina Otte, Kinesiology
Vishnu Singh, Medicine
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Ana Melendez, VPRA

Also present

Brent Thoma, Chair

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USC Motion81: Cole/Connor

Carried.

5. Council Address

5.1 Margret Asmuss, FMD Sustainability Coordinator

VP Connor introduced Margret Asmuss, FMD Sustainability Coordinator who is here to address council.

Move to informality

USC Motion82: Cole/Connor

Carried.

Margret Asmuss noted she does not have the Power Point presentation she prepared because she grabbed the bag with the wrong laptop.

VP Connor stated all council members have a copy of the report she prepared.

Margret Asmuss stated she is the Sustainability Coordinator for the University of Saskatchewan, which is a new position. She has been in this position since July of last year. Last summer FMD tried to get a handle on what was happening with recycling on campus and how to deal with some of the problems. There is recycling going on, on-campus however it is quite fragmented. The USSU, Food Services, Residence and various campus associations are recycling but there are many parts of campus that are not recycling. Lots of areas on campus are lacking accountability of what is happening with recycling revenues, which is not the case with the USSU. The University of Manitoba has centralized recycling centre and is run by students. The revenues from the recycling centre pays for approximately 10 part-time student jobs and the students do everything from collecting material to sorting them and taking them to the recyclers. This summer Keane Gruending prepared a business case analysis of whether it would be feasible to create a recycling centre that would be self-sustaining. We looked at the University of Manitoba because it is roughly the same size as the U of S. We found that a centralized recycling approach would be a very feasible business. There would be a \$40,000 start up cost, which would include large centralized bins, utilities, etc. If we have fairly low participation we would be able to recover the start up costs in about two years and after that we would be able to run the program at a surplus. Consumer Services and the USSU have shown interest in the recycling program. Students, staff and faculty are paying the deposits on the containers and are not seeing the benefits from this. This program could expand to include batteries, plastic bags, cell phones or styrofoam and will create some student jobs. If students want to attend an environmental conference or put on a conference this program would be able to support these activities. Once the initial costs are paid for this program would generate approximately \$18,000/year, which is not a huge amount of money; however, you can give a lot of students \$500 grants. She would like the USSU to consider whether or not they would be willing to support this. Hopefully this program could be started by next fall. She would like to see a partnership between the USSU, Consumer Services and FMD on this project.

??? asked if she has talked to Residence much.

Margret Asmuss stated she has not talked to residence yet.

??? stated they use recycling money for year end parties so they might be interested.

Margret Asmuss stated that in time it would be great if smaller parties got involved in the program but in the meantime she is more concerned with the big players.

??? asked what the custodians general feelings are.

Margret Asmuss stated custodians are an active partner in recycling on campus. She plans to sit down with them and get their input.

Councilor Korshever stated that there is a recycling group in the city called Curb Side Recycling, which collects from your house. He asked if she has looked into this program.

Margret Asmuss stated she has looked into this but the program we are looking at starting will create student jobs. We have been talking to Curb Side Recycling about partnering around specific pieces for example; they have a market for plastic recycling which is tough to get into so we could likely do some partnering with them. They have offered to come in and do the project management for us.

VP Connor stated that the USSU has separated our general recycling income into its own budget line to be used to improving sustainability on campus.

Councilor Sedor asked if a student should be hired to run the program.

Margret Asmuss stated this is an aspect that can be looked at but continuity is the main concern. There is the issue of students leaving from year to year. None of this is set in stone.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated she is absolutely thrilled this is moving forward. The College of Law has been trying to get a centralized recycling program started for the past two years.

Move to formality.

USC Motion83: Cole/Flavell Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

Chair Thoma apologized for not recording the last USC meeting. VP Cole and myself sat down and tried to recall the minutes the motions that were made.

Councilor Korshever stated he would like to amend the November 24th USC minutes under Any Other Business where it reads Councilor Korshever would like to have his objection noted he would like it to read “Councilor Korshever noted that he did not feel right that the motion was made which potentially could have affected the members of that particular committee that were not present at that meeting.”

Move to adopt modified minutes.

USC Motion84: Connor/Mitchell Carried.

6.2 Executive Committee Minutes

VP Connor stated the executive has not had a chance to meet because they just returned from Ottawa.

6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report

VP Kowalsky stated the External Affairs Board had a meeting but the minutes are not ready. They discussed the Federal Election, Raise a Flag Campaign, Provincial Campaign and meeting times.

8. Business

8.1 World Café

Chair Thoma stated there has never been a motion on the table for this and so it stayed on the agenda

VP Connor stated this would happen on January 21st in Browsers. There will be an article in the Sheaf. She would like to table this indefinitely.

Chair Thoma stated that is not necessary because there was never a motion made.

8.2 Raise a Flag Campaign

VP Kowalsky stated this past Monday that the Raise a Flag Campaign has been abandoned by the provincial government. It may come up again after the federal election. He is not sure what that means for us.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated the reasoning behind the abandonment of the Raise a Flag Campaign is because the provincial government does not want it used as a bargaining tool during the federal election.

Chair Thoma stated this would be removed from the agenda because there was no motion made.

8.3 This Year, Students Count!

VP Kowalsky stated there is a provincial campaign document that was circulated at the last meeting. There are four key and they are reduce tuition fees, restore public funding grants, not loans and prioritize teaching. There is a media stunt coming up on Thursday, December 8th where we will try and cash a massive cheque at a bank.

Councilor Flavell asked if we are working with any other student unions with this.

VP Kowalsky stated they are working with the University of Regina Students' Union, SIAST Kelsey Campus and Woodland Campus

Councilor ???

Councilor Lennox-Zepp asked when the provincial budget would be released.

VP Kowalsky stated in mid-March.

Councilor Mitchell asked what the reasoning is behind the timing of the media stunt. She does not know how much coverage it will get due to the federal election and it is also during exams.

VP Kowalsky stated this needs to be done soon and they may use this money as an election platform.

VP Connor stated the cheque is made out to Saskatchewan students for \$120M from Ralph Goodale and the Liberal Government. The cheque shows that they promised students this money so give it to us and don't use it as an election platform.

VP Kowalsky noted that if anyone wants to see the cheque should stop by the USSU office.

10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Burnett stated that December 6th is the National Day for Prevention of Violence Towards Women. The History behind this day is in 1989 14 female engineering students were gunned down by a gentleman who thought they were feminists. The College of Engineering is taking an active role in promoting to prevent violence against women. There will be table's set up in the Engineering Building and in the Arts Tunnel. She encouraged council members to come out and visit these tables.

VP Connor stated that on December 5th the Women's Centre is organizing a march to remember these women. This will start at 11 a.m. in the Women's Centre and they will march through campus and finish with a moment of silence in Lower Place Riel at 11:45 a.m. At noon there will be a Make Poverty History discussion where a couple of professors will talk about the Make Poverty History Campaign then there will also be an event to follow at Amigo's on December 10th.

??? asked where these talks would be held.

VP Connor stated they would be held in Lower Place Riel.

Councilor Korshever stated there would also be a forum on Aboriginal Women.

VP Kowalsky stated notice was given that the Minister of Learning would not be attending council was given on Saturday; however, the moderator did not let the message go through until right before the meeting.

VP Cole stated one of the tables in the tunnel is from the Men's Resource Centre of Saskatoon. They are running the white ribbon campaign and are handing out free white ribbons.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated there is an article in the Sheaf on Page A19 and written by Dennis Finch and is derogatory towards women. This letter is absolutely inappropriate and states women in professional college have a negative affect on our society.

Councilor ??? stated Councilor Otte sent her regrets for USC for tonight.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Elections to Sustainability Board

VP Campbell stated we should postpone this until next council meeting.

Move to elect the Sustainability Board which would consist of Councilors Gallaway, Collins and Korshever.

USC Motion85: Connor/Taylor Carried.

VP Connor stated she knows there was confusion at the last council meeting regarding the creation of the Sustainability Board. She feels this is okay.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion86: Cole/Taylor Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, January 12th, 2006

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- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1 Dr. Richard Florizone**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – December 1st, 2005**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – December 14th & 21st, 2005, January 11, 2006**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – December 2nd, 2005**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – November 28th, 2005**
 - 6.10 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
 - 8.1 This Year, Students Count!**
- 9. New Business**
 - 9.1 CASA Membership**
 - 9.2 Process for Approval Policy**
 - 9.3 Computer Capital Request**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
 - 11.1 Special General Meeting Date**
- 12. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, January 12th, 2006

Present

Gavin Gardiner, President
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Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Brett Campbell, VP (Operations & Finance)
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Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair
Ryan Allan, Arts & Science
Jade Buchanan, Arts & Science
Richard Florizone, VP (Finance & Resources)
Jocelyn Grismer, Education
David Hannah, VP (SESD)
Colin Hartl, FMD
Colin Tennent, FMD
Jeremy Warren, Sheaf

Regrets

Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USC Motion87: Flavell/Cole

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Flavell introduced Jade Buchanan from the Arts and Science Students' Union.

Councilor Villeneuve introduced ??? who next year would be running for MSC.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp sent regrets for Councilors Boyle and Gallaway.

President Gardiner sent regrets for Councilor Mitchell.

5. Council Address

5.1 Dr. Richard Florizone

Move to informality.

USC Motion88: Gardiner/Cole Carried.

President Gardiner introduced Colin Tennant and Colin Hartl who are from FMD, David Hannah from SESD and Richard Florizone the new Vice-President (Resource and Finance). They will discuss renovations on campus specifically the University Village Project and Place Riel Renovations.

Richard Florizone thanked President Gardiner for the introduction and the invitation to speak at council. He stated he has been in the VP (Resource and Finance) position since October 17th, 2005. He stated he mainly wants to discuss the University Neighborhood Project. The University wants to create more residence space on campus for students, which would increase enrollment and the number of foreign students. The project is not just about creating buildings but about creating the right sense of community, getting the right facilities, having the right retail space and the right Internet connections. He would like to talk to students about the project and get their input. Colin Tennant and Colin Hartl brought some blueprints to the meeting then we will discuss the project.

Colin Tennant stated this project is in the very early planning stages and it is not known where it might go. He described the blueprints. (See attached)

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated the last numbers she had seen for residence showed that residence was not being used to its full capacity. She asked if there was more demand for on-campus or off-campus residency.

David Hannah stated the beds are all full and there is a long wait list for apartment style accommodations and a short or sometimes no waiting list for dormitory style accommodations. He stated SESD are doing major recruitment outside of Saskatchewan and the first question they get asked is about housing. Currently SESD does not do any marketing for residence. SESD would target these residences to first year students and use them as a transition to university.

Councilor Otte asked how tall the university towers would be.

Richard Florizone stated they could be anywhere from six to ten stories, which is equivalent to the height of the library.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if the University would be willing to preserve the historical buildings.

Colin Tennent stated they would preserve the historical buildings.

David Hannah stated that conversation happened at a time when they were thinking about abandoning Saskatchewan Hall and Athabasca Hall as residences and turning it all into office space and moving residence across the street. The USSU is looking at using Qu'Appelle Hall Addition for office space.

Councilor Burnett asked how long it would be before this project gets underway and what the projected finish date would be. She asked if the university completes the transportation hub would it be guaranteed that the bus systems on campus improve.

Colin Hartl stated they are still early in the process. They are looking at three years of design and construction document development; therefore, 2009 would be the earliest date for a finished building. He stated that it is his understanding that the hub would be a significant improvement to the transit system.

VP Connor stated the plan proposed in January 2006 to put a hub in front of Place Riel is going ahead and construction would begin in July 2006. This will increase buses from 26 per hour to 50-52 per hour during peak times.

??? asked what type of sustainability concerns have been incorporated into the plan.

??? the University Administration has taken a very ambitious effort to achieve a very high level of sustainability in all projects from this point on. For example, for the College of Law project the goal standard was the second highest you could achieve. That is the same attitude that would be applied to this project. We want this to be a very attractive livable environment.

David Hannah asked what students thought of the proposed ideas.

VP Campbell stated students had a lot of concerns with the development not being on campus. He stated it would be much better to have the development directly on campus.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he disagrees with VP Campbell's comment. He stated Saskatchewan has a small town mentality and if you get a mean face of the University it would not feel like Saskatchewan anymore. It would no longer feel like the home students have gotten to know.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if the new design would have retail space.

??? stated there would be some retail space but there would not be as much potential as the other sight.

??? stated there would be clearly less retail opportunities with the new layout because you would not attract as much traffic as you would at Cumberland

Avenue and College Drive. He stated they are planning to do a detailed land-use study, which has not been done on the area from College Drive to 14th Street. Councilor Ansaldo asked which plan is more cost effective.

??? stated putting the building on College Drive and Cumberland Avenue would be modestly less expensive.

Councilor Collins stated initially she was concerned about the idea of the two towers and having dormitories because as a student she likes getting away from crowded scenes. She likes the idea of having freshmen dormitories and the idea of having an apartment-style complex over there because once students get older they can move on. This concept would be good for first-year students.

David Hannah stated the key is trying to get first year students living experience connected to their university experience.

??? stated lots of students she has talked to were concerned about first year off-campus housing and they would be happy to see this.

??? stated she liked this idea.

??? asked what type of corporate sponsorship is interested in this.

??? stated this would have to be looked at together and John Olson, Consumer Services, has some ideas.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated she has concerns with demand considering enrollment has not been growing.

President Gardiner stated the easiest process for us would be broad support if that were what you need to take it to the board. In order for us to make a motion we would have to go to the college societies and the process would take at least a month.

Richard Florizone thanked all councilors for there time and feedback.

President Gardiner stated that if there were further concerns or question to send him an email because he will be in discussions with the board.

David Hannah stated if there are people who are interested in getting involved in this project give President Gardiner your name and contact information.

President Gardiner thanked them for addressing council.
Move to formality.

USC Motion89: Cole/Gardiner Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

Chair Thoma noted that Councilor Birdie sent his regrets for USC, which was not stated in the Introductions and Announcements.

Move to adopt December 1st, 2005 USC minutes.

USC Motion90: Campbell/Connor Carried.

6.2 Executive Committee Minutes

President Gardiner stated there are a few items he wanted to mention that are not in the Executive Committee minutes. The first item to be discussed is the General Manager hiring process. The Executive has interviewed three candidates and interviews two more candidates tomorrow. Jackie Swinnerton, Human Resources Manager, who sits in the interviews with us, has stated the candidates are at least as good if not better than the previous ones. The original timeline was to have the GM start February 1st and it looks like this will happen as long as we come to an agreement on the candidate. He stated that hopefully by the next USC meeting we would have more information and the candidate should be selected. He stated the second item he wanted to discuss is the referendum and he is not entirely sure where the referendum is. The Elections Board is dealing with this now and the Oversight Committee has ratified the results and created a report, which is available for pick up at the front desk. He is not sure when the Elections Board will make a decision. He send the Elections Board a letter telling them not to rush deciding but that there is a timeline that needs to be followed because the university has its own process for new fee approval. The third item to discuss is Place Riel Renovations. It was passed in October to hire a consultant to start working on blueprints for Place Riel renovations, which has not been brought to the board yet because the designs are so preliminary and there are still lots of questions that need to be answered before it is taken to the next level.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that in the January 11th, 2006 Executive Committee minutes it moves to sponsor the use of the USSU van to attend the 2005 Vanier Cup in Hamilton. He questioned the use of the van in this matter. It was his understanding from last year when the van was leased that putting mileage on the van comes out of the students' pockets with the money they pay through their student fees. He also asked if students covered the gas money for this trip and stated that had he wanted to attend the Vanier Cup he would have had to pay for it out of his own pocket and asked if personal friends attended this trip. He questioned whether or not students should be paying for the Executive to have a free trip to the Vanier Cup.

VP Campbell stated it was only President Gardiner and employees from the Sheaf who attended the Vanier Cup. He stated the Executive had discussed President Gardiner attending the Vanier Cup and verbally approved it; however, it was not formally done until January 11th, 2006. He noted that the USSU did not pay for any of the gas for this trip.

President Gardiner stated there was no one who went on the trip that voted on it. He noted that in the past the USSU sponsors the Sheaf in terms of purchasing advertising for the Vanier Cup and the cost is less than what we sponsored the van for. There has never been a USSU representative attend before. The trip cost in terms of kilometers on the van; however, four people went for the price of one. He stated that it was not a personal trip; they drove straight there and straight back. The gas used in Canada is included in our van contract and the gas that was used in the United States came out of our own pockets. There was no misuse of the van.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if this trip was an informal thing we offer the Sheaf or if there is a line in our budget for this.

President Gardiner stated it is not an official line in our budget but it comes out of the Executive Sponsorship line for advertising.

6.4 Operations and Finance Board Minutes and Report

VP Campbell stated everything is entirely accurate except for the interim capital requests, which would be discussed later in the meeting. He noted that the trip to Las Vegas unfortunately had to be cancelled because there is not sufficient planning time.

6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report

President Gardiner stated there are no minutes but there was a meeting via email to appoint a new Assistant Chief Returning Officer, Victoria Coffin. She is a law student. There would be minutes available for the next USC meeting.

6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Reports

Councilor Yakimoski stated there are no minutes available but they Elections Board did meet this morning. There would be minutes available for the next USC meeting.

Councilor Villeneuve asked for a timeline of when this might be resolved.

Councilor Yakimoski stated they do not have a time frame in mind but are aware that it is a pressing matter. The EB would like sufficient time to look everything over.

6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report

VP Kowalsky stated the provincial campaign was released. There would be a press conference on Tuesday morning to release documents on materials. Federal Election Awareness Week is this week and there have been several events that have been well attended by the student body. He will speak more on this later in the meeting.

6.10 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report

VP Connor stated there are no minutes but the Sustainability Board met this week and they have started to work on the draft policy and hope to have something for council to look at, at the next USC meeting.

8. Business

8.1 This Year, Students Count!

Move that USC adopt the campaign This Year, Students' Count!

USC Motion91: Kowalsky/Lennox-Zepp Carried.

VP Kowalsky stated the attached document was prepared by President Gardiner and Hillary Aiken, U of R VP (External Affairs) and is a very detailed report. There is also a brochure available, which explains the platforms. There are postcards available at the USSU Main Office to sign and there would also be a table set up for students. He stated he would appreciate councilors support on this campaign.

Councilor Ansaldo stated he supports this campaign but there are things in the platform he does not agree with. He stated the Millennium Scholarship Foundation ???.

President Gardiner stated that if councilors read through the entire campaign package they would find ????. There was a provincial grant program that has the same effect but is publicly administered and affects more students. It is certainly worth pumping more money into this foundation as opposed to the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, which is a private foundation and is not accountable to any level of government. People in Saskatchewan made this decision.

9. New Business

9.1 CASA Membership

President Gardiner stated that this has been discussed at the Executive level and we have decided to make a motion at the next USC meeting to withdraw from CASA. Unfortunately we do not have results from the Oversight Committee; however, we do have other timelines to deal with. We have to give CASA proper notice before their March 1st deadline. We were stuck in the same situation last year where we couldn't even look into withdrawing from the organization because it was too late in the year. We have to deal with this now because we have to make a decision at the next USC meeting.

Councilor Burnett asked if it is possible to get numbers and figures from CASA and CFS on what we owe so we can take this back to our councils and make an informed decision.

9.2 Process for Approval Policy

President Gardiner stated that the Executive have been dealing with this year is the procedures outlined within the Students' Union. There are many different

levels of process and it is difficult to know how to go about doing things. There are constitutions, bylaws, policies and then the historic way of doing things, which often seem to conflict with one another. It was decided at the Executive Retreat to outline how everything in the organization gets approved. This is not the final draft; VP Kowalsky would be making an amendment. Please provide feedback at the next USC meeting and we will vote on it.

9.3 Computer Capital Request

VP Campbell stated that the IT Support Department for the USSU has requested immediate funds to purchase computer equipment. The reason this is being brought up now after it has been passed by the Operations and Finance Board is because it is in line with our new Expenditure of Money Policy. The amount they have requested for new computer equipment is \$8,599.02, which was not the amount the Operations & Finance Board passed. He did not make photocopies of the request for council members but will email members using the listserv and then they can take this information back to their councils.

10. Questions & Comments

Councilor Villeneuve asked if the Chair knew when the next BOC meeting would be. He also asked the chair if he remembered the proposal for creating a letter or banner for SRC members coming out of high school in order to try and get more students involved on-campus.

Chair Thoma stated the next BOC meeting would be Sunday, January 15th at 5 p.m. in Education 1039. He stated he did remember the proposal and talked to Cora Schneider, Manager of Marketing Student Recruitment, and she was supportive and thought it would be feasible. They discussed emailing them, sending them letters or having them spend a day on campus with an Executive and/or council member. He stated he would present the idea to BOC this weekend. The problem from Cora Schneider's perspective was that they would not have money to fund this project; therefore, we would have to figure a way to cover the cost.

President Gardiner stated that the days of 30-minute council meetings are likely over; there are only about 7 or 8 council meetings remaining. President Peter McKinnon would be speaking at the next council meeting. At the Executive Retreat they discussed how unproductive it is to have 30-minute meetings. They discussed how to change this and it was decided to create the Process for Approval, create standing policies for the organization, and create some sort of process to have information coming up not down. He noted that the Federal Election is Monday, January 23rd hopefully there would be a mass email sent out stating where students could vote. He stated all parties have their education platforms available.

VP Kowalsky stated this week they held a televised leaders debate at Louis'. On Tuesday and Thursday there were student forums; student representatives

from each party came out and made a pitch for their party and answered questions from the audience. On Wednesday there was a candidate's forum from Saskatoon-Humboldt, which was well attended. Elections Canada had a table in the tunnel all week. They registered 370 voters from the U of S.

VP Connor stated the Student Issues Board has been planning Campus Café' since Term 1. This event would be held on January 28th in Browsers from 1-5 p.m. Please let your constituents know this is going on; this is their opportunity to come and give their ideas and input to the USSU and steer the organization in a direction where students would like it to go. There are registration forms on-line to fill out then turn it into the USSU office. The registration form makes sure everyone who registers gets a free coffee and booklet.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Special General Meeting

President Gardiner stated at the Executive Retreat there were two separate amendments discussed to the bylaws and constitution that the Executive are recommending. The first amendment to the constitution is changing the Annual General meeting date. Currently the AGM must be held by the end of November and a lot of times council and Executive members have not formulated what type of constitutional changes they would like to make so we are proposing that it be held by the end of January. The second amendment is a bylaw change within the Executive portfolios. The centres would be moving from the Operations & Finance portfolio to the Student Issues portfolio. The SGM will be held on Thursday, February 2nd at 6 p.m.

Move to hold the Special General Meeting Thursday, February 2nd at 6 p.m.

USC Motion92: Gardiner/Taylor Carried.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion93: Flavell/Cole Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, January 26th, 2006

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1 Peter MacKinnon**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – January 12th, 2006**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes –**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – January 17th, 2006**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – January 13th, 2006**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – December 19th, 2005 & January 12th, 2006**
 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report –**
 - 6.10 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
 - 8.1 CASA Membership**
 - 8.2 Process for Approval Policy**
 - 8.3 Computer Capital Request**
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, January 26th, 2006

Present

Gavin Gardiner, President
Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Brett Campbell, VP (Operations & Finance)
Sarah Connor, VP (Student Issues)
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Chris Galloway, Commerce
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Benjamin David, Engineering
Alex Korshever, International
Gina Otte, Kinesiology
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Vishnu Shankar Singh, Medicine
Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Blayne Coffin, Physical Therapy
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Ana Carolina Melendez, VPRA
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair

Regrets

Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture
Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Kelly Morin, Indigenous
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USC Motion94: Gardiner/Flavell

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Burnett stated the College of Engineering sent 25 delegates to the Western Engineering Competition last week and the Junior Design Team came in second out of fourteen teams. They will be moving on to the Engineering Competition in Montreal on March 9th. She stated she has been competing in debate, has learned a thing or two and warned councilors.

President Gardiner stated the first USC social would be tonight after council, and would be held at Louis'. He introduced President Peter MacKinnon who would be addressing council and answering any questions council members might have.

5. Council Address

5.1 Peter MacKinnon

Move to informality.

USC Motion95: Cole/Flavell

Carried.

President Peter Mackinnon thanked council members for the opportunity to speak at council. He stated he would focus mostly on answering questions but would take five to ten minutes to provide context regarding current discussions they are having with the province. He indicated his agenda for the University of Saskatchewan is to ensure that the university is highly successful and this agenda is based on years of hard work and consultation. The ingredients of success for universities are not obscure, they are very clear. Universities must have good faculty, large number of students, and be successful by research standards of medical doctoral universities. He stated he has been President of the U of S for seven years. He stated that as President you have one opportunity to set direction and try to pursue a direction and by the time you have developed collegial support for the direction and made progress your time in office essentially comes to an end. He stated from the outside of his presidency he was absolutely determined to pursue international standards for the U of S. The University is not judged within the boundaries of Saskatchewan or Western Canada we are judged by the worldwide family of universities. A University has to be respected by the community and region as well as nationally and internationally; therefore, its standards and perspectives must be international. The U of S is a university that bears the name of the province and, has a fine historical record of service to the province and region. The University is not turning away from this service. The U of S will serve Saskatchewan the best by being among the very best universities in Canada and abroad and that is the goal. Between the years 2001 and 2011 about fifty percent of the faculty will change. There will be a huge turnover in faculty between the years 2001 and 2011; about fifty percent of the university's faculty will change. Currently trying to attract really good faculty in large numbers to fill the vacancy. It is a huge job; the University is recruiting people from all over the world and is enjoying success in doing so. Saskatchewan is a net exporter of university age students. Historically the university has not worked hard recruiting students outside of the province and this is something that has to change. The U of A has two employees that go around Saskatchewan recruiting students and that is just the beginning of what the U of S will do in the future. A university like this one is only going to flourish if it is attractive to graduate students. Graduate students are a substantial part of the dynamic of university developers graduate programs, doctoral programs and medical programs. For almost the whole decade of the 1990s the numbers of graduate students at the U of S sharply declined. It became one of the University's goals to change that and in the last three years it has seen a fifty percent increase in our PHD enrollments and a very large increase in its masters enrollments. Graduate students, undergraduate students, recruiting faculty and developing the institutions research capacity are very important projects for the University and it intends to continue to pursue them. These are the things that have to be done in order for the university to be successful. Those kinds of goals work their way into discussion with government, which is important that they do because it is important that when we talk to government we talk a similar language. Last Friday night he had seven members of the Saskatoon Government Caucus at his on-campus residence and the purpose of their discussion was to talk about the University's situation and what it has been trying

to do. He has also had discussions with the Finance Minister and will continue to have more. What he wants to do is inform council what he has been saying to the meetings. He told the seven members of the Saskatoon Government Caucus that if they did not feel it was important for the U of S to be really good or if they did not feel it was important to recruit outstanding faculty and be competitive with universities in Alberta and Manitoba their discussions would be very different. The people he has talked to in government understand the importance of these ambitions because the quality of this university and the recognition of its degrees in twenty or thirty years from now depend on decisions that are made now. He told the province that the U of S is a responsible organization and is projecting an increase of 3.7 percent in costs next year. The U of Alberta, Calgary and Manitoba are projecting an even higher increase in cost and the Government of Saskatchewan is projecting an increase of three to four times higher than what the University is projecting. This is not an absurd figure. It is commensurate with what one would expect for a reasonably well-run organization. Most of the costs are personnel costs that we see going towards settling Collective Bargaining Agreements. The University requires a 3.7 percent increase, which works out to about \$10.2 M dollars on the operating budget. When the University talked to the province the question asked was how the two are going to work together to make sure that the University has this increase in resources. He stated the money would come from the operating grant of the province or from tuition. He stated they are aware that students have been shouldering more of the burden. Students have been doing it right across the country and this is a serious issue. Twenty-five years ago the operating budget of the Province of Saskatchewan paid for 80 percent plus of the University's operating costs and now it is well below that and is approximately 58-60 percent and no one disputes that figure. The reality is that the students' shares are growing across the country. For this to be reversed governments across the country have to want to reverse this and re-invest in public education. This is an appeal that he has been making for years. It is an appeal where provinces such as Ontario, Alberta and Nova Scotia have all committed themselves for operating budget cost increases of 4, 5 or 6 percent per year. One of the tremendous advantages of working in the province is access to politicians. What they decide at the end of the day is another matter. He has another meeting with the Minister of Finance tomorrow and will carry-on with the conversation that he is outlining to council. He hopes to see Saskatchewan come down with a budget that says the province is going to make a major public reinvestment in PSE and see the burden that falls upon students held in check and the burden assumed by the province increased. Another discussion the University is having with the province around the process and it is important from his perspective; which he will defend the entire time he is in present office, is that the decisions with respect to the fiscal integrity of the U of S are decisions that are made by the U of S Board of Governors. The University will not stand helpless before government decisions that work to its disadvantage. He stated his duty is to defend the interests of the U of S, which means defend its capacity to secure the resources that it needs in order to do its work well. If the public investment in PSE continues to follow the trajectory it has followed for the last twenty-five

years than the private investment in PSE would have to increase. He stated he does not want to see this happen. The decision ultimately is for the U of S Board of Governors based on per recommendation by the Administration, which is not his view that is the University of Saskatchewan Act that is a law of the Provincial Government. He commented on the significance for the U of S of the change of the government in Ottawa. He stated the Government of Canada need to provide more support for PSE and research. It has been providing more research support in the last several years but needs to be more involved with supporting institutions operating budgets and there is a number of ways the Government of Canada could do that. The first way is a dedicated transfer for PSE. The University of Saskatchewan and the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada have gone on record for supporting that. He would be delighted to answer any questions.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated that last year the Students' Union successfully lobbied for an additional \$6.7 M from the provincial government. She asked if this \$6.7 M would be put towards tuition increases in the coming year.

Peter MacKinnon stated that he appreciates the on-going discussions he has with the Executive members. When the Province of Saskatchewan announced they would provide this additional revenue they met with Dr. Atkinson, VP Academic and himself and stated what they would like to do and wanted a decision by noon the following day whether or not they accepted. They told the government the following that they had accepted. He stated they had a lot of questions about freezing all tuitions such as the College of Law because they needed improvements, Master Professional Accounting Program because most employers pay the students tuition and International student fees. He stated the other issue is whether or not this is a permanent subsidy against planned tuition increases year after year. He asked if that was the question she was asking.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated he answered part of her question. She asked if the University is using that tuition freeze from last year to justify increases in the future.

Peter MacKinnon stated the answer is no. He thinks that because of the discussions he is having with the Executive the province is recognizing this. The province last year stated they would increase the operating budget by two percent and it will give the University this additional money to use not to increase tuition.

Councilor Singh stated during Peter MacKinnon's address he mentioned one way to offset the operating costs was to turn to the private sector. He asked if there has been any discussion about obligations to benefactors.

Peter MacKinnon stated that every university is involved in fundraising campaigns. The first thing the University does is talk to people who are interested in supporting the university. These people are usually connected to the university

then it tells them what the University needs the money for. The commitment the University makes to the benefactors is using the money for the purpose for which it was asked. For example, the Potash Corporation wanted the University to fix up Griffith Stadium with the resource they provided and that is what it has been doing. Beyond recognizing the contribution to the Potash Corporation it has no commitment to them. The only commitment to benefactors is a recognition commitment.

Councilor Otte stated that Peter MacKinnon commented on great strength and focused areas for the University and asked him to comment on those areas.

Peter MacKinnon stated that nothing is set in stone. The U of S has several unique opportunities such as building the largest science project in recent history; VIDO and it is the only university in Canada that offers agriculture, medicine, and WCVM all at the same institution. If one develops great capacity in any area at a university it is not long before that capacity begins to influence the general standard.

Councilor Collins asked what type of promotion or new curriculum there would be for Liberal Arts since the dismantling of the Classics Department.

Peter MacKinnon stated that the Classics Department was a very small department and has been integrated with the History Department and still has significant influence. One area the University would like to develop is a school of public policy, which would be a school for the humane and social sciences. Another area it would like to develop is Aboriginal Studies.

Councilor Korshever noted that International Undergraduate Students pay an enormous fee for tuition and International Graduate Students pay the same rate as Canadian Students. International students are limited to working on-campus and usually have a small income. He asked for Peter MacKinnon's perspective on this situation.

Peter MacKinnon stated that the U of S does not make money off international students but there is an international student differential that is common and depends on the program the students are enrolled in. Four years ago a decision was made to freeze graduate student tuition as a University policy because throughout the 1990s the number of graduate students had been declining. A number of universities did not just freeze tuition they did away with them all together. The competition for graduate students now is so heavy that a number of universities have eliminated tuition or at least declared that is their intention. The difference in treatment between international undergraduate students and international or domestic graduate students is explained by the need to bring more graduate students into these institutions. Canada is producing one-third, in proportional terms, of the graduate students, PHD students and master's degrees that are being produced in the Unites States. This country is doing very badly in

terms of the numbers of graduate students and this is a huge issue. With respect to working off-campus that is something the University is very concerned with. The Administration has always said to allow international students to take jobs and earn income off-campus. It is as big an issue for him as it is for students and he will look into this and pursue it.

Councilor Korshever ???

Peter MacKinnon stated he would have to go back and look at the changes Councilor Korshever have described. It is policy to consult with students, Students' Union, Grad Students' Association regarding tuition fees.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated regarding the Administration Foundational Documents of Engagement and Involvement it seems there would not be funding behind that policy. The College of Law has interest in establishing a law clinic within Saskatoon but off-campus so the College of Law is wondering whether there would be funding to backup this Engagement Policy to allow it to pursue this engagement.

Peter MacKinnon stated the answer is yes. When the documents were prepared the University looked for money to support it. The University will be making a number of announcements over the next four weeks relating to the outcome of this document which will include announced creation of Continuing Education Centre.

President Gardiner stated he was glad to hear comments on the graduate student differential rate. He stated when speaking to Dr. Atkinson, felt that freezing graduate tuition as an incentive to increase enrolment, was not a good idea. However he is glad that the University recognizes the importance of an undergraduate tuition freeze in encouraging enrolment. VP Kowalsky and himself attended a meeting this morning regarding Make Poverty History and prior to the meeting the two superimposed a number of students in each neighborhood in Saskatoon and some of the most highly populated student areas were in the suburbs and there was a vacancy in the core downtown and on the Westside. He asked what kinds of measures have been taken to provide outreach to these students.

Peter MacKinnon stated the he lived on the Westside of the city for twenty years and anyone who knows that area well knows the difference between the East and West side. There are two significant initiatives he wants to mention. The first is the move of the Department of Family Medicine and the College of Medicine away from the University to Confederation Park. The University is doing this to put the residence and students more fully into the community of Saskatoon. It is important for their student education because the medical issues that one encounters at a teaching hospital are very different from the medical issues one

encounters in a large urban community. The Department of Family Medicine, within a few months, will be moved Confederation Park.

Councilor Ansaldo stated he had concerns with the change of government structure. He asked does Peter MacKinnon explain the 200 percent increase in tuition.

Peter MacKinnon noted it had increased that much in some areas. He stated that when he became President of the University in 1999, he attended his first Board of Governors meeting and the discussion was regarding tuition. He listened to the discussion around the table and heard people say the attraction at the U of S was that it has low tuition. The U of R was looking to increase its tuition and the U of S needed to have lower tuition than the U of R. He informed the Board of Governors that not one member has asked, "what does the U of S need?" The university desperately needed the money, which was way lower than the national average.

Councilor Ansaldo stated the Province of Quebec has been able to successfully maintain a significant tuition freeze. He asked if this is due to provincial or federal funding.

Peter MacKinnon stated the province puts a huge amount of money into its University's Operating Budgets. The tuition rate for Quebec students only is frozen. The universities' differential rates are huge. Quebec is not part of the Social Union Agreement with the rest of the country and they can discriminate against students that are not from Quebec. He stated this is not something he would consider because it is not good Canadian policy to do that.

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Peter MacKinnon stated that students in Dentistry do not cover the costs of their education. He stated students from outside Saskatchewan but from within Canada are paying that differential rate; if this is the case it is because of the pressure that was put on the University to do so.

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Peter MacKinnon stated he informed the province that the University would like the province to transfer more of its scholarships and bursaries to the university. They would be used in different ways such as a recruitment device to attract students into the province. The province may determine residency in a different way than the university. He does not know how the province determines residency.

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Peter MacKinnon stated that the Dean of Dentistry's report is different than that but he would look into it. This university attracts a large number of its professionals by elsewhere so their education is paid for by someone else. He would expect that they are the beneficiaries of this as often as the University is not. This is a serious issue and he is going to check on the numbers in the College of Dentistry.

Councilor Korshever asked for his opinion on scholarships for international, graduate and undergraduate students.

Peter MacKinnon stated that their scholarship fundraising campaign is directed mostly at undergraduate students. The U of S has invested money from the Operating Budget. The University needs to do better but does not have the developed resources that he would like to see it have. This is an area of priority for the university and the U of S is behind in this area. The U of S has requested assistance from the government the same way Ontario, Alberta, Manitoba and Nova Scotia have in providing matching grant programs for funds raised for scholarships. The University is still working on this issue.

Peter MacKinnon thanked council members for having him speak at the meeting. He stated if there are further concerns or issues let him know.

Move to formality.

USC Motion96: Flavell/Cole Carried.

Move to have a 5-minute recess before continuing the meeting.

USC Motion97: Burnett/Singh Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

President Gardiner noted that in the minutes if one sees three question marks together and recognize the comments as one's own write it down and he will see that it gets corrected.

Chair Thoma stated that council should wait until the next meeting to approve the January 12th, 2006 USC minutes.

President Gardiner stated to email him the changes.

6.2 Executive Committee Minutes

President Gardiner stated that on January 18th the Executive had a short meeting but there was no business discussed so they did not take minutes. The USSU hired a new General Manager, Caroline Cottrell. She is the former Dean of St. Peter's College in Muenster and has also been a sessional lecturer at the U of S. She will start on Monday, February 6th, 2006. She expressed an interest in attending USC meetings. He stated that last night at 11:35 p.m. CUPE 1975 and

the University reached a tentative agreement. However, it still has to be voted on by the CUPE 1975 membership. The Minister of Finance, Harry Van Mulligan, will be in this room tomorrow at 1:15 p.m. and has invited all students to attend.

VP Connor stated the meeting with the Minister of Finance would be held in the USSU Boardroom.

6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

VP Connor stated the minutes were not on the agenda but everyone should have copies. She stated everyone should have a copy of the Health and Dental Plan survey for council members to fill. Kristin Foster, Studentcare, would be attending council in about month's time.

6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report

Councilor Yakimoski stated there is not much to report.

6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report

VP Kowalsky stated he had minutes ready for today but for some reason they were not printed. He stated there would be ready for the next USC meeting.

6.10 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report

VP Connor stated they are still working on the Sustainability Policy.

8. Business

8.1 CASA Membership

President Gardiner stated that CASA has to be notified 45 days prior to March 1st if terminating membership. He stated he sent them a fax that stated the USSU would be terminating its membership. He stated that it is up to USC to decide, but CASA had to have the 45 days notice. He prepared a sheet of what this withdrawal means for the Students' Union.

Councilor Burnett stated she spoke with CASA earlier this week to have some questions answered. She asked when the deadline was and was informed it was January 15th, 2006. She has in front of her a photocopy of the letter VP Kowalsky sent CASA on behalf of the USSU without the consent of USC. She feels this is a breach of policy and there is nothing Council can do because the letter has been sent without its permission. She asked where Executive stands out of their bounds knowing they have made a decision without USC approval and what is the members purposes as councilors. She asked why the Executive would propose this motion to council when they were going to cancel CASA membership without consent from USC. She met with the Engineering Students' Council and they felt that letter should not have been sent and the fee should have been paid because of the untimeliness of this motion. This issue should have been discussed in December. She stated unless council knows for sure which lobby organization the USSU is going to be part of it should be paying memberships to either both or none. She stated the engineers also felt that of the CFS

Membership fee is the total cost to U of S students is 16.6 times higher than the cost to the organization itself. If council is a representing body for 16,000 students this cost should not be incurred by the students but by the board on which council stands and the ethics on which USC stands. If this CFS Policy goes through council will be increasing student fees by an extra \$4. She feels this is hypocritical seeing as councilors are on a board that is campaigning to reduce tuition and student fees. She stated the actions the Executive has taken are ridiculous and are completely unaccountable. She urged councilors not to vote for this motion because the Executive has overturned the policies and morals on which this USC board has been built.

VP Campbell stated with regards to the fees CFS would impose on the students, that it was the students' decision to vote in favour of CFS membership. That has nothing to do with this motion to opt-out of CASA membership. He stated the Executive has been completely honest with Council. Unfortunately, with the EB taking more time to reach a decision regarding the referendum, it was not possible to do things in the correct order. He stated it is; however, still council's decision whether or not to pull out of CASA.

President Gardiner stated Councilor Burnett had a good point. This did not follow the exact process of order it should have, but the USSU was in a situation where something had to be done. He stated last year the USSU was in the same situation where it paid the fee. This year the USSU was again passing the deadline and there was still no decision from the Elections Board. The USSU is in a situation now where it is taking on more services and preparing budgets. The CASA membership fee is a \$50,000 fee we might not have to pay. The Executive put the option forward to CASA and stated the USSU would be withdrawing its membership. This is not the Executive's decision and he does not think there is anyone on this campus that had that assumption. The Executive put this forward so council can make that decision.

