

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, May 28, 2009

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University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, April 2nd, 2009

Present

Adeyemi Shakirat, INSA
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Ben David, Engineering
Brea Lowenberger, VP Academics
Brooke Kirkham, St. Thomas More
Chelsea Tomcala, Ag & Bio-Resources
Han Zhang, Medicine
Itemobong Umoh, Law
Jalal Alawes, Arts & Science
Jeremy Ring, VP Operations & Finance
Josie Steeves, President
Katelyn Crosbie, St. Thomas More
Keith Kuspira, Engineering
Kelsey Topola, Arts & Science
Kimberley Dancey, Ed. School of Bus.
Lisa Dobrowolski, Education
Reid Nystuen, Ed. School of Bus.
Sara Begbie, WCV
Shannon Dyck, VP Student Affairs
Shawn Smith, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Scott Hitchings, Arts & Science
Warren Kirkland, Associated Residence

Also Present:

Matt Leisle, USC Chair

Regrets:

Ben Wilson, Dentistry

Absent:

Dayan Huang, Medicine

Hiedi Ziola, Education

Guests

Chris Stoicheff

Jordan Forbes

Claire Kincaid

Brent Laroque

Tannara Yelland

Scott Theede

Blair Woynarski

Janna Wong

James Pepler

Vanessa Leon

Rory MacLean

Elyse Schultz

Gillian Paton

Jenna Duran

Alexander Steffen

Matt Kuhling

Roger Loor

Katie Billesberger

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to make changes to the March 26th, 2009 Agenda.

USCMotion212: Dyck/Lowenberger

Carried

Motion to add 9.2 Motion to rescind the Motion last week involving the CFS Referendum.

USCMotion213: David/Tomcala

Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended

USCMotion214: David/Kuspira

Carried

2. **Introductions and Announcements**

President Steeves gave regrets on behalf of Councilor Wilson from Dentistry. She also introduced Chris Stoicheff, who will be the new VP External for next year. VP Ring introduced Katie Billesberger and Matt Kuhling from Room for Improvement Youth Development Incorporated. They will be presenting the Rwanda Project.

Councilor Kirkham introduced Vanessa Leon, the STMSU President and also Jenna Dunn. Jenna and Councilor Kirkham will be the MSC's for STM next year.

Councilor Topola introduced Alex Steffan and Gillian Paton, who will be the MSC's for Arts and Science next year.

3. **Council Address**

3.1 **Rwanda Project**

Move to Informality.

USCMotion215: Ring/Kuspira

Carried

Matt Kuhling and Katie Billesberger introduced themselves as members from the Room for Improvement Youth Development, which is a Saskatoon youth based not for profit organization that seeks to foster social development to help youth in disadvantaged situations. They are also members of the USSU. They stated that this year they launched a project called Inside Rwanda, a documentary type project. They selected 11 participants out of 33 applicants to go to Rwanda in August 2009 to investigate the threats and opportunities facing youth in that region. They will fly to Nairobi, through Uganda and on to Rwanda thus making their way to Tanzania. The bulk of their travels will be focused mostly in Rwanda and particularly in the community of Musasa where there is an orphanage called Ruli Orphanage. There are over 900 orphans, many who have orphaned by the HIV/AIDS Epidemic. The purpose of the documentary is to create a model for other NGO's in terms of creating awareness, transferring funds and resources to overseas initiatives, as well as educating themselves and Saskatchewan youth. Most of the profits from the documentary will be going back to the orphanage in Musasa.

Matt Kuhling stated that they were there to inform everyone of the project and to inform them of the event at the Odeon next Thursday night. They are selling tickets in the tunnel. They are 11 students from multi-disciplinary colleges doing everything they can, who are doing this on their own to raise awareness. He stated they would be back on campus in September and hoping to have the documentary done by Christmas. They will be doing screenings of it and trying to get the word out there as much as possible. They wanted to thank the groups that helped them out thus far, such as ASSU, African Students Association, Psychology and the President's office to name a few. They thanked the Board for its time and asked if there were any questions.

President Steeves wanted to thank them for going ahead with this project. Matt wanted it noted that they will be in the tunnel the following day and anyone could come by to ask questions and get tickets for Thursday night's function at the Odeon. There were pamphlets available for those that wanted them.

Motion to back to Formality.

USCMotion216: Steeves/Lowenberger

Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – March 26, 2009

Chair Leisle noted that he had a copy of the minutes but he didn't think the final copy had been sent out to Council yet. VP Ring declared point of information on this topic. The final draft was sent out at 5 pm therefore he didn't feel that they could pass them now unless everyone has had a chance to go over them. Chair Leisle advised he agreed with this unless there was any opposition.

President Steeves wanted to note that if anyone had any changes required to please send them directly by e-mail to the Administrative Assistant, as this is the last meeting of student Council. She stated that this would be the final chance to have input, unless one is MSC again next year.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes-Mar.31-2009

4.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes-Mar.19-2009

4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes- Mar.18th & 25th, 2009

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the Executive, OFB & Sustainability minutes.

USCMotion217: Dyck/Umoh

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

VP Lowenberger wanted to let everyone know that the grand opening of the

ground floor of the Library was March 30th, 2009. Herself and members of the Academic Affairs Board attended a meeting about a month ago regarding this. There were discussions about safe study and noted that right now it is a pilot project and it will be open until approximately 1:00 am. There is hope for the future of this becoming a 24 hr safe study space for students. She wanted to mention this as many VP Academics have lobbied for in the past regarding extended library hours. She wanted to thank the Administration for acting on this and if there are any questions or comments, to please let her know.

Councilor Kirkham wanted it noted that she attended the Undergraduate Forum and stated that President Steeves and VP Lowenberger gave an excellent presentation on what the Board does and all those in governance and she wanted to give praise to them for their hard work.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Accomplishments

VP Lowenberger stated that the Executive wanted accomplishments added to the agenda to give everyone an update on what achievements have been obtained this year that they may or may not know about, but also to give a shout out to all the MSC's to see what accomplishments have happened in their Colleges that they wanted to talk about.

VP Dyck stated she wanted this considered their verbal accountabilities in one respect as accountabilities would not be going out until the end of April and some on the Board would no longer be around. She stated they simply wanted to go through their year and ask the MSC to go through the highlights in their individual Colleges. She stated that the USSU Housing Report; Living Well, Learning Well was submitted to the Provincial and Municipal Governments as well as the University. The immediate outcome was \$15,000,000 from the Province for student housing. She noted that a copy of this report could be downloaded at the USSU website and she wanted to thank all for speaking out on this issue and all the hard work everyone put into the housing matters. She stated that there were four coffee houses put on this year for the Victim Advocate, Help Center, the Pride and Women's Centers as well as the Food Center. These were held at Browsers. She helped create the Campus Safety Advisory Committee, which included Safe Walk. There were 2 spoken open mics in Browsers this year and both Browsers and Louis' are thinking about keeping some sort of weekly or monthly open mic on their radar. She also delivered the "How to Be a Sustainable Citizen" presentation to the USC and to the public, done twice this year by herself, and there was also the "Green Yourself Week", which was recognized by the United Nations University and RC Saskatchewan as an innovative project to increase the capacity for development in Saskatchewan, and there is an award in the USSU office for that. That award was a result of the nuclear debate, the Green Fair in the tunnel, planter gardening and vermi-composting workshop, films, Road Rules and Winter Biking workshop, the

Green Housing workshop, and the CFS Sustainability tour, that featured speakers such as Severin Suzuki. She was also the co-organizer of the “Is Renewable Doable?” panel and thanked the Sustainability Board for supporting it. She also thanked the Sustainability Board for supporting “The Great Tar Sands Debate”. The board also organized two “muggings” on campus and an Anti-Idle campaign. She was also the organizer of USSU classroom talks, going into first year classrooms and discussed what the USSU was, what it does for students, and how to get involved. The Sustainability Board also put on a Green Gifts campaign and there is a list now on Facebook of all the things that you can do around Christmas time and during other special events to keep your gift giving green. She also said that she was privileged to discuss childcare issues with various university administrators, including the University President. This is now a main agenda item for the President’s Advisor on the Status of Women and it has also been brought to her attention that there are other sectors of the University that are taking great interest after this year’s discussion, and speculated that possibly in the future it will be daycares on campus getting funding, not just housing. She, along with the Sustainability Board, also hosted International Week and was one of the main organizers of the 4th Annual Saskatchewan Environmental Film Festival that took place on campus the previous weekend. Also, they are in the process of developing a bike tool rental service, to be located in the equipment room in the PAC. There was also an increased push, in regards to the sustainability issues brought up at the AGM. There was also partnership with Campus Safety and the Move US committee to sell used bikes at low cost to students in September. She was also involved in the University’s Foundational Document for International Activities, which laid out recommendations to better internationalize our campus. This document was brought to the Planning and Priorities board to be reviewed by the International Activities Committee. In addition, she brought the Roadmap 2020 Sustainability Champion Membership to the USC and it was passed unanimously.