Councilor Singh asked if it would be possible to ask CASA for an extension until council knows the results from the EB.

President Gardiner stated it has not been attempted this year but it was previously. He wrote a formal request to CASA for an extension last year and was denied.

VP Cole stated council could delay this vote until it hears back from the EB. This is a vote council could hold off on.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated Councilor Burnett puts forward an argument that the Executive has taken the power out of council's hands. She stated that is incorrect council get to decide this. She stated the College of Law felt that they would like to be removed from the CASA membership.

Councilor Ansaldo stated he would be more embarrassed having to go back and tell students that because USC could not make a decision the USSU decided to spend another \$50,000 on a decision that the students already made. He does not have a problem with the Executive taking the initiative to not spend another \$50,000.

Councilor Otte stated when she talked to her council they did not want the additional tuition fee that would be part of the CASA membership.

Chair Thoma stated that would not be additional tuition fees the USSU would be paying the \$51,000. CASA charges the Students' Union and the Students' Union pays for it and CFS charges the students individually.

Councilor Singh asked if VP Cole could explain the repercussions of having ??? membership would be.

VP Cole stated that although the USSU has already sent in its withdrawal, CASA might take it back in some capacity

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated it would do no good to postpone the motion. The students have already voted and the majority voted to join CFS.

Chair Thoma noted that if someone would like to postpone this until the next meeting they should make a motion.

Councilor Burnett stated the referendum was to join CFS not to leave CASA.

VP Connor stated the USSU has been a member of CASA for 10 years and in that time students have seen tuition increase 200 percent. She feels this is the reason why the USSU should not give them the \$50,000 this year.

VP Campbell stated the motion is just to leave CASA; therefore, councilors should not be thinking about the Elections Board or CFS.

Move to call the question.

USC Motion98: Collins/Burnett Carried.

Move to cease the USSU's Canadian Alliance of Student Associations membership.

USC Motion99: Gardiner/Kowalsky Carried.

Councilor Burnett noted her opposition.

VP Cole noted his opposition.

8.2 Process for Approval Policy

President Gardiner stated this policy is to layout how things are approved with the organization. He stated there are a few amendments to the policy to be made. This is here for review and should clarify things.

Councilor David asked for clarification for 2D “Major Events.” He asked what is classified as a minor event and major event.

President Gardiner stated this was a discussion the Executive had this afternoon. He stated perhaps someone would like to make an amendment to add a subclause.

Move to amend the Process for Approval Policy to classify a major event be an event that costs over \$5,000.

USCMotion100: Campbell/Ansaldo Carried.

Move to approve the Process for Approval Policy.

USC Motion101: Gardiner/Cole Carried.

8.3 Computer Capital Request

VP Campbell stated the initial capital request was \$7,000 and then there was equipment failure with a computer and our IT Personnel decided it would be best to purchase a new computer. The cost of this would be \$8,599.02, which he emailed to council members. He stated the IT Personnel felt there should be another expenditure of \$2,691 because of failure by the system.

Councilor Burnett stated the computer equipment likely quit before today and she felt council members should have been given this information prior; therefore, on the basis of principle we should only approve what is on paper because that is what we took back to our councils.

VP Campbell stated that information was given to him yesterday. He stated it is only \$2,500 and the equipment is necessary for the Administration to run smoothly. He felt it was not necessary to make this amendment because this is something the organization needs.

President Gardiner stated councilors should support Councilor Burnett’s motion because of the Process for Approval Policy. He stated adherence to this policy is needed in order for the USSU to run effectively.

??? stated according to the policy this should not have to be brought back to USC because it states anything under \$3,000 does not have to go through council.

Move to amend the original Computer Capital Request to approve the paper copy in front of council members for \$8,559.02

USC Motion102: Burnett/Flavell Carried.

10. Questions & Comments

VP Connor stated that Campus Café is happening on Saturday and there are only three seats left.

Councilor Yakimoski introduced Joseline Grismer and Christie ??? from the College of Education.

VP Cole reminded council members about the Special General Meeting at 6 p.m. in Arts 134. He encouraged council members to attend.

VP Kowalsky stated he would like to bring to light the appalling attendance record of one of the council members.

President Gardiner noted he should not publicly condemn someone.

VP Kowalsky stated he was going to go with a public shaming.

President Gardiner stated the Executive is planning a Day of Action on February 9th at 1 p.m. in Lower Place Riel about the campaign to increase funding for PSE.

VP Connor stated there are some diagrams of the Place Riel renovations. She also stated that International Week is coming up and encouraged council members to view the website.

VP Kowalsky noted there would be free hot dogs, popcorn and hot chocolate for everyone on February 9th for the Day of Action. He encouraged council members to attend.

Councilor Korshever stated that there seems to be lots of paper copies for council members at USC and maybe should look into sending them to council members via email.

Councilor Burnett stated if councilors who were supposed to show up came to meetings there would not be paper waste. She agrees with Councilor Korshever that perhaps the paper should be reduced and perhaps we should look at the councilors who are not regularly attending council meetings.

VP Connor stated that everyone should have paper copies and as long as everyone has USC binders ???

President Gardiner stated there are thirty copies of council documents being printed and that is three extra copies for people in the audience. The USC binder needs to be a complete record because it stays in the College Society for reference.

Councilor David stated he would like USC to consider printing the copies on recycled paper because there are so many copies being printed.

Councilor Ansaldo stated he agreed with the copies being printed on recycled paper. He does not understand why the digital option is not an option.

VP Connor noted that recycling is a huge issue and the Sustainability Board is looking to address. She is taking offense ????. All paper is purchased through the university and it costs twice as much to purchase recycled paper. The Sustainability Policy will be the starting point.

Councilor Korshever stated he was not attacking VP Connor. ???

VP Cole reminded councilors of the USSU General Election that is coming up. Nomination forms are available at the main office on February 1st and 2nd and are to be turned in on February 6th and 7th.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion103: Cole/David

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, February 9th, 2006

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – January 26th, 2006**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes –**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – January 31st, 2006**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – January 27th, 2006**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – January 17th, 24th, 27th, 28th, 31st, 2006 and Reports**
 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – January 24th, 2006**
 - 6.10 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
- 9. New Business**
 - 9.1 Elections Board**
 - 9.2 Renovations**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, February 9th, 2006

Present

Gavin Gardiner, President
Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Brett Campbell, VP (Operations & Finance)
Sarah Connor, VP (Student Issues)
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Benjamin David, Engineering
Alex Korshever, International
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Vishnu Shankar Singh, Medicine
Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Blayne Coffin, Physical Therapy
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Ana Carolina Melendez, VPRA
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair
Jessa Alston O'Connor, Arts & Science
Charles Hamilton, Arts & Science
Will Robbins, Arts & Science
Catherine Ulmer, Arts & Science
Jeremy Warren, Arts & Science
Ryan Allan, Commerce
Cody Lang, Commerce
Tyler Lingren, Commerce

Regrets

Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture
Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Kelly Morin, Indigenous
Gina Otte, Kinesiology
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda with amendment to include Caroline Cottrell – USSU General Manager under Council Address.

USC Motion104: Gardiner/Campbell Carried.

5. Council Address

5.1 Caroline Cottrell

Move to informality.

USC Motion105: Cole/Flavell Carried.

General Manager Cottrell introduced herself and outlined her experience with the University. She thanked the Executive for showing confidence in her and hiring her. She also expressed her enthusiasm for her new position.

Move to formality.

USC Motion106: Flavell/Cole Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

President Gardiner noted that in the minutes if one sees three question marks together and recognize the comments as one's own write it down and he will see that it gets corrected.

Chair Thoma stated that council should wait until the next meeting to approve the January 26th, 2006 USC minutes.

President Gardiner stated to email him the changes.

6.2 Executive Committee Minutes

President Gardiner stated that minutes from the last Executive meetings have not been prepared because the Executive had been working hard to ensure the Day of Action was a success; which it was. President Gardiner thanked councilors Gallaway, Collins, Ansaldo, Lennox-Zepp as well as VP Kowalsky and Connor for working tirelessly to ensure the event's success. He thanked entire Executive for helping with the day.

President Gardiner also gave an update about the Elections Board report, stating that members of the EB were attending this Council meeting to answer questions about the report. If there should be any questions about how the USSU proceeds from here, President Gardiner asked that they be raised in Questions and Comments. However, he noted that there was not a lot of information since the USSU solicitor is looking into the situation and had not yet concluded his report. He suggested any questions about how to proceed be addressed to either himself or to General Manager Cottrell.

6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

VP Connor stated the minutes were not on the agenda but everyone should have copies.

6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report

Councilor Mitchell briefly outlined the Elections Board report on the CFS referendum. She stated that this should not be viewed as a victory for either side and that it was a difficult decision at which to arrive.

6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report

President Gardiner stated the External Affairs Board was hard at work planning the Day of Action.

6.10 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report

VP Connor stated the board continues to work on the Sustainability Policy.

9. New Business

9.1 Elections Board

President Gardiner stated that there was nothing to report at the moment but when the USSU solicitor was finished the council would likely have to deal with the issue.

9.2 Renovations

VP Campbell distributed the preliminary plans for the Place Riel renovations. He explained that Lower Place Riel would be renovated to include more retail space and the USSU offices would hopefully be moved into the Qu'Appelle Hall Addition. He stated that very initial cost of the project is estimated around \$5 million and may require council to review the current Infrastructure Fee.

President Gardiner noted that the architects, Saunders and Evans, would be at the next meeting to further discuss the plans with council.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 6:23PM.

USC Motion107: Cole/Gardiner

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, February 23rd, 2006

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – February 9th, 2006**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – January 24th & 30th, February 10th, 2006**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – February 10th, 2006**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report – January 18th & 25th, 2006**
 - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – February 6th & 7th, 2006**
 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – January 31st, 2006**
 - 6.10 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
 - 8.1 Elections Board**
 - 8.2 Renovations**
- 9. New Business**
 - 9.1 BOCP Amendments**
 - 9.2 Infrastructure Fee Increase**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, February 23rd, 2006

Present

Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
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Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
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Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Gina Otte, Kinesiology
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Vishnu Singh, Medicine
Blayne Coffin, Physical Therapy
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Ana Melendez, VPRA

Cody Lang, Commerce
Brian Saunders, Saunders Evans Architects
Darcy Strinholm, Saunders Evans Architects
Justin Wotherspoon, Saunders Evans Architects
Chuck Hamilton, Sheaf
Will Robbins, Sheaf
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More
Colin Tennent, University Architect
Jessica Heath, Veterinary Medicine

Absent

Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture
Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Kelly Morin, Indigenous
Alex Korshever, International
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing
Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager
Freda Salikin, Facilities & Operations Manager
Ryan Allan, Arts & Science
Jade Buchanan, Arts & Science
Ashlee Smith, Arts & Science

Regrets

Gavin Gardiner, President
Sarah Connor, VP (Student Issues)
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Benjamin David, Engineering
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Chair Thoma noted two amendments to the agenda the first to include 5.1 Saunders Evans Architects under Council Address and the second to delete 8.2 Renovations.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USC Motion108: Lennox-Zepp/Flavell

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Chair Thoma noted that the PC laptop was not at the meeting; therefore, council members would have to state their name and the college they are from.

Councilor Burnett noted Councilor David, Engineering, sent his regrets. She stated James Mantyka is a candidate for Engineering MSC next year.

Councilor Otte noted Councilor Biederbeck, WCVN, sent his regrets.

VP Cole introduced Brian Saunders, Darcy Strinholm and Justin Wotherspoon, from Saunders Evans Architects, would be addressing council.

5. Council Address

5.1 Saunders Evans Architects

Move to grant representatives from Saunders Evans Architects speaking rights.

USC Motion109: Burnett/Cole Carried.

Brian Saunders, Saunders Evans Architects, thanked council members for the opportunity to address council. He stated Saunders Evans Architects have been working with the USSU for the past few months developing conceptual ideas for the development of the main and lower level of Place Riel. He described the Place Riel renovations based on the handouts council received. He stated a few years ago it was determined that approximately 16,000 people travel through the lower level of Place Riel and approximately 21,000 people travel through the main level of Place Riel per day. It is clear that the way through those spaces and the services those spaces can offer are limited. The USSU Executive has asked Saunders Evans Architects to look at how current and future problems could be resolved. He stated he would show council conceptual ideas of how the upper and lower level of Place Riel could be developed in the future. He would also provide information on how and why things change over time. He stated he would start with Lower Place Riel and all council members should have received handouts of the drawing. One of the current problems in Lower Place Riel is students stepping off the escalator and walking towards the Arts Tunnel meet students in the Food Services area and traffic gets quite congested. This plan resolves that problem. Further problems in Place Riel include ventilation and mechanical systems. The Centre Shop is located at the southwest side, which is also a conflict. Saunders Evans Architects suggest that the Centre Shop be relocated to alleviate the problem of people crossing through the Food Service area. Moving the Centre Shop into the USSU office and moving the USSU office to Qu'Appelle Hall could accomplish this. Once the Centre Shop is relocated adjacent to the main circulation route it could increase food court seating to 210 seats. The USSU want to refurbish the existing washrooms and this would be a separate project that would shortly be under way; however, they feel that in time additional washrooms would be required in LPR. The ramp located at the west end has been taken out and moved to a more accessible location, which would make the stairs more open. When passing through Place Riel there is heavy traffic around the escalators. They want to develop a new entrance between the current entrance and the Qu'Appelle Hall addition. The new entrance would be wider than the current one and would alleviate heavy traffic and would increase this area to twice its current size. He stated they plan to turn the old entrance into

a coffee shop and the other side could be the Campus Computer Store. He presented council members with a computerized plan using PowerPoint. He stated he would answer any questions councilors have.

Chair Thoma stated that the questions period should be limited to half an hour.

Councilor Coffin stated having three seating features in the food court right across from each other could cause more congestion for students going up and down the stairs.

Brian Saunders reminded councilors that this is only a conceptual plan. He stated these are the types of comments they want to receive. He would make note of this comment and agreed that it could cause more congestion.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that when walking into the main area, stairs have been added and there is an elevator behind the escalator. He noted that if you were a person in a wheelchair automatically the first thing that would happen is you would get pushed to the side and if you wanted to go downstairs you would get pushed to the back and it seems like it would not be an accessible space for students.

Brian Saunders thanked Councilor Villeneuve for his comment. He stated it is an existing elevator and they are trying to use existing resources. He stated they tried ramping everything but the problem is the slope of the ramp is controlled by building height so it would be too steep. He stated that elevators and stairs are necessary and agrees that it is important that people feel ???. He would make note of this comment and if they could improve this area they would.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that when you currently walk into Place Riel there are no stairs. He noted that it seems like stairs have been added where they are not required.

Brian Saunders stated that the ground was not level and stairs were receded because of it. (tape went static).

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated Law students have been working hard to make their new building environmentally sustainable and she would like to encourage Saunders Evans Architects to make this building environmentally sustainable. She asked if there are aspects of the new building that would be sustainable or environmentally friendly.

Brian Saunders stated that with any project they include people involved in barrier free design as they develop the planning process.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp clarified that she was concerned about environmental sustainability.

Brian Saunders stated it is University Policy to be environmentally sensitive in terms of sustainability. He stated they want to accommodate all projects with sustainability requirements; however, there always seems to be a budget problem. He stated Colin Tennent might have more information on this issue.

Colin Tennent stated the College of Law project is a good example of environmental sustainability. He noted that the law students are champions of sustainability.

Councilor Yakimoski stated that she appreciates the long hours that have gone into preparation for this and is aware that it is just in the preliminary stages and appreciates the opportunity to voice her concerns. She noted that she is mostly concerned with the look and atmosphere of the renovation. She is concerned about seeing cold metal, cold tile, pastels, false granite and a mixture of metals and stone that would not represent an area of higher learning but would look more like a mall. She noted it is more costly but would like to encourage greenery, local art, local landscape ideas and perhaps a partnership with the university art students.

Brian Saunders thanked Councilor Yakimoski for her comment. He stated the comments he has heard have been very well intended and hopes everyone comes forward with that much interest. He noted he puts esthetics higher than anything.

VP Cole stated that in regards to Councilor Yakimoski's comments he would like to remind her that they are only getting a general feel for what the building could look like and get the structural plans down. He stated the esthetics could be brought back to the students possibly in referendum format.

Member Alston-O'Connor asked if the north entrance to the Murray Building would be lost. ??? (about lighting)

Brian Saunders stated that entrance would not be lost. He stated in terms of light it is important the university ??? He stated that they have also extended the Art Department to the second level of the new addition.

Member Alston-O'Connor stated she would like to see more of the historical architecture incorporated with the entrance similar to the rock and stone of the residence building.

Brian Saunders stated that is an accurate observation. He stated it is important in terms of heritage. He stated they are residential buildings and they are different from academic buildings in nature; however, other student residences ???

Councilor Mitchell asked whether or not a rooftop restaurant is needed and asked if this space would be enclosed. She asked if there is a demand for additional student residences since the University is planning to construct more.

Brian Saunders stated that Consumer Affairs felt it would be important to have a rooftop restaurant/garden. He stated that for any convention centre to work it has to be attractive. Consumer Affairs saw opportunity with the open roof space and felt this would attract more people and make this more viable.

Colin Tennent stated that the intent is to develop a highly dynamic concept that really is a student centre and that would include a residence component in this location. The enrollment plan and a number of initiatives suggest there is a need for residential units beyond what we have.

Councilor Singh stated in the south vestibule in the wintertime there are a lot of people crowded in this area waiting for buses or to be picked up. He suggested making the entire wall out of glass or putting in side doors on the east and west entrances so people can bypass the crowds.

Brian Saunders thanked Councilor Singh for his comment.

Colin Tennent also thanked Councilor Singh for his comment. He stated these comments would be addressed in greater detail. He stated they are not sure exactly where the transit mall would be. The Board of Governors and USC have both commented on the location of the transit mall. He stated when the location has been decided they would keep this comment in mind.

Brian Saunders thanked councilors for their comments. He stated it would be very wise for the architects to keep all comments in mind. He stated they are interested in hearing all comments and would pass them back onto the USSU.

6. Minutes and reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

Member Allan noted that under Also Present it states Ryan Allan, Commerce and should read Ryan Allan, Arts & Science.

Move to adopt February 9th, 2006 USC minutes as amended.

USC Motion110: Gallaway/Kowalsky Carried.

VP Cole noted that in the January 26th, 2006 USC minutes it states VP Cole noted his opposition and it should state VP Cole noted his abstention of the motion.

6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes & Report

VP Campbell noted that the minutes were not at the meeting but would be available at the next meeting. He stated there was no new business.

6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Minutes & Report

Chair Thoma noted the Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee had two meetings. He stated there is a report that was passed but there were no minutes. He asked VP Campbell to Chair so he could report on this.

Member Thoma stated complaint #2 was made to the Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee on February 17, 2006 via email. The name of the person who made the complaint had been removed. He stated, "The complaint was interpreted as being twofold. First, that it was not within the EB's mandate to recommend holding a second Referendum and second that the report of the EB should have been approved for release by USC before being made public." He stated the EB released their report on the referendum and asked why they did not ratify the results on February 1st before bringing it to the USSU. It was not in the jurisdiction of the EB to make a recommendation to hold a second referendum when they may or may not have any jurisdiction of the referendum because jurisdiction was given to the Oversight Committee. The CEDC met on Tuesday for three hours and passed the report on Thursday. The CEDC did receive a reply from the EB during this time, which was sent out last night and that was before this report was officially approved today. It was approved in principle via email by the CEDC Board Members and then formally passed today. The findings of the CEDC are that "The EB was within its scope to recommend to USC that a second Referendum be held." The reason for this was the OC was given authority over all areas of the Referendum except for ratification, which was given to the EB. The OC did not have authority after the Referendum. The EB has the ability to make recommendations to USC regarding all Elections and Referenda issues. He stated, "It was not within the EB's jurisdiction to release their report to the public without consent of USC." He stated the CEDC would like to make it clear that they did not find the EB guilty of any wrongdoing. The CEDC felt everything was done reasonably; however, correct procedure would be to write the report, adopt the report, bring it to council to adopt it and release it to students. He stated the CEDC has three recommendations but they are only recommending one be approved. The recommendations are that USC adopt and ratify the release of the EB Report of February 1st, 2006, that USC ratify the release of the EB report of February 1st, 2006, or that USC remove the EB report of February 1st, 2006 from public access. He stated questions would be proper at this time but motions should be made under Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports.

Councilor Singh asked for clarification on the EB findings. He asked if USC decided not to ratify the EB report would this mean the referendum was valid.

Member Thoma stated yes. He stated the CEDC are only responding to whether or not it was in the EB scope to recommend a second referendum and whether or not they should release the report. He stated there is not a ruling in any way whether or not the EB was allowed to say or not to say whether the referendum was valid. He stated all this deals with is this the release of the report. He noted that the complaint was made to clarify what procedures should be. He stated the CEDC recommendation just ties up the loose ends.

Councilor Coffin asked if there would be any legal implications that we know of if we went with recommendation #1.

Member Thoma stated USC gave the EB power to ratify the referendum. He stated all this says is if we endorse the report that we agree with why the EB chose not to ratify the results. He stated whether or not they had the option to ratify is not the issue that is being dealt with. It is simply whether or not we agree with why they did not ratify.

Councilor Mitchell asked for clarification on recommendation #3.

Member Thoma stated that would make a decision to officially remove the report from public access.

Councilor Mitchell asked if there is a fourth option.

Member Thoma stated that a fourth option would be to do nothing and that would not be an option the CEDC would recommend because the report is currently available. USC needs to decide whether or not people have access to the report.

6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report

VP Kowalsky thanked everyone involved with the Day of Action. He specifically thanked Councilors Collins, Lennox-Zepp, Ansaldo and, Burnett, all the Vice-residents, the General Manager and the President.

7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to ratify the release of the EB Report of February 1st, 2006.

USC Motion111: Burnett/Gallaway Carried.

Councilor Burnett stated that if USC went with recommendation #1 that would mean USC agrees with every word that the EB wrote in their report. She stated since we are making a decision without legal advice it would not be a wise decision to agree with every word in that document. This motion is regarding whether we trust the EB to do their job and looking at the number of hours the EB has put into these documents it would be irresponsible for us to remove it from public access. She noted we should ratify the release of the EB report and continue to allow the public to view these documents.

8. Business

8.1 Elections Board

Chair Thoma stated President Gardiner put Elections Board under Business to deal with the CEDC issue that USC just dealt with. He noted that it was likely a mistake and he would move onto the next item on the Agenda.

9. New Business

9.1 BOCP Amendments

VP Cole stated that the Executive received copies of proposed amendments for USSU Bylaw #1 to include the BOCP as a standing board of the USSU. He stated they would like to dissolve this board and bring it back as a standing board

of the USSU at the next AGM so that it is more open and accessible to the college societies. He stated it would be voted on at the next council meeting and then ratified at the next AGM in January.

Chair Thoma clarified that would be in Bylaw #1 so the BOCP would be another board of USC, which currently is an independent organization. The BOCP would have to be dissolved and re-created as a standing board at the next AGM.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if questions could be asked at this time.

Chair Thoma stated he chairs the BOCP and could step away as Chair to answer questions.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he does not see the reason behind putting it under the mandate of the USSU. He stated it seems redundant. We have USC representatives from every college. He stated it would be better served if it was autonomous and had its own mandate.

Chair Thoma asked VP Campbell to Chair so he could answer questions.

VP Cole stated that the way the direction of student council has been going the past couple of years is dealing with the business of the USSU. This board would deal with the business of the college societies and would also make the board more accessible to students plus eliminate ratification dues that are needed to be on the board.

Member Thoma stated President Gardiner and some Executive members approached him after the Executive Retreat. He stated they felt the USSU did not do a good job collecting input from places on campus and felt presidents of the college societies had a lot of information on happenings in there colleges. He stated the BOCP meets once a month and there is not a lot accomplished during this time other than informing people about their pub-crawls. He stated another reason for this change would be the \$50 fee student societies pay to the BOCP. This fee would no longer need to be paid because it would be a USSU board. The Chair would not have to go around asking for sponsorship funding because the USSU would provide it. He stated it was discussed at the last BOCP meeting and most were in favour. He stated there are a few other places in Canada that do this and have a lot of success knowing what is going on in the colleges. He stated with this the President of the USSU could become Chair of the BOCP and that would require the President attend meetings and then the USSU would be informed of what is happening around campus.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he was the Vice-Chair of BOCP last year and all BOCP does is inform members when pub-crawls are. He stated BOCP meetings are open and the President and Vice-Presidents of the USSU could attend

meetings. He stated it seems like a lot of work when this could just be added to the Presidents duties and could report to council.

??? stated she is concerned that Councilor Villeneuve does not have a clear understanding of what this means. She stated they would not be glomming the BOCP onto USC.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he understands what this would mean.

VP Cole stated this would assist the student societies. Currently when a transition happens it is the responsibility of the USSU to ensure all of its members have access to the student societies in their colleges. He stated this would be a benefit to all students and would be a responsible thing for the USSU to do.

Chair Thoma noted this would be voted on next week.

9.2 Infrastructure Fee Increase

VP Campbell stated every student pays five dollars per term for the Infrastructure Fee. He stated the total cost for renovations would be approximately \$5 M. As of April 30, 2006 there would be approximately \$500,000 in that account. He stated after preparing a cost analysis, the Executive would like to increase the Infrastructure Fee to \$10 per student per term. He stated that would give the USSU roughly \$300,000 every year, which is an additional \$150,000. He asked council members to take the analysis back to your college societies and report back.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if the USSU has looked into private funding. He stated there are 20,000 students on campus every year and that is a huge economic influence on the City of Saskatoon and it should be looked into getting money from Saskatoon businesses. He stated the First Nations Students received \$1 M for there Student Centre and it should be looked into incorporating them into Place Riel in order to offset some of the cost. He noted looking only at students to fund the renovations is not the answer.

Member Alston-O'Connor stated ??? and she would not count on trying to get money from the University Administration.

VP Campbell stated the University is very generous with the USSU. They charge \$7 a year for rent for Place Riel because of a Head Operating Lease. He noted he would not expect the University Administration to provide funding for Place Riel renovations. He stated he would talk about corporate sponsorship.

10. Questions and Comments

Member Heath stated she is the President of the Veterinary Medicine Students Society. Last Monday she saw the USSU General Elections poster and was surprised to see the elections had been scheduled during the Veterinary Medicine

Reading Week. She noted this was a violation of Article 8 Part 1 of the USSU Constitution. She stated she contacted Amy Yeager, USSU General Manager's Designate, to correct this problem and was informed that the EB was aware of the scheduling conflict; however, had forgotten to mention it to the Veterinary Medicine MSC. The EB admitted a mistake had been made and still chose not to discuss this with Vet Med. She asked Amy what could be done to fix this mistake and she stated that an advanced polling station could be set up in Vet Med on Friday, February 24th. She asked Amy if the Vet Med Forum could be switched with the Engineering Forum scheduled for today since Vet Med has a heavy course load and only get an hour off every day. She stated with a forum scheduled for 12:30 p.m. and advanced poles being open at that time it would leave the Vet Med students the option of attending the forum or voting but likely not both, which did not seem very democratic. She stated the posters advertising the forum schedule had been printed but not distributed making it possible to print new posters or change the current posters advertising the change in the forum schedule. Amy informed her that she would present this to the EB meeting the next day, last Tuesday, and get back to her as soon as possible. Member Heath stated Amy Yeager did not get back to her and had to track her down. Amy stated the forums would not be rescheduled because it would cost \$200 to reprint the posters and was deemed unnecessary expenditure. She stated this despite the fact that the Students' Union collects \$14,000 in student fees per year from the College of Veterinary Medicine. She stated scheduling the USSU General Elections during Reading Week was a mistake, which was forgivable; however, the apathy shown by the EB in dealing with this was not forgivable. She stated they appreciate being given the advanced polling station but do not appreciate the comments stated like they should vote during the break and no one attends forums anyway. She stated this would not have been an issue if it were scheduled during the Arts and Science Reading Week it would have been fixed immediately. She stated no one from the EB was forward she had to stop them to get answers. She stated the handling of this incident has been an insult to the entire College of Veterinary Medicine. She stated the apathy shown and the dismissal of there concerns has made it clear that the USSU is content to collect student fees from the college but have better things to worry about than allowing them to vote for Executive members. She asked when if ever were you going to inform Vet Med that the elections had been scheduled during there break and how will you ensure this will never happen again.

Councilor Mitchell stated she appreciates all of the interest that has been shown from the College of Vet Med. She stated the EB have received a ton of emails and it is not very often you see so much interest and support for the process from any college. She stated that is appreciated and they sincerely apologize for this issue. She stated an election schedule was past out at the January 26th USC meeting and an email with the dates of the forum and election after the February 9th meeting. She stated it is true that they did forget to the speak to the MSC at that meeting but there were at least two opportunities for the MSC to receive that information well before the final schedule was sent out. She stated at the Tuesday

meeting when Amy Yeager did not respond to you quorum was not met. She stated the EB has done what it feels feasible as far as trying to make this election work for the College of Veterinary Medicine including an email to the students, advanced polling, an advertisement in the Sheaf, and changing the date of the forum so it would not be held during Vet Med's Reading Week; unfortunately, the time of the forum was not great but it was changed to try to accommodate Vet Med students. She stated the EB cannot fully make up for this mistake but they have tried there best.

Member Heath stated she appreciates all the work that has went into trying to correct this mistake but you stated the MSC had several opportunities to catch this mistake and the onus is on the EB not to make the mistake. She stated she appreciated the advanced polling but students only have an hour a day and could not make an informed decision. She noted she did not understand why the forums could not be switched. She noted Amy Yeager stated the building switch might confuse the candidates and she would not vote for a candidate if they could not cross the street to Vet Med.

Move to recognize General Manager Cottrell.

USC Motion 112: Cole/Flavell

Carried.

General Manager Cottrell stated she feels the onus is on her. She stated Amy Yeager approached her about changing the forums and she made the decision not to reprint the posters. She stated the point regarding the \$14,000 is very well taken but she has to view the situation, as does the VP Operations & Finance, in the context of the USSU budget. She stated she made the final decision not to change the forums. She stated they have had many discussions about this issue and noted the voting is also online and students have significant opportunities throughout the two days March 1st and 2nd to vote. She recognizes it is during the Vet Med Reading Week and many students would be away but most people would have access to a computer. She stated she does not feel you have been impeded in your democratic rights but if you feel you have been write a formal letter of complaint and she would be willing to go to Vet Med and answer your concerns.

Member Heath stated their role is not to throw a wrench in the elections process. She stated candidates have put in a lot of work and she is aware she is taking away from this. She stated she feels strongly that the college has been ignored and does not want this to happen to another college in the future.

Councilor Burnett stated there have been a lot of councilors that have not been showing up regularly for USC meetings and perhaps the Executive next year should reprimand councilors for not attending council meetings.

Councilor Yakimoski stated perhaps council should consider returning to weekly council meetings and there are problems that are exacerbated by the two-week

gap in between procedure. She stated that if councilors have to miss a meeting due to a funeral or a family obligation you are absent for a month. She stated she would really like for council members to consider meeting weekly again.

Chair Thoma stated that they are planning to meet weekly over the next month. He stated President Gardiner would be sending out an email regarding this.

Councilor Ansaldo stated he would like to apologize for his tardiness.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion113: Cole/Flavell

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, March 9th, 2006

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – February 23rd, 2006**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – February 22nd, 2006 & March 2nd, 2006**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report –February 10th, 24th & March 4th, 2006**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – February 20th & 28th, 2006**
 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.10 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
 - 8.1 BOCP Amendments**
 - 8.2 Infrastructure Fee Increase**
- 9. New Business**
 - 9.1 USSU Budget**
 - 9.2 USSU Student Fee**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, March 9th, 2006

Present

Gavin Gardiner, President
Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Brett Campbell, VP (Operations & Finance)
Sarah Connor, VP (Student Issues)
Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Alex Korshever, International
Gina Otte, Kinesiology
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Vishnu Singh, Medicine
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing
Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Blayne Coffin, Physical Therapy
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More

Ana Melendez, VPRA
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager
Steve ???, Agriculture
Ashlee Smith, Arts & Science
Will Robbins, Arts & Science
Cody Lang, Commerce
Chuck Hamilton, Sheaf
Kristin Foster, Studentcare Networks
Josh ???, ???

Absent

Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Kelly Morin, Indigenous

Regrets

Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Benjamin David, Engineering

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

President Gardiner noted that there were two amendments to the agenda. He stated Kristin Foster, Studentcare, should be added to the agenda under 5.1 Council Address and item 9.2 USSU Student Fee should be moved up to 8.3 under Business.

Move to adopt the agenda with the two amendments.

USC Motion114: Connor/Gardiner

Carried.

4. Introduction and Announcements

President Gardiner congratulated the new 2006-07 USSU Executive. He introduced the new Executive: Ashlee Smith for VP Student Issues, Cody Lang for VP Operations and Finance, Brad Flavell for VP Academic, Alice Collins for VP External and Evan Cole for President.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp introduced Josh ??? who would be running for MSC next year.

Councilor Gallaway introduced ??? who would be MSC next year.

President Gardiner stated that there is a technical issue with the laptop that is used to swipe student cards for attendance purposes. He stated everyone should stand up and state their name and the college they are from. He also sent regrets for Councilor's Burnett and David and noted Councilor Mitchell might be a few minutes late.

5. Council Address

5.1 Kristin Foster, Studentcare Networks

Move to grant Kristin Foster Speaking Right.

USC Motion115: Cole/Villeneuve Carried.

Kristin Foster stated she has a few items to present tonight. She informed council members that there were some handouts at the back and she would pass them out. She stated Studentcare has been busy this term with the Annual Survey that VP Connor handed out a few meetings ago and she would be discussing the results. She stated there were a few critical questions asked in the survey that she wanted to review such as students' satisfaction with the plan, satisfaction with the service and priorities for the future. She stated that as usual there is a really high level of value to this plan. There are 93 percent of students who support the plan. Studentcare looked into the number of students who support the plan, how many opt out and discovered that 94 percent of the students who opted out of the plan support the continuation of the plan. She stated there are a lot of students on this campus that recognize this as a valuable USSU service even if they do not need the coverage. She stated that they also asked for feedback regarding their services so they asked students how valuable the plan is and how often they are using the plan office. She stated that respondents feel having the Studentcare office on campus is very valuable and several students expressed satisfaction with the USSU handling health and dental inquiries. She stated they also asked respondents what their priorities would be for the health and dental plan in the upcoming year. Would it be an increase in coverage or an increase in cost? She noted that 66 percent of members would like plan benefits maintained even if that means an increase in the cost; 27 percent would like to increase the cost of the plan but only as much as necessary to maintain it; and, 5 percent would like to see a decrease in the cost. She presented council a pie chart showing a breakdown of how the plan is being used. The chart was separated showing pay direct drugs and reimbursement drugs. She noted in the survey and in the health plan office the pay direct drugs are one of the most important aspects of the plan. She stated the volume of claims drives the cost of the plan. This year the claims have leveled out and the enrollment numbers have increased. She stated the total projected premiums for next year is lower than this year and this gives council the opportunity to either decrease health and dental plan fee, add extra benefits or

create a reserve fund. She stated that they are looking at a potential amount for benefit changes or premium decreases of about \$9.75. She stated the three options she presents would be to increase the annual dental maximum to \$750 as opposed to \$500, increase the recall exam to once per nine months as opposed to once per twelve months, and to increase the basic dental to sixty percent as opposed to fifty percent. Alternatively, council could create a reserve fund or create any combination thereof. She noted they have been working on ways to enhance the vision network because there is a strong demand for this. She stated they could include a vision enhancement fee of \$25.

Councilor Villeneuve asked why the costs have decreased. ???

Kristin Foster stated that it has had an affect on the dental side but this is where the decrease in premium has been made. The year it was decided to reduce the annual maximum that also brought your dental premium down. She stated that they are seeing the majority of the decreases on the health side and there has never been any benefit changes. Part of this is due to an increase in enrollment and inflation because there were a lot of new prescription drugs introduced in the 1990s. This was a period of real change and we are starting to see the effects of it. She stated at this stage all indications point to this being a stable trend.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if there is any kind of insurance available towards prevention, such as, seeing a dietician or anything on the health side in order to prevent future health problems.

Kristin Foster stated yes, registered dieticians are covered as part of your health practitioner; however, you need a doctor's referral and that is available through Health Services on campus.

Councilor Sedor asked what percentage of students are using ??? for the dental plan.

Kristin Foster noted that she does not have that report. She stated that report was requested but she did not get an immediate response. She stated the \$500 maximum is the average for almost all student plans. There are only two plans in Canada that have a \$750 maximum. She stated that as soon as she gets the report she would pass it onto the Student Issues Board and if there is a noticeable change they would pass that information on to council. She has requested that report in the past and it was not the majority.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt February 23rd, 2006 USC minutes.

USC Motion116: Collins/Otte

Carried.

6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes & Report

VP Campbell stated that two sets of minutes deal mainly with campus club issues. The other set from Saturday, March 4th deals with the USSU Budget which will be discussed in New Business.

Councilor Yakimoski asked if she could ask a question about the Executive Committee Minutes.

Chair Thoma requested that she ask the question in Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that UN Model received \$300 in funds and \$100 in Coke product. He stated this seems like a lot of money for a movie night and wanted justification why we are giving them a total of \$400 for a movie night.

VP Campbell stated Model UN was specifically discussed. The funding went towards the licensing of the movies, advertising, bananas and pizza. He too wondered about the cost but added most of it was for licensing.

6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes & Report

Chair Thoma stated there would be minutes available at the next meeting. He stated the CEDC has received another complaint and the board would be looking into that.

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Chair Thoma stated they would not talk about it until they report on it.

6.10 Sustainability Board Minutes & Report

VP Connor stated everyone should have a copy of the USSU Sustainability Policy. She asked all council members to review the policy.

VP Cole noted the policy was printed double-sided in order to save on paper.

7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Councilor Yakimoski stated that in the Executive Committee minutes it stated under VP Connor's Roundtable that Make Poverty History has been cancelled. She asked for clarification on this.

VP Connor stated it should read Make Poverty History Event on March 8th has been cancelled.

President Gardiner stated in the March 2nd Executive Committee Minutes it stated President Gardiner has been working on the Elections and it should state President Gardiner has been working on the Elections Policy.

8. Business

8.1 BOCP Amendments

Chair Thoma asked if VP Campbell would take over as Chair so he could answer questions.

President Gardiner stated that they are trying to make the role of BOCP councilors more relevant. He stated the role of BOCP has been debated for a few months at the executive level. He stated what they are proposing is taking a body that already exists in a form that is not functional and putting it into a form that is functional. Then they could provide a report once a month on issues that are happening in their college such as: academic issues, student issues, and social issues. Then they could deal with this stuff proactively as opposed to being kept in the dark about a lot of issues. He stated the BOCP seemed very much in favour of this change. This does require a constitutional change that would require an amended bylaw and the dissolution of the BOCP.

Move to amend Bylaw #1 to include Section H with the change to the spelling of deceptacon to Deceptacon.

USC Motion117: Gardiner/Cole Carried.

Chair Thoma stated that would have to go to the next AGM to be approved by the student body.

8.2 Infrastructure Fee Increase

Move to increase the Infrastructure Fee by \$5 per term.

USC Motion118: Campbell/Singh Carried.

VP Campbell stated that everyone received a copy of the cost analysis last week. He stated that the fund currently generates \$150,000 a year and this would increase it to \$300,000 a year. He stated this increase is necessary to ensure the renovations would happen in the future. He stated it is essential the USSU has that \$300,000 a year for the renovations.

Move to amend the motion to increase the Infrastructure Fee by \$5 per term contingent upon a commitment that the Operations & Finance Board would determine an appropriate level of LEED standards for the new renovation.

USC Motion119: Lennox-Zepp/Ansaldo Carried.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated there is a concern in the College of Law about the environmental impact regarding the type of decision that is made at this table. She stated since they are in the process of building a new College of Law building the college has been great in ensuring LEED standards. She stated that LEED standards have a whole variety of different credentials for how to obtain standards. She stated making something more environmentally efficient is not always the most expensive route. She stated in the long run the USSU could actually save money.

VP Cole stated the University has engaged in the practice of ensuring that all new developments are LEEDs silver at a minimum. He stated the University owns the Students' Union building; therefore, this building would be to LEED minimums so he does not feel this motion is relevant.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated at the presentation given by the architects she did ask what type of environmentally sustainable practices they would see within that prototype and she was given no response. She stated she would like to see silver LEED standards for all buildings on campus but she is not sure if that is the case based on the prototype council was given. She stated she would like to see the Executive come back next week with an answer. She stated she feels it is worth while to have the Operations & Finance Board determine what type of standards we want met in our own building perhaps silver is not enough.

President Gardiner stated this is a good initiative and VP Cole stated is an initiative the University has already undertaken. He stated perhaps we should support this if only to show the University that we support their position.

Councilor Villeneuve stated the College of Education is not in favour of this increase because students are tired of seeing their fees increased. He noted that we fight to keep tuition low and then turn around and increase fees.