VP Lowenberger stated that she lobbied for early posting of exam schedules this year, and collaborated with the registrar. As a result, the schedule was posted in record time in both semesters. She also worked together to create a survey, which received the response of 1500 students regarding posting the exam schedule prior to registration. Herself and the registrar are currently examining the data and results from that survey. She also developed strategies aimed at a local and national level for decreasing the cost of books and other academic materials. She accomplished this with the help of the Academic Affairs Board to create the “Be Book Smart” campaign. They implemented the Bookstore Advisory Committee to look at solutions and looked at a national level with the Canadian Roundtable of Academic Materials, which had VP Academics and bookstore managers from across the country, who talked to publishers, worked with copyright, and looked at solutions to help ease the financial burden of textbooks and academic materials. She, along with Brett Suwinski, Academic Affairs Officer, delivered a simplified policy campaign to educate students about university policy and their academic rights. Posters were circulated throughout campus. She also advocated for increased resourcing and accessibility of academic advising. This is currently being

addressed by the undergraduate forum. There is a recommendation going forth in regard to increasing resourcing going towards this student service. An academic advising survey was created and over 700 students responded. A USSU Academic Advising award was created, and an Academic Advising Awareness Week was delivered. Another initiative that was examined was transfer credits. She was the first student representative from the U of S to sit on the SASKAT committee, which is a committee aimed at helping students move between post-secondary institutions by easing the portability of credits. With the help of the Academic Affairs Board, they reviewed the current exam regulations and the support from the board helped to put forth recommendations to the University regarding such things as course delivery, method of scheduling exams, and input on a social networking document. The social networking document will state guidelines regarding things such as Facebook and will outline student protection in regard to that. There were five sessions of “Disorientation” coordinated with university alumni. The Academic Affairs Officer coordinated an Integrity Week, and the USSU Experience in Excellence Awards.

VP Ring was called forward, but stated that he was more interested in what other people had accomplished, as everyone had heard about Place Riel, the budget, and campus groups.

Councilor Dobrowolski mentioned that she was particularly proud of the efforts of their main fundraiser, SESH (Sciences Education Student Helpers), which raised over \$13000 towards schools in Saskatoon who are in need of funding.

Councilor Dancey stated that LB5Q was an immense success with a record turnout. In addition, the charity fundraiser raised \$30000, which was matched by Murray Edwards. This created a \$60000 donation to the Childrens’ Hospital. Also, 5 Days for the Homeless raised \$12000.

Councilor Tomcala noted that \$10000 was donated to Telemiracle, right from the pockets of students in Agriculture and Bioresources. Also, the Range team traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to take the Range Land exam. The best placing was fourth overall, out of hundreds of students. Also, they hosted the World Association of Agricultural Councils, where other agricultural societies from different universities around North America came to Saskatchewan for tours and learned about the agriculture industry. There were also contributions to numerous other charities. She mentioned that it is important to work on the issue of student apathy next year.

Councilor David stated that the fundraising done by the Saskatoon Engineering Students Society amounted to over \$9000 for the year.

Councilor Begbie stated that much of what has been going in Vet. Med this year has been related to preparations for next year. There will be a symposium next year, where Vet. Students from across Canada will come to Saskatoon for networking

and a guest speaker in the area of animal welfare. Also, Vetelevision will be hosted, where the general public gets to see what goes on in the Vet. Profession and learn about different specializations. There were many first years that turned out for the WCVSA elections and there was significant interest. There was a significant amount of change going on at the school, with a large amount of construction and the changing of both deans. A significant amount of funds were given to the SPCA and their projects in Africa, in addition to several clubs, although there were limited funds coming in this year. She noted that she was quite impressed with the increased awareness of sustainability issues within her college.

President Steeves brought up the previously mentioned Undergraduate Forum. The presentation that she and VP Lowenberger delivered provided information in regard to student government on campus in general, in addition to student government from the USSU. She talked about how these groups have significant benefits to the university community, and university administrators really need to help foster involvement in student government and support the government that is in place. She noted that \$110 000 has been raised for charity this year by the various Councils represented at this meeting, and that most of the money came from the efforts of volunteers. President Steeves commended all of the student societies for their efforts and noted that there is a misconception about student societies and student government – that many students see these groups as having a focus on drinking and other recreational activities. However, these groups are providing significant amounts of services, support, and representation, in addition to improving morale on campus. She then commended people who are involved for making a difference on campus and noted that the real importance of student government on campus has been emphasized at this meeting. She then highlighted some of the important recommendations that have been made such as faculty and administration beginning to understand the student government in their colleges, and supporting them, in addition to encouraging recognition of student government and getting rid of the many misunderstandings that are out there. Also, she talked about more recognition for student involvement, comparative to the President's Service Medal. She referred to her previous experience as an MSC, and how the significant amount of time and effort put in tends not to be recognized. She then mentioned an idea in progress for an official transcript for involvement, or providing class credit in exchange for involvement. She expressed that there is a hope as a result of the presentation given, there will be increased awareness of student government, and extending the presentation to groups such as University Council, Senate, and the Board of Governors to get the idea out about what student government is really out there.

President Steeves then talked about some accomplishments. The film festival brought out twice as many entries from last year to this year. She felt that the UPASS was quite successful, at 80% support compared to the U of R, where their UPASS *failed* by 70%. She commented on how her role has allowed her to be involved in a diverse array of things within the USSU: supporting VP Lowenberger with the textbook campaign and the undergraduate academic forum; supporting VP

Dyck on sustainability issues; supporting VP Ring with Place Riel; in addition to helping create a document on affordability and accessibility of post-secondary education in Saskatchewan. She also mentioned the USC handbooks, being on the Place Riel Steering Committee, involvement with the Board of Governors, new (sustainable) water fountains, and drafting a new Standard of Student Conduct that is fair, and protects students. Also, she worked for things like tuition fee freezes, housing, scholarships, bursaries and post-secondary student support programs. She has also become involved in the Regional Arts and Sciences Committee, which deals with off-campus learning sites, and making connections there by bringing things like student cards, removing infrastructure fees from students who do not use Place Riel, and providing representation. Also, there was a focus on making the transition from Executive to Executive smoother, by creating transition documents that can become living documents for future Executives to add to, and make improvements along the way. She noted that it has been very important to bring information to Council and use Council to make decisions. President Steeves ended by commending the student societies once again for their efforts and to encourage them to be sure to celebrate their achievements.

VP Ring expressed thanks and continued with a message on behalf of senior management of the USSU. He thanked Council for giving a mandate, and that they have been faced with many large decisions, in terms of infrastructure, a CFS vote, making decisions on behalf of colleagues and peers, and the present and future students. He was impressed with the good turnouts, input, the mandate, and how the strategic direction has been set for the USSU. He said that next year's Council would definitely have a lot to live up to.

Councilor Kirkham commented on the accomplishments of the STMSU, in regards to their date auction and other successful events that went on throughout the year. There were many new people and a lot of new interest that came out of the recent elections.

Councilor Cleaveley talked about the Kin Classic Hockey Tournament, the Road Hockey Tournament, and other various charitable donations.

Councilor Smith noted that \$1500 was raised to support SWITCH. Also, 100 pharmacy students traveled to St. Johns, and nine students are going to the Dietitian Canada Conference this year.

Councilor Umoh commented on the charitable event Legal Follies, donations to the Food Bank, and clothing drive.

Councilor Topola said that Arts and Science raised a lot of money this year through the sale of fair trade coffee, with the proceeds going to the SPCA and other charities. She noted that the Meet the Prof Mixer was also successful, and it allowed an opportunity for students to meet their professors at Louis', and have appetizers and drinks.

9.2 Motion to Rescind Last Week's CFS Motion

Chair Leisle provided more background information on this issue. The motion passed last week to hold a referendum in the 2009-2010 school year provided that the 2005 Elections Board recommendations were followed, that the USSU Chief Returning Officer, and Assistant Chief Returning Officer were appointed to the Referendum Oversight Committee, that the USSU Governing Bylaw #4 would be the governing document of the referendum, and that if any provisions were not followed that the USSU cease to recognize the effective membership in the CFS. This motion would be removed from the records and it would be up to next year's Council to determine the next steps to take.