President Gardiner stated he also struggled with this. He stated that tuition fees have increased and we have not seen any direct benefit with the quality of our education. He stated the increase in fees would directly benefit the students by creating more campus club space and more food options.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated the majority of feedback she received has been very positive and students are looking long term at what the USSU can do.

8.3 USSU Student Fee

Move to increase the USSU Student Fee to \$50.97.

USC Motion120: Campbell/Cole Carried.

VP Campbell stated the Executive would like to increase Student Fees from \$48.54 to \$50.97, which works to be a 5 percent increase to ensure financial sustainability. He noted that this is different than the Infrastructure Fee the Student Fee goes into our operating budget. He stated the USSU operates on a very slim margin year after year because the USSU is a non-profit organization.

Councilor Mitchell asked if this is necessary since council decided to withdraw from CASA and that was a significant budget item for the USSU.

VP Campbell stated he would give a more thorough presentation on the budget next week. He stated for example Browsers lost a lot of money last year because everything is done through debit so there is no unclaimed revenue at Browsers.

He stated this increase is necessary because we provide a number of services that don't generate any revenue.

President Gardiner stated that in the past USSU Student Fee increases have not been brought to council. He stated in previous years the Operations and Finance Board has deemed anything up to and including 5 percent appropriate. He stated this year it was brought to council for accountability purposes.

9. New Business

9.1 USSU Budget

VP Campbell stated the budget has been prepared so that there is one skeleton budget per college; unfortunately there were more councilors present than usual so if you don't have a copy he will provide you with one. He stated they have the capital expenditures and the overall budget separated by department and next week he will present the budget notes and any major changes. He asked council members to take the budget back to their councils and provide feedback at the next council meeting.

10. Questions and Comments

Councilor Coffin stated that the Physical Therapy program has just approved the Masters program. She stated this was approved at University Council three weeks ago and the College is very excited about this change.

Chair Thoma asked if this change affects any students currently enrolled in the College of Physical Therapy.

Councilor Coffin this does not affect any students currently enrolled but they will not accept any new students for next year and then they will start interviewing next winter for the first masters class.

Councilor Ansaldo stated he strongly supports The Sheaf's decision to defend freedom of the press. He stated he thinks it was a bad idea for The Sheaf to have fired Will Robbins. He stated this cartoon offended everyone he has talked to in his college.

President Gardiner stated he would like to discuss the Sheaf under Any Other Business.

Councilor Villeneuve commented on President Gardiner's email. He stated he is aware that they have had poor turnout at council this year but he does not like the idea of being threatened by being taken to the CEDC. He stated the CEDC rules have always been in place and he finds it irresponsible for President Gardiner to send this email out with only one month of meetings left.

Councilor Taylor stated that on February 23rd he did send his regrets.

Councilor Sedor stated she thought sending regrets made it clear that she couldn't attend but wasn't just not showing up.

Chair Thoma stated that according to the CEDC Policy you could send as many regrets as you like but you are still missing the meeting and there are still grounds to make a complaint to the CEDC.

Councilor Taylor stated he feels that there is a difference between being absent and sending your regrets.

Chair Thoma stated that is true but there is still grounds to make a complaint and it is up to council whether or not they would decide to take action.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the rules need to be more clear.

11. Any Other Business

President Gardiner stated he is sure everyone is aware of the issue surrounding The Sheaf and hopes everyone has heard about the Students' Union response. He stated the USSU has a posting on the homepage of their website. He stated the USSU has found the cartoon offensive; however we strongly support the editorial staff and the former editor in chief, Will Robbins, who was forced to resign. He noted the website also stated that the autonomy and historical significance of the Sheaf is very significant on campus. He stated the USSU has received several emails representing both sides. He stated everyone agrees that the cartoon was offensive but everyone also agrees that The Sheaf is important and the staff has done a wonderful job to date. He stated that it was a major mistake and people should be forgiven for their mistakes. He stated the former editor in chief is present if you have any questions.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated she has major concerns that this illusion and this problem was to remove the editor in chief. She stated that instead of an immediate reaction that maintaining leadership and dignity of The Sheaf by maintaining Will Robbins would have been a more constructive solution to this problem. She stated she is distraught that this solution has come to pass.

Councilor Coffin stated that there are many avid readers of The Sheaf in their college. She stated they stress a lot of concern with the fact that Will Robbins was removed and students feel it was a rash decision.

Member Lang stated ???

Councilor Ansaldo stated The Sheaf is having its AGM on March 23rd and there is concern that people will show up to try and shut down The Sheaf. He stated he feels The Sheaf is an invaluable resource on campus and could use council support both in official and unofficial capacity in the meeting.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion121: Cole/Connor

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, March 16th, 2006

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – March 9th, 2006**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – March 15th, 2006**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – March 14th, 2006**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – March 10th, 2006**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report – March 15th, 2006**
 - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – March 2nd, 2006**
 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report – February 21st & 23rd,
March 15th, 2006**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – February 28th, 2006 & March 14th, 2006**
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University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, March 16th, 2006

Present

Gavin Gardiner, President
Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Brett Campbell, VP (Operations & Finance)
Sarah Connor, VP (Student Issues)
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Benjamin David, Engineering
Gina Otte, Kinesiology
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing
Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Blayne Coffin, Physical Therapy
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Ana Melendez, VPRA
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair
Steve ???, Agriculture
Ashlee Smith, Arts & Science
James Mantyka, Engineering
Chuck Hamilton, Sheaf
Amanda Mitchell, USSU Accountant
Freda Salikin, USSU Facilities Manager

Absent

Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture
Roberta Boyle, Commerce
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Alex Korshever, International
Vishnu Singh, Medicine

Regrets

Kelly Morin, Indigenous

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USC Motion122: Flavell/David

Carried.

4. Introductions & Announcements

VP Campbell introduced Freda Salikin, USSU Facilities & Operations Manager, and Amanda Mitchell, USSU Accountant, both of whom would be assisting with the budget presentation.

Councilor Burnett introduced James Mantyka who would be MSC next year. She noted High Voltage Classic is this weekend and it is a 24-hour road hockey tournament put on by the electrical engineers.

6. Minutes & Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt March 9th, 2006 USC minutes.

USC Motion123: Gallaway/Connor Carried.

6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes & Report

VP Cole thanked everyone who was involved with the Teaching Excellence Awards. He noted the nominations were finished and there were 68 nominees and 10 will receive awards. He invited council members to the USSU Experience in Excellence Awards night on Tuesday, March 28th, 2006 at Louis'.

6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes & Report

VP Campbell stated that the Operations & Finance Board amended the Table Space Rental Policy and the Campus Club Policy and they are attached for review. He stated the Table Space Rental Policy has been amended to include a stipulation that campus clubs must claim approved Coke products before their event has taken place. In the case of those clubs who do not, the product is forfeited. The policy has also been amended to state that the USSU will not dispense cash fund to campus groups for: direct donation to charity, the cost of alcohol to be served at any event, graduation or day to day administration costs.

6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes & Report

VP Connor stated the SIB reviewed the report that Kristin Foster, Studentcare, presented last week to council. The SIB decided to recommend to council to decrease the cost of the plan by \$9.74 because this option benefits all students.

6.8 Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee Minutes & Report

Chair Thoma stated there are three sets of minutes.

7. Motions Arising from the Minutes & Reports

Chair Thoma stated that the March 15th CEDC minutes state to recommend to council that a motion be brought forward. .

Move that Roberta Boyle be removed from her position as Member of Student Council from the College of Commerce.

USC Motion124: Lennox-Zepp/ Carried.

President Gardiner stated unfortunately Councilor Boyle has not been sending regrets for her absences. He stated the CEDC contacted the College of Commerce and Councilor Boyle.

Chair Thoma stated that the CEDC neglected to put in a date on the March 15th, 2006 minutes and the board would amend the minutes. He stated the last council meeting Councilor Boyle attended was in October or November. He stated he would contact the President from College of Commerce and give them the option of sending someone to attend the last few meetings.

8. Business

8.1 USSU Budget

VP Campbell stated last week he handed out budget summaries from each department and the basic numbers from capital purchases. He stated this week he has numbers for each specific line for each department. He asked to have copies returned if there were no amendments to the budget. He stated he would go through the budget by department. He reminded councilors that the Operations & Finance Board met two Saturday's ago and reviewed and approved this budget.

President Gardiner stated that there is only one copy of the budget for each college so if you are sitting next to a councilor in your college and you both have copies please give a copy to a councilor that does not have one.

Move to approve the budget as distributed.

USC Motion125: Campbell/Cole

Carried.

VP Campbell stated the first budget line is the Administration budget and is budgeting for a \$88,040 profit. He stated that this revenue line consists of student fees, interests and investments and the biggest expense is staff salaries. He stated Browsers is budgeting for a loss of \$42,503. This is a lot different from last year because Browsers no longer has unclaimed revenue because students who have sold books no longer have to go to Browsers and pick up their cheques. He noted this refund goes directly on their debit card. He stated Communications is budgeting for a loss of \$42,653. He stated the Communications Department consists of advertising, surveys, posters and the back page of The Sheaf. Copy Central is budgeting for a surplus of \$33,486. This department consists of the photocopy fleet and the photocopy machines in the Murray Library. Development is budgeting for a surplus of \$48,267. This is different from Communications and consists of Survival Calendars, plasma screens and rental space. Facilities is budgeting for a profit of \$332,833 which includes Place Riel tenants and the costs associated with it. The Help Centre is budgeting for a loss of \$40,515. The Help Centre is one of the USSU Centres and generates no revenue at all and provides a service to students.

Chair Thoma stated that if councilors would like to change any of this, make a motion to amend it.

VP Campbell stated the Information Centre does generate revenue. The Information Centre sells bus passes, concert tickets, etc. and is budgeting for a loss of \$26,610. The LGBTA Centre is budgeting for a loss of \$33,940. Louis' is budgeting for a loss of \$40,222, which is better than most years. The reason for this lesser loss is because there has been an increase in special event bookings such as weddings and after-grads. Louis' is expecting an increase in sales for beach volleyball and live entertainment. Student Governance is budgeting for a loss of \$221,270. This budget line includes Executive salaries, sponsorship, meetings, computer expenses and conferences. Student Grants is budgeting for a

loss of \$15,822. This budget line includes campus club and college society funding comes from. Student Services is budgeting for a loss of \$45,324, which consists of Welcome Week and Safewalk. The Women's Centre is budgeting for a loss of \$32,713. XL Design is budgeting for a profit of \$40,871, which is based on actual figures. XL Design is located in Browsers and is a new service the USSU provides. Overall, the total budget would have a surplus of \$1,925.

Councilor Coffin asked how Browsers is planning to compete with the Starbucks going in across the street.

VP Campbell stated Browsers is planning to increase prices of Starbucks and Fair Trade coffees while remaining competitive but slightly less than market.

President Gardiner asked VP Campbell to go over some of the changes in the budget this year.

VP Campbell stated the Food Centre and Victim Advocate budgeted for money this year. Usually the USSU applies to the University for grants to fund these programs but prepared the budget assuming they would receive no funding. XL Design is based on actuals this year and was not last year. The Administration budget has budgeted for a Sustainability Auditor and History Researcher. Browsers no longer has unclaimed revenue account because all money is going directly into student accounts. The final major change is withdrawing our CASA membership which saved the USSU \$50,000.

Councilor Taylor stated that Louis' is constantly losing money and asked if there are any strategies in place to reduce the \$40,222 deficit.

VP Campbell stated that Louis' has been improving each year. He stated Louis' is doing as well as it was last year and they have included the Louis' Events & Promotions Manager. He noted that drink promotions, special event functions, and beach volleyball have been improving every year. He noted that Saskatoon has a very high ratio of bars per capita and there are not many students on-campus in April, December and the summer months. He stated that utilities are very high in the Memorial Union Building and repairs have to be done university employees who charge more than those off-campus.

Move to grant Freda Salikin, USSU Facilities & Operations Manager, speaking rights.

USC Motion 126: Gardiner/Cole Carried.

Freda Salikin stated when Louis' first opened after it was renovated there was a loss of \$300,000, the next year there was a loss of \$179,000 and the year after that it was \$62,000. She stated that Louis' is heading in the right direction, it is just taking some time.

President Gardiner stated that with other campuses the trend is going the opposite way. Campus bars that used to make money are now losing a lot of money. He stated that last year Dalhousie lost over \$250,000 and Lethbridge is almost at the point of closing their bar. He noted Louis' operates in an environment that has much higher regulations than other bars.

Councilor Yakimoski stated that the Salaries and Wages budget line for the Centres are approximately \$1,150 per month. She asked if we are paying someone to work in the Centres full time for only \$1,150 per month.

VP Campbell stated they work half time in the summer and three-quarter time throughout the year.

Councilor Mitchell stated that the Food Centre Attendant is budgeted for \$569 per month. She stated when that position was posted the wage was listed at \$8 per hour which is not acceptable and the USSU should be able to do better than that.

VP Campbell stated she works 8-10 hours per week and is being paid \$10 per hour. He noted that the stress levels for the Food Centre Attendant are different from any other Centre and to have volunteers under the Food Centre Attendant is not necessary.

Councilor Coffin asked where in the Louis' budget you would find the volleyball court maintenance. She asked if that cost is under the equipment and equipment maintenance and if that is the case why doesn't that cost increase during the summer.

VP Campbell stated that Louis' BVB has a separate budget.

Member Hamilton asked if the USSU would have a surplus at the end of the year.

VP Campbell stated that the USSU would make money this year.

Member Hamilton asked if these are projections or numbers.

VP Campbell stated this is the budget for next year. This is what the USSU is planning to spend money on.

Move to approve the USSU 2006/07 Budget Capital Purchases for \$171,736 with corrections to the word "the."

USC Motion 127: Campbell/Otte Carried.

VP Campbell stated there are six items for capital purchases. The first capital purchase is for a Closed Circuit TV Monitoring System for a total of \$32,241. He noted this would be placed inside and outside of the MUB. There have been fights at shows and reports of drug dealing outside of the MUB. The second

capital purchase is for the washrooms in Place Riel for a total of \$93,362. This would be the beginning of the renovations in Place Riel. The third capital purchase is for new cash registers for the Information Centre for a total of \$5,232. The fourth capital request is for an Automatic Slicer for Louis' for a total of \$5,484. The slicer currently at Louis' has not been working properly. The fifth capital purchase is for curtains and painting for a total of \$4,048. He stated Louis' has been renting curtains for special event functions and for certain shows and the cost of them renting curtains per year has been \$2,000. The fifth capital purchase is for computer upgrades for a total of \$31,369.

Councilor Burnett stated under IT Expenditures it mentions a 42" display and she asked where it is going, what they are replacing and is it necessary.

VP Campbell stated that is new plasma screens to continue with advertising.

Councilor David noted that on the second page of capital purchases under the heading Rational in the fifth line the word "the" is spelled wrong twice and would like this corrected.

Councilor Gallaway asked if the USSU is doing anything environmentally friendly with the Place Riel washroom renovations.

VP Campbell stated that there would be electronic eyes on the urinals and on the water taps in order to save on water.

Councilor Coffin asked what the USSU is planning to do with the painting in Louis'.

VP Campbell stated they would paint over the mural.

Councilor Yakimoski stated perhaps council members should be provided with more information on the plasma screen displays.

Freda Salikin stated one plasma screen would be placed in the food court and the other facing traffic coming into Place Riel from the Arts Tunnel. She noted that the USSU would continue to sell advertising and to generate revenue and the plasma screens would be used for a long time.

President Gardiner noted that the USC just passed a budget of \$4 M without one single amendment and he strongly encourages council members to ask questions or make motions.

Move to remove the 42" plasma displays.

USC Motion128: Taylor/David

Opposed

Councilor Taylor stated the USSU keeps purchasing plasma screens and there is no benefit to having them. He noted the lifespan of a plasma screen is 10-15 years and then the screens burn out.

Councilor Otte asked if the USSU is planning to eventually put plasma screens in the buildings that are not connected to the main part of the University such as Kinesiology or Education.

VP Campbell stated that Place Riel is the USSU's building; therefore, the USSU would not put up plasma screens in other buildings.

Councilor Gallaway asked what the life of the plasma screens is.

VP Campbell stated the lifespan of a plasma screen is about 10 years.

Councilor David asked if the USSU has looked into LCD screen because the cost is less and they last longer.

President Gardiner stated that the Communications & Development Coordinator put this request forward. She was very cautious into what would be the most cost effective for the USSU.

VP Campbell stated the plasmas cost approximately \$7,000 and we are budgeting to have \$4,000 in revenue from the plasma screens.

Councilor Mitchell stated she would be voting in favour of this amendment. She feels the plasma screens would be a good idea if there was lots of money available. She noted she has not seen much on these screens except for the Executive portfolio's and the Centres and there are other ways to advertise these. She also stated concern with having these screens run 24 hours a day when we discuss lots of sustainability issues.

VP Campbell stated he thinks it is a good way to advertise because then we are not killing trees. He stated with the revenue the plasma screens generate they will be paid for in two years. ‘

Councilor Yakimoski stated that in time plasma screens would mature. She asked if we want to sell our space and flood our minds with more advertising in a place of higher education.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated that plasma screens would be of more use to the College of Law if campus clubs and college societies would be able to advertise for free of the plasma screens.

VP Campbell stated they are able to advertise but there is fee involved.

Councilor Gallaway asked if we made the projected profit last year from the plasma screens.

VP Campbell stated the USSU is on their way to generating \$2,400 of the plasma screens and that was what was budgeted for last year. He reminded councilors that this is a new service that is being provided.

VP Cole stated not getting both plasma screens would be a bad idea the USSU needs to get at least one plasma. The TVs that are being used to advertise in PR are getting dingy and starting to die off. The TVs are a good way of communicating to students and there is room for changes in the Campus Club Policies to enable campus clubs to advertise on the screens.

Chair Thoma clarified that there is a motion to approve the Capital Purchases and there is a motion to amend this to remove two plasma screens and possibly amend this to keep one plasma screen.

VP Cole stated he does not wish to remove one plasma screen. He stated his preference is to keep both plasma screens.

Chair Thoma stated council is voting to remove two plasma screens from the motion we will be voting on to approve capital expenditures. He stated that there was a tie in the vote. He stated there were 10 votes for removal of the two plasma screens and 10 for the keeping the two plasma screens. He stated because there is a tie the amendment fails because you have to have more than 50 percent.

Member Hamilton ???

Freda Salikin stated they could add more hand dryers but they usually circuit themselves out and people with disabilities have requested hand towels. She stated the USSU would look into this more.

Member Hamilton ???

Councilor Yakimoski asked if there would be an improvement to the air circulation with the bathroom renovations.

Freda Salikin stated she has only done the design, esthetics and improvements to energy efficiency. She stated she is not sure if there would be an improvement to the air circulation.

Member Hamilton asked if an artist has been contacted regarding the painting at Louis'.

VP Campbell stated an artist has not been contacted.

President Gardiner stated that the curtains they are proposing would be going over the mural.

9. New Business

9.1 USSU Accountability Reports

President Gardiner stated there should be enough accountability reports for each College, there is a PDF in your mailbox and they are available on the USSU website. He apologized for erratic behaviour because he was formatting these until 3 a.m. He stated the accountability reports would be discussed next week.

Chair Thoma noted that if a college needed a copy he had one they could have.

Councilor Ansaldo asked why they end in December according to the PDF they in December 2005.

President Gardiner stated that is because Accountability Reports are extremely late.

Councilor Gallaway stated his name is spelled wrong under Appointments Board.

9.2 Sustainability Policy

VP Connor stated that we would vote on the Sustainability Policy next week.

Councilor Yakimoski stated there has been lots of work put into the Sustainability Policy and is looking forward to this.

9.3 Health & Dental Fee

VP Connor stated the SIB is recommending reducing the Health and Dental Plan Fee by \$9.74. She stated everyone should have picked up an additional Page 4 that lists the answers to the questions that Councilor Villeneuve asked. She stated the SIB feels the fee should be lowered because USC has voted in favour to increasing two additional fees. This would be voted on next week.

Councilor Birdie stated the ??? seems really low and it would be nice to have a breakdown of ???. ???

Chair Thoma asked VP Connor to pass that information on to Studentcare.

VP Connor asked Councilor Birdie if he wants a breakdown of who claimed what.

Councilor Birdie stated he would like to know what percentage of students are claiming ???.

10. Questions & Comments

Councilor Ansaldo stated that in the last set of USC minutes there was a comment that was not correct. The minutes state this cartoon offended everyone in his College and it should have stated everyone in his College found this cartoon funny.

Move to reconsider the motion to adopt the USC Minutes of March 9th, 2006.

USC Motion129: Ansaldo/Mitchell Carried.

Move to amend the March 9th, 2006 USC minutes under Questions & Comments to have Councilor Ansaldo change his comment to read He stated this cartoon offended no one he has talked to in his College infact they found it quite funny.

USC Motion130: Ansaldo/Flavell Carried.

Move to adopt March 9th, 2006 USC Minutes.

USC Motion131: ???/??? Carried.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated last week council decided to have the Operations & Finance Board to choose a LEED Standard for the Place Riel renovations. VP Cole referred to Administration Standards and she stated she spoke to Colin Tennent and he informed her that there are no standards in place. He informed her that they do have an informal policy of trying to encourage environmental standards for buildings on campus. She inquired for new buildings and for renovations. For new buildings in the past they have been looking at the Canadian Building and Incentive Program and are currently looking at LEED Standards. For renovations on campus do not have any informal nor do renovations have any formal policy around environmental standards.

VP Cole noted that his statements were based on information he received second hand at the budget committee meeting earlier this year. He was under the impression that they do try and get LEED Silver. He stated the USSU will still try pursue LEED Silver.

Councilor Coffin stated her student council is trying to set up a website and no one knows where to find web space. She asked if anyone could help her.

Councilor Ansaldo stated he would be able to assist her.

Councilor Flavell stated he could help her.

Chair Thoma stated that the College of Medicine is designing and hosting the website for SMSS. The BOCP is funding ???

VP Connor stated she would be sending out a copy of the Sustainability Policy and the Health and Dental Plan Report through email.

VP Campbell stated encouraged council member to take the budgets back to their council but if the council is not planning on using them, please return them to the USSU.

Councilor Gallaway stated he has concerns about the actions of President Peter MacKinnon's office regarding The Sheaf and the email address that gets sent out to all students and employees of the U of S. He stated that there was a suicide in Commerce earlier this year that was kept quiet and no one knew of this. He stated President Peter MacKinnon discouraged anyone from finding out about this. Then when this cartoon was displayed in The Sheaf his office sent out a mass email demanding an apology from the student-run student-funded paper that Administration has no control over. He stated he called the President's Office and asked what the policy was for sending out mass U of S emails. The President's Office informed him that there is no policy in place and the emails could be sent out whenever. He would like to look into ensuring they only send out necessary information.

President Gardiner stated he would look into that. He thanked everyone for attending council and informed council members that there are only two more USC meetings, which would be held on March 23rd and 30th. He stated he would like to deal with the Election Policy, Alcohol Policy, Referendum, and a report that was just finished by the provincial government on vulnerable workers and students had input on this report. He stated that the CFS Saskatchewan AGM is on Sunday, March 26th, and will deal with how to lobby the government and media skills. He stated if you are running for council next year it might be beneficial to attend. He also encouraged the new Executive to attend and he would send out an email with more information.

Councilor Coffin stated that The Sheaf has their AGM on Thursday, March 30th and USC also meets on Thursday, March 30th. She asked if there was anything in place for those who wanted to attend.

President Gardiner stated if needed the USC meeting time could be pushed back or reschedule for the following week, which he is hesitant to do because it is the last week of classes.

Councilor Collins stated The Sheaf AGM is scheduled for Thursday, March 30th at 4 p.m.

Member Hamilton encouraged everyone to attend.

President Gardiner stated that an email was sent out encourage people to attend the AGM. He stated he received a call from a pastor in Saskatoon who is organizing all congregations for all churches to actively try and pressure advertisers to withdraw their advertising from The Sheaf. He asked students to get involved in this issue.

Councilor Mitchell asked if there has been any response from the USSU Solicitor about the referendum.

President Gardiner stated he has spoken to Greg Whalen twice in the last week and he has not been able to contact Todd ???, CFS Lawyer. As of 4 p.m. today he confirmed they have a meeting set up for tomorrow. He stated hopefully they would have a resolution after that.

Councilor Mitchell asked if the EB Report could be put under New Business or would we have to wait.

Chair Thoma stated when USC made the motion to give the EB power to ratify the referendum, USC gave away any power they had on the issue to the EB. If the EB decided not to ratify that was up to them. He stated he is sure the lawyer would come up with something to recommend but he is not sure that would involve the EB Report.

Councilor Mitchell asked if that should come up under New Business.

Chair Thoma stated there was a motion made to adopt that report. He stated a motion could be made at any time and passed at any time.

President Gardiner stated the lawyers are addressing two issues. The first is the process for the USSU and the second is how to proceed and the USSU has not heard back on either issue.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion132: Gardiner/David

Carried.

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Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair
Steve ???, Agriculture
Ryan Allan, Arts & Science
Ashlee Smith, Arts & Science
Cody Lang, Commerce
James Mantyka, Engineering
Pauline Melis, Integrated Planning
Allison Forbes, Law
Meghan Harder, Nursing
Chuck Hamilton, Sheaf

Absent

Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture
Alex Korshever, International
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

Regrets

Jason Villeneuve, Education
Kelly Morin, Indigenous

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USC Motion133: Gallaway/Yakimoski

Carried.

4. Introductions & Announcements

Councilor Flavell congratulated Ryan Allan and Sarah Connor who would be the MSCs for Arts & Science next year.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp introduced Allison Forbes who will be the MSC for Law next year.

Councilor Sedor introduced Meghan Harder who will be the MSC for Nursing next year.

VP Cole introduced Pauline Melis who is the Director of Institutional Planning. He stated that the Library contacted him today and informed him that Friday's and Saturday's during exams the Library will be open until 11 p.m.

President Gardiner stated that the software used to swipe student cards for attendance purposes has not been installed. He congratulated Chuck Hamilton who will be the Editor in Chief for The Sheaf next year.

Councilor Burnett stated James Mantyka the new MSC for Engineering walked in and she would like his name put on minutes.

Councilor Otte noted Councilor Villeneuve, Education, sent his regrets.

5. Council Address

5.1 Pauline Melis, Teaching & Learning Centre

Move to grant Pauline Melis speaking rights.

USC Motion134: Cole/David

Carried.

Pauline Melis stated she would take the first five minutes to go over some of the main initiatives that would be of interest to students. She thanked VP Cole and stated he has been a tremendous representative for the USSU. She stated the University is in the process of developing a plan for their second planning cycle. She noted that the University in the development of this plan uses a series of Foundational Documents. The Teaching and Learning Foundational Document is the document that is currently being worked on and VP Cole is part of the Steering Committee. This work began in 1999 and last year when she met with the Academic Affairs Board was the Glacial Face of Change of the University was very sad. What they have been discussing for the past eighteen months would likely not affect council members as undergraduate students. She always tells students that they are tremendously patient and generous with Integrated Planning while they work through some of the processes because it is something that is going to affect and benefit future students not the current ones. This work started in 1999 with the USSU President who stated a concern about the quality of degrees that the U of S was providing. Then they started working on an enrollment plan, which helped to plan the first planning cycle. The Enrollment Plan was to do two things to talk about the students: student numbers and the student experience. When they took the Enrollment Plan to University Council it was decided that didn't make sense to put the two things together because there was not sufficient discussion on campus about the student experience. They made a commitment in 2003 that they would work on a foundational document that would address the teaching and learning environment for the University. They have been working on that document for eighteen months and have had workshops and other important activities. Students currently on campus will affect the shape of the U of S for the next ten years. Current undergraduate students have had the opportunity to engage in a couple of major surveys, graduate students have had the opportunity to fill out a Student Outcome Survey

and participate in focus groups. The information Integrated Planning received from the students told them what they felt the Teaching and Learning Environment should be on campus. The U of S has developed an Integrated Plan that was approved in 2004 and part of that plan included the development of an idea called the New Learning Centre. In 2004 the New Learning Centre was described as a faculty unit. Faculty could go to the centre to learn about new teaching methodologies and do research on teaching and learning. There was also a plan to include an Academic Skills Centre, which would be a remedial centre only for students. At the first workshop in 2005 VP Cole and Chris Phillips, Academic Affairs Officer, stated that the New Learning Centre needed to be for faculty and students and it needed to be something that would expand and develop and build capacity for students on campus. They are hopeful that there will be a New Learning Centre operational in January 2007. She stated some of the early initiatives would be to have a math centre, writing centre, service learning component, and a research centre on teaching and learning for higher education on the faculty side. She stated that students are the most important resource at the U of S and she encouraged students to participate in the discussions and workshops.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

President Gardiner stated that Councilor Singh sent his regrets for the March 16th, 2006 USC meeting and the minutes stated he was absent.

Move to adopt March 16th, 2006 USC minutes with the amendment.

USC Motion135: Connor/Birdie Carried.

6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes & Report

VP Connor stated the SIB has come up with five recommendations for the Vulnerable Workers Commission, which will be dealt with later in the meeting.

8. Business

8.1 USSU Accountability Reports

Move to adopt the USSU Executive Fall Accountability Reports.

USC Motion136: Gardiner/Connor Carried.

Councilor Taylor asked for an explanation on why there is not much of a description for the External Affairs Report.

VP Kowalsky stated that the projects he worked on with other Executive members would be picked up in their reports.

Councilor David stated the reports were for the period ending December 2005. He stated he would like to see the reports sooner.

Councilor Coffin stated her council would also like to see the reports sooner.

President Gardiner stated that there really is no excuse for this they should have been out earlier. He stated that the Term 2 Accountability Reports would be out next week. He stated VP Cole and VP Connor did have their accountability reports ready before December 31st.

8.2 Sustainability Policy

VP Connor stated that some of the staff members have not had a chance to review the Sustainability Policy and would like to postpone the vote until next week.

8.3 Health & Dental Fee

Move to decrease the Health & Dental Plan Premium by \$9.74.

USC Motion137: Connor/Birdie Carried.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated the College of Law would like to see an increase in benefits to the Health & Dental Plan.

Chair Thoma stated that now would be the time to amend the motion.

President Gardiner stated please feel free to amend the motion.

Councilor Taylor stated the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition also would like to increase the benefits from 50 percent to 60 percent.

Move to decrease the Health & Dental Plan Fee by \$0.59 and increase coverage on basic dental from 50 to 60 percent.

USC Motion138: Lennox-Zepp/Taylor Opposed.

President Gardiner stated this would only affect 261 students.

Chair Thoma stated this would affect all students who make a claim because they would receive 60 percent of their claim back as opposed to 50 percent. He stated there were three options and council is currently looking at two options. The first option is to increase maximum coverage from \$500 to \$750. The second option was to increase the return from 50 percent to 60 percent.

President Gardiner stated there are 261 students that spent over \$500. This means that increasing the benefits package by 10 percent is going to save the 261 students \$50 maximum.

Chair Thoma stated no.

President Gardiner stated we know that 261 students used more than \$500 last year. Based on last year's numbers this increase would save those 261 students a maximum of \$50 each and would also save every other student who is using the plan.

Chair Thoma stated that would save those 261 students absolutely nothing because they have already hit their maximum.

President Gardiner stated this is going to benefit each student. ???

Councilor Taylor stated there are 10,000 students enrolled in the Health & Dental Plan and 250 students used the \$500 maximum so everyone who did not use the full \$500 maximum will benefit from this.

VP Connor asked everyone to look at the Dental Trend Analysis sheet that shows the number of students that made claims for each dental service provided.

VP Cole stated that this is not an increase to all services. This increase is to basic services that would include root canals and anything below the gum line and this would not benefit students immediately. This also means students will reach the \$500 maximum earlier and in the long run the cost of the plan will increase. He stated that strategically in order to minimize the cost increases in the future it would make sense for council not to increase the basic services beyond 50 percent in order to stabilize the Health & Dental Plan for future years ahead.

Chair Thoma stated the Dental Trend Analysis sheet has the basic services covered at 50 percent highlighted in yellow. He noted that it is hard to determine which are highlighted in yellow due to the poor copy quality.

VP Connor stated the parts that are to be highlighted in yellow are: periodontics, endodontics, the figures 1,996 and 115,502.72, and under the Surgical Restorative column other surgeries and related anesthesia, and surgical extractions. She stated these would be the basic services that would be increased.

Councilor Birdie asked for clarification on what should be bolded. He stated that this chart makes no sense because things overlap, for example, endodontics are root canals. He stated everyone across the board is going to benefit from basic services because most students our age go to the dentist for cleaning and fillings. He stated that of the services highlighted in yellow the only students would benefit from is a surgical extraction.

Councilor Burnett stated that was a hard act to follow so she will just wave.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated Councilor Birdie's point about the age group was a really good point that was not addressed earlier. She would like to point out that the decision council will be making tonight is one that is based on principle and that is the principle of saving all students a very small amount of money or providing an increase to students who really need extra dental coverage.

President Gardiner stated that the three things that are covered by 50 percent total about \$100,000. If you increase this by 10 percent that is \$10,000 and

approximately \$1 per student and if you double that it only works out to be \$2 per student. According to these numbers this is not the most cost effective thing to do.

Councilor Coffin stated council should be looking at what would benefit the majority of students. There are quite a few students that could benefit from this but council should look at the student body as a whole and see if this would help a few students that really need it or most students.

9. New Business

9.1 Vulnerable Workers Commission

VP Connor stated the SIB has come up with five recommendations. She asked everyone to take this back to their councils to discuss.

9.2 Referendum

President Gardiner stated there was a conference call between our legal council and the legal council of CFS last Friday. Our legal council feels that this issue should be decided at USC. He asked everyone to take this to their council to discuss.

Chair Thoma asked President Gardiner to make the motion this week and then it would not be voted on until next week. He stated this way everyone knows the question to take to their council.

President Gardiner stated he is not ready to make the motion. He stated the lawyer is to get something to the USSU in writing today. He stated he would email the question out. President Gardiner stated the motion would be something along the line of adopting the EB recommendations and hold another referendum or not adopting the recommendations and recognizing this referendum.

Councilor Gallaway asked if our lawyer has provided information on what happens if we vote yes or no.

President Gardiner stated that USC ultimately decides what happens and the lawyer's recommendation was based on the EB report. He did not give an opinion on what may happen. ???

Councilor Yakimoski ???

Chair Thoma stated the motions could be separately or together.

10. Questions & Comments

VP Cole thanked the Academic Affairs Board for the hard work they have put into the Teaching Excellence Awards. He stated the recipients would be announced this week in The Sheaf and is hoping to have all nominees announced

in the following edition of The Sheaf. The awards ceremony is Tuesday, March 28th and invited council members to attend.

President Gardiner stated that VP Kowalsky and himself were in Regina and taped all the postcards together and stretched them out and it spanned more than the length of the legislature, which is well over 1000 feet. He stated that would make an impact on the Provincial Budget. He stated that like last year there would be a bus taking students to Regina for the Provincial Budget. He stated that there are 50 seats available provided by the Department of Learning and it is free for students. He stated it is a good time and a good way to send the message to the government. He stated students could sign up at the USSU front office. He reminded councilors that CFS is holding their AGM on Sunday, March 26th.

12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion139: Cole/David

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, March 30th, 2006

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – March 16th, 2006**
 - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – March 29th, 2006**
 - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – March 28th, 2006**
 - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – March 8th, 2006**
 - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – March 28th, 2006**
 - 6.10 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
 - 8.1 Vulnerable Workers Commission**
 - 8.2 Referendum**
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, March 30th, 2006

Present

Gavin Gardiner, President
Evan Cole, VP (Academic Affairs)
Michael Kowalsky, VP (External Affairs)
Brett Campbell, VP (Operations & Finance)
Sarah Connor, VP (Student Issues)
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science
Jeremy Olthof, Agriculture
Chris Gallaway, Commerce
Jason Villeneuve, Education
Susan Yakimoski, Education
Wadena Burnett, Engineering
Kelly Morin, Indigenous
Alex Korshever, International
Terra Lennox-Zepp, Law
Vishnu Singh, Medicine
Mark Taylor, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Blayne Coffin, Physical Therapy
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More
Alice Collins, St. Thomas More
Ana Melendez, VPRA
Chris Biederbeck, WCVM

Also Present

Brent Thoma, Chair
Steve ???, Agriculture
Ryan Allan, Arts & Science

Chris Costley, Arts & Science
Adrian Frank, Arts & Science
Robin Mowat, Arts & Science
Liam Richards, Arts & Science
Ashlee Smith, Arts & Science
Jeremy Warren, Arts & Science
Cody Lang, Commerce
Garrett Turner, Education
James Mantyka, Engineering
Victoria Coffin, Law
???, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Chuck Hamilton, Sheaf
Jeanine Phillips, STM
Caroline Cottrell, USSU General Manager
Richard ???, VPRA
???, VPRA
Jessica Heath, WCVM

Absent

Holly-Anne Sedor, Nursing

Regrets

Tracey Mitchell, Arts & Science
Hardeep (Bobbi) Birdi, Dentistry
Benjamin David, Engineering
Gina Otte, Kinesiology

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

VP Connor stated she would like to add the Sustainability Policy to Business as 8.3.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USC Motion140: Galloway/Flavell

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Chair Thoma noted that the PC laptop used to take attendance was not at the meeting; therefore, council members would have to state their name and the college they are representing.

Councilor Melendez introduced Cameron who will be the new MSC for VPRA next year.

Councilor Coffin introduced Carla Horvey who will be the new MSC for Physical Therapy next year.

Councilor Taylor introduced Catherine ??? who will be the new MSC for Pharmacy and Nutrition next year.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt March 23rd, 2006 USC minutes.

USC Motion141: Coffin/Lennox-Zepp Carried.

6.2 Executive Committee Minutes

President Gardiner stated that the majority of the Executive members have their Spring Accountability Reports available; however after discussing with VP Cole it was decided to email the Accountability Reports out at a later time because there would be an entire month of activity not in the report.

6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

VP Cole stated that the AAB is finished meeting for the academic year. He thanked the AAB members for sitting on the board and stated they would pass recommendations onto next year's board members. He stated the Experience in Excellence Awards night went very well. He thanked Chris Phillips, Academic Affairs Officer, and Brad Flavell, Academic Affairs Board member, for helping present the Teaching Excellence Awards and thanked the USSU staff for making this event a success.

8. Business

8.1 Vulnerable Workers Commission

VP Connor stated last week the SIB reviewed the recommendations put forward by the Vulnerable Workers Commission.

Move to endorse recommendations one through five put forward by the Vulnerable Workers Commission.

USC Motion142: Connor/Gallaway Carried.

8.2 Referendum

Move to Ratify the results of the CFS Referendum that took place on October 4th, 2005.

USC Motion143: Gardiner/Connor Carried.

Chair Thoma asked council members to not repeat comments that have already been made.

President Gardiner stated that Caroline Cottrell, USSU General Manager, has been in discussion with Greg Walen, USSU Lawyer, and she has some comments she would like to share. He stated that supporting the recommendation has nothing to do with the thoughts on CFS itself. He supports this referendum the other alternative is to hold another referendum and that is not an option since the CFS already considers the U of S student body members. He stated another referendum can't be held if the USSU is already considered a member. He stated that puts the USSU into a legally difficult position and the side also wants the USSU to be in a legal position. He asked if it is better to challenge CFS, which has a financial stake in this referendum, or to challenge the no side. He stated that if the results from the referendum were different he would challenge CFS; however the students made their decision and that vote was not compromised. He stated that students made their choice and we should abide by that.

Councilor Singh asked if council members are voting on whether or not to accept the EB Report or on the Referendum directly.

Chair Thoma stated USC is deciding on whether or not to ratify the Referendum results, which would override the Elections Board decision.

Councilor Singh asked if the motion should be reworded.

President Gardiner stated the wording of this motion was chosen so that this would be a final decision. He stated if council decides to ratify the results that would be the final decision and chosen not to ratify the results they then have the choice of doing what the EB Report recommended.

Move to grant Caroline Cottrell, USSU General Manager, speaking rights.

USC Motion144: Cole/Flavell Carried.

Caroline Cottrell stated she started her General Manager position with the USSU on February 6th, 2006. Prior to this she went with President Gardiner and the then Acting General Manager to met with Greg Walen regarding this issue. She stated she has read over all documents regarding the referendum several times in the last couple days. She stated that no matter what decision is made at council tonight regarding the referendum someone is going to sue. She stated that council has the choice between democracy and bureaucracy. On one hand the USC has a result from the Election and as far as she can tell the results were not significantly

compromised by the procedural difficulties. On the other hand USC has a bureaucratic processes that has not been followed and should have been followed throughout the process. She stated that council members have to make a decision based exclusively on principle. She encouraged council members to put aside issues of whether or not the USSU is going to get sued because it is and deal exclusively and strictly with what your conscience tells you is the right decision to make. She stated that is the best advice she can give council members.

Chair Thoma asked if any members of the Speakers List were missing: Victoria Coffin, Member Mowat, Member MacDonald, Member Smith, Councilor Villeneuve, VP Cole, Member Allan, Member Heath, Councilor Lennox-Zepp and Member Frank.