Councilor Kirkland stated that he is bringing this issue forward is due to gross misinformation, which heavily influenced the decision made by USC. The constitution for the CFS could not be found, but rather a brief version of it was provided. Also, indicated during the debate, the rules of the CFS constitution could be aligned to adopt the EB policies, which is not, in fact, the case. When he was able to get a copy of the CFS constitution, he found that it, in fact, negates the power of the Elections Board. Specifically, the Referendum Oversight Committee shall be responsible for the following: 1) establishing the notice requirement for the referendum in accordance with Section 4c of this bylaw and ensuring that notice is posted, 2) establishing the campaign period in accordance with section 4d of this bylaw, 3) approving all campaign material in accordance with section 4e of this bylaw, and removing campaign materials that have not been approved, 4) deciding the number and locations of polling stations, 5) setting the hours of voting in accordance of section 4f of this bylaw, 6) overseeing all aspects of voting, 7) counting the ballots following the vote, 8) and establishing all other rules and regulations for the vote. This negates our elections board, which was not indicated in the discussion. He noted that it was indicated by President Steeves that CFS was willing to work through whatever problems they have; however they also indicated that under no circumstances will they change their constitution. It was also indicated that our CRO and ACRO would immediately appointed to the ROC to discuss what problems were being had, however the terms of those two contracts are up on April 30, so discussions that may have happened over the summer will not happen.

Councilor Kirkland commented that there seemed to also be a lot of confusion around the opinion of the lawyer. The lawyer's opinion was "screw them, get out of the position and find something new". He also said when questioned about the motion that was passed, he reflects: "No changes, and solves no problems". His opinion is that we are in the same boat with this motion on the table. He noted that this information should have been made available for the debate, and commented that it is not just one problem; it is a lot of problems. Councilor Kirkland suggested that there is a need to have another discussion to evaluate all of the correct

information, discussions that we have had, the constitutions, and the problems that exist between the two organizations.

VP Dyck asked for clarification about the motion to rescind.

Chairman Leisle stated that a motion to rescind a motion is laid out in Section 35 of Robert's Rule of Order, and basically it is an opportunity that when Council feels they have made a mistake, or that the information is not there, Council has the ability to rescind or amend it. He stated that in this case, previous notice was not given, meaning that it will require a 2/3 majority to pass.

VP Ring brought up the phrasing in the motion that it "will be considered at another time". He said that the original motion would revert back to a referendum within 24 months, so is it really fair to give the new Council about a month to figure this all out? Is it really fair to do that, to actually rescind this motion and debate it another time, with a brand new Council and Executive coming in?

Councilor Kirkland said that fortunately he would be sitting on next year's Executive, specifically as the President, and an amendment can be made and another date can be set, but as there was misinformation last time and the information should have been present, the hands of Council should not be tied.

President Steeves said that she did not think there was misinformation, likely misunderstanding. She goes on to say that it was made clear that there were problems in the process, that is why the original motion was made to start the conversation, and that conversation still needs to happen to get this down to the bottom of what the issues are. It said that when the next ACRO and CRO are elected, they would become part of the ROC. The motion was made to get the conversation started and if it is not able to happen, we will stop being prospective members.

Councilor David commented that at last week's meeting it was presented to Council that we would in fact be working with the CFS in order to make this referendum go through, but it has come to light that in order for this to happen, either our bylaw or their bylaw has to change in order for it to be a binding referendum. They have to mesh. They don't mesh. He stated that he does not believe that the USSU is willing to change their bylaw to adopt the CFS's ways and he does not think they are going to change to adopt our ways. That would involve a special general meeting to change the bylaw, in either case, or an annual general meeting. With the information now available, he indicated that Council was mistaken last week and it needs to be reconsidered now, in terms of the course of action to be taken.

Councilor Crosbie commented that she now supports this, even though last week she abstained due to being incredibly confused about the issue, and that there has been limited time available to sit down, examine it, and made an informed decision. She said that full time students should not be burdened with trying to figure this out

and there should be a board that is capable of reviewing all of the information and making an informed decision.

Councilor Kirkland noted that the emphasis was on the considerable misinformation presented at the previous meeting. He noted that he even did not understand the clash between the two constitutions until that afternoon. He stated that there were a lot of problems and the information should have been in there.

Councilor Umoh spoke in support of the motion, indicating that if Council does not reconsider the original motion, it puts everyone in an uncertain situation. He said that, based on the previous discussions and the perspective of the lawyer, this will not be a good situation to be in if it is not re-examined.

Councilor Tomcala also spoke about time constraints inhibiting her from making an informed decision on the topic. She said that in the week of time available before the debate, there was no time available to read through the content. She also commented that it would take several hours of reading to make an informed decision, as say, President Steeves, Councilor Kirkland, or Councilor David.

VP Ring asked Chair Leisle if the October 2007 motion was still in effect even with rescinding this motion. Would there have to be two motions rescinded, one from last week and one from October 2007, to fulfill this objective?

Chair Leisle replied that the motion made last week effectively overwrites the previous motion, in that one it stated that a referendum would take place within 24 months (between October 2007 and October 2009). This motion is saying that the referendum is going to be taking place in the 2009-2010 school year. To rescind the motion would result in the referendum still being held within 24 months. If that referendum was not to happen, it is uncertain what repercussions would apply.

President Steeves cautioned against rescinding the motion because she felt that it would send the message that we are nothing in the CFS and she did not think that was the intent of this motion by any means. If that is the case, then perhaps a new motion will need to be made to extend it even further, for the 2009-10 year, so that Councilor Kirkland and Member Stoicheff can work with it over the summer, if that is what Council wants. She would caution against rescinding the previous motion, and make a new motion to rescind the motion *and* have the referendum in the 2009-10 term.

Councilor Tomcala noted that last week it seemed like sides were being chosen on the issue, and she felt that it caused confusion about what was going on, and she wanted it to be thoroughly researched, as they could likely be sued with this motion.

Councilor Kirkland commented that when talking to the lawyer last week, the motion did not change anything, so if we were in a position to be sued before, then

there would be a position to sue now. He stated that this was the position of the lawyer, as General Manager Cottrell had indicated.

Councilor Nystuen asked that if in the event that this motion passes, what does that leave us now, over the summer, and where are we finding ourselves in the fall. Do we waste summer and not work on this at all, or just have someone do research, or where do we find ourselves when this motion passes?

Councilor Kirkland responded by saying that he was hesitant to speak for the Executive, but said that he and Member Stoicheff are dedicated to resolving the CFS issue. Member Stoicheff committed to sitting down and going through everything. He also said that there needs to be meetings with Council, in conjunction with the lawyer and going through all of the data, examining the way things were, what has been discussed, and this is where we are now. Also, there need to be solutions. He also added that Council would need to be able to make informed decisions.

Member Schultz asked if all of this hasn't been done before. She commented on how there have been years to do this. The decision had been made last week, but why did this motion pass when no one had the information and no one was comfortable with it?

Councilor Kirkland commented that the information was presented, but agreed that there was little time to find the information, and it was organized poorly.

President Steeves commented that between last year and this year, there have been circumstances that prevented this issue from being dealt with earlier. She apologized that the information may not have been able for review; however, she stated that she was assured that everything that was needed was in the binder. She also suggested that if this motion were to pass, then maybe it would be best to have both sides and have someone from the CFS come and talk about this as well. This was something she was hesitant to do, because it could potentially open up a large can of worms, and she said that she would suggest to the next Executive to think about this before they do it. It could be helpful for Council, but it could also incite a lot of interesting conversations. She apologized again and then stated that she thought that the information sent out from the two bodies after the last referendum were satisfactory.

Councilor David commented that Council did not know where they stood for the entire year, until up to about three weeks ago. Because of that, it is why the information is still fresh in our heads and it is something that should be evaluated over the summer by people that are dedicated to the issue and really want to take the time to look at this and get it right.

Member Theede provided a recommendation that a specific plan be put in place for next year, and make decisions, rather than continue to make motions on motions.

Motion to Rescind Last Week's CFS Motion

USCMotion218: Kirkland/David

Carried

VP Ring commented that there were tenders received for to Place Riel renovations. The tender has come in 5-10% under budget. In addition, the next tender is expected to go out April 25, but as the construction manager has said, it is a good time to go to the market as there is a lull and everyone is coming under budget. Also, entrances are being blocked off so he reminded Council to ensure that their students are also reminded to get information about route changes and other updates on PAWS.

President Steeves suggested that because we are tied to a referendum in October or November, we should move to recognize prospective membership in the 2009-10 school year. This must be done because of time constraints.

Councilor Hitchings asked that if this motion would be rescinding the previous motion.

Chairman Leisle replied that it would not. It is not directly tied to the previous motion.

President Steeves commented that the motion passed in 2007 effectively recognized any prospective membership to run out in October/November 2009. This is extending that so if a referendum is what happens next year, it is not rushed in the fall.

VP Dyck suggested that there should be an amendment to this motion stating that the referendum is also extended, not just the prospective membership because right now the motion says that is when the referendum is taking place.

Chairman Leisle provided the suggestion to amend the motion from 2007 and basically amending it until April 2010.

Councilor Kirkland replied to the comment that "rather than being rushed in the fall, we should rush ourselves now" by saying that it does not make any sense. He suggested that it can be figured out over the summer and then they can come to Council with all the information that is needed, and do a CFS walkthrough, similar to the budget walkthrough. He did not think that rushing things now would make any sense, due to the fact that we do not have the information, and it really does not make a difference between rushing it now and rushing it then.

Councilor Dobrowolski brought up the point that if the referendum was still to be held in October that new MSC's would need more than one month to prepare for this, as the first part of school is busy for everyone.

Chairman Leisle clarified the information that is currently on the table. The motion and debate that happened in the previous week was rescinded, so either way it is like it did not happen. The motion is not on record anymore, and there will not be any more actions taken from that motion. The issue that is on the table is the motion that happened in 2007, where a motion was made in that the USSU recognizes prospective membership in the CFS and will hold a referendum within 24 months. The 24 months will be coming up in October 2009. The motion on the floor right now is to recognize prospective membership until April 2010.

Councilor Kirkland commented that we are not barred from making this exact same motion in the future, we are saying that we can have more time in the future to work through it. We do not have that time right now, so we are rushing right now and not giving it a chance for the future. We can still make this motion in the future, but we just don't have to make it right now.

Councilor Umoh asked there is a need to recognize prospective membership. If we do not recognize prospective membership, does that mean that we are not prospective members anymore?

President Steeves replied by saying that we would not be considered prospective members if we do not recognize it, and we cannot hold a referendum without recognizing that.

Councilor Tomcala commented that we are in a crossroads in that, if we are still prospective members, we can still be sued. Are we not saying that we want a referendum, and not leaving the door open to say yes or no on the referendum.

Councilor Umoh also commented that he does not feel that we need to make this decision now. We need to have more time for assessment and we will get more information. Even if we feel pressured in September and October, we can make a motion then to extend this recognition. He did not think that now was the best time to make the extension, especially considering the state we are at right now with the CFS issue.

Councilor Tomcala stated that if this motion were not made tonight, it would be left up to new USC's, who do not have an idea about what is going on. If we vote on it now, we are not giving ourselves the chance to do the research. How can we do this to make an extension without making a commitment?

President Steeves replied that the process would be exactly the same in the fall. We are just following the motion that has already been made, so if the decision was made exactly the same, but just over the summer, it would be done the same way, still being done in September and October.

Motion to Call a Question
USCMotion219: Steeves/?

Carried

Motion to Amend the Previous Motion to Extend CFS Membership and Hold Referendum Within 24 Months, ending October 2009 and extending it to April 2010

USCMotion220: Steeves/Nystuen

Defeated

Councilor David asked in regard to VP Ring's topic in regard to tenders. He asked that if the 5-10%, which would be one or two million dollars, would there be a possibility within the financing to increase the project to encompass a higher level of LEED such as silver?

VP Ring replied by saying that it could be tried, but if that meant going back to design stage, then the answer would be definitely no.

President Steeves also commented that the motion on the table is to still target the silver.

Chairman Leisle noted that he also wanted to speak before closing. He said that being around for several years, he has seen a lot of work this year in regard to delving into many issues. This Council dealt with the Place Riel expansion, movement of the USSU offices and centers, moved the USSU forward on sustainability issues, had heated discussions, dealing with issues around one particular center, dealing with WUSC and other campus groups, and that is just the tip of what Council has been doing this year. It has been impressive, especially in the last few meetings going into CFS issues. He then extended thanks to Council and the Executive. Overall, he said that this was one of the most well rounded Executives he has seen. He commented on a difficult two years ahead, but the work done has put the USSU in a good outlook for the future. He commented on the fact that the limited number of candidates really speaks to the stability of the organization.

President Steeves also commented that it has been a dedicated and active Council and extended her thanks to everyone. She also commented on the immense amount of organization and leadership that Chairman Leisle has brought to the Council meetings, in addition to a dedicated and positive Executive and Council.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion221: David/Tomcala

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday, May 4, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

To be held at the next meeting

4. **Business**

4.1 Use of Twitter and Blogging

The Executive has been approached by USSU Communications to see if they want to Twitter and blog. They agreed that blogging was a good idea. VP McCullough noted that everything has to go through President Kirkland in order to maintain a cohesive message. Twittering may be more trouble than it is worth. The executive will meet with the Communications Manager, Tony Bassett.

4.2 Canadian Federation of Students – Saskatchewan Chairperson

VP Stoicheff believes that the position should remain in abeyance. He will likely be able to attend the AGM, but will have to have a conversation first with the lawyer. They are available to meet anytime between May 12 and May 17. GM Cottrell will set up a meeting.

4.3 Place Riel Renovations

President Kirkland will take point on the renovation in consultation with the rest of the Executive.

4.4 Orientation

4.4.1 Alternative Planning

President Kirkland has been in contact with the Orientation Committee to do more, in addition to providing alternative planning. One alternative noted was the idea of Campus Recreation offering pick-up sports.

4.4.2 Free Video Games

A suggestion was raised that there should be free video games offered to get more traffic into the Cove during Orientation.

4.4.3 PAC Big Screens

It was also suggested to have TV lines on for the big screens in the PAC.

4.4.4 USSU Executive helping with residence move-ins

An idea was brought forward to help residence students move into residence and have increased student exposure for the Executive. Upper university management has also been encouraged to get involved.

4.5 Board of College Presidents

The BOCP wants to examine how they can become more engaged. It would be great for them to have an interactive calendar and be more engaged in Orientation.

4.6 Outside Council and Boards

The executive would like to encourage everyone to get more involved in the community through external boards.

4.7 Student Groups

Motion to Ratify:

- 1) Intersarsity Christian Fellowship
- 2) Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Society

EXEC001 VP Hitchings/VP Fawcett Carried

Motion to Conditionally Ratify:

- 1) Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan – need cheque to be submitted

EXEC002 President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

4.8 Advertising – StudentAwards.com

They contacted VP Kirkland about advertising on the website.

4.9 Housing Registry

It should be revamped. Also, there are still concerns about the pride issue.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am

Executive Committee

Minutes for Friday, May 15, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff,
Caroline Cottrell, Jason Ventnor

Regrets: Ben Fawcett

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

General Manager Cottrell

- Retreat
- Marketing Meeting
- USSU Membership Meeting with SIS
- Alumni Association Meeting
- Daycare Board Meeting
- Multiple Hires, Postings, Termination and other HR duties
- Admin Team
- Cultural Diversity and Race Relations (CDRR) Retreat
- Briefing Exec on Place Riel Project
- Louis' Browsers Planning Meeting
- Meeting with Communications Manager
- Meeting re. name of Academic Affairs Office
- Construction Site Meeting
- CDRR Regular Meeting – Treaty Commissioner
- Tenant Meeting
- Special meeting re. gas line
- Meeting with Steve and Scott re. USC documentation
- Meeting with Mike Chyzowski from Quorex
- Various meetings with staff members
- Various ad hoc construction meetings
- Phone meetings with lawyers re. FN/TD agreement
- Phone meeting with Corporate Admin and lawyers re. Head Lease
- Daycare Board Meeting
- Phone meeting with Daycare board chair re. various issues including director's contract
- Daily GM duties

President Kirkland

- Executive Training
- Browsers information
- USSU Report to University Council Preparation
- Admin Team
- Clubs and College Society planning Meeting
- Executive Meeting with Lea Pennock
- SIT Training
- Trans rights event planning
- Place Riel Briefing
- Planning and Priorities Meeting
- Louis and Browsers strategic plan meeting
- Meeting with Lawyer about CFS
- Consultation with Jim Greer regarding Learning Communities
- Interviews with CTV, CBC, Global
- Executive meeting
- Appreciation Reception – Promotions to full professor

VP Hitchings

- Meeting with Minister Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, Government of Saskatchewan. Discussed issues affecting students in Post-Secondary Education
- Retreat
- Policy Review
- Acquired signing authority at bank
- Met with IT to discuss Campus Clubs event calendar/iPhone App
- Meeting with Lea Pennock
- Meeting regarding Place Riel
- Louis'/Browser's Planning Committee
- Working on Campus Club Policy

VP McCullough

- New Executive Orientation
- Executive Meeting re: constitution, bylaws, and policies
- Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Works (RSAW) Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Minister Norris
- USSU Retreat
- Reading Bylaws and Policies
- Working with CSSO on academic grievances
- Reading for University Council Committees
- Contacted Todd Anderson of U of A Bookstore Re: CRAM 2009
- Executive Meeting with Lea Pennock and Nancy Hopkins
- Reviewed Strategic Plan 09/10
- Working on goals for the year
- Meeting with Caroline Cottrell re: Academic Affairs Office name
- Meeting with Olivia and Tony re: ads in survival calendar

- Volunteered in Centres making buttons
- Briefing on Browsers and Place Riel
- Trans Rights Rally Planning Event

VP Stoicheff

- Meeting with Minister Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, Government of Saskatchewan. Discussed issues affecting students in Post-Secondary Education
- Executive training with IT staff on computers and office moving.
- 3 day Christopher Lake retreat including budget walk through.
- Pride Centre/Transsexual Rally meeting
- CFS Report/Presentation
- Road Map 2020 Sustainability Champions Board Meeting
- U of S Retirees Congratulatory Dinner
- Meeting with Louis Manager, Copy Central, Info centre and discussed Marketing, Finance and Communication Strategies for the upcoming year
- Meeting with USSU lawyer Greg Whelan about CFS
- University governance seminar given by Board member Nancy Hopkins and University Secretary Lea Pennock

4. **Business**

4.1 Executive Jackets

It was noted that some styles of jackets had been looked at, but they were not what the Executive was looking for. The jackets of interest were similar to the jackets worn in Engineering called “poofies”. A cost of \$140 each was estimated for the jackets.