??? asked if council members at a previous meeting accepted the recommendations the EB had made? He stated if USC accepted their decision then why would we reconsider their decision.

Chair Thoma stated that USC gave the EB power to ratify or not ratify the election results. The EB then decided not to ratify the election results. He stated the USSU Lawyer have advised council members that they can override the EB decision on whether or not accept the election results. He stated USC did not adopt the EB results but they ratified the release of the EB Report to the public. He stated that the EB adopts their own minutes and then presents them to USC. He stated USC did not have to adopt the EB Report; they decided to release it to the public.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp asked Chair Thoma to repeat the Speakers List.

Chair Thoma listed Member Coffin, Member Mowat, Member MacDonald, Member Smith, VP Cole, Member Allan, Member Heath, Councilor Lennox-Zepp, Member Frank, Member Tolley, Councilor Collins and Councilor Burnett.

Member Coffin stated she is a member of the USSU and the ACRO for the Elections Board. She stated CFS is claiming that the USSU has contractual obligations and is wondering what would be the positive action in any kind of action. She stated the entire bylaw is ???. She stated that there is a letter addressed to the USSU Solicitor from CFS that in paragraph 2 states: The Ontario Superior Court of Justice in CFS (Ontario) v. Students Federation of the University of Ottawa the bylaws of the CFS are contractual in nature and are binding upon its prospective members. Failure to adhere to those bylaws constitutes a breach of contract and may result in the initiation of legal action. In addition to outlining the referendum is to be administered including the striking of a Referendum Oversight Committee. That Committee is responsible for the proper administration of the referendum. The CFS and CFS-S do not recognize the authority of any other entity which might be struck to oversee the administration of a referendum on campus seeking to become a full member of

the CFS/CFS-S. This would include the Elections Board which has been struck at the University of Saskatchewan. She stated that they are assuming that there would be a lawsuit from CFS if the election results are not ratified.

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Chair Thoma suggested from what Member Coffin said he thinks that their bylaws were binding and that their Oversight Committee was binding. The CFS does not recognize the EB having anything to do with the referendum and view the USSU as full members.

Caroline Cottrell stated Chair Thoma is correct.

Member Mowat encouraged councilors to vote against this motion. He stated that members from the EB discussed this matter for several hours and made the recommendation not to ratify the results. He said that if council members vote in favour of this he would not sue for membership dues, he is just making an appeal to have some fairness around this referendum. The EB seems to think that the referendum was not fair and he feels that a judge would agree with them. He stated that democracy was upheld and that President Gardiner has been disingenuous.

Chair Thoma said to abstain from personal attacks against an individual's character.

Member Mowat stated he was just suggesting alternative motives by President Gardiner.

Chair Thoma said to not suggest.

Member Mowat stated bureaucracy has a negative tone but democracy can't function without all processes in place that legitimize the results of a vote. He said that if it was just about who received the most votes then the President in Belarus has nothing to worry about. The election would be completely legit.

Member MacDonald stated this sounds like more of a discussion or debate rather than a response to a short question which granted him speaking rights.

Chair Thoma said that he had Member Mowat directly below Member Coffin on the speaker's list and as far as he knows Member Coffin was finished speaking.

Member Mowat said if we give up on the process then we give up our democracy. He stated the EB analyzed this issue and made their decision and they sit on this council. The EB found the processes were important and the violations were of such a magnitude they found the referendum results unfair. He claimed council should vote in favour of the fairness that the EB sees.

Member MacDonald noted that he was a VP of the USSU last year and he thinks it is important council members know what was thought that year. He stated last year they took out a prospective membership and everyone knew what that meant. He stated there was a lot of debate about it but everyone knew that a referendum would be held as soon as possible. He stated they knew that the referendum would have bylaws and regulations. He said they were aware that they would have to follow CFS's bylaws and constitutions and that they gave CFS the authority last year. This year council members have to respect the fact that they were given that authority.

Member Smith stated if council chooses not to ratify the results what council is implying is that university students are not capable of making up their own minds and voting for what they believe is right. In October she was not a fan of CFS; however she hopes council chooses to honour the will of the students. She would hate to see her year on council wasted on this seemingly endless debate when she should be working to help students, which was why she was elected.

VP Cole stated that this vote is not whether you voted yes or no in the CFS Referendum. It is about what is right. He said he is one of the biggest advocates of policy, process and fairness at the beginning of this referendum. He stated council has two obligations to our students and to our policies and procedures. Our policies and procedures must be in place to serve our students properly. Our students voted yes in the referendum but in the process that was being fought by our own board. He stated this council voted to back CFS in the referendum then the board agreed that the process was flawed. The board agreed that CFS was right for the students but our own board, which had two councilors on it, vote in favour of CFS and agreed that the process was flawed because students deserve another chance a fair referendum. Council should be looking at whether or not we want a fair referendum. It is not fair that CFS made us members before the process was complete. The Oversight Committee had not even completed their report yet and we were made full members at the general meeting. He stated they did not even care that the process wasn't followed.

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VP Cole stated the point is the board still found the process was flawed. He noted we owe it to our students, our bosses, to tell us how we should lead our organization and they need to tell us that clearly but they didn't. He stated that there should be another referendum held in order to get the proper results and hear what the students are saying and have it fair on both sides which was not the case. He stated he would be in favour of another referendum but for now he is voting against the motion to ratify the results.

Chair Thoma stated that if you have a point of order you can interrupt someone but if you have a point of information you have to do it between speakers.

VP Connor stated she is glad that VP Cole pointed out that we are obligated to our processes. However, she wanted to have councilors view Article 11 of the Constitution.

Chair Thoma stated that is not a point of information.

Member Allan stated the EB was quoted in the Sheaf stating that procedural problems affected the will of the voters. He stated President Gardiner noted that holding another referendum is not an option because CFS already views us as full members. He stated he supports CFS but he encourages council members to vote against this motion.

Member Heath stated she wanted to congratulate Member Mowat for coming to council two years in a row and slamming them. She stated last year when discussing the CFS Referendum he

Point of Order.

Member Heath stated last year she was a member of council last year and felt it was a decision that should be left to the students. She stated council decided to become prospective members of CFS and accept their constitution even though they didn't know what it stated. She stated that we are bound to their rules and council has to accept that. She stated holding another referendum is not going to give council any more legitimacy.

Point of Information. Councilor Taylor asked if derogatory comments are going to be accepted at council tonight?

Member Heath stated she didn't mean to be derogatory.

Chair Thoma reminded councilors that derogatory comments are not allowed. He noted not to debate issues that have not been discussed and to make points at the start of the discussion would make things much easier.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated she is thrilled that this topic is being discussed in a contractual way tonight. She stated on the CFS Bylaw I – Membership under Prospective Membership point i states USC is eligible to apply for prospective membership if it has passed a motion of its members. She noted this was done last year. She stated on the CFS Bylaw I – Membership under Prospective Membership point ii states a written application for prospective membership submitted by an eligible local student association will be considered as a binding contract to accept the rights and responsibilities of prospective membership in the CFS, the CFS-Services and the applicable provincial component. She stated this is indeed the written application from President Gardiner to CFS constituting a binding contract to accept our responsibilities. She noted this was a vote that happened last year and that we created this contract and the decision we are

making today has two parts. The decision council is making today is whether to breach a fundamental term of that contract or accept the responsibility for the contract that USC created last year. After the referendum the ACRO and DRO signed off on the Oversight Committee binding us to the process that was agreed to last year. She wanted to make it clear that it did bind the USSU to that process. She stated in September that the USC voted to have the EB ratify the referendum results and she had concerns with that because that amendment was made without full knowledge and council dropped the ball on that particular amendment. She stated council had no idea if the EB could actually be the body that would determine the referendum ratification. She is concerned that USC made an error and the Ontario Superior Court agrees that an error was made in a similar case. They have clearly stated that any additional clause of the contract that was brought in after the contract was agreed to will not be considered in the Ontario Superior Court. She stated this means the amendment that was made in September is null and void and that means the EB could not be the body to ratify the referendum results. She stated she has personally thanked the EB for the hours they spent discussing this issue but the Ontario Superior Court states that the EB Report is not within the contract that was agreed to last year.

Move to grant Patrick Thompson speaking rights.

USC Motion 145: ???/Flavell

Carried.

Member Thompson asked if the case from the Province of Ontario has any bearing on this case.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated that the precedence set in Ontario is not binding in Saskatchewan; however, it could be brought into any court action and used successfully. She stated it is not binding but it is influential.

Member Coffin stated that this was accurate.

Chair Thoma stated that is not a response to Member Thompson's question. He stated that a point of information could only be used to correct a statement that was incorrect.

Member Coffin stated ???

Member Frank said that the comment that was made in comparison to Belarus is not valid. He stated council is discussing a process that was flawed in campaigning. He stated he stood a certain way on the issue and he had the opportunity inform himself and he took the time to vote. He pointed out that every student on this campus had the opportunity to do that and there was an overwhelming support for CFS. He does not feel it is the mandate of student council to overturn the unanimous student decision. He stated when discussing student apathy on campus, when discussing students not showing up at the ballot boxes, this is the reason. He stated students feel the bureaucracy and protest is

important enough to override a very clear vote and a very clear mandate offered by the students.

Member Tolley introduced herself and said she is present to represent the aboriginal students on campus, which makes up 10 percent of the U of S students. She stated she was asked in November by the USSU to be the Aboriginal Representative at CFS meetings. At the time she did not know very much about CFS but when she got there everything she saw seemed positive. She stated CFS deals with a lot of issues that Aboriginal students face. She feels that by being involved with CFS, students can be involved with a lot of government organizations to help resolve some of these issues. She stated that CFS is students fighting for students and noted that anyone who is against CFS does not understand CFS.

Chair Thoma clarified that the debate should be strictly on the ratification of the referendum results not on the merits of CASA or CFS.

Councilor Collins said she would be voting yes to ratify the referendum results. She stated as the incoming VP External Affairs she would be the Executive member who deals with this the most and does not want to have another year taken up on an issue that has already been solved by the students. She believes the referendum was at the will of the students and had an overwhelming student turnout and would like to work on other issues that would benefit the students.

Councilor Burnett stated that in the engineering world there is never time to do things right the first time but always time the come back and fix it. She suggested taking this time to fix the policies and procedures that have been broken and redeem ourselves as a board. She stated she is still receiving complaints from interns who did not get the chance to vote in the referendum that occurred six months ago. Approximately 15 percent of engineering students are off on an internship lasting anywhere from eight to sixteen months and because the referendum was held in the fall half of the education students were also off campus and not able to vote. She asked how council could say that they are representing students when they are actually denying their vote. She stated council should take this opportunity to vote against this motion and fix the problem that has occurred and redeemed ourselves.

Councilor Flavell stated that if the U of S becomes members of CFS every student would pay a student fee. He stated that in his mind this means we would be their customers and is the customer not always right? He does not understand why CFS would not allow us to hold another referendum that would be fair on both sides. He stated he would like to sit down like mature respectful adults and have a process that no one would have a problem with. He encouraged council to vote against this motion.

VP Connor claimed that to overturn the vote of the students would be incredibly irresponsible. She stated in the real world you couldn't just fix something by redoing it when you have already signed off and stated it was okay.

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Member Turner said the debate tonight is whether or not we believe there was just and due process in this referendum so that the referendum results can be held binding. He stated he feels having another referendum is a good idea.

VP Campbell said that everyone keeps stating that the referendum was unfair. He stated it was unfair, but was unfair to both the yes and no sides. He said that to assume that one side was worse than the other is not correct. He noted that all USSU elections in the past have had complaints submitted but we do not throw the results out.

President Gardiner stated he has two points to make. The first is to clarify what the options are. He stated council would make a decision tonight and if that decision is a yes vote that does not stop Member Mowat from filing a lawsuit at the Court of Queen's Bench. He stated that when that happens it will affect the USSU but not financially and not in the same negative way that a lawsuit from the CFS would. If the Court of Queen's Bench finds that the referendum process was flawed that gives the USSU something to stand on. Currently the USSU has nothing to stand on other than the EB Report, which was done well but the OC was signed off on unanimously. The second opinion is to and prepare for another referendum. He stated we couldn't because we can't depend on both sides. The legal opinion from Todd Burk, CFS Lawyer, states that the USSU is considered a CFS member. CFS would not agree to another referendum. He stated he knows this because he sits on the CFS National Executive. He stated there were procedural flaws on both sides of the referendum. He asked council members to think about the long term effects this would have on the USSU.

Councilor Singh stated that everyone at this meeting is aware of what is going on. He stated we have all had time and opportunity to discuss this. He stated council should quit debating this and vote.

Chair Thoma asked if Councilor Singh was calling the question.

Move to call the question.

USC Motion146: Singh/Cole

Carried.

Councilor Flavell, VP Cole, Councilor Burnett, Councilor Villeneuve and Councilor Taylor would like their opposition noted for ratifying the Referendum results. .

8.3 Sustainability Policy

VP Connor stated that until a Sustainability Auditor has been hired the Sustainability Board does not want this to apply to business relationships that are already ongoing. She stated it would apply to new business relationships.

Move to adopt the USSU Sustainability Policy.

USC Motion147: Connor/Galloway Carried.

Councilor Burnett stated that as a whole her council agreed with the Sustainability Policy but she wanted to mention a few points that were brought up. She asked council to look at Article 4 on Page 2 of the policy which states: *In a situation where two competing suppliers are within close proximity to Saskatoon, preference will be given to organic products.* She stated, given her background in agriculture, organic products would cost approximately 175% the cost of normal food products and claimed that the organic clause could cost a lot more than what we are prepared to pay.

Chair Thoma stated if anyone wishes to amend the policy the motion to amend needs to come forward now.

VP Cole stated he like to amend.

Move to pass the Sustainability Policy without the fourth bullet under Article 4 – Ethical Purchasing Guidelines, 4.02—(i) Location that states: In a situation where two competing suppliers are within close proximity to Saskatoon, preference will be given to organic products.

USC Motion148: Cole/Burnett Opposed.

VP Connor stated that this does not mean we have to buy organic material all the time, just when there is true price competition.

Councilor Yakimoski stated a lot of the time organic product is cheaper in our city and is also less expensive from local farmers. She does not feel this would be an issue.

VP Cole stated there would be a Sustainability Auditor hired in the summer. He stated he would not feel comfortable leaving this statement in the policy until the summer student has completed the sustainability audit.

Councilor Coffin stated she thinks it might be okay to leave that statement in the policy.

Councilor Lennox-Zepp stated that the law students would be very supportive of this particular clause because there is an active group in their college promoting active and local vendors on campus.

Councilor Ansaldo stated he supports this policy and it is one of the best things that has been brought to council. ???

VP Connor stated ???

10. **Questions and Comments**

VP Connor thanked the EB for all of their hard work and apologized on behalf of the organization for lack of a CRO and giving them direction. She stated she has faith in the EB and ???

Councilor Ansaldo stated ???

President Gardiner stated the budget bus trip, which is held a week from today is leaving the U of S at 10 a.m. and there are 11 seats left. He stated there are also 8 individual tickets available if students do not want to take the bus. He stated there are surveys for council members to fill out and he would appreciate it if they could be filled out. He noted that this is the last council meeting for the year and thanked all council members for all of their hard work. He says he knows VP Cole will do an amazing job as President next year and apologizes for the mess the referendum has been.

Councilor Villeneuve stated he has sat on council for four years and this is also his final meeting. He stated he has seen a lot in four years and he feels this place is better for him having sat on council for four years. He stated council is leaving the USSU in a better place than what we found it. He thanked all council members and stated it has been a pleasure.

Councilor Burnett stated she this year she filled out an application for the armed forces as an Electrical Mechanical Engineer and she will start her training on June 26th. She has President Gardiner as one of her references and even though they have butted heads throughout the year she would like to personally thank him.

VP Connor that President Gardiner and future President Cole have started amending the Elections Policy in order to avoid these problems in the future.

Councilor Yakimoski stated she is moving away from the campus life and thanked the Executive and the Chair for all their hard work.

VP Cole thanked all council and Executive members. He thanked council for all of there involvement and for being leaders on campus.

12. **Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

USC Motion149: Flavel/Taylor

Carried.



Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.

Mission

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union exists to represent, serve and support the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students of the University of Saskatchewan through accountable, dynamic and unified leadership. It also serves to protect and maintain the integrity of quality, accessible public education.

Values

The following principles shall guide the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in all of its endeavors: innovation; integrity; mutual respect; professionalism; service; social, economic and environmental responsibility; teamwork; and, trust.

Message from the President

Greetings,

The USSU has an annual budget of over 4 million dollars, a staff of over 170 and several services operated by the undergraduate students here at the University of Saskatchewan. Each March students elect four executive members to guide the entire organization. The Executive is accountable to you, the students, and the three accountability reports completed each year ensure that the Executive is responsible and transparent.

This fall the executive was excited to welcome students back to the University of Saskatchewan and get things accomplished

After an amazing Welcome Week, including Coco Loco, the biggest issue for the USSU was the referendum to join the Canadian Federation of Students. The Executive dealt with some internal change as our acting General Manager, Crystel Khnitski, left the organization. Fortunately, there are many talented staff people help the Executive lead the organization.

With the first term done, the Executive is eagerly looking forward to completing many of the outstanding goals it has, as well as acting on the new ideas coming out of the Executive retreat in early December.

I encourage all members of the USSU to review these reports, become informed on what the Executive has been doing and involve yourselves in the students' movement.

Collegially,
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION

Gavin Gardiner
President

**Fall Accountability Reports
1 September – 31 December 2005**

Gavin Gardiner, *President*

I. Fall Report

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Most evenings and some weekends

Daily Activities:

Each day I review all my correspondence (e-mail, voice mail, faxes and letters) and respond to the issues accordingly. I also meet with the Executive and staff on a regular basis. USC is a major aspect of my daily activities. Activities range from phone conversations to meetings to media interviews. The Presidential portfolio is divided between internal and external affairs, which quickly fills ones schedule.

Portfolio Duties:

The Presidential portfolio oversees all activities of the USSU, coordinates the executive, acts as the student representative on the Board of Governors, is the chief spokesperson for the USSU, is the liaison with other student unions as well as the provincial and federal governments, and ensures all governance documents are up to date among other duties.

To try and provide USSU members with a better understanding of some of the issues within the Presidential portfolio I have again provided a monthly report of the major issues I have dealt with.

President's Report: September 2005

USC Orientation

Council Orientation was held on September 3rd. This is a major undertaking for the President and many hours were spent planning for this day.

Orientation 2005

Orientation is a University run program but the USSU is involved in many of the activities over the two days it runs. I gave a brief welcome at the Orientation kick off which was held in the bowl on September 6th. I also presented to Parent Orientation on the 3rd and 5th about the range of services the USSU provides. Mostly these discussions focused on the Health and Dental Plan but the Victim Advocate and the Academic Advocate also gave brief presentations.

Rededication of the College Building

The College Building was officially reopened on September 6th, 2006. I attended the ceremony and shortly met with the Premier after the ceremony ended.

Welcome Week

Welcome Week began September 7th and I along with the rest of the Executive was busy handing out prizes, delivering survival guides and other duties.

CFS Referendum

Due to internal changes within the USSU last year there was little institutional memory on how elections and referenda were run. I worked with the General Manager and the Student Service Coordinator as well as the Chief Returning Officer and the Assistant Chief Returning Officer in logistical set up. Also, there were unforeseen complications with the referendum that I tried to help resolve.

CFS Referendum YES Campaign

The Executive and USC passed a motion supporting the CFS in the referendum and as such I dis spend time assisting the YES campaign. Although I was involved in the last few days of the campaign, I was not very involved in the beginning of the campaign.

Appointments Board

It is important for the USSU's committees to get up and running as soon as possible in the fall, which takes a lot of work from the Appointments Board that appoints the Students-At-Large to sit on the committees. I want to thank councilors Terra Lennox-Zepp, Chris Galaway, Nicholas Ansaldo and Dena Burnett for all their work in the first few weeks of September.

Media

The return of students to the University is a big story for the media in Saskatoon. I did interviews for the CBC, CTV, Shaw, several radio stations and a few times for Global. The media was also interested in ongoing dispute between CUPE 1975 and the U of S Administration.

President's Report: October 2005

CFS Referendum

Again this was a major issue particularly in the last few days of the campaign and the three days of voting.

Meeting with Wayne Elhard

On October 13th, VP Kowalsky and I met with Wayne Elhard, the post-secondary education critic for the Saskatchewan Party. We discussed our campaign and what our goals for post-secondary education in Saskatchewan were. Mr. Elhard promised to bring up the status of the Student Financial Review which was supposed to be done by the middle of October.

Federal Budget Submission

On October 20th, Vice President Kowalsky and I presented to the Federal Standing Committee of Finance. This was a unique opportunity and I would strongly suggest that next years executive file a request to be heard by the committee when they travel across the country.

University Village Project

The University of Saskatchewan is looking at constructing new residences to facilitate the number of out-of-province and international students projected in the Universities enrollment plan. The projects, which will nearly double the number of residence beds on campus, the location is ever-changing. As USSU President I sit on the steering committee for this project and along with the Graduate Student Representative, asked the committee if the project was really necessary. The project is a cost recovery venture, which means that students who live in the residences will be financing the project. This is concerning when the current demand for residence space appears to be met by the current facilities. The USSU is cautiously optimistic about this project, which if successful will expand the campus core across and increase the attractiveness of living on campus.

President's Report: November 2005

Student Financial Assistance Review

As mentioned in the Summer Accountabilities the province began conducting a review of student financial assistance in the late spring. On November 11th, members of

the review committee were told that the review would be making no recommendations to the provincial government. We were told that the process was merely conciliatory and no major public policy changes would be made. On November 13th, members of the U of S and U of R Students' Unions raised this issue with the Minister of Learning Andrew Thompson who vowed to look into the issue.

Minister of Learning

At a meeting with Minister Thompson, members of the U of S and U of R Students' Unions discussed the current status of the money promised to the province for higher learning by Federal Finance Minister Ralph Goodale. Minister Thompson discussed the possibility of doing a joint advertising campaign to pressure the federal government to honour their promise.

General Manager

In October the Executive Committee began to actively search for a new General Manager. A position posting as created and circulated and a process for interviewing and hiring was established. The Executive decides to use in house resources rather than use a headhunting agency to test the water for qualified candidates. This greatly increased the work load of the Executive Committee who screened over two dozen resumes, interviewing six of the candidates. This process, which began in mid-October, did not conclude until the end of January and consumed much of my time. In addition to the search obligations, our acting General Manager, Crystel Khnitski quite the USSU. This put additional pressure on the Presidential position to find a suitable temporary replacement and fill any gaps.

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) National General Meeting – Ottawa

From November 23rd to the 26th the Executive Committee were in Ottawa attending the CFS's National General Meeting. The meeting was a great opportunity to meet other student leaders from across the country. This was the second annual national meeting of the year and the one where most internal business is conducted. At this meeting Amanda Aziz, current President of the University of Manitoba Students' Union was elected National Chair. A conference report is attached.

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) National General Meeting – Ottawa

Between November 27th and 29th, 2005 I attended the National Dialogue on Higher Learning hosted by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. The conference featured over a dozen presenters from different backgrounds and covered the whole spectrum of issues around the future of pse in Canada. While the conference was interesting it did not seem particularly productive. This could have been due to the fall of the government the first day of the meeting and the absence of any politicians

President's Report: December 2005

Vanier Cup

November 30th to December 5th I was gone to the Vanier Cup. While most decided to fly to Hamilton for the game, I used the USSU van and along with reporters from *the Sheaf* drove the 64 hour return trip to the game. Go Huskies.

Mid-Year Retreat

On December 7th the Executive held a mid-year retreat. Three major goals came out of the meeting. First the establishment of a protocol policy which would clarify how everything in the organization would be approved. Secondly, the Executive would create standing policies for each of their positions so that future executives would have something to work with. Finally, the Executive would re-evaluate the relationship between the USSU and BOCP to try and make USC more effective.

Media Stunt

On December 8th, student representatives from both universities and three SIAST campuses met in front of the Credit Union on 8th Street to cash an oversized novelty cheque in an attempt to draw attention to the broken promise by the federal government to transfer \$120 million to the province for higher learning.

Meeting with Deputy Premier – Clay Serby

On December 8th, I met with Deputy Premier Clay Serby along with VP Kowalsky and Hillary Aitken from URSU. We went through our campaign document *This Year Students Count* and discussed the inadequacy of the student financial review.

General Manager Interviews

In December we interviewed three of the out of town GM applicants and determined the process for the face to face interviews to be held in early January.

CCPA Alternative Budget

In mid-December I presented to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives which was drafting its annual alternative provincial budget. This was a great opportunity and I would encourage next years executive to participate.

Events/Meeting & External Relations

* Please note that not all meetings are listed since one of my notebooks was stolen in late September and another was left in Ottawa in late November.

September

- 09/01/05 Communications Meeting
Place Riel Renovations meeting
Recycling meeting
International Student Orientation
- 09/02/05 Meeting with Lea Pennock re: All Ages Events
- 09/03/05 Orientation Volunteer Training Presentation
- 09/05/05 U of S Orientation
Parent Orientation
- 09/06/05 U of S Orientation
Parent Orientation
SUNTEP Orientation
College Building rededication
University Neighbourhood Village Project meeting
STMSU Welcome dance
- 09/07/05 Welcome Week
- 09/08/05 Welcome Week activates
Hand-out Survival Guides
International Students' reception
Global TV interview
- 09/09/05 Welcome Week activities
Hand-out Survival Guides
Executive Meeting
GSA Orientation
- 09/12/05 Welcome Week/Coco Loco Debrief
Commerce BBQ
Sheaf
- 09/13/05 Admin Team Meeting
Referendum Issues
Executive Meeting
Presidents Students Fund
- 09/14/05 Meeting with Phaedra re: Community Service Learning
Exec/Campus Chaplin Meeting
Residence Vision Document
VPRA Bowling night
- 09/15/05 Aboriginal Student Centre Pipe Ceremony
Communications Meeting
Meeting with Andrew Thompson – Minister of Learning
Executive Meeting
All Ages Debrief
Meeting with VP Connor
ASC Powwow
Meeting with Faculty reps re: Sept 28th seminar
- 09/16/05 Saskatchewan Scholarship, Loans and Bursary conference call

09/18/05 Aboriginal Graduate Students' Association
BOCP

09/19/05 U of S Faculty Association
ASSU Meeting

09/20/05 Action Saskatchewan Meeting
Meeting with Student - Ashley Forbes
Student Life Working Group
Meeting with CRO – Dorinda Stahl

09/21/05 Presidents Breakfast Meeting
Changing Structures Committee
Meeting with student – re: health and dental plan
Meeting with student – re: student loans
Meeting regarding private security at Coco Loco

09/22/05 Meeting with student – re: student loans
Meeting with student – UNICEF fundraiser
CASA Policy Meeting
Communications Meeting
CFS press conference – student financial review submission
USC

09/23/05 Executive Meeting
Meeting with CRO – Dorinda Stahl
Meeting with Student – re UNICEF

09/27/05 Meeting with CASA representatives
Appointments Board Meeting
Meeting with Ross Finnie – Statistics Canada

09/28/05 Shaw Interview
Faculty Association Seminar
Meeting to determine USSU stance on CUPE strike
Leadership Advantage

09/29/05 Communications Meeting
Referendum Forum
Board of Governors Committee Meetings
Meeting with Councilor Korshever – re advertising
USC
Chinese Students and Scholars Society event

09/30/05 Board of Governors Meeting
Meeting with Campus Security
Screen “Psychedelic Pioneers”

October

10/01/05 University Senate
Kinesiology Slowpitch Tournament

10/03/05 CFS Referendum forum

10/05/05 CFS Referendum

10/05/05 CFS Referendum
 10/06/05 CFS Referendum
 10/07/05 University Neighbourhood Village Project
 Student Life Working Group
 10/08/05 CFS National Executive Meeting – Ottawa
 10/09/05 CFS National Executive Meeting – Ottawa
 10/10/05 CFS National Executive Meeting – Ottawa
 10/11/05 Admin Team Meeting
 Premier’s Centennial Lunch
 CFCR Show
 10/12/05 Maclean’s Meeting
 Meeting with Councilors Korshever and Collins – re Coke
 10/13/05 GM Selection process
 Meeting with Wayne Elhard – Opposition PSE Critic
 CEDC Meeting
 USC
 10/14/05 Meeting with Student
 Campaigns Meeting
 10/18/05 Presidents Breakfast
 10/20/05 Presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance
 10/21/05 Convocation Dinner
 10/22/05 Convocation
 10/23/05 ASSU Rider trip
 10/24/05 GM Hiring Meeting
 Commercial Development in UNV project
 Meeting - re 360 reports
 10/25/05 Meeting with USSU solicitor – Greg Walen
 Admin Team Meeting
 Student Life Working Group
 10/26/05 Executive Meeting
 GM Hiring Meeting
 Meeting with Student
 10/27/05 Changing Structures Meeting
 Communications Meeting
 10/28/05 Meeting with MSC and ASSU President – re safespaces campaign
 Meeting with student
 10/29/05 Law Halloween event
 10/31/05 On Vacation

November

11/01/05 On Vacation
 11/02/05 On Vacation
 11/03/05 On Vacation

11/05/05 On Vacation
 11/08/05 Meeting with student
 Meeting with student
 Admin Team Meeting
 11/09/05 Meeting with URSU
 Scholarship, Loans and Bursaries Appeals meeting
 11/10/05 Communications Meeting
 Executive Meeting
 USC
 11/11/05 Remembrance Day Service
 11/14/05 Meeting re Survival Guide
 Pi Throw Press conference
 11/15/05 Meeting with Kelly Tolly – ISC VP
 11/16/05 Renovations Meeting
 General Manager Search Meeting
 11/17/05 Communications Meeting
 Meeting with Blair McDade – former USSU Exec
 USSU AGM
 11/18/05 Student Financial Assistance Review Meeting – Regina
 11/19/05 Meeting with Andrew Thompson – Minister of Learning
 11/20/05 Executive Meeting
 11/21/05 Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting – Ottawa
 11/22/05 Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting – Ottawa
 11/23/05 Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting – Ottawa
 11/24/05 Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting – Ottawa
 11/25/05 Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting – Ottawa
 11/26/05 Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences National
 Dialogue on Higher Learning – Ottawa
 11/27/05 Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences National
 Dialogue on Higher Learning – Ottawa
 11/28/05 Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences National
 Dialogue on Higher Learning – Ottawa
 11/30/05 Exec Retreat discussion
 Drive to Hamilton for Vanier Cup

December

12/01/05 Drive to Hamilton for Vanier Cup
 12/02/05 Drive to Hamilton for Vanier Cup
 12/03/05 Drive to Hamilton for Vanier Cup
 12/05/05 Drive to Hamilton for Vanier Cup
 12/06/05 Admin Team Meeting
 12/07/05 Executive Mid Year Retreat
 12/08/05 Media Stunt
 CFS-SK Meeting
 Meeting with Clay Serby – Deputy Premier

12/09/05 Meeting with Don Kossick re Station 20 West
 Board of Governors Meeting
 General Manager Interview
 Meeting re USSU Budget Planning Process
 Dress up as Santa for USSU Daycare
 12/13/05 Presidents Breakfast
 Meeting re Performance Evaluations
 12/14/05 Renovations Meeting
 General Manager Interview
 General Manager Interview
 General Manager Interview
 Executive Meeting
 12/15/05 Changing Structures Meeting
 Meeting with Bryan Bileckreli – U of S planning office
 12/16/05 CCPA Presentation
 12/17/05 USSU Christmas Party
 12/19/05 CFS-SK meeting – Regina
 12/20/05 Communications Meeting
 Admin Team Meeting
 12/21/05 Integrated Planning discussion on Tuition fees
 12/22/05 U of S Budget meeting
 Meeting with CUPE 1975 representatives
 12/26/05 Christmas Break – Office Closed
 12/27/05 Christmas Break – Office Closed
 12/28/05 Christmas Break – Office Closed
 12/29/05 Christmas Break – Office Closed
 12/30/05 Christmas Break – Office Closed

Brett Campbell, *Vice-President (Operations and Finance)*

II. Fall Report

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Occasional evenings and weekends

Daily Activities:

My daily activities consist of many different tasks. Students groups get in touch with me on a regular basis, with questions regarding insurance, ratification and general campus club policies. I also spend time authorizing the use of funds and reviewing financial documents pertaining to the USSU. There are also formal and informal meetings that occur on a regular basis.

Events:

GM Hiring

The entire USSU executive has been spearheading the process of hiring a new General Manager. This has involved reviewing resumes and conducting interviews. We hope to have the new GM in place by the beginning of February.

Place Riel Renovations

The conceptual plan for the Place Riel renovations are nearly complete and we hope to have a cost estimate for the project shortly. The first phase of the project will most likely be to renovate the bathrooms in lower Place Riel, which could happen as early as this summer.

Cheap Drink Night at Louis

The cheap drink night at Louis', which has been deemed "stress management", was a success in the first term and will be continued in the second semester. Cheap drinks are even going to be expanded to include a daily special from 4pm to 7pm.

C.F.S. A.G.M.

The C.F.S. A.G.M. was a good opportunity to witness the inner workings of the Federation. It is important for the executive to have an understanding of the campaigns and services offered by the C.F.S. , so that they may be brought back to the USSU and implemented.

Projects:

CFCR Radio Show

The USSU has been on CFCR every Tuesday night from 7:00pm to 7:30pm. VP Kowalski and I have been in charge of the project. The Program Director of CFCR has said that there will be a spot for the show next year. We will create a policy to ensure that a student will be paid an honorarium to continue the show in the future. That student will most likely be placed directly under the responsibility of the VP External Affairs.

Food Centre

Clothing has been given to the Food Centre so that it is available for people who are in need. There has been no need to create a formal process for clothing collection because there is very little space in the food centre.

1/09/05

9:30am Communication Meeting

3:00pm Meeting with student

8/09/05

12:30pm Meeting with student

12/09/05

9:00am Agriculture Students' Society

9:30am Sheaf Interview

13/09/05

2:00pm CFCR meeting

15/09/05

9:30am Communication Meeting

11:00am Meeting with Student

16/09/05

1:00pm Sheaf Interview

19/09/05

1:30pm ESA Coke meeting

3:30pm Shinerama meeting

22/09/05
10:00am Financial Review Press Conference
23/09/05
9:00am Meeting with Student
11:00am Executive Meeting
26/09/05
10:30am Cheerleading Club
1:30pm Centers Meeting
27/09/05
11:00am CASA meeting
3:00pm Operations & Finance Meeting
28/09/05
9:00am Food Center Discussion
11:30am USST Meeting
1:30pm CUPE Discusiion
30/09/05
1:00pm Watching Front
2:00pm Coke Extravaganza
5/10/05
3:00pm Meeting with Reanne
6/10/05
3:00pm Trial Run at CFCR
7/10/05
E.D.O
11/10/05
10:00am Admin Team Meeting
3:00pm Operations and Finance Board Meeting
12/10/05
1:30 Louis'/Browsers Planning Meeting
13/10/05
11:45 Meeting with Student
18/10/05
3:00pm Operations and Finance Board Meeting
7:00pm Show at CFCR
21/10/05
9:00am Executive Meeting
24/10/05
11:00am Meeting with toxicology students society
25/10/05

10:00am Admin team meeting
2:00pm Meeting with Student
26/10/05
12:00am Meeting with Eric Hovius
28/10/05
1:30pm Operations & Finance Board Meeting
1/11/05
10:00am The President's Student Fund
4/11/05
2:00pm Operations & Finance Board Meeting
8/11/05
10:00am Admin. Team meeting
9/11/05
1:30am Louis'/Browsers Planning Meeting
10/11/05
6:00pm USC
15/11/05
2:30pm Sheaf interview
17/11/05
11:30am Meeting with Gavin
18/11/05
2:30pm Watched the front
22-27/11/05
CFS AGM in Ottawa
28/11/05
10:00am Coke questions from student
12:30pm Ratification questions from student
3:30pm Campus Club meeting with student
29/11/05
10:30am Club Funding request with P.A.S.S.
11:00am Club Funding with student group
30/11/05
1:00pm Meeting with Student
3:30pm GM Resumes meeting
2/12/05
1:30pm Operations & Finance Board Meeting
6/12/05
10:00am Admin Team meeting
14/12/05

1:30pm Louis'/Browsers Planning Meeting

21/12/05

12:00pm Executive Meeting

Sarah Connor, *Vice-President (Student Issues)*

1. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

a. Office Hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

b. Daily activities:

The first semester was a very busy time! I attended meetings, responded to numerous phone calls and emails from students and parents about parking and the health and dental plan, and participated in many events on campus. I have been chairing the Presidents Advisory Council on the Status of Women, PACSW, the Student Issues Board, the Environmental Responsibility Committee, the Student Transportation Committee as well as attending numerous other committee meetings.

2. EVENTS

Single and Sexy at Orientation

In May of 2005, the USSU had previewed a play put on by the University of Waterloo called *Single and Sexy*. The play is comical, blunt and a very effective way of communicating the issues facing students at University. The USSU Victim Advocate, Ally Clarke produced the play and it went extremely well. Students were asked to fill out an evaluation and rated the play very highly. We are hoping that the USSU can continue this since students appreciate something captivating in their orientation experience.

Welcome Week

The USSU staff did an excellent job organizing Welcome Week this year. The weather cooperated allowing thousands of students to enjoy the beer gardens, games, and live music during their first week. The executive gave out survival calendars and other merchandise to students. I attended the Carless drive featuring the Big Labowski and Napoleon Dynamite, which was very well attended.

Make Poverty History

The first Make Poverty History Coalition Event was organized for September 10th 2005. This date was declared as the second international “White Band Day” to promote the campaign. I met with SCIC, Oxfam, EWB and others on numerous occasions to plan the event. The event began with a movie called “T-Shirt Travels,” which was very informative and well attended. The flick was followed by 3 live musical performances. Students were provided with information about the campaign as well as an opportunity to purchase progressive literature from *Turning the Tide Bookstore*. Students showed their support for the campaign by signing the giant postcard to Paul Martin and signing the online petition.

The Make Poverty History coalition organized a forum in Lower Place Riel on December 5th to raise awareness of the Campaign and promote fair trade and poverty reduction.

The Make Poverty History coalition planned and organized an event for December 10th 2005, which was designated as the third international “White Band Day.” There has also been discussion around the possibility of having a conference or Teach-in early in the second term. The December 10th event was held at Amigos and raised funds to help finance the conference. The event is featured the

film “Yes Men” prior to the concert and individuals were encouraged to show their support for the campaign by signing the online petition.

Hike and Bike Week

I worked with Saskatchewan Environmental Society and In Motion to promote Hike and Bike Week from September 18-25. Students were encouraged to use active transportation and were identified as participants by a Hike and Bike tag. Students with tags were randomly drawn and awarded prizes. The USSU sponsored the event through in house pricing for advertising, printing, and promotion. Louis also donated three \$25 gift certificates for the event.

Place Riel Transit Hub Steering Committee

The Board of Governors rejected the proposed changes to the area in front of Place Riel in the spring of 2005. A steering committee met throughout the fall to attempt to solve some of the major safety concerns and the unbearable congestion during peak hours in this key area of campus. The City of Saskatoon has been patiently working with the University for years trying to keep their system on time and has considered moving their services to college drive. This is why it is very important that the steering committee come to a consensus so that the transit changes scheduled to take place in July of 2006 will benefit the University Community. The initial plan to close Place Riel by January of 2006 has been postponed until further concepts can be assessed.

Poster Policy Discussion

At the end of October, the ASSU, FMD and representatives from the USSU met to revisit the temporary poster policy that was agreed to in 2004. The effectiveness of the new guidelines and the upkeep of the situation were assessed in December and the policy was found to be working well for all parties involved.

FSIN Banquet

I was invited on behalf of Minister Forbes to attend the FSIN banquet, which featured Robert F Kennedy Junior as the keynote speaker. Mr. Kennedy provided incredible insight into the issues facing communities across North America with regard to environmental degradation, land use and development. His experiences in Clayoquot sound and in rural Quebec provided some inspirational success stories for the people of Saskatchewan to learn from. His message was clear in that he advocates for the first nations communities to

Take Back the Night

I worked with the Saskatoon Women’s Coalition to help organize the Annual Take Back the Night March which was held on October 20th. The event was well attended and the march picked up many other individuals along the way. The march kicked off with a forum that focused on crystal meth issues in Saskatoon.

December 6th Memorial March

The VP external and I joined the Centre Directors in the annual December 6th memorial march that was held on the last day of classes, December 5th. The amount of volunteers was just enough to have one woman for each of the women who were tragically murdered in the Montreal Massacre. The march ended in lower place Riel where students joined us in taking a minute of silence.

3. PROJECT STATUS

The Campus Sustainability Network has been helping with the drafting of a comprehensive guideline to help ensure the sustainability of the USSU. The Sustainability Policy for the Students Union that will be discussed at the new Sustainability Board in January.