4.2 Council Hoodies

The Executive suggested that giving out hoodies to the executive earlier on in the year would be more positive because they would improve engagement among council and could be used as a marketing tool. President Kirkland commented that he would have more specific information at a later date in regard to Council hoodies.

4.3 Kin Sponsorship

As Kinesiology is once again holding the Hike, Bike and Roll event, they had asked the USSU for sponsorship. Ten Louis/Browsers gift certificates with an amount of \$20 each was suggested.

Motion to Provide Sponsorship for Hike, Bike and Roll (\$200):

EXEC003 President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.4 Policy Changes

President Kirkland stated that this would be dealt with next week.

4.5 Saskatchewan Academic Advising Funding

VP McCullough commented that he had been contacted by Donna Beretell in regard to an upcoming academic advising conference. The cost of the conference is \$17 000, and the group already has \$12 000 worth of funding in place. They are asking various groups around colleges for \$500 donations.

President Kirkland commented that he appreciates the importance of the conference, but noted that a donation to this cause falls outside the USSU mandate and does not directly benefit students.

VP Stoicheff also commented that the non-profit act could be cited in our defence.

GM Cottrell noted that it would be great to get the word out about the conference, but it would be out of our bounds to provide financial support.

4.6 Ratifications

The Gamers Club submitted a ratification form, but as there was not a bank statement, it was decided that this would have to be left until next week.

4.7 CRO/ACRO

President Kirkland noted that he would take this under advisement.

4.8 2009/10 Strategic Plan

President Kirkland asked GM Cottrell if Browsers would be noted as a priority in the Strategic Plan.

GM Cottrell stated that Browsers is definitely in the Strategic Plan.

VP McCullough commented that he would like to take some time to go through the plan.

4.9 AAO Office Name Change

VP McCullough noted that there is concern about keeping "Advocacy" in the name, as it could be interpreted negatively.

President Kirkland stated that it is bad to change names just for sake of change.

GM Cottrell added that the difference between this and the former VA is an issue of policy instead of legal ramifications.

4.10 Brent Thomas – Robert's Rules Briefing

There was interest in scheduling a briefing to review Robert's Rules of Order. President Kirkland said that he would schedule the briefing.

4.11 Discussion – Binding of USC Minutes

GM Cottrell raised the issue about continuing to bind the minutes when people are focused on sustainability and using laptops more. She was also concerned about the use of laptops at meetings and how some councilors are distracted.

President Kirkland suggested that the issue be raised at Council, and a group decision can be made on the issue at the next full meeting with quorum.

4.12 Outreach to Regional Colleges

GM Cottrell raised the issue of outreach to the various regional colleges in Saskatchewan. She suggested that the Executive continue to do outreach to those colleges by visiting them in the fall. There would need to be arrangements made for these meetings, and colleges in LaRonge, Prince Albert, Yorkton, and others should be included. The Executive was interested in doing as many of these tours as possible.

VP McCullough mentioned that Yorkton had already asked if the Executive was coming back for another visit.

4.13 Talent Strategy Symposium

VP Stoicheff commented on a conference that he was interested in attending in Regina on June 10. It is the 2009 Talent Strategy Symposium and it deals with predominantly Aboriginal issues and focuses on the hypothesis that diverse and cosmopolitan communities have significant potential for economic development. The student price for the event was listed at \$100.

Motion to send Executive Members, as feasible, to the 2009 Talent Strategy Symposium

EXEC004 President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.14 CFS Briefing

VP Stoicheff had prepared a PowerPoint presentation in regard to the CFS issues, comparing the election standards between the CFS and the USSU, in addition to providing more background information on the CFS issue and would use this presentation to inform Council.

President Kirkland commented that in the regulations, the voting stations locations are to be chosen by CFS, and thus can be placed where support is expected to be the highest. It was also noted that if there is pro-CFS material that does not refer to the campaign, it is not considered campaign material.

GM Cottrell noted that the Elections Board is a creature of the USC, and the USC should have rights over it.

President Kirkland also noted that there is a difference in bylaws, and that it

would be difficult to hold a referendum with these differences.

GM Cottrell pointed out that the hierarchy of authority must be examined by looking at the governing documents. She noted that the decision had been appealed and through the appeal process, we lost twice.

Marketing/Services Manager Ventnor stated that these issues must be ironed out before the prospective membership is renewed.

GM Cottrell raised the idea of an amendment that could be created to deal with the conflict issues, but it would result in getting sued again. She also asked where this presentation would be given.

President Kirkland stated that the presentation would be given both in and out of Council briefings.

GM Cottrell expressed her thanks and commented that the clarity that was provided in the presentation was great.

5. **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn

President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm

Executive Committee

Minutes for Friday, May 25, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Jason Ventnor
Regrets: Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

President Kirkland

- Orientation meeting
- Follow up for fee remittance
- Admin team meeting
- University Budget Release
- Interviews with CTV, Global, CBC, Sheaf
- Planning and Priorities Meeting
- Student Advocacy meeting
- Planning and Priorities Meeting
- Communications Meeting
- University Learning Communities Meeting
- PDA Policy Discussion
- Housing Coordinating Committee
- Scholarship and Awards Sub-Committee meeting
- Marketing and Repositioning Discussion

VP Fawcett

- Away on vacation May 15-24
- Met with the Housing Committee to discuss summer game plan to get new and international students to think about their housing options early
- Discussed the possibility of having emergency accommodation available for international students arriving in Saskatoon after hours or on weekends
- Met with Scott and Jeff from IT to discuss modifications to the USSU housing registry

VP Hitchings

- Research sustainability options for the USSU
- Social Committee meeting

- Work on sustainability initiatives
- Signed cheques
- Organized Logistics for The Student Edge Conference in Halifax
- Communications Meeting
- Contacted Curbside Recycling
- Attended University Council
- Policy Revision
- Attended the Engineering Tractor Pull demonstration
- Researched Dry Goods for Browsers

VP McCullough

- Meeting with Brea Lowenberger re: Learning Communities
- Academic Programs Committee meeting.
- Reviewing Draft Policy on Conduct in Research
- Academic Grievance Meeting
- Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Meeting re: PDA Policy
- University Council
- Academic Dishonesty Hearing
- ULC Advisory Board Committee Meeting
- Work on proposal

VP Stoicheff

- Road Map 2020 Board Meeting (Sustainability Champions) and chose new Executive Director
- City Council meeting, networked with various city councilors
- Attended University Budget announcement and spoke with Provost Fairburn and VP Finance Florizone about budget deficit
- University's Planning and Priorities meeting and discussed Aboriginal retention numbers between first and second year
- USSU Communications Meeting
- University Council meeting - introduced the new Executive
- Phone meeting with former ACRO Martin Olzinsky
- Continued work on CFS report
- Discussions with CFS Chairperson
- Worked on government lobbying document
- Attended Engineering Student Tractor Pull media event
- Met with former USSU President Robin Mowat

4. **Business**

4.1 Curbside Recycling

VP Hitchings suggested the idea of having Curbside Recycling brought into the office. Marketing/Services Manager Ventnor suggested that the Space

and Events Coordinator, Stefanie Livingston, be consulted in determining if this is feasible, and what the cost would be.

4.2 TMSS SLC Conference

President Kirkland stated that Tisdale Middle and Secondary School is interested in having members of the Executive to visit their Student Leadership Conference on September 17 and 18. It was decided that VP Stoicheff and President Kirkland would attend, and a member from Marketing and Student Recruitment would be invited.

4.3 Executive Jackets

As the idea of having a green “poofy” jacket was brought forward at the last meeting, there was continued discussion on the topic. President Kirkland recommended that, due to the cost, it would be a good idea for people to pay for half of the cost of the jacket themselves.

VP Fawcett noted that other options should be examined.

President Kirkland responded by saying that jackets would need to be something that easily identifiable and provides visibility for the USSU.

VP Stoicheff commented that the “poofy” is a good jacket to make the Executive stand out.

4.4 Council Hoodies

Marketing/Services Manager Ventnor noted that it would be best to ask Councilors about which option they would like to go with.