The Student Issues Board is hosting a Campus Café using the guidelines developed for the World Café. We are hoping to attract students from a variety of disciplines and years of study to try and promote progressive conversation about both the University experience and the USSU in particular. The motive behind this project is to move the USSU beyond the status quo and expand our services to serve students better. Collective knowledge provided by this event will hopefully assist the organization in expanding or improving our services. The Campus Café is scheduled for January 28th in Browsers from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Posters, invitations, and a plasma screen add have been developed to help with participation.

4. EVENTS/MEETINGS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- 09/01/05 CFS Provincial Workshop Planning meeting
- 09/01/05 *Single & Sexy* dress rehearsal
- 09/02/05 PACSW Calendar Subcommittee
- 09/02/05 Met with WUSC to figure out the transfer of funds from the Student Refugee Program account to the USSU's accounting.
- 09/05/05 *Single & Sexy* at Orientation
- 09/06/05 USSU Welcome Week stuff (Tues-Friday)
- 09/08/05 Attended a welcoming reception for International Students at President Peter Mackinnon's residence.
- 09/09/05 Met with Tracey to iron out final details for MPH event; Went to the BMO to change signing authority on the WUSC accounts.
- 09/10/05 Spent the day with Wendy Novakovski selecting the successful applicants for the Designated Parking Program; Make Poverty History event at Louis'
- 09/12/05 Sheaf pictures; met with student regarding Health and Dental Plan
- 09/13/05 Met with Julia Laforge regarding Hike and Bike Week; Met with Adrian Frank about USSU involvement in the Career expo.
- 09/14/05 Place Riel Transit Hub Steering Committee Meeting.
- 09/15/05 Communications Meeting; Met with Carol Pond to transfer the chair of the PACSW
- 09/16/05 Rooftop Garden interview with Cim Kneller and Crystal Clarke; Discrimination and Harrasment Prevention Committee meeting (DHPC).
- 09/19/05 Met with Wendy Novakovski to discuss late applicants for the Designated Parking Program.
- 09/21/05 Attended the launch of the New Economic Plan at Innovation Place; PACSW Calendar Sub-Committee meeting; Met with Julia Laforge to discuss Hike & Bike Week; Make Poverty History debrief and future event planning.
- 09/22/05 Communications meeting; Press Conference in Browsers; met with ASSU regarding poster policy; met with Chloe Corcoran to discuss the first meeting of the PACSW; met with Kristin Foster to discuss problems with Banner that will affect the Health and Dental Plan.

09/26/05 Met with Jeh Custer to discuss the Sustainability Pledge; met with Janelle Hutchinson and Russ Issinger to discuss the terms of reference of the Student Central Advisory Board; met with FMD and ASSU to discuss poster policy.

09/27/05 Russ Finney lecture; lunch with Finney and others at the Faculty Club; met with Tracey from the Faculty Association.

09/28/05 Make Poverty History planning meeting; Appointments Board meeting.

09/29/05 Communications Meeting; met with Chuck from the Sheaf to discuss why UPASS won't be happening this year; Exec meeting; attended the Grande Opening of the Campus Computer Store.

10/05/05 Met with Kristin Foster from Studentcare; Place Riel Transit Hub Project Steering Committee meeting.

10/06/05 Communications Meeting; Executive Meeting

10/11/05 Met with David Hannah and Susan Bens to discuss the possibility of hiring a Learning Disability Specialist to better assess and assist students with disabilities, free of charge; attended the Future Leaders Centennial Luncheon hosted by Lorne Calvert and the Provincial NDP.

10/12/05 Presidents Advisory Council on the Status of Women (PACSW) meeting; FSIN Banquet with Robert F Kennedy Junior.

10/13/05 Executive Meeting; Student Issues Board Meeting; USC

10/14/05 Environmental Responsibility Committee meeting; 4th annual WUSC Tub Crawl.

10/17/05 Student Transportation Committee meeting.

10/19/05 Met with a student about Health and Dental Plan; Met with Brent Thoma to discuss a BOCP & USSU partnership for Trick or Eat.

10/20/05 Met with Lorie Pushor to discuss plans for the Global Commons; Executive meeting.

10/21/05 Student Issues Board Meeting; Executive meeting; CFS Provincial meeting in Regina.

10/24/05 Attended City Council Transit Steering Committee meeting; Daycare Board meeting.

10/25/05 Admin team meeting; Met with Kurt Tischler to discuss Global Commons.

10/26/05 Marathon Executive meeting; Campus Sustainability Day; Student Issues Board Meeting.

10/27/05 Communications meeting; Met with Geneva Guerin from Sustainable Campuses to discuss strategy for the USSU; Met with Jeremy to discuss possible Sheaf stories; Met with a student; USC

10/28/05 Student Transportation Committee.

10/31/05 Met with Lynn Kuffner for a tour of Student Health and Counselling and to discuss current related student issues.

11/01/05 PACSW Calendar SubCommittee; MPH planning meeting; Met with SEALS rep to discuss Sustainability Policy.

11/02/05 Student Issues Board Meeting; Attended Saskatchewan Green Strategy Forum at the Hilton.

11/03/05 EDO

11/04/05 Vacation day

11/07/05 Attended the opening of the Legislature in Regina.

11/08/05 Admin team; Environmental Responsibility Committee Meeting; MPH planning.

11/09/05 Multi Faith Space Discussion; Student Issues Board Meeting.

11/10/05	Attended the Saskatoon Buisness Association Luncheon to discuss Sustainable Business; USC.
11/14/05	International Week planning meeting.
11/15/05	Met with Lorie Pushor, Kurt Tischler and a WUSC representative to discuss the possibility of WUSC having an office in the Global Commons; MPH planning.
11/17/05	USSU Annual General Meeting.
11/21/05	PACSW meeting.
11/22/05	CFS National General Meeting (November 23-27)
11/28/05	International Week Planning.
11/29/05	White Ribbon Campaign; Transit Hub Steering Committee.
12/01/05	Student Transportation Committee; USC
12/05/05	International Week Planning; Make Poverty History Forum.
12/06/05	Admin team.
12/07/05	Student Issues Board Meeting.
12/08/05	CFS Provincial Meeting; Media Stunt; Poster Policy Discussion.
12/13/05	Campus Caf� Discussion with Centre Directors; Saskatoon Women’s Coalition meeting to discuss International Women’s Day.
12/18/05	Met with Marie Lovrod to discuss her ideas on involving the campus community in the Campus Caf�; CFS Provincial.
12/21/05	Centre name discussion; Executive Meeting.
12/22/05	EDO
12/23/05	1/2 Vacation Day

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

International Week

I have been attending planning meetings to discuss International Week. The list of speakers and events is quite elaborate and should prove to be a very informative week. The USSU will continue to sponsor the event by waiving the cost of tables in the tunnels for student groups to use for cultural displays.

Evan Cole, *Vice-President (Academic Affairs)*

III. Summer Report

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Daily Activities:

- Meet with Chris Phillips (Academic Affairs Officer)
- Email/telephone correspondence
- Meetings with students
- General office organization/filing
- Committee work/meetings

Portfolio Duties:

I have found that a significant portion of my time is spent in regards to meetings. While the majority of this time is spent at meetings, there is a lot of effort that must be put into preparing for them as well. For University Council and its Committees, I sit on the Council itself as the Education student representative, as well as the Planning; Instructional Development; Academic Support; and the Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Works Committees of Council. I sit on a number of other committees as well, but these entail the bulk of my time at meetings.

Another area that I am responsible for is student computing. There has not been a lot of action on this front so far this year. After the PAWS breakdown at the beginning of term, there have been only a couple of complaints that I've had to deal with.

One duty that I have been especially proud of this year is my projects. After the successful launch of the Classified Ads channel on PAWS, Chris Phillips and I, with support from the USSU communications department, created the Academic Support Site (<http://www.ussu.ca/ass>). We ran consultations with different departments throughout the University to ensure that we were not contradicting any of their messages and it was met with much excitement. The next project I am working on is the creation of a Where We Stand document on Teaching and Learning.

The most important function that the VP (Academic Affairs) serves is that of student advocate. The Academic Affairs Officer and I spend as much time as we can in the office so that we are accessible to students who have questions in general or specific complaints. This semester, I was in contact (either in person, by phone, or by email) with approximately 60 students, some of which were multiple meetings or weren't really strong enough issues to qualify as an issue, so the number is closer to 45.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: September 2005

Orientation

Orientation marked the beginning of the academic year for undergraduates. The executive had varying roles in it this year. The first day, I spent a lot of time in the USSU office answering questions and giving students a brief introduction to the USSU and its services. My role on the second day was less substantial as I was in attendance for the College of Education Orientation as a participant.

University Council and Committees of Council

The majority of the University Council Committees began half way through September, with many of them having some kind of orientation, either at the beginning of the month or at the first meeting. Most of the discussion revolved around setting a work plan for the year and to being preliminary discussions around the second draft of the Outreach and Engagement Foundational Document.

Community Service-Learning Symposium

A significant priority in the Outreach and Engagement Foundational Document is the creation of a community-service learning program at the University. On September 29-30 there was a symposium to educate about and brainstorm for how CSL can be applied on our campus. The keynote speaker was Cheryl Rose.

Other Meetings

These meetings include a lot of internal meetings, meetings with students, and classes. I had a few interviews with the Sheaf and Shaw TV News as well as some with various people around the University.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: October 2005

Canadian Federation of Students Referendum

The CFS referendum occurred October 4-6 with campaigning starting at the end of September. I was empowered through the vote to support the CFS at an Executive meeting to run a 'no' campaign in the referendum. In my opinion, I was able to balance

my professional and personal issues during campaigning and ensured that all of my office duties were attended to. I worked in cooperation with other 'no' campaigns and tried to provide professional leadership to those involved.

University Council and Committees of Council

A lot of energy was put into the Geoff Scott's visit from Australia. He works at the forefront of assessment and the University looked to him for some suggestions for improvements here. He brought with him the SEEQ instrument – Students Evaluation of Educational Quality. The University will likely adopt this as a universal instrument for evaluation of courses. There was also much discussion about the second draft of the OEFD and the future of the Extension Division.

Dean of Library Search

There were a total of four candidates interviewed in this process. Two were interviewed in the last week of October and two at the beginning of November. This month the search committee interviewed Vicki Williamson and Jeff Trzeciak. Each of the interviewees had an opportunity to meet with undergraduate and graduate students in the USSU boardroom.

Other Meetings

I had more random meetings with people around the campus on a variety of topics. This month also began the planning of DISorientation 2006; we are changing the format of the sessions to include more hands-on time to make this a more valuable learning experience. The Academic Affairs Board began to meet this month, as did the Student Issues Board. In addition to a number of internal USSU meetings and meetings with students, I also attended class.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: November 2005

University Council and Committees of Council

This month brought a lot more discussion about the Outreach and Engagement Foundational Document. Academic dishonesty rules were amended to include "alteration or fabrication of research data or results" and "fabrication or invention of sources."

Dean of Library Search

The last two candidates interviewed were Margaret Haines and Thomas Hickerson. All of the candidates were phenomenal and would have brought an advantage to the University. Ultimately, the committee decided on Vicki Williamson, from the University of Balarat in Australia. She will begin her term on March 1, 2006.

Writing it Right Week

This was the third annual Writing it Right week and it ran October 31 – November 4. The keynote was Brian Thwaites; his message was that if you prepare then you wouldn't have a need to cheat. There was one session on each day this year, which improved attendance.

Technology Forum – Does Technology Matter?

There was a technology forum hosted by Rick Bunt, University Associate Vice-President, Information and Communications Technology on November 4. The forum took a look on what developments had been achieved to date and look into the potential future of the field. There were sessions regarding student computing, the structure of PAWS, support, security, and others.

Teaching Excellence Awards

Nominations for first term classes was October 31 – November 10 and evaluations occurred over the following two weeks. There were 37 evaluations that were conducted from roughly 60 nominations. There were 16 evaluations done by me and members of the Academic Affairs Board did the rest, though the USSU staff did some too. Nominations for term two and full-year classes will be open in February.

Other Meetings

There was a number of DISorientation planning meetings, one of which was an ad hoc advisory board to gain input from different players in the program. The Academic Affairs Board and Student Issues Board each met a number of times this month. I attended class as expected, a number of USSU internal meetings, and also met with students.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: December 2005

University Council and Committees of Council

Council was presented with the third, and likely final, draft of the Outreach and Engagement Foundational Document. Because of the holidays and end of term, it was a slow month for the committees. At Instructional Development, discussion focused around teaching assessment and Planning was rushed to put feedback into a preliminary third draft of the OEFD and conclusionary feedback into the second draft.

Other Meetings

Given the short time frame for this month, I saw more students in the three weeks of December than any of the other months. This is likely a result of end of term, exams, and marks coming in. The USSU General Manager search picked up momentum this

month with screening of resumes and some preliminary phone interviews. Most of my other meetings were internal, but there were a number of assorted meetings with the University and some Christmas functions for my committees. Classes ended on December 5 and I wrote my final on December 12-13.

Events/Meeting & External Relations

September

01/09/05 Student
01/09/05 Communications meeting
01/09/05 Place Riel Renovations meeting
01/09/05 Recycling meeting
02/09/05 Holiday
05/09/05 University Orientation
06/09/05 University Orientation
06/09/05 Education Orientation
07/09/05 Planning Committee Orientation
07/09/05 Student
07/09/05 Class, EdFdt101
08/09/05 Class, EdCur200
08/09/05 University Council Orientation
08/09/05 Student
09/09/05 Executive meeting
09/09/05 Chris Phillips, Susan Bens, Ally Clarke
09/09/05 Welcome Week – Info tent
09/09/05 Academic Support Committee
12/09/05 Student Retention breakfast
12/09/05 Sheaf pictures and interview
12/09/05 Jonathan Moore-Wright, Director, Student Computing
12/09/05 Class, EdFdt101
13/09/05 Admin Team meeting
13/09/05 Class, EdCur200
13/09/05 Advocacy meeting
14/09/05 Jonathan Anuik, President, Graduate Students' Association
14/09/05 Lab, EdCur200
14/09/05 Class, EdFdt101
15/09/05 Communications meeting
15/09/05 Crystel Knihniski, Acting General Manager, USSU
15/09/05 Student
15/09/05 Student
15/09/05 Hon. Andrew Thompson, Minister of Learning
15/09/05 Executive meeting
15/09/05 Instructional Development Committee
15/09/05 University Students' Council

16/09/05 EDO
 16/09/05 Chad Klippenstein, Student at Large on Academic Programs Committee
 19/09/05 Student
 19/09/05 Student
 19/09/05 Student
 19/09/05 Wadena Burnett, Member of Students' Council
 19/09/05 Student
 19/09/05 Planning Committee
 19/09/05 Class, EdFdt101
 20/09/05 Student
 20/09/05 Action Saskatchewan meeting
 20/09/05 Class, EdCur200
 21/09/05 President's breakfast
 21/09/05 Writing it Right planning with Chris Phillips and Cathie Fornssler
 21/09/05 Student
 21/09/05 Class, EdFdt101
 21/09/05 Dinner with URSU President and VP Operations & Finance
 22/09/05 Communications meeting
 22/09/05 Canadian Federation of Students press release – financial review
 22/09/05 Dean of Library Search Committee
 22/09/05 University Council
 22/09/05 University Students' Council
 23/09/05 Executive meeting
 23/09/05 Lunch with Joe Angel, Chair, University Council
 25/09/05 Meeting with CASA representatives
 26/09/05 Planning Committee
 26/09/05 Class, EdFdt101
 26/09/05 Interview with the Sheaf
 27/09/05 Teaching & Learning Foundational Document Steering Committee
 27/09/05 Executive meeting
 27/09/05 Class, EdCur200
 27/09/05 Academic Advisory Board
 27/09/05 Student
 28/09/05 Interview with Shaw Cable
 28/09/05 Student
 28/09/05 Brent Thoma, Chair, University Students' Council
 28/09/05 Brett Fernquist, Member of Students' Council, and Jeremy Ring
 28/09/05 Meeting to determine USSU stance on CUPE strike
 28/09/05 Class, EdFdt101
 28/09/05 Student
 29/09/05 Communications meeting
 29/09/05 Student
 29/09/05 Speech at Referendum Forum
 29/09/05 Community Service-Learning Symposium
 29/09/05 Executive meeting
 29/09/05 University Students' Council

29/09/05 CASA and CFS presentations
30/09/05 CSL Symposium – Session 1
30/09/05 CSL Symposium – Session 2
30/09/05 Screen “Psychedelic Pioneers”

October

03/10/05 Infosilem presentation on room scheduling
03/10/05 Speech at Referendum Forum
03/10/05 Class, EdFdt101
03/10/05 Jonathan Anuik, President, GSA
04/10/05 Jonathan Anuik, Pauline Melis, and Carisa Polischuk re: teaching evaluations
04/10/05 Brett Fernquist, President, Saskatoon Engineering Students’ Society
04/10/05 Brett Fernquist, President SESS, and Brad Flavell, MSC
04/10/05 Student
04/10/05 Lets Talk Science info session
04/10/05 Education Students’ Society meeting
05/10/05 Studentcare.net/works
05/10/05 Class, EdFdt101
05/10/05 Geoff Scott public lecture re: assessment
05/10/05 Student
06/10/05 Communications meeting
06/10/05 Student
06/10/05 Geoff Scott meeting with Planning Committee
06/10/05 Student
06/10/05 Student
06/10/05 Academic Advocacy and Support websites meeting
06/10/05 Geoff Scott meeting with Instructional Development Committee
07/10/05 Instructional Development Committee
07/10/05 Academic Support Committee
11/10/05 Admin Team meeting
11/10/05 Premier’s Centennial Luncheon
11/10/05 Student Advocacy Network
12/10/05 Student
12/10/05 Planning Committee
12/10/05 Brandi Gazdewich re: DISorientation preparation
12/10/05 Student
12/10/05 Student
13/10/05 Communications meeting
13/10/05 General Manager Selection meeting
13/10/05 Student
13/10/05 Valerie Quintin, Student at Large, Academic Affairs Board
13/10/05 Executive meeting
13/10/05 Student Issues Board
13/10/05 University Students’ Council
14/10/05 .5 EDO

14/10/05 School-PLUS Symposium
 17/10/05 Planning Committee
 18/10/05 President's breakfast
 18/10/05 General Manager Selection meeting
 18/10/05 Outreach and Engagement Foundational Document Town Hall
 18/10/05 Student
 19/10/05 Sick in the morning
 19/10/05 Brett Fernquist, President, SESS
 19/10/05 Students (2)
 19/10/05 Class, EdFdt101
 19/10/05 Chair SESS Annual General Meeting
 20/10/05 Student
 20/10/05 Student
 20/10/05 Student
 21/10/05 Student
 21/10/05 Derek Turner
 21/10/05 Brett Fernquist, President, SESS
 21/10/05 Instructional Development Committee
 21/10/05 Student Issues Board
 21/10/05 Executive meeting
 21/10/05 Academic Affairs Board
 24/10/05 Planning Committee
 24/10/05 Class, EdFdt101
 25/10/05 Admin Team meeting
 25/10/05 Student
 25/10/05 Student
 25/10/05 Dean of Library candidate meeting with students – Vicki Williamson
 26/10/05 Executive meeting
 26/10/05 Class, EdFdt101
 26/10/05 Will Robbins, Editor, The Sheaf
 26/10/05 Dean of Library Search – Interview – Vicki Williamson
 27/10/05 Communications meeting
 27/10/05 Dean of Library Search – Vision Presentation – Jeff Trzeciak
 27/10/05 Dean of Library candidate meeting with students – Jeff Trzeciak
 27/10/05 University Students' Council
 28/10/05 National Student Exchange
 28/10/05 Dean of Library Search – Interview – Jeff Trzeciak
 31/10/05 Planning Committee
 31/10/05 Writing it Right – Brian Thwaites
 31/10/05 Trick-or-Eat

November

01/11/05 Dean of Library Search – Vision Presentation – Margaret Haines
 01/11/05 Dean of Library candidate meeting with students – Margaret Haines
 01/11/05 Student

01/11/05 Student
 02/11/05 Place Riel Renovations meeting
 02/11/05 Don Harris, Chair, Council Committee on Outreach and Public Service
 02/11/05 Class, EdFdt101
 02/11/05 Student
 02/11/05 Student
 02/11/05 Student Issues Board
 02/11/05 Dean of Library Search – Interview – Margaret Haines
 03/11/05 Communications meeting
 03/11/05 Student
 03/11/05 Dean of Library Search – Vision Presentation – Thomas Hickerson
 03/11/05 Richard Florizone reception
 04/11/05 Technology Forum
 04/11/05 Instructional Development Committee
 04/11/05 Dean of Library candidate meeting with students – Thomas Hickerson
 04/11/05 Dean of Library Search – Interview – Thomas Hickerson
 07/11/05 Students (2)
 07/11/05 Students (2)
 07/11/05 Planning Committee
 07/11/05 Joint meeting of Planning and Budget Committees
 07/11/05 Class, EdFdt101
 08/11/05 .5 EDO
 08/11/05 Carisa Polischuk and Jonathan Anuik re: teaching evaluations
 09/11/05 Chris Phillips re: Academic Support Site
 09/11/05 Class, EdFdt101
 09/11/05 Student Issues Board
 09/11/05 Student
 10/11/05 Communications meeting
 10/11/05 Dean of Library Search Committee
 10/11/05 Executive meeting
 10/11/05 University Students’ Council
 11/11/05 Remembrance Day multi-faith service
 14/11/05 Survival Guide meeting
 14/11/05 Planning Committee
 14/11/05 Open Studies Faculty Council
 14/11/05 Class, EdFdt101
 14/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 15/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 15/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 15/11/05 RefWorks orientation session
 15/11/05 Renovations meeting
 15/11/05 Kelly Tolleey, Indigenous Students’ Council
 15/11/05 Wendy Sharpe
 16/11/05 Renovations meeting
 16/11/05 General Manager Search meeting
 16/11/05 DISorientation meeting

17/11/05 Communications meeting
 17/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 17/11/05 Student
 17/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 17/11/05 University Council
 17/11/05 USSU Annual General Meeting
 18/11/05 Instructional Development Committee
 18/11/05 Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Work Committee
 18/11/05 Academic Affairs Board
 21/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 21/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 21/11/05 Executive meeting
 21/11/05 Planning Committee
 22/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 22/11/05 Admin Team Meeting
 22/11/05 Performance review
 22/11/05 DISorientation meeting
 23/11/05 Interview, Simon, Shaw TV News
 23/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 23/11/05 DISorientation Advisory Board
 22/11/05 Class, EdFdt101
 24/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 24/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 24/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 24/11/05 Interview, Jeremy Warren, Sheaf
 24/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 24/11/05 University Students' Council
 25/11/05 Learning Forum, EdFdt101
 25/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 25/11/05 Academic Support Committee
 25/11/05 Academic Affairs Board
 28/11/05 .5 EDO
 28/11/05 USSU Financial Review
 28/11/05 Class, EdFdt101
 29/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 29/11/05 Campaign to End Violence Against Women table in Tunnel
 29/11/05 Academic Advisory Board
 29/11/05 Chad Klippenstein, Student Rep, Academic Programs Committee
 29/11/05 Student
 29/11/05 Teaching Excellence Award evaluation
 30/11/05 Campaign to End Violence Against Women table in Tunnel
 30/11/05 Executive mid-year retreat discussion
 30/11/05 Class, EdFdt101
 30/11/05 Student
 30/11/05 Student Issues Board

December

01/12/05 Communications meeting
01/12/05 SESD Communications re: Academic Support Site
01/12/05 Student
01/12/05 Students (3)
01/12/05 University Students' Council
02/12/05 Retention Study Advisory Board
02/12/05 Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Work Committee
05/12/05 Student
05/12/05 Leadership Advantage Advisory Committee
05/12/05 Planning Committee
05/12/05 Kurt Tischler and Kelly Kozak re: DISorientation
05/12/05 Class, EdFdt101
06/12/05 Admin Team meeting
06/12/05 General Manager Search meeting
06/12/05 Student Advisory Network
06/12/05 Student
07/12/05 Executive mid-year retreat
08/12/05 Student
08/12/05 Student
08/12/05 Carol Shepstone, Head, Access Services, University Library
08/12/05 Student
09/12/05 Instructional Development Committee
09/12/05 New Learning Centre Programs Sub-Committee
09/12/05 General Manager Search – phone interview
12/12/05 ADO
13/12/05 .5 ADO
13/12/05 President's Breakfast
13/12/05 EdFdt101 Final Exam
13/12/05 Friends of the Library
13/12/05 Academic Advisory Board
13/12/05 Student
13/12/05 Student
13/12/05 Students (2)
14/12/05 Renovations meeting
14/12/05 General Manager Search – phone interview
14/12/05 General Manager Search – phone interview
14/12/05 General Manager Search – phone interview
14/12/05 Executive meeting
15/12/05 DISorientation planning meeting
15/12/05 University Council
15/12/05 Planning Committee
16/12/05 Student
16/12/05 Carisa Polischuk and Tonya Wirchenko re: Teaching & Learning research
17/12/05 USSU Christmas Party

19/12/05 Student
19/12/05 Teaching & Learning Foundational Document Steering Committee
20/12/05 Admin Staff breakfast and gift exchange
20/12/05 Admin Team
20/12/05 New Learning Centre Programs Sub-Committee
20/12/05 Non-Academic Discipline Advisory Board
20/12/05 Student
21/12/05 Student
21/12/05 Provost's Committee on Integrated Planning
21/12/05 Student academic discipline hearing
21/12/05 Student
22/12/05 .5 EDO
23/12/05 .5 EDO

Michael Kowalsky, *Vice-President (External Affairs)*

I. Fall Report

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Sometimes evenings and weekends

Daily Activities:

My quotidian responsibilities ranged from responding to the queries of students to networking with other students' unions, to attending regularly scheduled meetings. I reviewed documents, policies, and bylaws while establishing connections with decision makers.

Portfolio Duties:

My duties include coordinating external lobby efforts for the USSU and organizing campaigns that are undertaken. A large amount of my time has been spent executing a dual campaign that both engages students and gains support from the general public.

CFS Conference

Attended were sessions on campaigns and government relations, student space, income contingent loan repayment schemes, federal funding, the federal election, and several provincial component meetings.

09/01/05: Communications Meeting

09/05-06/05: Orientation

09/07-09/05: Welcome Week

09/13/05: Campus Chaplains meeting

09/15/05: Powwow in the Bowl

09/16/05: Walked CBC picket line

09/20/05: Action Saskatchewan

09/27/05: Ross Finnie

10/02/05: Aboriginal Graduate Student Association orientation

10/13/05: Meeting with Saskatchewan opposition education critic, Wayne Elhard
10/14/05: CFS Provincial component meeting
10/19/05: Presentation to the House of Commons standing committee on finance
10/20/05: Meeting with Noel Baldwin, Research and Program development from the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation
10/20/05: Marched in Take back the night
10/21/05: CFS Saskatchewan Component Meeting
10/28/05: Council committee on outreach and public service
11/01/05: Dean of Libraries interview
11/02/05: Council committee on outreach and public service
11/02/05: CUPE Rally
11/03/05: Indigenous Student Council meeting
11/04/05: Dean of Libraries interview
11/07/05: Travel to Regina for Legislature opening
11/08/05: Council committee on outreach and public service
11/09/05: CFS Provincial component meeting
11/11/05: Remembrance Day ceremonies
11/14/05: Outreach work at Royal West College
11/16/05: Meeting with Architects
11/23/05: CFS Annual General Meeting
11/24/05: CFS Annual General Meeting
11/25/05: CFS Annual General Meeting
11/26/05: CFS Annual General Meeting
12/07/05: CFS Saskatchewan component meeting
12/07/05: Met deputy Premier Clay Serby
12/08/05: Media Stunt
12/08/05: Council Committee on Outreach and Public Service
12/13/05: Meeting with Architects
12/16/05: Citizen's Budget Commission

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Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.

Mission

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union exists to represent, serve and support the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students of the University of Saskatchewan through accountable, dynamic and unified leadership. It also serves to protect and maintain the integrity of quality, accessible public education.

Values

The following principles shall guide the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in all of its endeavors: innovation; integrity; mutual respect; professionalism; service; social, economic and environmental responsibility; teamwork; and, trust.

Message from the President

Greetings,

The USSU has an annual budget of over 4 million dollars, a staff of over 170 and several services operated by the undergraduate students here at the University of Saskatchewan. Each March students elect five executive members to guide the entire organization. The Executive is accountable to you, the students, and the three accountability reports completed each year ensure that the Executive is responsible and transparent.

This year was the first in recent memory that the USSU has held council meetings over the summer months. Despite lower attendance at the summer meetings, USC meetings over the summer helped to prepare councilors for a year of hard work and more importantly, the meetings provided guidance and ensured the accountability of executive members.

With the summer behind us, the Executive is eagerly looking forward to the return of students.

I encourage all members of the USSU to review these reports, become informed on what the Executive has been doing and involve yourselves in the students' movement.

Collegially,
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION

Gavin Gardiner
President

Summer Accountability Reports
2 May – 31 August 2005

Gavin Gardiner, *President*

I. Summer Report

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Many evenings and weekends

Daily Activities:

The many daily activities of this portfolio vary from phone conversations with other student unions to meetings with students to preparing reports. I can assure you that no accountability will ever fully convey the commitment that is necessary for the proper fulfillment of this position.

Portfolio Duties:

The President portfolio oversees all activities of the USSU, coordinates the executive, acts as the student representative on the Board of Governors, is the chief spokesperson for the USSU, is the liaison with other student unions, and ensures all governance documents are up to date among other duties.

To try and provide USSU members with a better understanding of some of the duties within the Presidential portfolio I have provided a monthly report of the major issues I have dealt with.

President's Report: May 2005

Executive Orientation

The executive had its first Executive Committee meeting April 6th. The meeting was informal and no minutes were taken. It was a goals and strategy planning session. Michael, Sarah, Brett, Evan and I went on the Executive Retreat from April 23rd to the 25th. The first day of the retreat was a transition with the old executive as well as a discussion of the projects from 2004/05 that still needed to be completed. The second day both the new and old executive went through a comprehensive orientation to all the university's and USSU's structures, positions, issues. On the afternoon of the second day

the old executive left and the new executive reviewed the USSU policy binder and accepted the Executive Protocol Policy and agreed on a dispute resolution process.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors met on May 5th and 6th to report on, among other things, the second year of the university's multi-year university budget. The university has budgeting for a deficit of \$6.2 million over the budget cycle. However, program cuts and restructuring by 2006/07, the end of the newly passed budget cycle, will balance the university budget. Perhaps the most notable issue in the budget for students was the Board decision to freeze tuition fees for 2005/06. The freeze was facilitated by the provincial governments Centennial Tuition Grant which provided the institution with an additional \$3M dedicated to tuition fees which will be rolled into the operating budget of the university in perpetuity. Unfortunately, there was discussions that although the money would be rolled into the operating budget, the Board of Governors may try and raise tuition fees anyway.

Meeting with University of Regina Students' Union Executive

On Friday May 13th the Executive Committee drove to Regina to meet with our counterparts at the University of Regina Students' Union. In the morning Executive members met with their Regina counterpart and in the afternoon the two Executive Committees sat down together to discuss goals and challenges for the year. I would strongly recommend that an early meeting with the URSU executive be a priority for all future USSU executives.

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) National General Meeting – Ottawa.

From May 18th to the 23rd the Executive Committee was at Carleton University attending the CFS's National General Meeting. The meeting was a great opportunity to meet other student leaders from across the country. The meeting also provided delegates with an orientation to national student issues. During the meeting I was elected as the Saskatchewan representative on the National Executive. A conference report is attached.

All Ages Events at Louis

On May 7th, 2005 Louis' hosted an all ages event which sold out. Because the event sold out at the door there were problems with patrons coming onto campus, attempting to get into Louis', being denied and then loitering. After the show was finished there were several reported fights. Campus Safety felt overwhelmed with the situation and called the Saskatoon City Police for back up. While no one was charged there was a report that a Campus Safety Officer was injured. The May 7th show began a chain of events within the Department of Campus Safety and the Senior Administration which threatened to end all age events at Louis'. While discussions are ongoing, progress has been made and await a resolution which will allow the students' union to continue to hold high caliber events at Louis'

Canadian Congress of Student Associations (CCSA) – Vancouver

From May 30th until June 6th the Executive was in Vancouver attending the Canadian Congress of Student Associations, a professional development conference for student leaders across the country. In an attempt to save the organization money, the Executive Committee drove to Vancouver and shared a single hotel room (now that's dedication). A full report of the conference is attached.

Other Meetings

Lea Pennock (Incoming University Secretary), Residence Student Life Working Group

President's Report: June 2005

Meetings in Regina

On June 8th and 9th Vice President Kowalsky and I were in Regina. I attended the Provincial Scholarship, Loans and Bursary Committee meeting. The President of the U of S Students' Union is a member of the Provincial Governments' Committee. The meeting consisted of brief introductions as well as minor modifications to the Integrated Canada-Saskatchewan Student Loans Program. Most of the modifications were small changes made to meet federal requirements. The committee was also given the opportunity to meet with the Student Financial Assistance Review committee.

Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Meeting – Calgary

Vice President Kowalsky and I attended CASA's Policy and Strategy conference from June 11th to 15th. The Policy Strategy Conference allows CASA members to set the direction of the organization. This conference was also the first for Phillippe Ouellette in his capacity as National Director. This conference also elected the Board of Directors for the organization. I was elected as the Regional Director for the Prairies by the delegation. A conference report is attached.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors met on June 23rd and 24th to hold meetings before they adjourned for the summer. One item of importance for students was a reconfiguration of Saskatoon City transit which would improve access to campus. Because of timing issues the project was postponed until the summer of 2006.

Student Financial Assistance Review Meetings.

On June 20th the Executive Committee, as well as student representatives from the Graduate Students' Association and the two northern SIAST campuses met with the Deputy Minister of Learning, Bonnie Durnford, to discuss the Student Financial

Assistance Review. Students were asked to give their input on what the barriers to access are and how the system can be improved.

Class

In the second Summer semester I took Political Studies 471.3. This class fulfilled half of my credit requirements for my term as President and also demanded much of my time. I am happy to report that I passed the class with flying colours.

President's Report: July 2005

CFS National Executive Meeting

I was in Ottawa for the first CFS National Executive meeting of 2005/06. The meeting was both an orientation to the complex organization as well as a meeting to deal with pertinent matters of business. The majority of the weekend was spent deeply analyzing the campaigns, services and research of the organization.

Bankruptcy Insolvency

In Ottawa one of the topics of discussion was around charter challenge of the Bankruptcy Insolvency Act that was initiated by the CFS. The challenge maintained that the act was discriminatory based on age because of the 10 year insolvency ban for students. The only other group that receives the same treatment under the law are felons convicted of fraud. Despite the judge ruling this challenge out of order, there is significant movement on this issue with federal policy circles. Last year a bill was introduced into the House of Commons, which changed the insolvency period from 10 years to two. Unfortunately the bill failed. Later in the year amendments were introduced to a bill dealing with labour laws, which suggested the period, change from ten years to seven. The amendments have still not been voted on but are likely to pass.

Star Phoenix Editorial

On July 14 the Star Phoenix ran an editorial referring to recently released research by Alex Usher and applied it to the tuition freeze in Saskatchewan. The editorial was filled with both misunderstandings and false information. It was important for the editorial to be countered and I spent several hours drafting the response, which ran in the Star Phoenix on Thursday July 21.

Provincial Campaign

The provincial campaign has representatives from the USSU, URSU and the GSA. We began an outline for our campaign which would include several phases including tuition fees, funding and accountability, faculty and quality and student financial assistance. The committee will be meeting bi-weekly to have the campaign ready for the fall.

CASA Board Retreat

From July 21 – July 25 I attended the retreat for the CASA Board of Directors at Bishops University in Lennoxville, Quebec. At the retreat we discussed the goals for the year and divided up some of the responsible. The meeting was a little disorganized but a rough timeline for the year was established

President's Report: August 2004

Post-Secondary Education Caucus

I presented to the Government Committee on Post-Secondary Education and Research while the federal Liberal caucus was in Regina. As one of six panelists this presentation gave the USSU an excellent opportunity to share our vision of post-secondary education with over forty parliamentarians representing the federal government.

Elections Board

Work on setting up the Elections Board began in August by the Appointments Board, which appointed Dorinda Stahl as the Chief Returning Officer for the USSU in 2005/06. The position for Assistant Chief Returning Officer closed on August 27th, 2005 and the Appointments Board selected Martin Olszynski for the ACRO position.

Orientation Planning

The later half of August is taken up primarily by planning for various orientations. University Students' Council Orientation is a large undertaking which requires a large time commitment. Participation in every aspect of Orientation 2005 demands significant attention from the USSU. There are also several smaller duties which require Executive attention.

Events/Meeting & External Relations

May

05/02/05	Meeting with Lori Pushor – Student Enrolment and Services Division
05/03/05	USSU Staff Retreat
05/04/05	USSU Staff Retreat
05/05/05	Office Training
05/05/05	Board of Governors Committee Meetings
05/05/05	Executive Meeting
05/06/05	Board of Governors Meeting
05/06/05	Press Conference on University Budget
05/06/05	Computer Training
05/09/05	Louis' Tour
05/09/05	Browsers Tour
05/09/05	LGBTQA Centre Tour
05/09/05	Women's Centre Tour
05/09/05	Meeting with USSU Victim Advocate

05/09/05 Information Centre Tour
 05/09/05 Help Centre Tour
 05/09/05 Meeting with student – Dennis
 05/10/05 Meeting with concerned student – Jack Mason
 05/11/05 Meeting with student – Andy
 05/12/05 Executive Meeting
 05/13/05 Meeting with URSU Executive – Regina
 05/16/05 Meeting with student - Troy
 05/17/05 Meeting with Disability Student Services
 05/17/05 Meeting with Victim Advocate
 05/17/05 Meeting with University Secretary – re all-ages events at Louis’
 05/18/05 Travel to Ottawa
 05/19/05 47th Semi-Annual National General Meeting – Ottawa
 05/20/05 47th Semi-Annual National General Meeting – Ottawa
 05/21/05 47th Semi-Annual National General Meeting – Ottawa
 05/22/05 47th Semi-Annual National General Meeting – Ottawa
 05/23/05 Travel to Saskatoon
 05/24/05 Meeting with Crystel – Acting General Manager
 05/25/05 Spring Convocation
 05/25/05 Spring Convocation Dinner
 05/26/05 Spring Convocation
 05/26/05 Spring Convocation Dinner
 05/27/05 Meeting with Ken Ladd – U of S Library
 05/27/05 Meeting – re All-ages events at Louis’
 05/27/05 Meeting with Student Recruitment – re Orientation 2005
 05/27/05 Executive Meeting
 05/29/05 University Students’ Council meeting
 05/30/05 Travel to Vancouver
 05/31/05 Canadian Congress of Student Associations – Vancouver

June

06/01/05 Canadian Congress of Student Associations – Vancouver
 06/02/05 Canadian Congress of Student Associations – Vancouver
 06/03/05 Canadian Congress of Student Associations – Vancouver
 06/04/05 Canadian Congress of Student Associations – Vancouver
 06/05/05 Canadian Congress of Student Associations – Vancouver
 06/06/05 Travel to Saskatoon
 06/08/05 CASA conference preparations
 06/08/05 Class – Political Studies 471.3
 06/08/05 Travel to Regina
 06/09/05 Scholarship Loans and Bursary Committee meeting in Regina
 06/10/05 Travel to Calgary
 06/11/05 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Policy and Strategy
 Conference – Calgary

06/12/05 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Policy and Strategy
Conference – Calgary

06/13/05 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Policy and Strategy
Conference – Calgary

06/14/05 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Policy and Strategy
Conference – Calgary

06/15/05 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Policy and Strategy
Conference – Calgary

06/16/05 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Board Meeting – Calgary

06/17/05 Travel to Saskatoon

06/17/05 Reception for Senator Lillian Dyck

06/19/05 University Students’ Council meeting

06/20/05 Class – Political Studies 471.3

06/20/05 University Budget Committee

06/20/05 Meeting with Deputy Minister of Learning – re Student Financial
Assistance Review

06/21/05 Class – Political Studies 471.3

06/21/05 Meeting with student – Danni

06/21/05 Meeting with Crystel – Acting General Manager

06/22/05 Meeting – re Single and Sexy play for Orientation

06/22/05 Class – Political Studies 471.3

06/23/05 Class – Political Studies 471.3

06/23/05 Academic Day Off

06/23/05 Board of Governors Committee Meetings

06/24/05 Board of Governors Meeting

06/24/05 Class – Political Studies 471.3

06/27/05 Class – Political Studies 471.3

06/28/05 Class – Political Studies 471.3

06/28/05 Academic Day Off

06/28/05 Executive Meeting

06/29/05 Academic Day Off

06/29/05 Class – Political Studies 471.3 – Final Exam

06/30/05 Travel to Ottawa

06/30/05 Canadian Federation of Students National Executive Meeting – Ottawa

July

07/01/05 Canadian Federation of Students National Executive Meeting – Ottawa

07/02/05 Canadian Federation of Students National Executive Meeting – Ottawa

07/03/05 Canadian Federation of Students National Executive Meeting – Ottawa

07/04/05 Travel to Saskatoon

07/07/05 Meeting with Campus Safety – Brad

07/08/05 Welcome Week Planning

07/08/05 Executive Meeting

07/11/05 CASA Policy Committee Meeting

07/12/05 Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – proposal for a study

07/14/05 Executive Meeting
 07/14/05 Meeting with Amy Yeager – re Referendum
 07/15/05 Earned Day Off – Ness Creek
 07/18/05 CASA Prairie Region Conference Call
 07/19/05 Meeting with Robin Mueller – re Leadership Advantage
 07/20/05 University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association – re joint lobby strategy
 07/21/05 Travel to Lennoxville, PQ via Ottawa
 07/22/05 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Board Retreat – Lennoxville
 07/23/05 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Board Retreat – Lennoxville
 07/24/05 Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Board Retreat – Lennoxville
 07/25/05 Travel to Montreal
 07/26/05 Travel to Saskatoon via Ottawa
 07/27/05 Meeting with Mike Savage – MP Halifax-Cole Harbour and Chair of Government Post-Secondary Education Caucus

August

08/02/05 Earned Day Off
 08/05/05 Meeting with Campus Safety – re All-Ages Events at Louis’
 08/08/05 Meeting with Angela Regnier – re Provincial CFS Component
 08/09/05 Provincial Campaigns Meeting
 08/10/05 Meeting with Lev Buckman – re Studentcare.net/works
 08/10/05 Meeting – re Communications Coordinator position
 08/10/05 Executive Intro Campaign
 08/11/05 Meeting with student – Andy
 08/12/05 Meeting with Dorinda Stahl – re Chief Returning Officer position
 08/12/05 Meeting with Martha Robbins – re provincial campaign
 08/16/05 Meeting with Victor Thomas – URSU President re provincial campaign
 08/17/05 Vacation
 08/18/05 Vacation
 08/19/05 Vacation
 08/22/05 Vacation
 08/23/05 Presentation to the Government Post-Secondary Education Caucus – Regina
 08/24/05 Meeting with Amy Yeager – re Elections Board and Referendum
 08/25/05 Meeting with Jen Divall and Nich Fraser – re Bill Whatcott
 08/25/05 Meeting – re Orientation
 08/26/05 Executive Introduction pictures
 08/26/05 USC Orientation preparation
 08/26/05 Campaigns overview
 08/26/05 Board of College Presidents
 08/27/05 BOCF Summercon
 08/28/05 University Students’ Council Orientation
 08/29/05 CFS Provincial Executive Meeting – Regina
 08/30/05 Meeting with Student Recruitment staff
 08/30/05 Meeting with Crystal – Acting General Manager

08/30/05 Executive Meeting
08/30/05 Orientation Volunteer Training Presentation
08/31/05 Residence Assistants Training – presentation on the USSU
08/31/05 Louis' Planning Meeting
08/31/05 Orientation Volunteer Training Presentation

Brett Campbell, *VP Operations & Finance*

I. Summer Report

General Activities

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm
Occasional weekends and evenings

Daily Activities:

My daily activities consist of many different tasks. Students groups get in touch with me on a regular basis, with questions regarding insurance, ratification and general campus club policies. I also spend time authorizing the use of funds and reviewing financial documents pertaining to the USSU. There are also formal and informal meetings that occur on a regular basis.