President Kirkland recommended that it would be important to get clothing out early, as it can be used as a branding tool, especially if we were to go with the more sustainable bamboo options. Also, it was discussed that sale of ethical clothing should be considered at Browser’s.

Marketing/Services Manager Ventnor suggested that it should consider as to who has selling control on campus, if applicable.

Motion to Recommend to Council in September to use Bamboo-sourced promotional clothing:

EXEC005 President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.5 USSU Slogan

Some of the Executive Members have been using the slogan “It’s Your Campus, It’s Your USSU”. The Executive agreed that this would be a good slogan to use.

4.6 Tuition Assessment

President Kirkland stated that it would be important to take a good look at what will be happening in regard to tuition for the future.

Motion to Propose to Council to Conduct an Assessment of Tuition

EXEC006 President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.7 Pickup Sports at Orientation

President Kirkland commented that he has been working on a plan to provide pick-up sports programs during Orientation. He raised issues of cost, how the events will be run, and it was discussed about advertising only occurring on the day of Orientation.

4.8 Tape Recorder

VP Stoicheff stated that he thought there was a need to have a digital recorder to keep record of dialogue during interviews, in order to provide better records of what was discussed. It was agreed that this should move forward, pending approval.

4.9 Housing Registry

VP Fawcett stated that he had been working on the Housing Registry and working on the issues that were present there. He also said that the Centre Coordinators supported the way he was handling this.

4.10 College Bursaries

VP Stoicheff commented that he felt there was a need to centralize information about bursaries on campus.

4.11 U of S Budget Cuts

President Kirkland noted that VP Stoicheff had raised concerns about the recently announced budget cuts, in addition to how the situation should be handled. There will be meetings with deans to follow up on this.

4.12 Transgender Rally

VP Stoicheff commented that there is a need for a date to be set for the Transgender Rally.

VP Fawcett commented that there is also a need for a more refined message, in order to reach those that are not a part of this community.

5. **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn

President Kirkland/VP McCullough

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm

2008-2009 USC Attendance

Name	May. 31	June	July	28-Aug	4-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	2-Oct	9-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct
Begbie, Sarah	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Crosbie, Katelyn	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NM	NM	NM	A	P	R	P	P	R	P	P	P
David, Ben	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dobrowolski, Lisa	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R
Dyck, Shannon	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Hitchings, Scott	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P
Huang, Dayan	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P
Kenney, Nicole	NM	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kirkland, Warren	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brooke	NM	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kuspira, Keith	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R
Laroque, Sheila	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	R	P	A	P	P
Leisle, Matt	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Lewis, Amy	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Lowenberger, Brea	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	NM	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	P
Ring, Jeremy	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Shakirat, Adeyemi	NM	NM	NM	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Smith, Shawn	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Steeves, Josie	NM	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Tomcala, Chelsea	NM	NM	NM	A	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P
Umoh, Itemobong	NM	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wilson, Ben	NM	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Ziola, Hiedi	NM	NM	NM	A	A	P	A	P	R	R	R	R

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2008-2009 USC Attendance

Name	30-Oct	6-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	4-Dec	11-Dec	18-Dec	25-Dec	1-Jan	8-Jan	15-Jan
Alawes, Jalal	NYA	P	P	P	A	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Begbie, Sarah	P	R	P	P	R	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	A
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	R	P
Crosbie, Katelyn	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	R	P
Dancey, Kimberley	P	R	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
David, Ben	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	R
Dobrowolski, Lisa	P	P	P	P	P	R	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Dyck, Shannon	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Huang, Dayan	P	P	P	P	R	R	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	R
Kirkland, Warren	P	P	P	P	R	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Kirkham, Brooke	P	P	P	P	P	R	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	R
Kuspira, Keith	A	P	R	P	P	R	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Laroque, Sheila	R	P	R	P	P	A	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Leisle, Matt	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Lewis, Amy	P	P	P	P	P	A	NM	NM	NM	NM	A	A
Lowenberger, Brea	P	P	P	P	R	R	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	P	R	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Ring, Jeremy	P	P	R	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Shakirat, Adeyemi	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Smith, Shawn	P	P	P	R	P	A	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Steeves, Josie	P	P	P	P	R	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Tomcala, Chelsea	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	R
Umoh, Itemobong	P	P	P	P	P	A	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Wilson, Ben	R	P	P	P	P	A	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	P
Ziola, Hiedi	P	R	P	P	R	P	NM	NM	NM	NM	P	R

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2008-2009 USC Attendance

Name	22-Jan	29-Jan	5-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	5-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	2-Apr	9-Apr
Alawes, Jalal	P	P	P	R	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Begbie, Sarah	P	P	P	A	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	
Cleaveley, Aspen	P	P	P	R	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Crosbie, Katelyn	P	P	P	P	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	
Dancey, Kimberley	P	P	P	R	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
David, Ben	R	R	P	P	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	
Dobrowolski, Lisa	P	P	A	P	NM	R	P	P	P	R	P	
Dyck, Shannon	P	R	P	P	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Hitchings, Scott	P	P	P	P	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Huang, Dayan	R	R	A	P	NM	A	R	R	P	A	A	
Kirkland, Warren	P	R	P	P	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kirkham, Brooke	P	P	P	P	NM	P	P	P	R	P	P	
Kuspira, Keith	R	P	P	P	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Lowenberger, Brea	P	P	P	P	NM	P	P	P	P	R	P	
Nystuen, Reid	P	P	P	P	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Ring, Jeremy	P	P	P	P	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Shakirat, Adeyemi	P	P	R	P	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Smith, Shawn	R	P	P	P	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Steeves, Josie	P	P	R	P	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Tomcala, Chelsea	P	P	P	P	NM	R	P	R	P	P	P	
Topola, Kelsey	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Umoh, Itemobong	P	P	R	P	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Wilson, Ben	P	A	P	P	NM	A	P	R	P	A	R	
Zhang, Han					NM			P	P	A	P	
Ziola, Hiedi	P	P	R	P	NM	P	R	P	R	A	A	

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2008-2009 USC Attendance

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University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, June 18, 2009

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University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, May 28, 2009

Present

Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Ashlyn George, Education
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brooklyn Kirkham, STM
Chris Stoicheff, VP External
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Warren Kirkland, President

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Jason Ventnor, General Manager's Designate

Regrets:

Jenna Dunn, STM
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Kaitlyn McMillan, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Sarah Wood, WCVM
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Absent:

Blair Woynarski, Associated Residence
Kevin Miller, Law
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to amend 4.2 Executive Minutes to the agenda

USCMotion001: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

Motion to amend 6.2 Place Riel Update and 6.3 Council Hoodies to the agenda

USCMotion002: VP Hitchings/VP McCullough Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion003: Councilor Kirkham/VP Hitchings Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – April 2, 2009

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – May 4th, 15th, and 25th, 2009

President Kirkland commented that if there were people that did not receive the emails that he would ensure that the information would be sent out again, and that if anyone had any questions that they should contact either him or the Executive.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion004: VP Hitchings/VP Stoicheff Carried

6. Business

6.1 Tuition Assessment Strategies

President Kirkland stated that as by a previous mandate of the USC, the Executive is charged to follow a tuition freeze with governments and the University. In consultation with the Executive, they all feel that a tuition freeze policy is unrealistic at this time when governments are against it. The University has been moving to a tuition management strategy and it looks to be a good approach for the USSU to look at. He proposed that tuition assessment strategies should be examined, in order to create a long-term plan in tuition assessment.

Councilor Kirkham asked if a particular assessment method had been determined.

President Kirkland responded by saying that options are currently being examined to work with the University and with the government for long-term tuition assessment strategies. This year, it was a 3% cap on tuition overall, but there is no plan for each college, and the University wants to work on this, and this should be supported. He proposed that the Executive would like to see the increases tied to inflation, but they will be working with the governments towards a long-term solution.

Councilor Steffen asked if there would be actual *specific* things to talk to government about what to do, or is it just a strategy per se?

President Kirkland responded by saying that a lot of this is working with the University, to come up with internal plans. Coupled with that is the plan to lobby government. He said that there would be a push from both sides, with him serving on the Board of Governors, and on the other side, VP Stoicheff and the Executive would work on behalf of students, to get the student perspective on things, and come out with a much better strategy.

Motion for the Executive to Examine Tuition Assessment Options

USCMotion005: President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff Carried

6.2 Place Riel Update

VP Hitchings commented that there was a site meeting that morning and the outcome of the meeting is that everything is going on schedule and things are going as planned, in general.

President Kirkland noted that there were complications with gas lines in Marquis Hall and the Place Riel Building. There were tentative dates for the gas line movement with SaskEnergy and Marquis Hall was reluctant to go ahead with that. There were some complications, but things did work out fine. Also, there were concerns in regard to asbestos discovered in an area of the building, but the workers said that it should not cause problems. He also noted that this Executive would be looking at ways to reduce student debt incurred by having sponsorship of the building, and this would be something that would be brought back to Council in the future.