Events:

Photocopier Fleet

Contract negotiations for the photocopier fleet spanned the entire summer. During the discussions, we were careful to not only think about the financial bottom line, but to also think about student's needs. Now that our analysis is complete, we have decided that Western Business Machines is the best choice to provide the photocopiers. The USSU will benefit financially by actually turning a profit with this new deal and the students will benefit from having more technologically advanced machines.

Place Riel Renovations

At the beginning of the summer we had decided that it was time for the renovations of Place Riel to finally get started. This is going to be a long process because we have to deal with various departments of the U of S to make sure that we do not interfere with each other's plans. Our architect is projecting that his initial analysis of our building and architectural possibilities will be complete by mid-October. On top of all this, we must still decide what we want the renovations/expansions to include.

Cheap Drink Night at Louis

Beginning the Wednesday after welcome week, Louis' will be having a weekly cheap drink night. This will be continued until the end of the 1st term, at which point we will discuss the feasibility of continuing the promotion.

Orientation

The USSU had a booth at Orientation, where we had the pleasure of informing students about our many operations and services.

Welcome Week

Welcome Week was as hectic as usual. The Beer Gardens were very successful this year in terms of sales and popularity. Survival guides were handed out Wednesday through Friday and were met with some mixed reactions. Apparently some people do not enjoy Kraft Diner.

Projects:

CFCR Radio Show

The USSU will be on CFCR every Tuesday night from 7:00pm to 7:30pm. We will be discussing current events that pertain to the students' union. The Executive is currently volunteering their time for this project. As we hope to have this program continue into the future, we may create a volunteer position within the USSU whose sole responsibility will be to host the show.

Food Centre

I am trying to have clothing put into the Food Center so that people that come to pick up food can take some clothing as well. A clothing rack has been put in the centre and now it is simply a matter of finding a way for clothing to be put there on a regular basis.

Daily Meetings:

02/05/05

1:00pm Meeting Lori Pusher

03/05/05

Staff retreat

04/05/05

Staff retreat

05/05/05

11:00pm Office procedures orientation

1:00pm Executive Meeting

2:00pm Louis' Planning Meeting

3:30pm Policy Overview

06/05/05

1:00pm Executive Computer Training

09/05/05

9:00am Louis' Tour

9:45am Browser's Tour

10:15am LGTBA Tour

10:45am Women's Center Tour

1:00pm Information Center Tour

1:30pm Help Center Tour

3:00pm CSN Meeting

10/05/05

9:00am Worked on Sask. Hall policy

10:30am Dealt with club ratification issues

1:00pm PRS Renovation/Expansion meeting

2:45pm Meeting with MSC Brad Flavell

11/05/05

9:00am Admin/staff meeting

1:00pm CSN Meeting

2:30pm South Campus Development meeting

12/05/05
9:00am Meeting with Continental Imaging
10:00am Executive Meeting
1:00pm Compensation Committee Meeting
3:00pm Communications Meeting
4:00pm Meeting with Kristen-Student Health
13/05/05
7:30am Gone to Regina - Meet URSU
16/05/05
8:30am USSU Daycare board meeting
1:30pm Meeting with Donna from Medicine
3:00pm CSN Meeting
17/05/05
1:00pm Meeting with Victim's Advocate
3:00pm Memorandum of Insurance
4:30pm Executive Meeting
19/05/05
11:00am Met with Violet Easmus
23/05/05
Victoria Day
24/05/05
E.D.O.
25/05/05
1:00pm Place Riel Renovations Meeting
2:00pm Compensation Committee Meeting
26/05/05
1:00pm Meeting w/ Alex Osei-African Student's Society
2:00pm Louis' Planning Meeting
30/05/05-06/06/05
CCSA Conference and travel
08/06/05
1:00pm Meeting with Aboriginal Grad. Students Society
1:30pm Meeting with JSA
09/06/05
9:30am Communications Review
10/06/05
9:30am Executive Meeting
2:30pm Meeting with Dustin Commeta
3:00pm Meeting with Isha Dash
13/06/05
9:00am Interview for Student Researcher
1:00pm Interview for Student Researcher
2:00pm Interview for Student Researcher
3:15pm Meeting with GSA
15/06/05
9:00am Admin. Team Meeting
1:30pm Transit Briefing
16/06/05
1:30pm Imatron Office Solutions (Photocopy Fleet Lease)
3:30pm President Students Fund
21/06/05
2:30pm Compensation Committee
22/06/05
2:00pm Meeting with WBM
24/06/05
E.D.O.

27/06/05
9:00am – Meeting with Saunders Evans Architects
1:30pm – Centers Meeting
28/06/05
9:00am – Meeting with Brennan Office
11:05am – Interview for new receptionist
1:30pm – Exec. Meeting
29/06/05-12/07/05
Meeting schedule lost due to technical error
13/07/05
10:00am-Louis' Planning Meeting
18/07/05
10:00am-ITS training
20/07/05
8:00am-Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity
21/07/05 – 5/08/05
Holidays in Finland

10/08/05
1:00pm Louis' and Browsers planning meeting
2:30pm Meeting with Drew from ASSU
22/08/05
2:00pm Meeting with MLA Peter Prebble
23/08/05
1:00pm Meeting about All Ages' Shows
24/08/05
8:00am Place Riel Renovations Meeting
9:00am Meeting with Architects
25/08/05
9:30am Communications meeting
1:00pm Financial review meeting
26/08/05
10:00am Executive Pictures
2:00pm Teaching and Learning Centre report
29/08/05
3:00pm Meeting with Habitat for Humanity
30/08/05
3:00pm Executive Committee
31/08/05
1:30pm Louis'/Browsers Planning Meeting
3:00pm CFCR meeting

Sarah Connor, Vice-President (Student Issues)

I. Summer Report

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Occasional evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Daily Activities:

I spent the summer getting acquainted with my portfolio and attempting to solidify a project to work on this year. A large amount of my first few weeks was spent filing and reading the documents that have accumulated from previous VPs. After meeting with individuals from Saskatoon Transit, I realized that a UPASS would be a futile project this year considering the extensive changes to the transit system that will be occurring in July of 2006. I spent quite a bit of time meeting with individuals hired by Facilities Management Division to discuss sustainability initiatives on campus.

Portfolio Duties:

The vague duties outlined in the Student Issues portfolio, “all issues that are non academic” were quite overwhelming at first. Officially, these issues include on and off campus parking and housing, transit and transportation, security, safety, sexual violence, and equity and disability issues.

The form for the designated parking program that was drafted last term was saved in pdf format which made it impossible to update. I unfortunately had to spend a few days re-writing the application and posting it online. Parking concerns voiced by students have been numerous, as the new online lottery for parking was both confusing and “unfair” in the eyes of many. I am hoping to receive some feedback from councilors to take back to parking services to change the process for next year to better suit student needs.

Active Committees and Regular Meetings:

Weekly:

- Executive Committee
- Communications Meetings

Monthly:

- Administration Team

- Presidents Advisory Council on the Status of Women (PACSW)
- Community Model of Response

Events/Meetings and External Relations:

May

05/05/05 Office Training
 05/06/05 Exec Computer Training
 05/09/10 Campus Sustainability Initiatives – brainstorming session
 05/10/05 Met with Student about Student Employment and Career Centre (SECC) resume file
 05/10/05 President’s Advisory Council on the Status of Women Meeting (PACSW) where I assumed the role of Co-Chair for the 2005/2006 academic year
 05/11/05 USSU’s role in sustainability
 05/16/05 USSU Daycare Board Meeting
 05/16/05 Met with Disability Services for Students to become better acquainted with the services they provide for students.
 05/17/05 Met with SECC to discuss a students experience with the online resume file.
 05/18/05 Travel to Ottawa
 05/19/05- Attended the 47th Semi-Annual National General Meeting of the
 05/22/05 Canadian Federation of Students.
 05/23/05 Victoria Day
 05/24/05 EDO in Toronto
 05/27/05 Computer update training
 05/30/05 Travel to Vancouver
 06/02/05- Attended the Canadian Conference of Student
 06/05/05 Associations

June

06/08/05 Met with Jill Beck and Charlie Stolte from the City of Saskatoon Transit to discuss the extensive changes taking place that will affect students.
 06/13/05 Discussed the mandate of the Environmental Responsibility Committee
 06/15/05 Jill Beck and Wade Coombs presented the Strategic Plan for Transit to the USSU executive, Freda, Crystel, and Shawn Fraser from URSU.
 06/16/05 PACSW Calendar Sub Committee meeting
 06/16/05 Met with Wendy Novakovski to discuss parking
 06/17/05 Attended Luncheon to honor Senator Lillian Dyck
 06/17/05 Make Poverty History Planning launch
 06/19/05 USC meeting
 06/20/05 Met with URSU reps to discuss issues.
 06/21/05 Aboriginal Initiatives Forum and Pipe Ceremony
 06/27/05 CFS provincial meeting
 06/28/05 FMD Student Recycling Program project proposal brainstorm

06//28/05 Human Resources Diversity Workshop
06/29/05 Student Services at Orientation
06/29/05 CFS provinial workshop planning meeting
06/30/05 EDO

July

07/04/05 Met with Brent Thoma to discuss the history of BOCP
07/05/05 PACSW Calendar Subcommittee
07/05/05 USSU Welcome Week
07/05/05 ERC involvement with Campus Sustainability Network
07/07/05 Met with WUSC to discuss changes to accounting
07/13/05 Make Poverty History Planning meeting
07/15/05 EDO
07/18/05 FMD presentation of SRRP proposal
07/18/05 Met with student from WUSC program
07/20/05 Attended lecture discussing Guantanamo Bay and the history of Cuba's
relationship with the United States
07/24/05 USC
07/26/05 Make Poverty History planning

August

08/02/05 Met with Maxine Kinakin to discuss DSS funding
08/04/05 Met with Gavin and Brent to discuss USC and BOCP
08/11/05- Vacation
08/24/05
08/26/05 BOCP SummerCon
08/28/05 USC Orientation
08/30/05 Met with Saskatchewan Environmental Society to collaborate on Hike and
Bike Week
08/30/05 PACSW Calendar Subcommittee

Michael Kowalsky, *Vice-President (External Affairs)*

I. Summer Report

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Sometimes evenings and weekends

Daily Activities:

My quotidian responsibilities ranged from responding to the queries of students to networking with other students' unions, to attending regularly scheduled meetings. I spent the first bit of time getting familiar with my new position, reviewing documents and policy while establishing connections with decision makers.

Portfolio Duties:

My duties include coordinating external lobby efforts for the USSU and organizing campaigns that are undertaken. A large amount of my time has been spent brainstorming ideas for how to conduct an effective dual campaign that will both engage students and gain support from the general public.

CFS Conference

From May 19th to 22nd at Carleton University in Ottawa the majority of the executive attended the 47th Semi-Annual Canadian Federation of Students National General Meeting. The executive were present at numerous seminars, workshops, and meetings. The topics for discussion in said session were from an array of subjects, including: student loans, bilingualism, academic freedom, poverty, and GATS (General Agreement on Trades and Services). At the regional meeting we elected our regional executive and I was elected as Local 17 Representative on the Saskatchewan Regional Executive.

CASA Conference

From June 11th to 15th the USSU President and myself attended the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Policy and Strategy Conference at the University of Calgary. Business represented an assortment of fields, such as: bilingualism, the per student fee

model, code of conduct, the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, federal election strategy and campaign possibilities. At the opening plenary the USSU President was ratified at the Prairies Representative on the CASA executive. There was some controversy during the vote because he already holds a position on the CFS executive. I spoke to the importance of the two lobby groups working in partnership and stressed that the USSU President holding these two offices is one possible bridge to that partnership. He was subsequently ratified.

CASA Public Relations Committee

The CASA public relations committee discusses campaign strategies and brainstorms ideas on how to communicate the plight of students to representatives of government. After lengthy consideration and many fruitful ideas the final plan is to conduct a photo contest and to display the winners of the contest on Parliament Hill, enlarged and glossy, attached to a large plywood wall. Contest participants are encouraged to take photos of things such as decrepit housing conditions and other unfortunate student realities to illustrate to the government the crisis of students.

Grappling Student Apathy

Student apathy is a beast whose fury knows no limit, and doing battle with this mythological serpentine monster is a formidable feat. This hydra of halfheartedness crushes its prey amidst the multiple mandibles of its multiple heads. But because the hydra has so many targets to assault the plan of attack must be forged from circumspection, and must be and boundless in scope. The malignant lethargy afflicting our student, and students everywhere, can be countered and cured with due diligence. One strategy I have developed involves using upbeat music to reach students. Playing stringed instruments I have devised a jingle-like style that is cross between French-Canadian folk music and the recent Juicy fruit chewing gum advertisements. Students seem to like it, and we need to continue this variety of “hipster” branding in order to render student politics more appealing to our student body.

Another strategy for student outreach adopted by the executive is the CFCR radio program. We hope to engage students with this informative and entertaining radio program that will discuss student issues, politics, and services.

05/05/05: Office procedures orientation

05/06/05: Computer training

05/18-22/05: Canadian Federation of Students 47th Semi-annual general meeting

05/24-26/05: Vacation

05/27-06/03/05: Sick days

06/09/05: At URSU in Regina discussing solidarity work

06/10-15/05: CASA meeting in Calgary

06/17/05: Strategic Advocacy Workshop, put on by Sask. Council for Int'l Cooperation

06/18/05: Marched with LGBTQA float in Pride Parade

06/19/05: USC meeting

06/20/05: Academic day off, met with Student Financial Assistance Review Board

06/21/05: Participated in activities for Aboriginal Day throughout the day on campus
 06/23/05: Sent out a press release on Minimum wage increase
 06/25/05: CFS Sask. Component meeting
 07/04/05: Interview with the Sheaf on Minimum Wage increase
 Attended FNUC Saskatoon campus student march
 07/05/05: Went to student protest at FSIN headquarters
 07/06/05: CASA public relations committee conference call
 07/07/05: Attended University Neighbourhood planning meeting in lieu of Gavin
 07/07/05: CFS campaign committee meeting
 07/12/05: Met with John Conway and discussed CCPA (Can. Centre for policy altern.)
 07/14/05: Met with student government at FNUC Saskatoon campus
 07/15/05: Earned day off
 07/20/05: CASA public relations committee conference call
 Volunteered with exec. And Women's centre director at Habitat for Humanity
 Attended Faculty Ass. External Relations Subcommittee
 07/21/05: IT training
 07/22/05: Sent research to Ottawa
 Conference call on FNUC matters
 07/27/05: Went to FNUC Saskatoon campus with AGSA members to do solidarity work
 Met MP Michael Savage, chair of Commons post-secondary caucus
 08/05/05: Met with GSA President, Jon Anuik
 08/09/05: CFS campaigns meeting
 08/10/05: CASA public relations committee conference call
 08/11/05: Sent out press release on Council of the Federation discussing PSE
 Met with Student Care representatives
 08/12-16/05: Vacation
 08/22/05: Met MLA Peter Prebble to discuss matters pertaining to PSE
 08/26-28/05: BOCF SummerCon
 08/28/05: USC Meeting

Evan Cole, *Vice-President (Academic Affairs)*

II. Summer Report

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Daily Activities:

- Meet with Chris Phillips (Academic Advocacy Officer)
- Email/telephone correspondence
- Meetings with students
- General office organization/filing
- Committee work/meetings

Portfolio Duties:

The duties of the Vice-President (Academic Affairs) are somewhat split between two people, the VP and the Academic Advocacy Officer (as hired by the VP). Because Chris Phillips has been hired to work as an advocate, I relinquished most of my direct advocacy duties to him. I have assumed the role of secondary advocate for emergency meetings and for overflow from Chris. He and I met near daily over the summer to ensure that we were on the same page and to bounce solutions and ideas off of each other.

Much of my time and effort has been spent doing committee work and the preparation it entails. During the months of May and June, the committees of University Council are still underway and my participation as a student rep was required. I lined up student representation on different University committees including University Council, the committees of University Council, the General Academic Assembly, and others.

In the area of projects, I finished or continued on what the previous VP had started in terms of textbooks. There is now a classifieds channel on PAWS that can be used to sell used textbooks online. I also sent off a letter to department heads requesting copies of required texts be placed on reserve in the library.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: May 2004

Executive Orientation and Staff Retreat

The Executive had a retreat in April for transition and as an orientation to the USSU. During this time we spent some time in an informal strategy and goal-setting environment. This time was beneficial for the executive, but it could stand to be more structured in the future. The staff retreat was held at Shekina Retreat Centre and at the Willows Golf and Country Club. It was well planned and provided a good introduction to the staff and expectations of the executive.

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) General Meeting – Ottawa

Four of the five executives attended the May meeting of the CFS. The conference was hosted at Carlton University, member Local 1, from May 18-24. From my observation, CFS GMs have little to do with academic matters and attendance by the VP Academic should be considered on a year-by year basis.

Other Meetings

May is essentially an orientation month for the VP Academic. Many of my meetings occur monthly and the VP interacts with many different units within the institution. A lot of time this month was spent feeling out the position and becoming familiar with the role, duties, privileges, and responsibilities that it entails.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: June 2004

Canadian Congress of Student Associations (CCSA) – Vancouver

May 30-June 6 brought the CCSA in Vancouver. This conference contains three streams: MoneyCon, SuperCon, and CART. I was a participant in CART, the Canadian Academic Roundtable. It meets twice yearly and is intended for VP Academics. This first meeting of CART introduces VP Academics to issues such as teaching evaluations and academic appeals. Much of it is somewhat of a how-to, well suited for first-time VP Academics. There is a lot of good discussion and networking that develops at this meeting and provides participants with a body to bounce ideas off of or to fish for ideas. I highly recommend that future VP Academics attend this conference.

University Council and Committees of Council

This was the final meeting of Council for the 2004-05 academic year. The main focus was to review what had happened over the year and to receive year-end reports from the Committees of Council. The committees also had their year-end meetings to do some goal setting for the following year and to revisit where they had been over the course of the year.

Other Meetings

During the two weeks in June that I had time to be productive, I had a lot of interaction with University administrators. I met with Pauline Melis, Rick Bunt, and Alex Sokalski in addition to my normal meetings during committee work. During this month I also met with some students. I did not attempt to start any projects due to my wedding/holidays at the end of the month.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: July 2004

Meetings

July was a fairly slow month; it left time to do some mini-projects. The executive spent a day at a Habitat for Humanity build site to put siding on a house and another afternoon evaluating tutorial software for ITS. I originally had four days blocked off for the Open Studies Appeals Board, where I sat as a member. During this month, some discussions about Welcome Week and Orientation started to appear.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: August 2004

Canadian Summit on the Integration of Teaching and Research – Edmonton

This was the first CSITR and was an initiative of the University of Alberta. I was invited to attend by the Office of the Vice-President Research. The conference examined asked the question of how to involve undergraduates in research. Much of the conference was spent discerning what is meant by “research” and left that up to the attendees to decide. The conference signified to me the need for the USSU to create a stance on the area of Teaching and Learning. I highly recommend that future VP Academics attend any future CSITR meetings or any similar conference.

Other Meetings

This month was by far the busiest of the summer. Preparation for the school year is very involved with Orientation, Welcome Week, and school on the horizon. I met with some students this month, but many more administrators. I had a couple discussions about teaching evaluations and the Dean of Library search. Also during this month, I started to get work done on my projects – the Academic Affairs Site and the Where We Stand on Teaching and Learning document.

Events/Meeting & External Relations

May

05/02/05 Planning Committee

05/02/05 Gordon Barnhart, Lea Pennock, Chris Phillips
 05/03/05 Staff retreat at Shekina Retreat Centre
 05/04/05 Staff retreat at The Willows Golf and Country Club
 05/05/05 Office procedures meeting and tour
 05/05/05 Executive meeting
 05/05/05 Chloe Corcoran (Disability Student Services)
 05/05/05 USSU Policy Overview
 05/06/05 Executive computer training
 05/06/05 Tour USSU Centres and operations
 05/06/05 Planning Committee
 05/06/05 Office organization
 05/10/05 Dentist
 05/10/05 Dentist
 05/11/05 Admin Team meeting
 05/11/05 Student
 05/11/05 USSU role in sustainability
 05/12/05 Executive meeting
 05/12/05 Student
 05/12/05 Chris Phillips – Academic Advocacy promotion and materials
 05/12/05 Communications meeting
 05/12/05 Studentcare.net/works meeting
 05/13/05 Regina – meeting with University of Regina Students’ Union executive
 05/16/05 Todd Trann and Sharon Scott (PAWS) – online text channel
 05/16/05 Planning Committee
 05/17/05 Ken Ladd, Assistant Director of Library
 05/17/05 Orientation planning meeting
 05/17/05 Executive meeting
 05/18/05 Ottawa – CFS General meeting
 05/19/05 Ottawa – CFS General meeting
 05/20/05 Ottawa – CFS General meeting
 05/21/05 Ottawa – CFS General meeting
 05/22/05 Ottawa – CFS General meeting
 05/23/05 Ottawa – CFS General meeting
 05/24/05 Ottawa – CFS General meeting
 05/24/05 Dentist
 05/25/05 Dean of Library search meeting
 05/26/05 Colleen Fitzgerald (Director, Division of Media and Technology), Chris Phillips
 05/27/05 Executive meeting with Library administration
 05/27/05 Instructional Development Committee
 05/27/05 Dan Mittelholtz, Division of Media and Technology
 05/27/05 Executive meeting
 05/29/05 University Student Council
 05/30/05 Vancouver – Canadian Congress of Student Associations
 05/30/05 Vancouver – Canadian Congress of Student Associations

June

06/01/05 Vancouver – Canadian Congress of Student Associations
06/02/05 Vancouver – Canadian Congress of Student Associations
06/03/05 Vancouver – Canadian Congress of Student Associations
06/04/05 Vancouver – Canadian Congress of Student Associations
06/05/05 Vancouver – Canadian Congress of Student Associations
06/06/05 Vancouver – Canadian Congress of Student Associations
06/07/05 Student
06/07/05 Planning Committee
06/08/05 Student – Jeremy Warren
06/10/05 Alex Sokalski, Head, Languages and Linguistics
06/13/05 Planning Committee
06/13/05 Academic Support Committee
06/13/05 Student
06/14/05 Community Model of Response meeting
06/14/05 Viable Enrolments Subcommittee
06/15/05 Admin Team meeting
06/15/05 Transit meeting
06/16/05 Rick Bunt, Associate Vice-President, Information Communication
Technology
06/16/05 U of S Employee Appreciation Lunch
06/16/05 Pauline Melis, Director, Institutional Planning
06/16/05 University Council
06/19/05 University Student Council
06/20/05 Executive meeting
06/20/05 Lunch – URSU, Kelsey Students' Association, USSU, Canadian
Federation of Students, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
06/21/05 Aboriginal Student Space Pipe Ceremony
06/21/05 Student
06/22/05 Student
06/22/05 USSU summer student position
06/23/05 EDO
06/23/05 Advocacy Hearing
06/24/05 Holiday
06/27/05 Holiday
06/28/05 Holiday
06/29/05 Holiday
06/30/05 Holiday

July

07/04/05 Holiday catch-up
07/05/05 Student Information Advisory Board
07/05/05 Online text meeting – USSU internal
07/05/05 Brett Fernquist, Member of Student Council

07/06/05 Student
 07/06/05 Chris Phillips – project work
 07/06/05 Brett Fernquist, MSC
 07/07/05 Open Studies Appeals Board
 07/07/05 Tom Steele, Associate Dean (Undergraduate Affairs), Arts and Science
 07/08/05 Welcome Week planning
 07/08/05 Executive meeting
 07/11/05 Student
 07/12/05 Joe Garcea, Acting Head, Political Studies
 07/12/05 John Conway, CCPA
 07/12/05 Lunch with Brett Fernquist and Wadena Burnett, MSCs
 07/14/05 Open Studies Appeals Board
 07/14/05 Executive meeting
 07/15/05 Student
 07/15/05 Brett Fernquist, MSC
 07/18/05 USSU computer training/testing
 07/18/05 Wadena Burnett, MSC
 07/18/05 Student
 07/20/05 Habit for Humanity project
 07/21/05 Information Technology Services software evaluation
 07/21/05 Student
 07/22/05 Brad Flavell, MSC
 07/22/05 Brett Fernquist, MSC
 07/22/05 Open Studies Appeal Board
 07/24/05 University Student Council
 07/26/05 Student
 07/28/05 Executive meeting
 07/28/05 Recycling program meeting

August

08/02/04 Jon Anuik, President, Graduate Students' Association
 08/02/04 Jon Anuik, Pauline Melis, Carisa Polischuk – Teaching evaluations
 08/02/04 Disability Student Services
 08/02/04 Carole Shepstone, Head, Access Services, U of S Library
 08/03/04 Edmonton – Canadian Summit on the Integration of Teaching and Research
 08/04/04 Edmonton – CSITR
 08/05/04 Edmonton – CSITR
 08/06/04 Edmonton – CSITR
 08/08/04 Chris Phillips – debrief of conference and his activities
 08/09/04 Welcome Week planning
 08/09/04 Student
 08/10/04 Admin Team meeting
 08/10/04 Executive meeting
 08/10/04 Studentcare.net/works meeting

08/10/04 Student
 08/10/04 Jackie Swinnerton, HR Manager, **Error! Contact not defined.**
 08/10/04 Chris Phillips
 08/10/04 Executive Intro Campaign – The Dukes of Hazzard
 08/11/04 Chris Phillips – AAO promotions
 08/11/04 AAO Promotions meeting
 08/11/04 Community Model of Response meeting
 08/11/04 Student
 08/11/04 Student
 08/11/04 Brad Flavell, MSC
 08/12/04 Student
 08/12/04 Student
 08/15/04 EDO
 08/16/04 Holiday
 08/17/04 Holiday
 08/18/04 Holiday
 08/19/04 Holiday
 08/22/04 Office catch-up
 08/22/04 Peter Prebble, Member of the Legislative Assembly
 08/23/04 Classifieds channel on PAWS meeting
 08/23/04 Brett Fernquist, MSC
 08/24/04 Dean of Library search committee
 08/25/04 Open Studies Appeals Board
 08/25/04 USSU Financial Review
 08/25/04 Office organization
 08/26/04 Interview with the Sheaf
 08/26/04 Executive intro campaign photo shoot
 08/26/04 Teaching and Learning Centre presentation to executive
 08/26/04 Board of College Presidents and University Student Council Orientations
 prep work
 08/27/04 BOCP SummerCon
 08/28/04 University Student Council orientation
 08/28/04 University Student Council meeting
 08/29/04 Rick Bunt, AVP ICT
 08/29/04 Student
 08/30/04 Student
 08/30/04 Student Recruitment and Retention meeting
 08/30/04 Executive meeting
 08/31/04 USSU Online text meeting
 08/31/04 Meeting regarding Bill Whatcott
 08/31/04 Student
 08/31/04 Dale Amerud, U of S Financial Services Division

Chris Phillips, *Academic Advocacy Officer*

Summer Office Hours

Monday– Friday 8:30-11:30am & 1:30-2:30pm

Daily Activities

All activities related to this portfolio are based on a student driven process. Most of my meetings for the summer were with students regarding their specific academic complaints. As my schedule revolves around students there were points throughout my summer when I had little scheduled activity, but I still need to be available in case a student issue arises. When dealing with student cases my time is spent in meetings with students, conducting phone conversations with members of the university faculty, responding to emails, and researching various documents and policies of university council / colleges / departments. The majority of complaints and problems this summer focused on the new PAWS registration system and the relocation of DSS.

Apart from these regular duties and activities, I have also been appointed to the Teaching and Learning Centre Steering Committee as the undergraduate student representative, I have sat on the USSU spearheaded CMR, and I also helped to found the new Student Advocacy Network.

When not dealing with specific complaints I developed a new statistics package for tracking and monitoring trends in academic grievances coming through the office. I also developed promotional ideas and posters for this coming academic year as well as began work on both AAO website revisions and in developing the new USSU ASS initiative. In addition I attended a number of workshops and lectures related to academic areas at the U of S put on by university administration over the summer.

Executive Conference Reports

Executive Conference Report

I. Conference

A.1. *Conference name:* Canadian Federation of Students 47th Semi-Annual National General Meeting

A.2. *Attended by:* Gavin Gardiner, Evan Cole, Sarah Connor, and Michael Kowalsky.

A.3. *Date and Location of Conference:* May 19 – 22, 2005 Carleton University, Ottawa, ON.

II. Overview

A. Conference Information

A.1. *Conference theme or purpose:*

The CFS Semi-Annual National General Meeting is one of two meetings the CFS holds every year. Members conduct all official business of the organization at the NGM's.

It serves as an introduction to various student-related issues and provided a forum in which to discuss such issues. As well, it provided many opportunities to build a network of student leaders.

A.2. Conference budget:	Airfare, Hotel and Registration (\$875) x 4:	\$3360
	Per Diem (\$50/day x 7) x 4:	\$1200
	TOTAL	\$4560

B. Conference Format

B.1. *Conference itinerary:*

There are many meetings with in the NGM including: subcommittee meetings, plenary session, lobby meetings, caucus meetings, provincial component meetings, workshops and guest speakers.

May. 19, 2005

Saskatchewan and Alberta Delegate Preparatory Session

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

This session was especially useful to prepare new delegates for the conference. The History of the Student Movement was presented by Joel Duff. The presentation did not mention the creation of CASA. Robert's Rules of Order were reviewed and particular motions that were of concern to the Saskatchewan component.

Opening Plenary

1:30-5:30

Attendance roll call kicked off the opening plenary. Different locals showed enthusiasm through different responses creating an energetic atmosphere. CFS National Chairperson George Soule provided welcoming remarks and introductions. Sylvia Sioufi was ratified as the plenary speaker. The opening plenary session accepted new full member local associations, new prospective member local associations, adopted the plenary and NGM agendas and the minutes from the previous NGM. The delegates were introduced to the anti-harassment advisor and an overview of the federation's policies on harassment. The plenary also confirmed proxies for local members who were unable to attend and received the report of the National Executive. Plenary sub-committees were automatically struck including the Budget, Campaigns and Government Relations, National Education and Student Rights, and Organizational Development. Motions that had been submitted in advance were referred to one of the four committees for consideration and deliberation to prepare for the closing plenary session. Other business and announcements closed the opening plenary.

Seminars: Current Issues in Higher Education

6:30-10:00

A) Federal Funding for Post-Secondary Education – Ian Boyko

Boyko outlined the shared responsibility of provincial and federal governments for post-secondary education. He pointed out that the federal government is responsible for transfers, student loans and grants (including the millennium scholarship) research, aboriginal band and francophonie funding. He highlighted changes to the structure in 1996 which witnessed the “established program financing” and “Canada Assistance Program” amalgamated into the “Canada Health and Social transfer” In 2004, the above transfer was split into “Canada Health Transfer” and “Canada Social Transfer.” Boyko points out that post-secondary education needs it's own transfer payment. Boyko drew delegates attention to the fact that as Canadian post-secondary institutions witnessed tuition increases of approximately 200 % in the 1990's, the federal government simultaneously instituted the largest corporate tax cuts in Canadian history. The Federation argues that the federal government has a responsibility to ensure mobility and national standards for accessibility and quality higher education. Boyko provided a brief history of federal funding arrangements and suggests different ways the federal government can work with the provinces to strengthen accountability.

B) What Does the Research Say about the Tuition Fee Debate?

Michael Conlon is the researcher for the CFS. He outlines common questions that arise about tuition fees and prepared delegates with well-researched responses. The major theme of this presentation was discounting the myths that high tuition fees are necessary. (Assumptions that Conlon discounted are **bold** to maintain clarity)

- 1) **Post-Secondary education is a provincial responsibility, which cannot fiscally be covered federally.** The first myth that Conlon exposes is that the public thinks that federally, we cannot afford to decrease tuition fees. In reality, Conlon points out that in the early 1990's, 85% of Paul Martin's tax cuts were corporate, significantly cutting the overall expenditure of the federal government. A Surtax of 2%, which applied to people earning over \$250,000 annually, was also eliminated during this time. Without these major tax cuts, the federal government would have been able to focus a greater amount of resources on post-secondary funding. Although a strict legal interpretation of Canada's constitution makes education a provincial jurisdiction, the federal government has always had an important role in enhancing social programs. Conlon points out that much like health care, post-secondary education is a shared responsibility between the federal and provincial governments.
- 2) **Post-secondary education is subsidized by the lower income students for their peers of higher income families through a non-differential tuition fee system.** With all students paying the same amount for tuition, low fees are thought to be an ineffective system to increase accessibility to post-secondary education. Conlon points out that 80% of students come from families that fall in the \$30,000 - \$80,000 income bracket. Conlon points out that Hugh Mackenzie defends the progressive tax system as a way to ensure that high-income families are contributing adequately to the overall education of our country.
- 3) **Students get rich and should therefore be able to pay high tuition fees.** The average starting wage, Conlon points out, for a post-secondary graduate is \$25,000 immediately following graduation. By taking into account the average debt a student graduates with and loss of income for an average of four years shows that students are not able to immediately pay off their debts upon graduation. Conlon also points out that health care benefits the individual even more exclusively than education, yet Canadians share the cost of maintaining a healthy population. The most equitable way to guarantee that the cost of higher education and training does not prevent access for those from low- and middle-income backgrounds is to reduce upfront user fees and recover the cost through a system of progressive taxation.
- 4) **Income Contingent Loan Repayment Schemes are a less painful way to repay student loans, by providing a "flexible" solution to student debt.** Income Contingent Loans (ICL's) are about cushioning the massive increase in tuition fees. By definition, ICL's are a regressive system. Interest rates on longer-term repayment schemes show that the lower income students pay more than their higher income peers. Conlon raises some interesting options to replace the ICL schemes. Rather than promoting (ICLR) schemes and lifelong debt the best federal policy is to begin transitioning the Canada Student Loans Program into a comprehensive system of need-based grants. "Canada is in the indefensible position of being one of only three industrialized countries with no *comprehensive* grants programs (Japan and South Korea are the other two)."

Friday May 20

Meetings of Constituency Groups

8:30-9:45

A constituency group is composed of individual delegates who share a common characteristic as recognized by the federation. Currently, the CFS has 8 constituency groups including student artists, students of colour, students with disabilities, Francophone students, international students, Part-time and Mature Students, Queer students, and Women's constituency groups. The purpose of these meetings is for students to discuss any motions or issues that are of special concern to their particular group.

Meeting Women's Constituency Group

9:45-11:00

Meetings (Caucuses)

11:00-12:00

The CFS divides delegates into five caucuses. The primary purpose of the caucus meetings is to select representatives to serve on plenary sub committees and develop caucus perspectives on matters being addressed by the general meeting. These caucuses include College and Institute Associations, Large Institute Associations (8000+), Small University Associations (>8000 students), the National Aboriginal Caucus and the National Graduate Caucus.

Guest Speaker,

“The Economics of Post-Secondary Education”

1:30-3:00

Economist Hugh Mackenzie examined the economics of a progressive policy on grants and tuition fees. Mackenzie has worked with the Ontario Alternative Budget which has asserted the importance of a progressive system of taxation in ensuring sustainable funding for post-secondary education.

Briefing “The ABC's of the Canada Student Loans Program”

3:00-4:00

A thorough (and quite dry) presentation outlining the Canada Student Loans Program (CSLP). Dale Barbour pointed out that since the beginning of CSLP in 1964, skyrocketing tuition fees and different governments have 'tweaked' the program which has made this a hopelessly complex system. Over half of Canada's students utilize the program, student representatives need to be prepared to answer some commonly asked questions regarding student loans.

Meetings (Provincial/Regional)

4:15-5:30

The primary purpose of provincial component meetings is to select representatives to serve on the plenary sub-committees and to elect representatives for the provincial executive. This also presented a great opportunity for Saskatchewan delegates to discuss strategies for the upcoming year regarding the tuition fee freeze campaign.

Meetings (Plenary Sub-Committees)

6:30-9:15

The Plenary Sub-Committees are designed to focus on particular motions and issues that will be voted on during the closing plenary. Delegates are selected through caucuses, provincial components, and constituency groups to represent respective interests. The 4 plenary sub-committees are:

- **Budget:** develops a draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year for submission to the closing plenary; recommends to the plenary the amount the Federation will need to invest in its wholly-owned subsidiary, Travel CUTS.
- **National Education and Student Rights Committee:** this committee should actually be called the “policy” committee. Delegates discuss the wording on policy changes, the Federation’s stance on current issues, and motions for new policy.
- **Organizational Development Committee:** reviews internal structure of the CFS, examines all proposals to amend bylaws, operational policy and standing resolutions, discusses strategy for expanding membership.
- **Campaigns and Government Relations Committee:** reviews current issues facing students and determines the focus of the year ahead; establishes goals and strategy relating to these issues.

Forum-Bilingualism / Concurrent meetings of the Aboriginal and Graduate caucuses

9:15-11:15

Saturday, May 21

Meetings of Constituency Groups

8:30-9:45

Meeting Women’s Constituency Group

9:45-11:00

Meetings (Caucuses)

11:00-12:00

Panel

“Academic Freedom and Commercialization”

1:30-3:00

1) **Chris Radziminski** is a former graduate student from the U of T. His story brought to the attention of the delegates the major flaws in Canada that exist to protect a person from academic fraud. His name appeared on a report with professor ‘Fozzy’ and ‘Chef,’ whom he had worked with during his time at U of T. The report skewed Chris’s original findings and presented false findings to the public. The dangerous implications of this report were discussed. Corporate sponsors encourage favourable conclusions and exert pressure on the University to arrive at these. Chris realized that student researchers are especially vulnerable since the majority is not protected under collective agreements

compared to faculty, and the law is too vague on intellectual property for research assistants.

2) **Marc Spooner** is the co-founder of U-Watch which is a non-profit organization dedicated to expose corporatisation of campuses. U-Watch aims to encourage dialogue of this increasing trend across Canada. The major campaign highlighted in this discussion is the ‘Killer Coke’ Campaign which has worked to expose the unethical operations of coke. Canadian universities have witnessed a decrease in water fountains as the number of Coke owned water dispensing machines have increased exponentially in the last decade. Spooner discussed the tragic reaction to protests in India and South America where people have been brutally murdered as a result of Coke’s partnership with corrupt leaders and militia.

Panel: “Campus Anti-Poverty Campaigns”

3:00-4:00

Panelists: George Toter, Engineers Without Borders; John Anderson, the Canadian Council on Social Development; Dennis Howlett, the National Anti-Poverty Organization.

Panelists discussed activities on Canadian campuses devoted to alleviating poverty. Some examples include managing campus food banks, participating in international campaign efforts to affect systemic change through social policy. Panelists discussed the work their respective organizations have done to address this issue. The “Make Poverty History” campaign was discussed and delegates were encouraged to support this unprecedented movement.

Workshop: Implications of GATS on Post-Secondary Education

4:15-5:30

David Robinson is the Associate Executive Director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers. He discussed the threats posed to the Canadian post-secondary education system by this year’s negotiation of the WTO’s General Agreement on Trade in Services. The current round of negotiations began in 2000, and Robinson highlights the dangers this agreement will impose. Robinson alerted delegates to the three goals of CAUT are to adopt a precautionary approach, need to implement rules governing international education and protect academic freedom.

Meetings (Plenary Sub-Committees)

6:30-11:00

Sunday, May 22nd

Sunday morning was full of constituency, caucus and provincial meetings. This was the last opportunity to flag motions affecting these groups.

Closing Plenary

1:30-9:30

The closing plenary considered all the plenary sub-committee reports and the motions contained within; ratified election results; dealt with any business tabled by the opening plenary. This portion of the conference went relatively smoothly compared to previous years and many delegates were pleased with the results. For a more detailed account of the closing plenary and motions discussed, contact the executive.

C. Benefit

C.1. The benefit of this conference to my portfolio is:

Gavin Gardiner

This meeting was beneficial to my portfolio because it allowed firsthand interaction with the Canadian Federation of Students. The conference is also tremendously beneficial in bringing together other student representatives from across the country to collectively deal with issues we can expect to deal with in the upcoming year. At this year's meeting I was elected the Saskatchewan representative to the National Executive, which will allow the USSU to access to more resources and contribute more in campaign planning and national issues.

Evan Cole

There was very little at the CFS conference that was relevant to the VP (Academic Affairs). Any academic issues that were raised were not offered solutions and were given a back seat to issues that have little bearing on academic matters in general.

Sarah Connor

By discussing the current initiatives that other student unions and federations are taking on this year I was inspired and motivated as to projects that I could start at the U of S. Students from Ryerson for example gave me the motivation and the tools to attempt to achieve goals like ethical purchasing policies and sustainability for the USSU. I found the amount of information presented throughout the weekend to be extensive which was conveniently supplemented in the form of a binder of statistics and information to bring back to the office. I think that the Canadian Federation of Students is the closest thing we have in Canada to a strong student movement and I hope the U of S will agree when they vote in the fall.

Michael Kowalsky

C.2. The benefit of this conference to students is:

Gavin Gardiner

This meeting is beneficial to students because it prepares Student Union executives for the coming year and also provides them to dialogue with other individuals sharing the same portfolio across the country. There is also a lot of information distributed at the meetings which is of importance to students here at the U of S. Our attendance allows us to take this information back to our campus.

Evan Cole

This conference helps prepare executive members through some information sharing and networking. The conference itself does little in the way of addressing academic needs of students, but the networking with other executives can lay the groundwork for important ideas and projects. The conference presented some information relevant to other positions, but for the most part, the CFS' agenda falls outside of the culture of the students the USSU represents.

Sarah Connor

The CFS prepares delegates for the year to come. The workshops and information work to motivate and excite executives to making a difference on their own campuses. This conference is a tremendous benefit to students. I really don't know what I would be doing for projects if it wasn't for the essential dialogue I took part in at the CFS NGM. For many new executives joining organizations across the country, it is important to see ourselves from a macro perspective in that we are all aiming for the same goals and we can use each other's experiences and resources to achieve these goals. I found many of the workshops to be tremendously useful (as you will see from the comprehensive write up I am providing) covering almost all aspects of student life. Discussions covered everything from academic freedom, the corporatisation of our universities leading to less tenured professors and an exponential increase in sessional lecturers, to the history of the student movement and the tuition fee debate.

Michael Kowalsky

III. Recommendation

Gavin Gardiner

My recommendation is that we attend the next CFS meeting if we become full members of the CFS after the referendum.

Evan Cole

Should the USSU join the CFS as full members, it is highly important that our executive be there to ensure that we are not over-looked. It is important for the VP (Academic Affairs) to be there to ensure that academic issues are at least considered.

Sarah Connor

Michael Kowalsky

Executive Conference Report

I. Conference

- A.1. *Conference name:* Canadian Congress of Student Associations 2005
- A.2. *Attended by:* Gavin Gardiner, Crystel Knihniski, Freda Salikin, Sarah Connor, Brett Campbell, Evan Cole.
- A.3. *Date and Location of Conference:* June 1 – 4, 2005 Empire Landmark Hotel, Vancouver, BC

II. Overview

A. Conference Information

A.1. *Conference theme or purpose:*

CCSA is a union of four conferences, which brings together post-secondary student leaders and staff from all over Canada. The conference aims to improve both personal and organizational communication amongst student leaders and their organizations.

It serves as an introduction to various student-related issues and provided a forum in which to discuss such issues. As well, it provided many opportunities to build a network of student leaders.

A.2. *Conference budget:*

Transportation:	\$600*
Per Diem (\$50/day x 7) x 4:	\$1200
Accommodation:	\$800*
Registration (\$400) x 5:	\$2000
TOTAL	\$4600

* Numbers are approximate. Final total still needs to be received.

B. Conference Format

B.1. *Conference itinerary:*

The CCSA is a combination of various conferences related to individual portfolios of student leaders. Each stream deals with specific issues and allows for detailed

discussion. Gavin and Sarah were registered in SuperCon, Evan in CART, and Brett in MoneyCon. Outlined below is a report from each executive member regarding the individual sessions that were attended.

Attached is a list and schedule of sessions for each stream.

B.2. *Sessions attended:*

Report by Gavin Gardiner

Wednesday, June 1 2005

Meet and Greet and Welcoming Reception

On the first day of the conference all the delegates met in at the Empire Landmark Hotel. There were no sessions, it was just a chance to get to know one another. Later in the evening there was a harbour cruise.

Thursday, June 2 2005

S:1 – Introduction to SuperCon.

This session was just a roundtable introducing all the SuperCon participants to one another. It also outlined logistics for the conference and briefly went through what to expect from the week.

S:2 – Campus Liquor Licenses and Policies.

I was the facilitator for this session. It went through current trends across Canada regarding campus liquor policies and how they affect student unions. In the past few years university administrations have been clamping down on alcohol events and this session attempted to explain how to continue to hold safe events on campus.

S:3 – Roundtable: Pros and Cons of Electronic Voting.

This was a roundtable outlining the pros and cons of having student union elections online. It provided an opportunity for student representatives to improve their voting systems and allowed for an opportunity to explore new methods.

S:4 – Privacy Laws: How they Affect Student Unions.

This session talked about current privacy laws, specifically the session discussed how to collect information without violating peoples privacy. Although this session was not what I expected it was interesting and useful for the USSU.

S:5 – Effective Meetings: Rules of Order and Parliamentary Debate.

This was a introductory session on how to conduct meetings. I left part way through this session because it was so basic. However, the session was useful for those just getting involved.

S:6 – Effective Communications.

This was one of the most useful sessions. It was led by a local media expert who explained how to deal with media, specifically he outlined how to get their attention and how to stay on message.

Friday, June 3 2005

S:7 – Roles and Responsibilities of Directors

This session discussed what the legal roles of Student Union executive members are. The session also went through legislation around Student Unions, something which Saskatchewan does not have.

S:8 – Programming 101

A delegate from the University of Ottawa led this session. It described all the events that particular students' union puts on for students. It provided delegates with a lot of programming ideas.

C:9 – Increasing Students' Say within the Institution

This session explored how students unions can more effectively represent students to the university administration. The session explored how other schools involved students in the governance structure of their universities.

C:10 – Student Financial Assistance

This was a complete overview of the Canada Student Loans Program. The session was both very informative and helpful for Executive members who deal with student loans and student financial assistance on their campuses. It was particularly useful for me given the current student financial assistance review.

S:11 – Research Integrity at Risk: A Case Study

Chris Radzminsky spoke about his fight with former professors who manipulated research he had done as a graduate student. The presentation was interesting even though it had been done at the CFS Meeting.

Saturday, June 4 2005

S:12 – Human Resources: How to be a Good Manager.

This session was led by Amanda Aziz from the University of Manitoba. It discussed the rights of student union executive members and the staff they work with. The session attempted to mitigate tensions that arise because of micromanagement.

M:13 – Campus Liquor Licenses and Policies.

I facilitated this session for the MoneyCon stream. It was basically the same format as in the SuperCon stream.

S:15 – Bill 43 (Alberta): Two Years Later.

Although this session dealt specifically with a piece of Albertan legislation it was useful to hear how the Alberta students unions tried (but failed) to change the legislation. The session also outlined the fallout of the legislation across the country.

Report by Evan Cole

Travel

In order to save money and to do some team bonding as an executive, we opted to take the USSU van, rather than fly, for travel on May 30 and 31. The intent was to make the trip out in two days, camping overnight in Jasper. The first day went rather well but for the second I will leave my opinion on reserve. We added a fifth to our numbers for the rest of our journey, a friend of another executive, which changed the dynamic and diminished the bonding experience that this mode of travel was to enhance.

Conference

Wednesday, June 1 2005

Meet and Greet and Welcoming Reception

There were no sessions this first evening. There was a meet and greet time followed by the welcome reception. After the formalities, there was a harbour cruise offered to participants.

Thursday, June 2 2005

C:1 – Introduction to CART

CART is the Canadian Academic Roundtable and offers a network for support and idea communication between the different vice-presidents in charge of academic matters. This session introduced CART participants to each other. A history of CART was introduced to participants and the rules of order were outlined. Participants outlined projects that they have undertaken in their portfolio to benefit students. We concluded by

breaking into four roundtables each with a question to answer. My group discussed intellectual property rights and matters surrounding TurnItIn.com

C:2 – Understanding College and University Decision Making Structures

Ken Marcini presented a general background as to the creation of universities through legislative acts and the development of the student voice within these institutions. He summarized tactics used against students and ways we can get our voice heard.

C:3 – Roundtable: Role & Responsibilities of VP Academics

Roundtable discussion on what the role of a VP Academic is in student appeals, what to consider while representing others, and repercussions that may result.

C:4 – Student Advocacy & Appeals

Tips to advocating from start to finish. This session included info on creating a file, advising, the process, and follow up. The main idea is that every student deserves a fair chance. An emphasis was that the difference between the university appeals process and the legal system is that history applies – the academic history of a student can be used in decision-making.

C:5 – Student Codes of Conduct

The main concern with student codes of conduct is that non-academic issues can result in academic penalty (for example, an off-campus action outside of the university's jurisdiction resulting in grade reduction, etc.). The conclusion was that it is inappropriate for a university to act in this manner.

C:6 – Roundtable: What's Hot, What's Not

The purpose of this Roundtable was to discuss what projects and services offered by your student union made significant, positive impact (also those offered by the university). Also, which ones flopped and why?

Friday, June 3 2005

C:7 – Plagiarism Detection Policies

The focus was on intellectual property rights and issues surrounding TurnItIn.com. Many universities are using this site to check for plagiarism. The University of Saskatchewan has policies in place that indicate that we do not support/condone the use of electronic means of plagiarism detection/markings.

C:8 – The Lowdown on Downloading / M:8 – Health & Dental Plans: Do's and Don'ts

I did not attend this session, but I tracked down a copy of the handout. The presentation was on “fair use” and its role within the Copyright Act. I attended the MoneyCon health and dental session, but left in disgust from the hypocrisy of the presentation by Joel Duff, a CFS employee.

C:9 – Increasing Students’ Say within the Institution

This session explored how students unions can more effectively represent students to the university administration. The session explored how other schools involved students in the governance structure of their universities.

C:11 – Research Integrity at Risk: A Case Study

This presentation was, for all intents and purposes, a repeat of the one we had seen two weeks before at the CFS conference. Chris Radzminsky spoke about his fight with former professors who manipulated research he had done as a graduate student. He talked about his problem and his research quite thoroughly, but offered little in the way of solutions.

Saturday, June 4 2005

C:12 – Transferability: Pros and Cons

The British Columbia model for transferring institutions was presented. They have created a manual that has information about what transfers to what and where. It is a collaborative effort between the vast majority of post-secondary institutions in BC.

C:13 – Assessing Academic Quality

I arrived at this session late and found it to be uninteresting. I sat in for a portion of Gavin’s presentation about liquor licenses to the MoneyCon group.

C:14 – Building a Successful Academic Campaign

Possibly the most useful session offered by CART this time around. It was pretty much a how-to for getting a message out. It wasn’t necessarily geared for an academic portfolio, but it offered invaluable advice about keeping your message clear. Other advice included creating a time-line, a budget, tactics, and follow up.

C:15 – How to Maximize Course Evaluations

This was a long discussion about the usefulness of teacher and course evaluation. There wasn’t really a consensus on a standard way of doing it, or what works best. It’s relative to what you want to achieve and to your campus. The different strategies will be useful in my discussions with our administration.

C:16 – Evaluation & Wrap Up

This session was short as the previous session, C:15, ran long over time. I ran for the position of chairperson of CART, but lost to the incumbent. In the prairies group we discussed who would be the best rep and where myself and another person were interested in the role. As a group we unanimously decided that my competitor would do the best job, as she had held this position before and would be able to better influence the direction of the next meeting of the Roundtable.

Travel

We returned via the van and spent a quick night in Calgary at an EconoLodge.

Report by Sarah Connor

Wednesday, June 1 2005

Meet and Greet and Welcoming Reception

The welcome reception was a good opportunity to talk to other participants from different institutions. It was also one of the only opportunities we had to interact with the Amicus participants. The harbour cruise was a wonderful opportunity to socialize and dance since it was equipped with a d.j and a bar.

Thursday, June 2 2005

S:1 – Introduction to SuperCon

Participants introduced themselves and stated why they got involved in student politics. There were some funny comments, but overall the icebreaker question made the intros quite boring. The facilitators went through the conference agenda and discussed the social events that would be happening over the weekend.

S:2 – Campus Liquor Licenses and Policies

Mr. Gavin Gardiner facilitated this session. I found it to be quite interesting as Gavin discussed the legal precedents that have led to the strict alcohol policies that students are facing across the country. Gavin discussed risk management, application processes, education (promoting non-alcoholic events) and advertising and sponsorship. A very productive discussion ensued the presentation providing participants with great ideas and things to be cautious about on our own campuses.

Lunch and Guest Speaker

The food was great but unfortunately the organizers did not take into account the problems that would be associated with having a speaker over lunch. It was rather infuriating as those who wanted to hear the speaker were unable due to the constant

movement of participants and conversations over lunch. The political agenda of the speaker was also questioned by a participant which added to the tension in the room.

S:3 – Roundtable: Pros and Cons of Electronic Voting

After heading up to the hotel room after lunch I received a message from a friend. When I phoned her back, I was informed of a tragic event back home in Dawson Creek. I spent this session attempting to gather my composure.

S:4 – Privacy Laws: How they Affect Student Unions

Some changes to legislation have regarding privacy laws have changed the method of collecting personal information. Although I was in attendance, my mind was only there half the time. I found the session to be quite dry, but offered some useful information for collecting email addresses and when it is ok to use them.

S:6 – Effective Communications

The local media expert that facilitated this session was a joy to listen to. He provided participants with his seasoned opinion of the media in general. Some of the key messages were that there are always two sides to the story and someone will always be spinning the story to fit their purposes. The side the media takes is usually the side that is more persuasive. “The media doesn’t care...need to make them care!” He also stated that media is “apathetic, lazy and ignorant” and that it is our job to “break through the noise” in order for messages to be heard. He addressed the different media outlets and the way to present your story to each whether it be radio, TV, or newspapers. He also stressed the importance of staying within your “message box” when being interviewed. I found this session to be very useful.

Friday, June 3 2005

S:7 – Roles and Responsibilities of Directors

This session discussed what the legal roles of Student Union executive members are. The session also went through legislation around Student Unions, something which Saskatchewan does not have.

S:8 – Programming 101

Guillaume Lemieux is the VP Social at the University of Ottawa. His presentation was full of amazing ideas for participants to bring home. He stressed the importance of enhancing the student experience through creative programming ideas. He broke down what is done at the U of Ottawa in a detailed comprehensive format showing the different categories of programming, who becomes involved, and what does and does not seem to work well for students. He made a point to stress the necessity for a programmer to have incentives to increase student involvement saying that most of his budget from last year was spent on incentives. Some of his great ideas

include price is right, Mr. Hollywood does U Ottawa, tail gate parties (U of Ottawa doesn't have a campus bar), movie night in the pool, late night Ikea, weekly ski trips, 24 hour scavenger hunt, mini-bike race, amazing race, moustache hood followed by a dating show with the moustaches, and many more fun ideas.

C:9 – Increasing Students' Say within the Institution

This session turned into a discussion as participants explained the current involvement of student representation in their university administrations.

S:10 – Health & Dental Plans: Maximizing Your Returns

A representative who works for Green Shield facilitated this presentation. Green Shield, which is unique in that it is both a broker and a carrier of student health and dental plans, is the official health provider for the Canadian Federation of Students. The presentation began by listing the top ten list of items that students are using including oral contraceptives, anti-depressants, diabetes and herpes medications. By examining the drugs that students are taking, students unions can see an increasing trend in depression and herpes infection across the country signalling a need for an increase in awareness activities. The presentation stressed the importance of promoting wellness on our campuses.

S:11 – Research Integrity at Risk: A Case Study

Chris Radzminsky spoke about his fight with former professors who manipulated research he had done as a graduate student. The presentation was interesting even though it had been done at the CFS Meeting.

Saturday, June 4 2005

S:14 – Making the Most of Your Online Presence

This workshop explored the latest web technologies and ways that organizations can maximize the benefits associated with these developments. The four basic themes were the possibilities (inform, communicate, serve and activate students), your home-page, working with limited resources and the future. This presentation was useful showing me how our website is in dire need of improvements. Although we have a good beginning, the setup is not 'user friendly' and it is quite outdated. The website is often the first and only thing that many students will see about the students union and the need for it to be exceptional was emphasized.

S:15 – Bill 43 (Alberta): Two Years Later

Melanie's presentation on Bill 43 was very interesting. It was rather shocking to see the kinds of things that Alberta students have been dealing with that have been associated with this piece of legislation. Some interesting facts that Melanie mentioned were that in 2002 a survey of random Alberta residents showed that over 50% of the province viewed

post-secondary as inaccessible. With the societies act, any irregularities noticed by an investigation gives the minister the power to dissolve all elected officials of a students union. This violates student rights and a charter challenge may be filed in the future. Melanie talked about the campaign, “Deregulation Nation” and also put Bill 43 in the same category as the Rae Review.

S:17 – Evaluation and Wrap-Up

This session was very annoying as “I would like to reiterate” was used frequently. The organizers were commended for their hard work, but were criticized for their lack of organization in preparing participants ahead of time. The next CCSA conference will be held at Carleton, which should prove to be very well organized.

Key Note Speaker: Avi Lewis

Avi is an amazing speaker, like his father. His insight to the current issues facing Canada and the international community was awesome. Although many may have thought his views controversial, I felt completely energized and excited by his no-bullshit view of international politics. This was definitely the highlight of the weekend!

Report by Brett Campbell

Wednesday, June 1 2005

Meet and Greet and Welcoming Reception

This was the first day of the conference. The reception gave all of the student leaders the opportunity to meet each other and discuss various issues surrounding student governance. Later that evening, there was a harbour cruise where we socialized responsibly.

Thursday, June 2 2005

M:1 – Introduction to MoneyCon.

This session was a roundtable introducing all the MoneyCon participants to one another. We discussed what the expectations were for the conference and what the various workshops entailed.

M:2 – Reading & Interpreting Financial Documents

This session dealt with basic financial statements. It basically provided the terminology and the basic uses of financial documents,

M:3 – Effective Financial Reporting

This session was very similar to M:2, but it was more in depth. M:3 was led by a C.A and he spoke more about the uses of financial statements, including student union budgets and their importance.

M:4 – Who Should Pay For What?

This session was a roundtable concerning what the university pays for and what it does not. It was interesting to see what administrations are doing across the country to aid, or in some instances harm, the students.

M:5 – The Face Of Fraud: Learning The Signs and Establishing Deterents

This session was about fraud in a student's union. We talked about controls that would deter/detect fraudulent behaviour/activities.

M:6 – Procedures For Tendering, Leasing & Purchasing

This session was about negotiating conferences. We talked about the legal issues surrounding contracts as well as strategies for negotiating the best deal.

Friday, June 3 2005

M:7 – Roles and Responsibilities of Directors

This session discussed what the legal roles of Student Union executive members are. The session also went through legislation around Student Unions, something that Saskatchewan does not have.

M:8 – Health & Dental Plans : The Do's & Don'ts

Green Shield, a non-profit health care provider that is a subsidiary of the CFS, led this session. The speaker spoke about the potential traps that can occur if a student's union gets involved with a corrupt provider.

M:10 – Student Centres : Own Them, Operate Them, Control Them

This session was a roundtable concerning the buildings, if any, that the student's unions own/operate. We also spoke about different types of leases and administrations reactions to student centres.

M:11 – Research Integrity at Risk: A Case Study

Chris Radzminsky spoke about his fight with former professors who manipulated research he had done as a graduate student.

Saturday, June 4 2005

M:12 – Human Resources: How to be a Good Manager.

This session was led by Amanda Aziz from the University of Manitoba. It discussed the rights of student union executive members and the staff they work with. The session attempted to mitigate tensions that arise because of micromanagement.

M:13 – Campus Liquor Licenses and Policies.

Gavin spoke at this session. He talked about the issues surrounding liquor on campuses across Canada.

M:14 – Shopping for Insurance

This session was much like the session that dealt with negotiating contracts.

M:15 – Bidding For Campus Food Services Contracts

This session was led by a student leader from University of Winnipeg, whose student's union bid on a food services contract. Although they did not win the contract, it was interesting to see what steps they took to see the bid through.

M:16 – Evaluation and Wrap-Up

In the session, we talked about next year's conference. We discussed where it would be and what could make it better.

C. Benefit

C.1. *The benefit of this conference to my portfolio is:*

Gavin Gardiner

Compared to last year this conference was tremendously beneficial to my position. There were more topics covered and many were relating to specific issues we will face this year at the University of Saskatchewan.

Evan Cole

This conference gave me a better appreciation of the relationship we have with our administration. It has also helped to round off my edges and helped me to better understand the scope of my position and directions it could be headed. I did not benefit from this conference as much as other VP (Academic Affairs) have in the past or will in the future, due to my previous involvement with this position. I did contribute to

discussion and helped other student leaders by answering questions. The next CART conference will be more beneficial to me, personally.

Sarah Connor

Brett Campbell

This conference helped me understand the scope of the financial activities of student's unions across Canada. I gained perspective by hearing about other's Student Centres as well as their operations.

C.2. *The benefit of this conference to students is:*

Gavin Gardiner

Although this conference has little tangible benefit for students it is important in the sense that it allows the Executive Committee to discuss issues with other Student Union representatives across the country.

Evan Cole

This conference has helped me to refine ideas for projects. Students may, in the future, benefit from potential communications courses and IT training that I will be pushing to have developed and/or enhanced.

Sarah Connor

Brett Campbell

With my newfound knowledge, I have become a more effective and knowledgeable student leader. I will be able to bring this information to the USSU and implement positive change.

III. Recommendation

Gavin Gardiner

It is my recommendation that the President attends next year's SuperCon. However, I have a few suggestions for next years planners. First, steps must be taken to improve communication. Information about the conference must be sent out earlier than this year. Second, there should be more specific sessions within SuperCon. As it stands SuperCon is the catch all for Presidents, VP Student Issues and VP Externals. It would be better for

there to be specific programming for these portfolios. Finally, it would be good to have both advanced sessions and beginner sessions for some topics to cater to both new and returning exec members. The decision to separate the AMICCUS-C and CCSA streams was a good one, however, there could be some collaboration.

Evan Cole

I highly recommend that future VP (Academic Affairs) attend CART conferences (be it CCSA affiliated, or on its own). The first CART conference provides essential base-work for this portfolio and a network for ideas. The conference itself could use some concurrent advanced sessions for those of us who have had prior experience with academic-related matters.

Sarah Connor

I would recommend that the VP (Student Issues) attend next years CCSA conference in Ottawa. The basic information that is learned is essential to a new executive member that is unfamiliar with the basic operations and structures of student unions. It was interesting to find out however that there is no overarching board or committee that helps to provide structure to the institutions that decide to host these events.

Brett Campbell

It is my recommendation that the next year's VP Operation & Finance attends the MoneyCon conference. It is an excellent opportunity to meet other student union executives from across the country and become more knowledgeable about student unions in general. MoneyCon also helped me understand the scope of different student unions and their varying relationships with their administrations.

Executive Conference Report

I. Conference

- A.1. *Conference name:* Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Policy and Strategy Conference.
- A.2. *Attended by:* Gavin Gardiner, Michael Kowalsky.
- A.3. *Date and Location of Conference:* June 11 – 15, 2005 University of Calgary, Calgary, AB.

II. Overview

A. Conference Information

A.1. *Conference theme or purpose:*

The CASA Policy and Strategy Conference is one of three CASA conferences annually. This conference focuses on goal setting and strategy development for the upcoming year.

The conference introduces student representatives to lobbying techniques and federal post-secondary education issues.

A.2. Conference budget:	Airfare (\$230) x 2:	\$460*
	Accommodation (\$50/night x 7) x 2:	\$600*
	Registration (\$350) x 2:	\$700
	Per Diem (\$50/day x 7) x 2:	\$600
	TOTAL	\$2300

* Numbers are approximate. Final total still needs to be received.

B. Conference Format

B.1. *Conference itinerary:*

June 11, 2005

Welcome from Hosts, Introductions and Opening Comments from National Director/Conference and Delegate Binder Review/Getting to Know You.

9:00 am – 11:00 am

This session consisted of a brief introduction and overview of the coming week by the National Director. The remainder of the session was devoted to an ice breaker, which although it ran a little long it did allow delegates to get to know one another better and thus work more comfortably with one another for the remainder of the week.

CASA 2005/06 Membership Charter

11:00am-12:00pm

This hour was dedicated to what delegates expected from one another for the entire year while at conferences together. While many of the items such as respect, patience, professionalism and focus may seem redundant; the charter may make these issues less so than they otherwise may be.

Regional Transition Brainstorms: Summary

12:00-12:30

Feedback that participants gave at regional transitions was brought to the entire membership. At the transitions members were asked about lobbying priorities, policy goals, member retention strategies and the upcoming federal election.

AGM Recommendations

2:00-2:30

At last year's AGM in Halifax, there were several recommendations passed at the closing plenary by last year's membership. In this half an hour the recommendations were reviewed so that delegates could apply them to work we would be doing this year.

Strategic Plan – Implementation to Date.

2:30-3:00

A strategic plan for CASA was adopted in March 2004. The plan included recommendations for the organization over the next five years. This session outlined which of the recommendations had already been acted on by the organization and which remain to be enacted.

Issues that Shape Lobbying Priorities and Policy Development.

3:15-4:15

Lobbying and policy development are affected by a myriad of other factors. The Government Relations Officer and Policy and Research Officer outlined how governmental, political, and societal issues, as well as issues among students and student advocacy groups, impact the direction and scope of CASA's lobbying and policy development priorities.

How to Lobby on Behalf of CASA

4:15-5:15

The National Director does the majority of lobbying on behalf of the organization. However, some of the meetings with individual MP's and other organizations are done by individual student union representatives throughout the year. Through role-playing this session outlined the do's and don'ts of meeting with government officials

Saturday June 12

Getting Students Involved in CASA

10:00-11:00

Because entire student associations, and not individual student associations are members of CASA, the organization often struggles to get students involved. This session discussed how executive members could work to ensure that students and councilors were more involved with CASA. The majority of the discussion revolved around a pilot project called the CASA Campus Ambassador Network (CASA CAN), which has individual students responsible for promoting the organization on campus.

Goal Setting Workshops

11:00-1:00

Delegates were asked to split themselves into five different sessions: Member Relations, External Relationships, Policy, Public Relations and Advocacy Goals. The Member Relations workshop asked participants to identify broad goals for the year that would be taken to the Member Relations Committee. External Relationships focused on how CASA could create more formalized and strategic partnerships. In the workshop specific groups as well as tactics were identified. The Policy workshop attempted to identify major policy and research initiatives that were to be undertaken in the next year. Two of these priorities included a Federal Review of Student Financial Assistance and a national public opinion poll. The workshop on Public Relations discussed how the organization could be more visible on the federal level, particularly in the midst of an impending federal election. The session on Advocacy Goals attempted to link CASA's policy goals with its campaigns.

Goal Setting Workshop Report Back

2:15-3:30

Because delegates could only be involved in one of the five workshops, a report to the membership was given by each of the five workshops.

Regional Meeting

3:30-4:30

At this point all the delegates broke into their regions to decide who would go on each committee, who would be the regional director and alternate regional director. In the Prairie region there are only two schools the U of S and Red River College (RRC) in Manitoba. Gavin put his name forward as regional director stating that he had the experience and wanted to make CASA work closer with the CFS. Rex from Red River College, who also was considering regional director, agreed with the arrangement and agreed to be alternate regional director. After the regional director had been chosen, the region set its representatives on each of the four CASA committees. Simple because there are only four prairie representatives. Gavin was selected for the Policy Committee, Michael was selected to the Public Relations, Rex from RRC was elected to the Government Relations committee and Adam from RRC was chosen to be the prairie rep on Member Relations. The Region also developed a communications strategy so that they could be in closer contact than years past. After we had made all decisions we began

working on our provincial presentations when the National Director came in and questioned the regions choice of Gavin as regional director, while the region again reaffirmed their confidence in the chosen candidate, the delegates from RRC later reconsidered their decision so the issue of who would be the regional director was brought to opening plenary.

Committee Meetings

4:45-6:00

Policy Committee

The Policy committees first meeting consisted of selecting a chair, Ezra Edelstein from Dalhousie University and reviewing some of the issues that were left outstanding from last year. We also identified nearly a dozen policies that require updating. As well discussions began on the public opinion poll and the review of student financial assistance.

Public Relations Committee

The committee discussed the importance of having a simple campaign like those in the past, with a professional look for public appeal and an edgier version for the campus component. We talked about whether last year's "Wall of Debt" and letter-writing campaign was successful and how we could avoid future campaign flops. Many campaign ideas came to light in the meeting, including: having a mock graduation handing out debt certificates instead of diplomas; collecting heaps of recyclables to leave in a public area with the slogan "every cent counts"; a picture campaign.

Monday, June 13

Opening Plenary

9:00-12:00

After briefly dealing with the logistics of the plenary session (i.e. the appointment of Seamus Murphy as chair, adoption of the agenda and selection of treasurer) the tie breaking process for the prairie regional director began. Both Gavin and Rex were given five minutes to present to the delegation after which the two accepted questions for nearly an hour. After that the membership moved to go in camera to have a further conversation without the two candidates present. This lasted an additional hour. After approximately two and a half hours of discussion a vote was held by the membership and Gavin Gardiner was elected prairie regional director. Because the tie breaking had set things back so much, the membership flew through the rest of the opening plenary agenda ratifying all members of committees, regional directors, alternate regional directors, and committee chairs in an omnibus motion bring us back close to the schedule.

Federal Election Roundtable/Public Polling Roundtable

1:00-2:00

Federal Election Roundtable

Many ideas circulated at this meeting, and two of those ideas were significant. The first was to have students dress up in 70s attire and follow candidates around to various speaking engagements. The second idea involved running several candidates in the election, in ridings containing campuses. The “Tuition Party” would have specific colours, hold riding elections, distribute membership cards, and attend and host debates.

Public Polling Roundtable

This session basically asked the question how do we want to approach the public opinion poll. We decided to strike an adhoc committee. Decide against conducting a push poll, which would try and sway public opinion as well as extract data. Also we began work on what the research question for the poll would be.

Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation (CMSF)

2:00-3:00

Sean Junor, the Director of Research for the CMSF, came and presented on the changes the program was making across the country. He also discussed some of the pilot projects that are about to begin across the country that target low-income students.

Discussion of Per Student Fee Model

3:00-4:30

Currently CASA uses a combination of student association revenue and student population to determine the fee for each student association. It was recommended in the strategic plan that the organization move towards a per student fee. Jeff Henry the outgoing Board Chair presented on how the per student fee could be collected. Although Jeff’s hard work was appreciated, there was very little support for movement towards a per student fee model.

Committee Meetings

4:30-6:00

The Policy Committee met to begin updating policies that needed revisions.

Tuesday, June 14

Workshops

9:00-11:00

Delegates were again asked to split themselves into five different sessions: Operational Policy, Bilingualism, Recruitment, Internal Communications, and organizational Evaluation Mechanisms. The Operational Policy workshop came out of a recommendation at the AGM to establish an adhoc committee in charge of reviewing and developing operational policy for CASA. The workshop laid the groundwork for this to begin. The Bilingualism workshop focused on how CASA could become friendlier to french speaking schools. Bilingualism has been an issue for CASA because of the small size and limited resources of the organization. The workshop took this into consideration to try and develop a plan that included translating core documents. The Recruitment workshop discussed the model for sustainable growth that was developed last year. The organization reaffirmed its commitment to remaining small and representative of all

students. The session on Internal Communication attempted to deal with many of the communication problems associated with a national organization. The participants in this workshop recommended increased use of the website and of electronic newsletters. The final workshop was on Organizational Evaluation Mechanisms. The committee looked at how it could better examine itself and improve in the future.

Workshop Report Back

11:15-12:30

Because delegates could only be involved in one of the five workshops, a report to the membership was given by each of the five workshops.

Joint Committee Meetings

1:30-4:30

This was an experiment for the organization. It tried to hold a joint meeting with two committees at once. While interesting the entire process was not very productive.

Wednesday, June 15

Year at a Glance Breakouts

9:00-11:00

Each of the committees broke away to chronologically plan their year. Each committee set out a time frame for all campaigns, policies and internal work to occur.

Year at a Glance Report Back

11:15-12:30

This was a year at a glance committee of the whole that allowed all the committees to coordinate their efforts for the year.

Closing Plenary

1:30-4:30

The closing plenary ran much more smoothly than the opening plenary. It contained minor constitutional changes which allowed more flexibility in planning conferences and ratified the year at a glance plans for each of the committees. In closing plenary adhoc committees were created for operational policy, public polling, bilingualism and external relationships. The strategic plan recommendation to move to a per student fee was rescinded and each of the regions, as well as the treasurer and national director gave reports on relevant activities

C. Benefit

C.1. *The benefit of this conference to my portfolio is:*

Gavin Gardiner

This meeting was beneficial to my portfolio because it allowed firsthand interaction with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. The conference is also beneficial in

bringing together other student representatives from across the country to collectively deal with issues we can expect to deal with in the upcoming year. At this years meeting I was elected the Prairie Regional Representative, which will allow the USSU to access to more resources and contribute more in campaign planning and national issues.

Michael Kowalsky

The importance of this conference for my portfolio is to see the developments of the student movement in other regions of the country. The meetings served as an excellent forum at which to exchange ideas about campaigns and gather consensus on issues. Student associations across the country deal with similar obstacles regularly, and it is comforting to converse with student leaders who face the same difficulties daily.

C.2. *The benefit of this conference to students is:*

Gavin Gardiner

This meeting is beneficial to students because it prepares Student Union executives for the coming year and also provides them to dialogue with other individuals sharing the same portfolio across the country. There is also a lot of information distributed at the meetings which is of importance to students here at the U of S. Our attendance allows us to take this information back to our campus.

Michael Kowalsky

Students will benefit from my having attended this conference because I will be able to relay to them what I learned about the student movement and the concerns shared by student associations nationwide.

III. Recommendation

Gavin Gardiner

My recommendation is that we attend the next CASA meeting should we remain members in the organization.

Michael Kowalsky

My recommendation is that the USSU remains a contributing member of CASA. This status will only change should the referendum on the CFS be successful in the fall.

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Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.

Mission

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union exists to represent, serve and support the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students of the University of Saskatchewan through accountable, dynamic and unified leadership. It also serves to protect and maintain the integrity of quality, accessible public education.

Values

The following principles shall guide the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in all of its endeavors: innovation; integrity; mutual respect; professionalism; service; social, economic and environmental responsibility; teamwork; and, trust.

Message from the President

Greetings,

The USSU has an annual budget of over 4 million dollars, a staff of over 170 and several services operated by the undergraduate students here at the University of Saskatchewan. Each March students elect four executive members to guide the entire organization. The Executive is accountable to you; the students, and the three accountability reports completed each year ensure that the Executive is responsible and transparent.

The second semester has been an extremely busy one. The Sustainability policy initiated by VP Connor was adopted and is a first in the country, the CFS referendum was finally settled, a new General Manager was hired and students in Saskatchewan won two more years of frozen tuition fees.

As four out of the five Executive members reflect on the past semester they can rest assured that the organization is in a much more stable position. Caroline Cottrell, the new General Manager has been doing an amazing job assisting the Executive members and VP Academic; Evan Cole was elected USSU President.

This organization has given us all so much and as a final note in this report I would like to thank the USSU and everyone involved for making the last two years of my life so great.

Collegially,
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION

Gavin Gardiner
President

Spring Accountability Reports

1 January – 28 April 2006

Gavin Gardiner, *President*

I. Spring Report

General Activities

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Daily Activities:

- Meet with students
- Email/telephone correspondence
- General office organization/filing

Portfolio Duties:

This has been an extremely busy term in my office. We hired a new General Manager, held a successful student rally and will pull off an excellent transition. The end of my term is also busy because I am trying to tie up any loose ends from the past two years, something that is taking much more effort than I had originally planned.

Presidents Report: Spring 2006

General Manager Hiring and Orientation

During January I was extremely busy preparing for the General Manager interviews. The Executive spent nearly a full week's worth of time on interviewing the five candidates and subsequent discussions. We decided on Caroline Cottrell despite worthy competition from other applicants. After the decision was made to hire Caroline my real work of transitioning her into the role began. This has been made tremendously smooth by Caroline's eagerness and adaptability. It has been an absolute pleasure working with her thus far and I know that the Executive made a decision that will benefit the organization for years to come.

Day of Action

No one will know the amount of work it takes to pull off a successful Day of Action unless they have been one of the many students participating in it. This year was no exception. From the construction of the Wall of Debt to the painting of signs to getting the word out, hundreds of hours were put into the rally. I would especially like to thank members of the External Affairs Board, many of whom were on campus until 3:30AM preparing for the rally the night before. The enthusiastic crowd and the visually appealing

“Last Saskatchewan Student” ensured that we received extensive media coverage on the event and realized our goal of increasing public awareness.

Capitalist Piglet Cartoon

The Capitalist Piglet cartoon published on March 2nd, 2006 began a wave of controversy. Although autonomous, the students union was brought into the quagmire by virtue of our relationship with the university and with students on campus. The USSU condemned the cartoon as tasteless but defended all the editorial staff including editor-in-chief Will Robbins, who was forced to resign because of the incident. The USSU received well over a hundred emails, phone calls and letters about the whole ordeal. It consumed a lot of time responding to the inquiries.

Transition

Perhaps the most important task of the President is to ensure that a proper transition is conducted. This leads to the successful transfer of institutional knowledge. Incoming President, Evan Cole, and I have been working on the Executive retreat as well as meeting regularly to go over issues specific to the Presidential portfolio.

Provincial Budget

The provincial government announced the 2006/07 Budget on Thursday April 6, 2006. The budget included the announcement that tuition fees would be frozen until the spring of 2008. CFS-SK rented a bus to take U of S students to the announcement and a second annual karaoke session was held at the URSU Owl along with members of the cabinet.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors will be considering the CFS fee and I have been working closely with Marion Van Impe from financial services to ensure that all appropriate information is brought to the board's attention.