6.3 USC Hoodies

President Kirkland stated that for year-end gifts, there has been a tradition of handing out hoodies at the end of the year, but to make the USSU more visual, it is being looked at to use the Councilors as part of the marketing campaign by handing out the hoodies earlier. This will be brought up again in September and a decision will be made then with all of Council.

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

President Kirkland thanked Council for making quorum at this meeting, and noted that there will be a Councilor orientation in September. If there are any questions, or if there is a need for something to get done, come by the USSU offices.

VP Hitchings commented that there is a fairly large budget for things like “fair trade muffins” at the meetings.

There were informal exchanges of introductions.

President Kirkland commented that the tuition increases were set at approximately 3%, with the final decision set at 3.4% overall.

VP Stoicheff also noted that it is important to remember that the University is running a \$10M deficit and it is up to the colleges to make the appropriate percentage cuts in their own budgets due to the fact that we are in a decentralized institution. The Executive is making a commitment to meet with deans to ensure that students have the chance to voice their concerns about programming, services, etc.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion006: VP Hitchings/Councilor Kirkham

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Thursday, May 28, 2009

Present: Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Jason Ventnor

Regrets: Warren Kirkland, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

To be held at the next meeting

4. **Business**

4.1 Ratifications

Motion to Ratify U of S Gamers Club

EXEC007 VP Hitchings/VP McCullough Carried

Motion to Ratify Campus for Christ/Athletes in Action

EXEC008 VP Hitchings/VP Stoicheff Carried

Motion to Ratify "ROOTED"

EXEC009 VP Hitchings/VP Fawcett Carried

4.2 University Land Use Planning – 2057

VP McCullough commented that there has been a land use study conducted by the University, with designation of core campus areas to maintain core campus functions, while using endowment properties as commercial lease property.

VP Hitchings inquired about the appropriate stance that the Executive should take in regard to the implications of the report.

VP McCullough noted that this report should be reviewed to determine the impact it will have on research.

Marketing/Services Manager Ventnor commented that there should be a stance taken on housing from this.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Executive Committee

Minutes for Wednesday June 3, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Jason Ventnor

Regrets: Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

President Kirkland

- Follow up with Brea Lowenberger
- CFS Lunch meeting with Robin Mowat
- Housing Coordination Meeting
- Convocation – each day
- Dinner with Peter MacKinnon – each day of Convocation
- Lunch with Richard Florizone
- Campus Clubs – Paws meeting
- Loan Signing
- Meeting with Student Central Regarding their Inclusion in Place Riel
- Meeting with Peggy Schmeiser regarding Tuition USSU Inclusion in University Communication Strategies
- Meeting with Campus Recreation regarding their inclusion in Orientation
- Meeting with Orientation staff regarding updates
- Meeting with Charlie Clark regarding civic elections and Green Initiatives
- Connecting with SCSS staff member to talk about this years executive contributions
- Lunch Meeting with Joanne Dillon and associate deans regarding Arts and Science plans for the year.
- Meeting with Wanuskewin regarding potential partnerships
- Executive meeting
- Lunch Meeting with Brett Wilson Center to discuss potential partnerships and projects

VP Fawcett

- Had a Housing Registry meeting with IT about ideas to be included in the revamped USSU registry
- Presented on behalf of the USSU at Green Saskatoon event – how we're contributing to sustainability
- Drafted a new copy of the preamble to be included on the housing registry – the USSU's statement of beliefs
- Drafted ideas to be included in the housing registry
- USC meeting
- Attended Sustainability Working Group meeting – discussed the University's several ongoing projects to improve Campus sustainability
- Attended USSU loan signing
- Began outlining plans for Green Yourself Week
- Contacted Wendy from Parking Services and Jeff and Scott from IT to update the USSU's parking page
- Met with Julie from Saskatoon Open Door Society with VP Stoicheff to discuss a partnership between the USSU and the SODS (Experiential learning, campus group, etc)
- Attended Student Crisis Support Service information session with Katelyn Crosbie
- Volunteered at Help Centre
- Had a mentorship meeting with Tony Bassett
- Continued to outline Green Yourself Week ideas
- Exec meeting
- Volunteered at Help Centre
- Met with Read Saskatoon to discuss Experiential learning and a possible campus group again with VP Stoicheff
- Executive Photos
- Worked on Green Yourself Week ideas

VP Hitchings

- Researched Dry Goods for Browsers
- Worked on Policy Initiatives
- Worked on making the Campus Group Ratification Application Form (CGRAF) into an online version in order to reduce the amount of paper used by the USSU
- Meeting Re: PCGRAF
- University Students' Council Meeting
- Meeting Re: Campus Club Events Calendar
- Orientation for the Help Centre
- Signed the Place Riel Loan agreement
- Meeting re: Campus clubs
- Meeting with Campus Rec
- Prepared financial accountabilities

- Reviewed previous Louis'/Browsers planning committee minutes
- Reviewed Louis'/Browsers Strategic Plan
- Student Crisis Support Service (SCSS) Orientation
- Volunteer in the Help Centre
- Daily VP OPFIN duties

VP McCullough

- Meeting at Help Centre re: Volunteer time
- Working on Draft Proposal and reading RSAW Agenda for May 27th
- RSAW Meeting
- Reviewing Council procedure
- University Students' Council
- Reading APC Agenda
- Meeting with Mark Jagoe
- Volunteering in Help Centre
- SCSS orientation
- APC Meeting
- Meeting with Councillor Darren Hill
- Pictures for Plasmas

VP Stoicheff

- Attended President's Convocation Dinner
- Networked with Senior Administration and University Award recipients
- Attended convocation on May 26
- Met with Women's Centre Coordinator about Community Outreach Programs and experiential learning programs for U of S students
- Met with Nick Lee Kokkas, Coordinator for Goodspeed Career Services with Edwards School of Business about Junior Team Saskatchewan program and external delegation
- Attended University Students' Council
- Attended Sustainability working group meeting at FMD for the University's Second Integrated plan
- Attended loan signing agreement for new Place Riel Student Centre
- Met with Peggy Schmeiser, University Government Relations Officer about co-ordinating on government lobbying
- Met with Saskatoon Open Door Society volunteer co-ordinator
- Attended Saskatoon City Council
- Met with City Councillor Charlie Clark
- Met with Wanuskewin CEO Dana Sounis about experiential learning program
- Met with City Councillor Darren Hill about upcoming civic election
- Met with Sanjeev Singh from the Brett Wilson Centre
- Met with READ Saskatoon about experiential learning programs
- Attended the YWCA Women of Distinction Award banquet at TCU networked with leaders in the community

4. **Business**

4.1 USFA Funding Request – Naomi Klein

President Kirkland commented that the USFA wants to bring in Naomi Klein as a guest speaker. The funding requirements for her to come is \$16 000 plus expenses. He suggested that an amount of \$500 could be provided to help fund this event.

General Manager's Designate Ventnor noted that plasma screens and other marketing tools could be provided to assist this event.

Motion to Provide Support for the USFA Funding Request as Discussed:
EXEC010 President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff Carried

4.2 Executive Jackets

President Kirkland stated that the jackets are to be used purely as a marketing tool for the USSU. He suggested that 50% of the costs be covered by the Executive members, with the other 50% coming from the USSU.

Motion to Pursue Blazer Jackets as a Marketing Campaign for the Executive with 50% Paid by Executive, and 50% Paid by USSU:

EXEC011 VP Stoicheff/VP Hitchings Carried

4.3 Movies for Carless Drive-In

General Manager's Designate Ventnor stated that he needs two movies to be chosen for the Carless Drive-In. He noted that it would be cheaper for licensing if it is educational, but if not, it would only cost approximately \$150-200.

VP Fawcett suggested that the video "Bottled Water" by Open University be played at the movies to raise awareness on the issue.

4.4 Browsers Strategic Planning

Motion to Re-evaluate Browsers' Long-Term Strategic Plan With Management:

EXEC012 President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

4.5 Lease Renewal Proposal

The Executive discussed the removal of bottle water from Place Riel. This issue would have many issues to consider in terms of leasing agreements, specific restrictions and other obligations. In addition, there would be a need for accessible and well functioning water fountains.

4.6 Executive Phone Lines

General Manager's Designate Ventnor noted that the allowance to pay part of Executive phone costs is effective and useful. He also stated that the cost of the cell reimbursement would fall under the phone lines as former VP Ring may have removed the budget line for the reimbursement due to the line being unused the previous year.

4.7 Funding Request – Mike Wesch

A request was submitted on behalf of Jim Greer to provide funding for a cultural anthropologist, Mike Wesch, to provide a presentation. The Executive agreed that it would be better to offer free advertising through the USSU mediums, rather than providing direct funding.