Events/Meeting & External Relations

January

03/01/06	Vacation
04/01/06	Vacation
05/01/06	Vacation
06/01/06	Vacation
09/01/06	General Manager interview – Caroline Cottrell
09/01/06	Meeting with Freda Salikin – USSU Facilities Manager
10/01/06	President's Breakfast
10/01/06	General Manager interview – Victor Goodman

10/01/06 Eng 357.3
 10/01/06 Eng 462.3
 11/01/06 Executive meeting
 11/01/06 General Manager interview – Mark Wellington
 12/01/06 Budget Committee
 12/01/06 SaskTel – Simone Clayton
 12/01/06 Communications Meeting
 12/01/06 Eng 357.3
 12/01/06 University Students’ Council
 13/01/06 General Manager interview – Audra Kruger
 13/01/06 General Manager interview – Kelly Hutton
 15/01/06 BOCF
 16/01/06 Budget Meeting
 16/01/06 Recycling Meeting
 17/01/06 Meeting with John Olson – Consumer Services re rez fees
 17/01/06 Admin Team meeting
 17/01/06 Eng 357.3
 17/01/06 Eng 462.3
 17/01/06 University Neighborhood Village Project
 18/01/06 Budget Planning Meeting
 18/01/06 Executive meeting
 18/01/06 Meeting with SIAST Exec
 19/01/06 Budget Committee Meeting
 19/01/06 General Manager hiring meeting
 19/01/06 Communications Meeting
 20/01/06 Meeting with Student
 20/01/06 Meeting with Jim Harris – Green Party of Canada
 20/01/06 Meeting with Student
 23/01/06 EDO
 24/01/06 General Manager hiring meeting
 24/01/06 Eng 357.3
 24/01/06 Eng 462.3
 24/01/06 General Manager hiring meeting part deux
 25/01/06 Meeting with Caroline Cottrell – re General Manager position
 26/01/06 Meeting with Kristin Foster – Studentcare Networks
 26/01/06 Eng 357.3
 26/01/06 Changing Structures Meeting
 26/01/06 Budget Meeting
 26/01/06 Social Policy Roundtable
 26/01/06 University Students’ Council
 27/01/06 Pre-Budget Meeting
 27/01/06 Student Life Working Group
 27/01/06 Meeting with Pat Atkinson – Minister of Immigration
 27/01/06 CFS –SK meeting in Regina
 30/01/06 Executive meeting
 30/01/06 Meeting with Consumer Services re Renovations

30/01/06 Financial Review
 30/01/06 Day of Action meeting
 31/01/06 Handbook meeting
 31/01/06 Admin Team Meeting
 31/01/06 Eng 357.3
 31/01/06 Eng 462.3
 31/01/06 Meeting with Jackie Swinnerton – USSU HR Manager re Performance Appraisals.

February

01/02/06 Day of Action Planning
 01/02/06 Keith Carlson presentation
 02/02/06 Budget Committee
 02/02/06 Renovations meeting
 02/02/06 Communications Meeting
 02/02/06 Eng 357.3
 02/02/06 Performance Evaluation of Freda Salikin – USSU Facilities Manager
 02/02/06 Special General Meeting
 03/02/06 Meeting with Greg Walen – USSU solicitor
 03/02/06 Meeting with Professor
 04/02/06 Building Wall of Debt for Day of Action
 06/02/06 Meeting with Caroline
 06/02/06 Day of Action organizing
 07/02/06 Eng 357.3
 07/02/06 Eng 462.3
 07/02/06 Day of Action organizing
 08/02/06 Meeting with Peter Ferguson – Professor
 08/02/06 Day of Action organizing
 09/02/06 Day of Action organizing
 09/02/06 This Year, Students Count! Rally
 09/02/06 Communications Meeting
 09/02/06 University Students' Council
 10/02/06 Executive meeting
 13/02/06 Meeting with Caroline
 14/02/06 Eng 357.3
 14/02/06 Eng 462.3
 15/02/06 Executive Meeting
 16/02/06 Evan Cole re: President position
 16/02/06 Victim Advocate meeting
 16/02/06 Budget Committee
 16/02/06 Meeting with Caroline Cottrell – USSU General Manager
 16/02/06 Eng 357.3
 17/02/06 Meeting with Saskatoon Government Caucus
 17/02/06 Meeting with Brent Thoma – Chair of BOCP
 18/02/06 CFS National Exec Conference Call re TravelCUTS

20/02/06 Budget Meeting
 21/02/06 Eng 357.3
 21/02/06 Eng 462.3
 21/02/06 USSU General Elections – Commerce forum
 22/02/06 USSU General Elections – Pancake breakfast
 22/02/06 Executive meeting
 22/02/06 Meeting with Student
 23/02/06 In Ottawa for Summit on Education
 24/02/06 In Ottawa for Summit on Education
 25/02/06 Vagina Monologues
 27/02/06 USSU General Elections – Place Riel forum
 28/02/06 Eng 357.3
 28/02/06 Eng 462.3
 28/02/06 Admin Team meeting
 28/02/06 Meeting with Student

March

01/03/06 Meeting with Lorne Calvert – Premier of Saskatchewan
 01/03/06 Meeting with Malvina Gersher – past VP Academic
 01/03/06 Debate with Peter Mackinnon in Residence
 02/03/06 Budget Committee
 02/03/06 Communications Meeting
 02/03/06 Eng 357.3
 02/03/06 Meeting with Larry Hubich – President of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour
 02/03/06 Executive meeting
 02/03/06 USSU General Elections – Winners announced in Browsers
 03/03/06 EDO
 06/03/06 ADO
 06/03/06 Meeting with Sheaf staff
 07/03/06 Eng 357.3
 07/03/06 Eng 462.3
 07/03/06 Responding to complaints re the Sheaf
 08/03/06 SESD Review Committee
 08/03/06 Executive Meeting
 08/03/06 Responding to complaints re the Sheaf
 09/03/06 Communications Meeting
 09/03/06 Responding to complaints re the Sheaf
 09/03/06 University Students' Council
 10/03/06 Transition prep meeting with Evan Cole
 10/03/06 CFS – SK Meeting
 11/03/06 ISO Banquet
 13/03/06 ADO
 14/03/06 Admin Team
 14/03/06 Eng 357.3

14/03/06 Eng 462.3
 15/03/06 Executive Meeting
 15/03/06 Student Issues Board
 16/03/06 Communications meeting
 16/03/06 Budget Committee
 16/03/06 Eng 357.3
 16/03/06 University Students' Council
 16/03/06 Health Sciences Students' Association discussion
 17/03/06 Meeting with Greg Walen re Referendum
 20/03/06 ADO
 21/03/06 Eng 357.3
 21/03/06 Eng 462.3
 21/03/06 Drive to Regina for postcard stunt
 22/03/06 Postcard Stunt – Regina
 22/03/06 Student Issues Board Meeting
 23/03/06 Changing Structures Breakfast
 23/03/06 Changing Structures Meeting
 23/03/06 University Students' Council
 25/03/06 Board of College Presidents DeceptaCon
 26/03/06 CFS- Saskatchewan Meeting
 27/03/06 ADO
 28/03/06 Admin Team meeting
 28/03/06 Meeting re Elections Policy
 28/03/06 Experience in Excellence Awards Night
 29/03/06 Executive meeting
 29/03/06 Executive Pictures
 30/03/06 President's Breakfast
 30/03/06 Board of Governors meetings
 30/03/06 University Students' Council
 03/04/06 ADO
 04/04/06 Eng 357.3
 04/04/06 Eng 462.3
 05/04/06 Executive Meeting
 05/04/06 Joint Liason COMMITTEE
 05/04/06 Travel to Regina for Provincial Budget
 06/04/06 Provincial Budget Release
 07/04/06 ADO
 10/04/06 Eng 357.3 Final
 10/04/06 President's Supper
 12/04/06 CFS National Executive Meeting – Ottawa
 13/04/06 CFS National Executive Meeting – Ottawa
 14/04/06 CFS National Executive Meeting – Ottawa
 15/04/06 CFS National Executive Meeting – Ottawa
 16/04/06 CFS National Executive Meeting – Ottawa
 18/04/06 ADO
 19/04/06 ADO

20/04/06 Eng 462.3 Final
21/04/06 Interviews for CFS Campaigns Coordinator Position
26/04/06 Transition Prep Meeting
26/04/06 Exec Meeting
26/04/06 Dinner at Caroline's

Evan Cole, *Vice-President (Academic Affairs)*

II. Winter Report

General Activities

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Daily Activities:

- Meet with Chris Phillips (Academic Affairs Officer)
- Email/telephone correspondence
- Meetings with students
- General office organization/filing
- Committee work/meetings

Portfolio Duties:

This has been an extremely busy term in my office. Teaching Excellence Awards, DISorientation and the USSU General Elections all coincided in the same 3-4 week window at the end of February and into March. The General Manager hiring also took up a good chunk of my time. January was a busy month for students coming in to the Academic Affairs Office – Chris Phillips, the Academic Affairs Officer, and I project that we will have seen nearly 500 students by the end of April. I will have seen around 40 unique students this term, plus any that arrive through April. While some of these cases are simple and straightforward, we have seen an increase in more challenging cases, which in turn consume more time. Another set of activities that have consumed time are my increasing responsibilities as I am transitioning into the role of President.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: January 2006

General Manager Hiring

During January, the Executive spent nearly a full week's worth of time on interviewing the five candidates and subsequent discussions. We were quite pleased with the quality of those who applied which made the decision difficult. Ultimately, the Executive came to agree that Caroline Cottrell was best suited for the role. She began her term on February 6 and has been a benefit ever since.

University Council and Committees of Council

The Outreach and Engagement Foundational Document was finally refined to the point where University Council found it to be an appropriate fit for the current University framework and future direction of the University. Discussions about teaching evaluations seemed to have sped up and the New Learning Centre was moving along quickly.

Other Meetings

This month brought the highest number of students to my office out of any month. I think this is because of the complaints that would come in from of first term final grades and class situations for second term. The executive also participated in the annual budget planning exercises – two half-day meetings to look at the strategic directions of our operations and services.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: February 2006

USSU General Elections

While the voting happened on March 1 and 2, the majority of campaigning occurred during February. While I had decided over the Christmas break that I would not run for President, during the early part of the month I began to make some observations about how the USSU serves its members and became excited about the potential for change, so I entered the race. There was a pancake breakfast and five forums, which I missed one of to go to a meeting. To satisfy my own conscience, I gave up my lunch time and some vacation time to replace the time spent campaigning. In the end, I was elected President for the 2006-2007 year.

Other Meetings

This month held most of the preparations for DISorientation. There was a large number of meetings and a lot of behind the scenes planning that took place to get the program ready for March. There weren't a lot of students though my office this month, but the ones I did see were somewhat involved.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: March 2006

DISorientation

DISorientation 2006 saw a lot of changes to the program. I worked with Brandi Gazdewich in University Advancement as a co-organizer of the event. While the sessions were March 6-9, much of the work was actually put in during February. The program was originally three days of three one-hour long sessions each. In the new program, there were four days with a total of six sessions. Our goal was to have more interaction and hands-on experiences rather than lecture-style sessions. On the whole, the program was a success, but we would aim to have higher attendance in the future.

Teaching Excellence Awards

There were another 31 nominees for term two and full-year courses, which brought the total for the year up to 68 nominees on the year. The ten winners were recognized on March 28 at the Experience in Excellence Award Night alongside the winners for other USSU awards for outstanding achievement in the field of excellence. Big thanks go to the Academic Affairs Board and the USSU staff for their participation in helping to make these awards happen. The winners and nominees are currently on the USSU website and on the back page of the March 30 edition of *The Sheaf*.

Other Meetings

I've spent some time preparing for next year and with transition for this year. I've been meeting with Gavin Gardiner to start my transition and I've also been meeting with Brad Flavell to begin his transition. Some other time has been spent working with the Executive on the USSU response to *The Sheaf's* publication of the "Capitalist Piglet" and corresponding with concerned students.

Vice-President (Academic Affairs)' Report: April 2006

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

On April 3-5 I attended this conference with the incoming Vice-President (Academic Affairs), Brad Flavell. This conference brought together an international host of experts on teaching evaluations and provided the two of us with a stronger base of knowledge to represent students with. This will especially play out on our committees and in our projects for the upcoming year.

Transition

Part of my job in April is to transition the incoming Vice-President (Academic Affairs) and this year to also transition myself with the President. In addition to time spent at the conference, Brad Flavell and I have spent a number of hours at meetings and orienting him to the office. I have also been helping to plan the transition

University Council and Committees

The biggest item that was discussed at Council was the disestablishment of the Extension Division. The plan is to split up some of the units within the Division to better serve the community. The New Learning Centre and Center for Distance and Continuing Education will form and there will be an increased mandate to the Gwenna Moss Teaching and Learning Centre. The motions to create the two new entities and the motion to disestablish the Extension Division both passed at Council, despite an attempted motion to block it at the General Academic Assembly earlier in the month.

Other Meetings

April has been a relatively slow month. I took a number of days off to prepare for and write my exam; I also used some vacation time and an EDO. I have begun to engage committees I will be sitting on next year as President, but I have also tried to leave my schedule open to meet with students.

Events/Meeting & External Relations

January

03/01/06	Student
03/01/06	Student
04/01/06	.5 Sick day
04/01/06	Students (2)
04/01/06	Student
04/01/06	Students (2)
05/01/06	Class, Math 328
05/01/06	Student
05/01/06	Student
05/01/06	Class, INTS 398
05/01/06	Student
06/01/06	New Learning Centre Steering Committee
06/01/06	Student
06/01/06	Student
06/01/06	Student
09/01/06	General Manager interview – Caroline Cottrell
09/01/06	Planning Committee
09/01/06	Student Advocacy Network
09/01/06	Class, INTS 398
09/01/06	Students (2)
10/01/06	President's Breakfast
10/01/06	General Manager interview – Victor Goodman
10/01/06	Student
10/01/06	DISorientation – Brandi Gazdewich and Barb Cram
11/01/06	Executive meeting
11/01/06	Students (2)
11/01/06	General Manager interview – Mark Wellington
11/01/06	Student
12/01/06	Class, Math 328
12/01/06	SaskTel – Simone Clayton
12/01/06	Class, INTS 398
12/01/06	University Students' Council
13/01/06	General Manager interview – Audra Kruger
13/01/06	General Manager interview – Kelly Hutton

16/01/06 Planning Committee
 16/01/06 Class, INTS 398
 16/01/06 Budget Planning meeting
 16/01/06 Student
 17/01/06 Class, Math 328
 17/01/06 Admin Team meeting
 17/01/06 Academic Affairs Board
 17/01/06 Lunch and Learn - Synchrotron
 18/01/06 Budget Planning meeting
 18/01/06 Executive meeting
 18/01/06 .5 EDO
 19/01/06 Class, Math 328
 19/01/06 General Manager hiring meeting
 19/01/06 Student
 20/01/06 Academic Support Committee
 23/01/06 Planning Committee
 24/01/06 General Manager hiring meeting
 24/01/06 Academic Advisory Board
 24/01/06 Student
 24/01/06 Teaching Excellence Awards planning – Kendra Wilkie
 25/01/06 SaskCAT launch press conference
 25/01/06 New Learning Centre Steering Committee
 25/01/06 Student
 25/01/06 Student Issues Board
 26/01/06 Class, Math 328
 26/01/06 University Council
 26/01/06 University Students' Council
 27/01/06 .5 EDO
 27/01/06 Instructional Development Committee of Council
 27/01/06 Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Work Committee of Council
 27/01/06 Students (2)
 30/01/06 Executive meeting
 30/01/06 Planning Committee
 31/01/06 Class, Math 328
 31/01/06 Handbook meeting
 31/01/06 Academic Affairs Board
 31/01/06 Retention Study Advisory Board

February

01/02/06 Women's Centre Sex Toy Workshop
 01/02/06 Student
 01/02/06 Student
 02/02/06 Class, Math 328
 02/02/06 Renovations meeting
 02/02/06 DISorientation – Brandi Gazdewich

02/02/06 Students (2)
 02/02/06 All-candidates meeting for USSU General Elections
 02/02/06 Special General Meeting
 03/02/06 Student
 03/02/06 Student
 06/02/06 Student
 06/02/06 Jonathan Anuik re: presentation to IDCC
 06/02/06 Student
 06/02/06 Planning Committee
 06/02/06 Peter MacKinnon – Renewing the Dream
 07/02/06 Class, Math 328
 07/02/06 Gary Brunet, Manager, Arts and Science Computer Lab
 07/02/06 .5 Sick day
 08/02/06 Sick day
 09/02/06 Class, Math 328
 09/02/06 This Year, Students Count! Rally
 09/02/06 DISorientation – Brandi Gazdewich and Kelly Kozak
 09/02/06 DISorientation – Brandi Gazdewich and John Ault
 09/02/06 DISorientation – Brandi Gazdewich
 09/02/06 University Students’ Council
 10/02/06 Executive meeting
 10/02/06 Cole Goertz re: VP Academic position
 10/02/06 DISorientation – Kelly Rapko
 10/02/06 Student
 10/02/06 Valentine’s distribution
 13/02/06 EDO
 14/02/06 Student
 15/02/06 Executive meeting
 15/02/06 Caroline Cottrell
 16/02/06 Gavin Gardiner re: President position
 16/02/06 Victim Advocate meeting
 16/02/06 Student
 16/02/06 Student
 17/02/06 New Learning Centre Workshop
 20/02/06 ADO
 21/02/06 Class, Math 328
 21/02/06 Student Advocacy Network
 21/02/06 USSU General Elections – Commerce forum
 22/02/06 USSU General Elections – Pancake breakfast
 22/02/06 USSU General Elections – Health Sciences forum
 22/02/06 Executive meeting
 23/02/06 U of S Student Financial Assistance Program Committee
 23/02/06 USSU General Elections – Engineering forum
 23/02/06 University Council
 23/02/06 University Students’ Council
 23/02/06 Renovations meeting

24/02/06 Teaching Excellence Awards evaluation
24/02/06 DISorientation – Kelly Rapko
24/02/06 Instructional Development Committee of Council
24/02/06 Vagina Monologues
27/02/06 USSU General Elections – Place Riel forum
28/02/06 Class, Math 328
28/02/06 Admin Team meeting

March

01/03/06 DISorientation – USSU kiosk
02/03/06 DISorientation – USSU kiosk
02/03/06 Class, Math 328
02/03/06 Program Termination Subcommittee of Council
02/03/06 Executive meeting
02/03/06 USSU General Elections – Winners announced in Browsers
03/03/06 DISorientation – USSU kiosk
03/03/06 Teaching Excellence Awards evaluation
03/03/06 Teaching Excellence Awards evaluation
03/03/06 USSU General Elections – Press conference in Lower Place Riel
03/03/06 Interview with Star Phoenix
03/03/06 Interview with CJWW
06/03/06 Teaching Excellence Awards evaluation
06/03/06 Teaching Excellence Awards evaluation
06/03/06 Planning Committee
06/03/06 Experience in Excellence Awards selection meeting
06/03/06 DISorientation – Career Development Forum
07/03/06 DISorientation – Travel Tips session
07/03/06 DISorientation – Personal Finance session
07/03/06 DISorientation – Working in Non-Profit and Working Abroad session
08/03/06 Teaching Excellence Awards evaluation
08/03/06 Teaching Excellence Awards evaluation
08/03/06 Teaching Excellence Awards evaluation
08/03/06 Executive meeting
08/03/06 Students (2)
08/03/06 Student
08/03/06 Tina Yang re: Academic Affairs Officer
08/03/06 DISorientation – Etiquette Night
09/03/06 Class, Math 328
09/03/06 New Learning Centre Town Hall
09/03/06 University Students' Council
10/03/06 Teaching Excellence Awards evaluation
10/03/06 Teaching Excellence Awards evaluation
10/03/06 Student
10/03/06 Meet with incoming Executive
10/03/06 Transition prep meeting with Gavin Gardiner

10/03/06 Student
 13/03/06 Students (2)
 13/03/06 Planning Committee
 13/03/06 Student
 13/03/06 Student
 13/03/06 Student
 14/03/06 Class, Math 328
 14/03/06 Admin Team
 14/03/06 Richard Lawn re: Voyager Place Residence Association
 14/03/06 Academic Affairs Board
 14/03/06 Student
 15/03/06 Student
 15/03/06 Teaching and Learning Foundational Document Steering Committee
 15/03/06 Executive meeting
 15/03/06 Student
 15/03/06 New Learning Centre Steering Committee
 15/03/06 Student Issues Board
 16/03/06 Communications meeting
 16/03/06 On Campus News – Colleen MacPherson
 16/03/06 University Council
 16/03/06 University Students’ Council
 17/03/06 .5 EDO
 17/03/06 Instructional Development Committee of Council
 17/03/06 Student
 20/03/06 ADO
 21/03/06 Class, math 328
 21/03/06 Student
 21/03/06 University Student Assistance Program Committee
 21/03/06 Caroline Cottrell and Gordon Barnhart re: transition meetings
 22/03/06 Students (3)
 22/03/06 Student
 22/03/06 Students (2)
 22/03/06 Student Issues Board
 23/03/06 Class, Math 328
 23/03/06 Muslim Students’ Association
 23/03/06 Student
 23/03/06 Brent Thoma re: Board of College Presidents transition into a USC Board
 23/03/06 University Students’ Council
 24/03/06 .5 EDO
 24/03/06 Academic Support Committee
 24/03/06 Brad Flavell re: transition
 25/03/06 Board of College Presidents DeceptaCon
 26/03/06 Spring Fling
 27/03/06 .5 Sick day
 27/03/06 Advising
 28/03/06 Class, Math 328

28/03/06 Admin Team meeting
 28/03/06 Academic Affairs Board
 28/03/06 Student
 28/03/06 Experience in Excellence Awards Night
 29/03/06 Huskie Athletics Review
 29/03/06 Executive meeting
 29/03/06 Student Issues Board
 30/03/06 President's Breakfast
 30/03/06 Class, Math 328
 30/03/06 Board of Governors meetings
 30/03/06 Walter Archer and Carisa Polischuk re: conference preparation
 30/03/06 University Students' Council
 31/03/06 Board of Governors meeting
 31/03/06 Engineering students – Kangaroo Court
 31/03/06 Student

April

03/04/06 Student
 03/04/06 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Conference
 04/04/06 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Conference
 05/04/06 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Conference
 06/04/06 Class, Math 328
 06/04/06 Budget trip to Regina
 07/04/06 Engineering students
 07/04/06 Saint Thomas More Students' Union pub
 07/04/06 Chris Phillips and Allyson Clarke
 10/04/06 University Student Aid Program Committee
 10/04/06 General Academic Assembly
 10/04/06 Planning Committee
 10/04/06 Student
 10/04/06 Student
 10/04/06 Robin Mowat
 11/04/06 Caroline Cottrell re: Retreat
 11/04/06 Admin Team
 11/04/06 Simon, Shaw TV
 12/04/06 Dr. Gander, Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Administration, College of
 Engineering
 12/04/06 All Ages Shows at Louis'
 12/04/06 Executive meeting
 12/04/06 Brent Thoma
 13/04/06 EDO
 13/04/06 Student Academic Dishonest Hearing
 17/04/06 Vacation
 18/04/06 Academic Day Off
 19/04/06 Academic Day Off

20/04/06 Academic Day Off
20/04/06 Final Exam, Math 328
21/04/06 New Learning Centre Steering Committee
24/04/06 Planning Committee
24/04/06 Provost's Committee on Integrated Planning
25/04/06 Admin Team
25/04/06 Academic Advisory Board
25/04/06 Reception for Dr. Vicki Williamson, Dean, University Library
26/04/06 Executive meeting
26/04/06 Student
28/04/06 New Executive transition with Gordon Barnhart
28/04/06 Instructional Development Committee of Council
28/04/06 CFS Saskatchewan meeting

Sarah Connor, *Vice-President (Student Issues)*

III. Spring Report

1. GENERAL ACTIVITIES

a. Office Hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

b. Daily activities:

The second semester provided a welcomed chance to work on the projects I began in the fall. I also attended meetings, responded to numerous phone calls and other daily duties. I have continued chairing the Presidents Advisory Council on the Status of Women (PACSW), Student Issues Board, Sustainability Board, and the Student Transportation Committee, as well as attending numerous other committee meetings.

2. EVENTS

Campus Café

The Student Issues Board hosted a Campus Café using the guidelines developed for the World Café. The event was well attended with 28 students in total. The representation of the student population was not as diverse as we had hoped but the discussion went very well. Louis did a wonderful job on the food and setting up Browsers providing a warm and inviting atmosphere. The questions were designed to promote progressive conversation about both the University experience and the USSU in particular. The motive behind this project was to move the USSU beyond the status quo and expand our services to serve students better. Collective knowledge provided by this event will hopefully assist the organization in expanding or improving our services. Posters, invitations, and a plasma screen add were developed with the assistance of the Communications department to promote the event.

International Week

This years International Week celebrations have been hailed as the most successful ever! The numerous talks and lectures provided ample opportunity for the University community to learn about issues from around the world. I attended weekly planning meetings on behalf of the USSU. The USSU also sponsored the event, in kind, by providing free space in the tunnel for cultural displays. The food fair was held in Marquis hall this year complimented by ethnic performances. The week was a great success! In the future, the VP External Affairs will represent the USSU on this committee.

Place Riel Transit Hub Steering Committee

The Board of Governors rejected the proposed changes to the area in front of Place Riel in the spring of 2005. A steering committee continued to meet throughout the winter term to attempt to solve some of the major safety concerns and the unbearable congestion in this key area of campus. The City of Saskatoon has finalized the new route schedule and has been educating the University community by having a table in upper Place Riel. A concept has been finalized that will close the area in front of Place Riel to private vehicles. This is great news for all stakeholders involved but

will probably not happen without a bit of resistance since it will be a drastic change. The construction has been scheduled to be completed by August.

3. PROJECT STATUS

The Campus Sustainability Network has been helping with the drafting of a comprehensive guideline to help ensure the sustainability of the USSU. The Sustainability Policy for the Students Union was passed by USC on April 6th 2006. A sustainability auditor summer position has been created to do an initial assessment of the organization using the Sierra Youth Coalition's Campus Sustainability Assessment Framework (CSAF). This should assist with the implementation of the policy and help familiarize the staff with ways to improve sustainability. The spirit of the policy is that after a year, the Sustainability Board will review to see if any changes need to be made. The policy is written up so that it will be easy to change it into a bylaw to be passed at an annual general meeting of the USSU. This way, the values of sustainability will be institutionalized within the organization.

4. EVENTS/MEETINGS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

January

- 01/04/06 Meeting with Chloe to discuss PACSW; Student Issues Board Meeting (SIB)
- 01/05/06 Met with Deanna, the facilitator for Campus Café; Sheaf interview; Sustainability Policy discussion with Campus Sustainability Network representative, Jeh Custer.
- 01/06/06 EDO
- 01/09/06 Met with Jeremy Warren to discuss the article I wrote about Campus Café.
- 01/10/06 PACSW meeting; Met with a student about band funding and Studentcare; Sustainability Board Meeting (SB).
- 01/11/06 Place Riel Transit Hub Steering Committee; All candidates Forum.
- 01/12/06 Attended the student fora; University Students Council (USC).
- 01/16/06 International Week Planning; University Recycling Committee.
- 01/17/06 Student Transportation Committee meeting (STC); Admin team; Met with a student about Health and Dental Plan.
- 01/18/06 International Women's Day Planning (IWD); Feminism 101 workshop at the Women's Centre; SIB Meeting.
- 01/19/06 Daycare Board Meeting
- 01/20/06 Sheaf Interview re: International Week; Met with George to finalize plans for Campus Café; SB meeting.
- 01/23/06 International Week planning; Met with Kelly Rapko (WUSC); Met with Jeremy to finalize article; Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Committee (DHPC).
- 01/24/06 Met with Tracy Marchant from the Faculty Association.
- 01/25/06 SIB meeting; STC meeting.
- 01/26/05 Met with Deanna to finalize Campus Cafe agenda; Met with Kristin from Studentcare; PACSW calendar Subcommittee; USC; Campus Idol!
- 01/27/06 Campus Café stuff; Provosts committee on LGBT issues.
- 01/28/06 CAMPUS CAFÉ!!

01/30/06 International Week Planning.
01/31/06 Admin team; Met with form WUSC student;

February

02/02/06 Special General Meeting
02/03/06 Meeting with Lindell about the Calendar project.
02/06/06 University Recycling Committee meeting.
02/07/06 Met with Tracey Mitchell about Make Poverty History Campaign.
02/08/06 SIB meeting.
02/09/06 Provincial Day of Action!! Sustainability Board; USC.
02/13/06 Daycare Board Meeting
02/14/06 Position Profile discussion.
02/15/06 ADO
02/17/06 EDO
02/20/06 IWD planning meeting; PACSW meeting.
02/22/06 DHPC meeting; Make Poverty History Meeting.
02/23/06 Attended the “Competing For Tomorrow” summit on Post Secondary Education, in Ottawa, hosted by the Council of the Federation.
02/27/06 Met with Kelly Tolley to discuss Aboriginal representation on CFS provincial; Sustainability Board meeting.
02/28/06 Admin team.

March

03/01/06 SIB meeting.
03/03/06 Vacation Day
03/06/06 Attended discussion hosted by the Women and Gender Studies Dept; WUSC proposal discussion with Kelly Rapko and Laura Beddome.
03/08/06 Reproductive circle discussion, hosted by the Women’s Centre; SIB meeting.
03/09/06 USC
03/10/06 CFS provincial meeting.
03/13/06 EDO
03/14/06 ADO
03/15/06 WUSC tuition waiver proposal discussion; SIB meeting.
03/22/06 Meeting with Chloe to discuss letter to President Mackinnon; SIB meeting.
03/27/06 ½ ADO; PACSW meeting.
03/28/06 Admin team; Experience in Excellence Awards.
03/29/06 Met with Ashlee to discuss transition process; SIB meeting; WUSC management committee.
03/30/06 Met with WUSC; USC.
03/31/06 ADO

April

04/03/06 ADO

04/04/06 ADO

04/06/06 USC meeting.

04/07/06- (6 ADO's and 1 EDO)

04/18/06

04/20/06 Met with Ashlee to discuss transition schedule.

04/24/06 Daycare Board meeting; WUSC & USSU meeting.

04/25/06 Admin team; Sustainability auditor Interviews; Provost's LGBT issues meeting.

04/26/06 Shaw Interview; Transition preparation; Last Exec Meeting; Transit Hub; Dinner at Carolines.

04/27/06 ½ vacation day; Transfer PACSW chair; Centres supper at Michanos.

04/28/06 Vacation Day; CFS provincial.

Brett Campbell, VP Operations & Finance

1. Term 2 Report

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00am-4:00pm
Occasional weekends and evenings

Daily Activities:

My daily activities consist of many different tasks. Students groups get in touch with me on a regular basis, with questions regarding insurance, ratification and general campus club policies. I also spend time authorizing the use of funds and reviewing financial documents pertaining to the USSU. VP Kowalski and I spend every Tuesday night at CFCR hosting the Student Union radio show. There are also formal and informal meetings that occur on a regular basis.

Events:

GM Hiring

The entire USSU executive has been spearheading the process of hiring a new General Manager. This has involved reviewing resumes and conducting interviews. After a lengthy process, the Executive decided to hire Caroline Cottrell. We believe that Caroline is the best pick for the organization and wish her well.

Place Riel Renovations

The conceptual plan for the Place Riel renovations have been circulated given to USC for questions and comments. The Infrastructure fee has been passed so we can count on the renovations having financial support. The bathrooms will be renovated in the summer of 2006.

The Day of Action

The Day of Action was a success. Over 100 students marched to the Administration Building to voice their displeasure of rising tuition fees. We have sent a strong message to the Provincial Government. I spent a good deal of time encouraging students to sign postcards, which were later sent to the Government.

Student Awards Merger

The Presidents' Student Fund is going to be merged with a travel fund offered to Graduate Students. This will lower the administration costs of both funds and increase the ease of application for students.

2006/2007 Annual Budget

After many lengthy meetings, the 2006/2007 Annual Budget has been perfected to fit our operating forecasts for the next fiscal year. The Budget was approved at University Students' Council.

5/01/06

9:30am Communication Meeting
2:30pm Meeting with ASC

11/01/06

1:30pm Louis' Planning Meeting

12/01/06

9:30am Communications Meeting
6:00pm USC

13/01/06

7:30am Op/Fin Meeting

16/01/06

8:30am Review Budget Plans

17/01/06

10:00am Admin. Team

18/01/06

8:30am Review Budget Plans

19/01/06

9:30am Communications Meeting

20/01/06

10:00am Meeting with Kelly Rapko

25/01/06

9:00am President Students' Fund
12:00pm Meeting with Cody Lang

26/01/06

9:15am Meeting with Coke/Jess
10:00am Meeting with APALA
6:00pm USC

27/01/06

EDO

30/01/06

11:45 Insurance Meeting
1:00pm Meeting with Crystal/Coke

2/02/06

9:00am Communications Meeting
10:00am Coke meeting

3/02/06

ADO

8/02/06
1:30pm Louis'/Browsers Planning Meeting
3:30pm Meeting with Student

9/02/06
9:30am Communications Meeting
10:00am Coke Meeting
1:00pm Day of Action Rally
6:00pm USC

10/02/06
10:00am Meeting with GM
12:30am Watching the front
1:00pm Meeting with Student

13/02/06
8:30am Review Operation Budgets
1:00pm Review Operation Budgets

15/02/06
8:30am Review Operation Budgets-Louis'

16/02/06
Review Operation Budgets-Admin.

22/02/06
8:30am Review Operation Budgets – Development/Communications
3:45pm Nicholas Dietrick

23/02/06
9:30am Communications Meeting
10:00am Insurance
6:00pm USC

24/02/06
1:00pm Coke for Physics
1:30pm Op/Fin Board
3:30pm Pre-Dentistry Club

27/02/06
11:30am TEA Evaluation
3:45 Daniel-Club Funding

28/02/06
10:00 Meeting with Student
2:45pm Nick Dietrich
7:00pm CFCR

29/02/06
1:30pm Louis' Planning Meeting

2/03/06
9:30am Communications Meeting
10:00am Eunice

8/03/06

10:00am Meeting with Student
1:00pm Executive Meeting
6:00pm USC

10/03/06
1:30pm Operations/Finance Meeting
3:00pm Meeting with Student

15/03/06
1:00pm Executive Meeting

16/03/06
9:30am Communications Meeting
2:30pm Coke Funding

17/03/06
EDO

20/03/06
1:30pm Sarah Boldick
10:00am Meeting with Student

21/03/06
9:00am President Students' Fund
3:00pm Student Awards Merger

23/03/06
9:30am Communications Meeting
10:00am IVCF Coke
6:00pm USC

25/03/06
4:30 Deceptacon

26/03/06
9:00am-4:00pm CFS Sask. AGM

Michael Kowalsky, *Vice-President (External Affairs)*

I. Term 2 Report

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Some evenings and weekends

Daily Activities:

My quotidian responsibilities ranged from responding to the queries of students to networking with other students' unions, to attending regularly scheduled meetings. I reviewed documents, policies, and bylaws while establishing connections with decision makers.

Portfolio Duties:

My duties include coordinating external lobby efforts for the USSU and organizing campaigns that are undertaken. A large amount of my time has been spent executing a dual campaign that both engages students and gains support from the general public.

'This Year Students Count!'

This was the name of a campaign adopted by students unions both in Saskatoon and Regina. The campaign yielded a comprehensive document with numerous recommendations and also produced various propagandistic materials. The essence of the campaign was four points. The points are: Reduce tuition fees, restore public funding, implement more grants instead of loans, and prioritize teaching.

GM Hiring:

This winter the USSU hired a new General Manager. The hiring committee was comprised of the executive committee and the Human Resource Manager. We did several phone interviews followed by several face-to-face interviews. At the end of the process, our choice was Caroline Cottrell.

Federal Election Awareness Week:

On January 23rd, 2006, Canada held a federal election. In order to inform and prepare students of their choices, the USSU embarked on a series of activities collectively known as Federal Election Awareness Week, from January 9th to 13th. Goings-on ranged from a

televising of the federal leaders' debate, to a local candidates' forum, to several student fora. The events were staged either at Louis' or in Lower Place Riel.

Day of Action:

The day of action was the culmination of our lobby efforts of the provincial government on our campaign, 'This Year Students Count!' Several speakers warmed up the crowd in Lower Place Riel. Afterwards the crowd marched out the Nobel Plaza where they met the 'Wall of Debt'. The wall had been signed by students while it was on display in Lower Place the week before.

General Lobbying

Over the past few months we have met with several MLAs, several cabinet ministers, and the Premier. The message we conveyed was the crisis in post-secondary, the poor provincial review, and the need for a new external review of student financial assistance, how institutions are funded, and how institutions remain accountable to the public.

Postcard Delivery

We delivered the postcards to the provincial legislature on March 22nd. With the budget coming down on April 6th, and students desperately hoping for a reduction in tuition fees, we delivered our petition to the Premier to remind him just before the budget that students are paying attention. Students' unions in both Saskatoon and Regina got students to sign a postcard with a picture of Premier Calvert from on the front from his university protesting days. On the back those who signed were allowed space to write some comments to the Premier. A group of volunteers in Regina assisted tape the nearly 2,200 postcards together and lay them out in front of the legislative building. The postcards stretched three city blocks. This was the final media event associated with the 'This Year Students Count!' campaign for this academic season.

CFCR Radio Show, "Higher Learning":

The USSU had a radio show this year on community radio. At discussion were student issues and current events on campus. On several occasions we brought in guests. Next year, radio show host will be a paid position.

Budget Bus Trip

The USSU hired a coach and traveled to Regina for the announcement of the provincial budget. In it was good news for students: a two-year tuition freeze for most programs at Saskatchewan's three universities. In attendance were several dozen students who showed interest in the outcome of our lobbying.

Council Committee on Outreach and Public Service

This council committee had yours truly as its undergraduate representative. Central to the committee's work was the "Foundational Document on Outreach and Engagement" which went through several drafting processes at the committee level before going back to university council. **President's Service Award**

As undergraduate representative on this committee, we came to a consensus on who should receive the award.

09/01/06: GM interview
09/01/06: Televised leaders' debate at Louis'
10/01/06: President's breakfast
10/01/06: Student forum in Lower Place Riel
11/01/06: Candidates forum for Saskatoon Humboldt at Louis'
11/01/06: GM interview
12/01/06: Student forum in Lower Place Riel
12/01/06: Simone from Sasktel
13/01/06: GM interviews
19/01/06: GM hiring process
20/01/06: Jim Harris from the Green Party
27/01/06: Minister Atkinson
27/01/06: CFS provincial meeting, Regina
09/02/06: Day of Action
17/02/06: Meeting with Saskatoon Caucus
01/03/06: Meeting with Lorne Calvert
22/03/06: Postcard Delivery media event
26/03/06: CFS provincial AGM
26/03/06: Spring Fling Volunteer Awards
28/03/06: Experience in Excellence Awards
06/04/06: Provincial Budget in Regina

Executive Conference Report

I. Conference

A.1. *Conference name:* Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: An Evidence-Based Perspective.

A.2. *Attended by:* Evan Cole and Brad Flavell.

A.3. *Date and Location of Conference:* April 4 – 5, 2005 University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB.

II. Overview

A. Conference Information

A.1. *Conference theme or purpose:*

“The conference focuses on the nexus between knowledge production by researchers and knowledge utility for end-users in postsecondary institutions. It will appeal to researchers interested in teaching and learning, faculty members developing evidence-based pedagogical practices, academic administrators and policymakers responsible for instituting teaching and learning protocols, and faculty development officers promoting effective teaching practices.” – Conference web site

A.2. Conference budget:	Per Diem (\$50/day x 2 x 3 days):	\$300
	Travel	n/a (air miles)
	Accommodations	\$191.52
	Registration	\$100
	TOTAL	\$591.52

B. Conference Format

B.1. *Conference itinerary:*

All sessions in room 210, University Centre, University of Alberta

Monday, April 3

Travel to Winnipeg, MB.

Tuesday, April 4

8:30 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

E. Szathmáry, President, University of Manitoba

9:00 am

H. Marsh, Oxford University

"Students' Evaluations of University Teaching: Dimensionality, Reliability, Validity, Potential Biases and Usefulness"

10:30 am

M. Marinovich, Stanford University

"Teaching in a Research-Intensive University"

1:00 pm

R. Pekrun, Munich University

"Academic Emotions in Students' Scholastic Development"

2:30 pm

M. Theall, Youngstown State & K. A. Feldman, SUNY-Stony Brook,

"Identifying Exemplary Teachers and Teaching: Evidence from Student Ratings"

4:00 pm

Research Poster Session

8:15 pm

Conference Dinner Winnipeg Art Gallery

Wednesday, April 5

8:30 am

Welcome

J. Smart, Editor, *Research in Higher Education*

9:00 am

P. Abrami, S. Rosenfield, & H. Dedic, Concordia University; Vanier College

"The Dimensionality of Student Ratings of Instruction: An Update on What We Know, Do not Know, and Need to Do"

10:30 am

E. Babad, Hebrew University

"Teachers' Nonverbal Behavior and its Effects on Students"

1:00 pm
P. Umbach (University of Iowa)
"Faculty Cultures and College Teaching"

2:30 pm
Travel to Saskatoon, SK

C. Benefit

C.1. *The benefit of this conference to my portfolio is:*

This conference was useful to help frame an opinion on best practices to guide teaching evaluations. This is an ongoing issue for the portfolio, but with pressure from administration to have changes to the system, this appears to be a reality within the next few years. As such, it is important that the VP is up to speed on these issues.

C.2. *The benefit of this conference to students is:*

The incoming Vice-President (Academic Affairs) will have a level of knowledge of the teaching and learning stage that will help to create various initiatives over the next year. The current Vice-President (Academic Affairs) will continue to sit on steering committees of University initiatives that will benefit students but will require information gathered from this conference.

III. Recommendation

The USSU send the Vice-President (Academic Affairs) to conferences similar to this only when there is a heightened level of conversation on campus surrounding the teaching and learning environment.