Motion to Offer Advertising for the Mike Wesch Presentation:

EXEC013 VP Stoicheff/VP McCullough

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am

Executive Committee
Minutes for Wednesday June 11, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

To be presented at next meeting.

4. **Business**

4.1 Resolution of the Directors of the USSU

Motion to Approve Completion and Submission of the Resolution of the Directors of the USSU:

EXEC014 VP Hitchings/President Kirkland

Carried

A copy of this document is attached.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm

RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTORS

OF

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION

WHEREAS the directors are authorized to borrow money on the credit of the Company, to issue and sell debentures or other securities of the Company and to charge, mortgage or pledge all or any of the real or personal property, rights and undertaking of the Company, present and future, to secure any debentures or other securities or money borrowed; and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of the Company that the directors should exercise the authority so conferred;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) the acceptance by the Company of two Credit Agreements made by The Toronto-Dominion Bank ("TD") and First Nations Bank of Canada ("FNBC") to the Company each dated May 29, 2009, and the payment of the arrangement fees referred to therein are hereby approved and confirmed;

(2) any amendment to either Credit Agreement accepted by any two officers of the Company on its behalf shall be valid and binding upon the Company without further action by the Company;

(3) the Company do borrow the principal amounts outlined in the Credit Agreements all accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreements and this resolution;

(4) to evidence and secure its obligations to TD and FNBC, the Company do create and issue to each of TD and FNBC a general security agreement (the "GSA's") and an inter-lender agreement (the "ILA"), in or substantially in the forms of the drafts submitted to the directors;

(5) any two officers of the Company are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the GSA's, the ILA and all other documents necessary to give effect thereto and to the Credit Agreements in the name and on behalf of the Company under its corporate seal or otherwise, with such amendments or variations as such officers may approve, approval to be conclusively proved by the officers' signatures thereto;

(6) any two officers of the Company are hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the Company to execute and deliver all such further deeds and documents and do all such acts and things as such officers may consider to be necessary or desirable to give effect to this resolution.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the directors of University of Saskatchewan Students' Union which resolution is at the date hereof in full force and effect, unamended.

DATED this ____ day of June, 2009.

Title:

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday, June 15, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

Absent: Daniel McCullough

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Amicus – C Conference
- Vacation

President Kirkland

- Planning and Priorities Committee
- Final Design Team Meeting
- Alumni Association AGM
- Dinner Honoring Long Term Staff
- Executive Photos and Plasma Revamp
- Louis and Browsers planning meeting
- Place Riel site meeting
- Meeting with the Dean of Law to discuss year plans to date
- Meeting with the Dean of Engineering to discuss year plans to date
- Lunch meeting regarding Cold Beverage Steering Committee strategies and student objectives
- Breakfast Meeting regarding Gordon Oaks Red-Bear Students Centre
- Lunch Meeting regarding Coca-Cola Participation on campus
- Health and Dental plan orientation meeting
- U-Life 101 Meeting Regarding potential partnerships
- Integrated Plan workshops – All day
- Meeting with Brett Wilson Center regarding Projects to date
- Talent Symposium with Richard Florida in Regina – All day
- Nuclear Energy Symposium
- Meeting with Dean of Agriculture to discuss plans to date
- Lunch with Corporate Administration
- Meeting with Dean of Education to discuss plans to date
- Executive Meeting regarding security documents

- Review of the Place Riel Head Lease
- Meeting with Lawyer Rob Gibbings
- Lunch meeting with Sharon Scott regarding Paws Calendar Development
- Place Riel Steering Committee
- Pride Parade

VP Fawcett

- Discussed sustainability initiatives with Margret Asmuss including potentially selling abandoned bikes, advertising the USSU's bike tool rental service and planning Green Yourself Week
- Attended College Quarter Site Plan Committee meeting to discuss specific building amenities
- Attended Spring Into Action Conference at the Education building – Topics revolved around Indigenous worldviews, attitudes and environmental sustainability in K-12 education
- Health and Dental plan orientation with Amanda Smytaniuk
- Attended the university's 2nd Integrated Plan update mini-conference
- Met with David Peacock of STM to discuss a collaboration between STM and the USSU Women's centre to implement more experiential learning programs
- Went to Regina to attend a Junior Achievement Talent Symposium featuring Richard Florida
- Met with George Foufas of Food Services to discuss the university's Coca Cola contract
- Place Riel construction site tour and meeting with NDP MLA Cam Broten
- Took part in Saskatoon's Gay Pride parade on the USSU Pride Centre's float
- Meeting with Martha Hall Findlay

VP Hitchings

- Design Team Meeting
- Help Centre Volunteering
- Reviewed Place Riel Steering Committee Minutes
- Meeting Re: Campus Groups at Live Expo
- Reviewed SWOT Analyses
- Reviewed which Campus Groups existed last year for Live Expo
- Meeting Re: Campus Groups to Contact for Live Expo
- Researched Insurance Policies Regarding Campus Clubs
- Coke Inventory
- Meeting Re: Coke on Campus
- Reviewed SWOT Analysis for Safewalk/Student Crew
- Meeting re: Student Health & Dental Plan
- Integrated Plan Workshop
- Meeting with Student re: Infrastructure Fee
- Talent Symposium w/ Richard Florida in Regina
- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Lunch Meeting with Administration
- Tenants Meeting

- Meeting with George Foufas re: Coke
- Place Riel Construction Site Tour with MLA Cam Broten
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Per diem Cheque Requisition
- Financial Accountabilities
- Meeting re: USSU/Campus Club Online Events Calendar
- Meeting re: Integrated Plan implementation
- Coke Order
- Meeting re: Campus Clubs
- Familiarization with current insurance policy

VP McCullough

- Place Riel Design Team Meeting
- Draft Proposal meeting.
- Meeting with Brea Lowenberger re: Sask. Academic Advising Conference
- E-texts Subcommittee Meeting
- Academic Support Committee Meeting
- Academic Grievances
- Health and Dental Plan Orientation
- Prepared Remarks for Sask. Academic Advising Conference
- Academic Programing Committee
- Editing and Polishing on remarks
- Academic Grievances
- Talent Strategy Symposium '09 in Regina
- Lunch w/ Corporate admin
- Meeting re: Coca-Cola
- Canadian Learning Commons Conference Keynote
- Button Making Lunch in Centres
- E-Text Sub Committee Meeting with Richard Baraniuk
- Picking up truck and supplies for Pride Parade
- Meeting with Jeremy Morgan and Chris Stoicheff
- Meeting with Vicki Williamson
- Meeting with Brooke Dobni

VP Stoicheff

- Final Design Team Meeting
- Meeting with Dean Cotter – Law
- Experiential Learning Committee
- Meeting with Dean of Engineering
- Nola Woods Meeting
- Evening Dinner honoring long-term faculty and staff
- Attended Rev. Tutu presentation
- Gordon Oaks Red-Bear Breakfast
- Environment, Education, and Aboriginal Perspectives Conference
- Meeting with Ellen Quigley regarding Coca Cola

- Health and Dental Plan Orientation
- STM CSL Meeting with David Peacock
- Bill McKnight presentation
- Talent Symposium with Richard Florida as keynote
- University Administration Meeting
- Meeting with Dean Scholes
- Lunch with Corporate Admin.
- Nuclear Energy debate
- Meeting with Dean of Education
- Meeting with George Foufas
- Roadmap 2020 Board Meeting
- Button Making at Centres
- Place Riel Construction site tour
- Meeting with Cam Broten MLA
- Pride Centre Parade

4. **Business**

4.1 Bicycle Lending/Initiatives

VP Stoicheff stated that efforts can be made with Campus Safety to turn unclaimed and unused bicycles on campus into an initiative whereby students would be able to rent a bicycle from the USSU.

VP Fawcett commented that statistics would need to be found and examined prior to going forward on this initiative.

4.2 Executive Blazers

President Kirkland stated that the Executive had examined different blazer options at various downtown merchants and that Moore's had decent pricing. He noted that he is still waiting to hear from these merchants for more details.

4.3 Standard Executive Meeting Time

President Kirkland suggested a regular meeting time of Monday at 9:00 am.

VP Hitchings asked if Tuesdays would be a better option as it would not interfere with holidays and could remain more consistent.

GM Cottrell noted that it causes a bit of strain to have the USC minutes out the next day and Monday provides enough time for that.

4.4 Classroom Introductions

President Kirkland noted that there should be planning for the fall for first year classroom introductions. These introductions provide an opportunity to tell new students about services and introduce their representatives.

Steven Ofukany, the CSSO, will begin compiling a list of 1st year classes, which could be approached for class time.

4.5 Executive iPhone/PDA Costs

President Kirkland reminded the Executive that this must be handled in a transparent manner and that these costs are included in the policy as part of the benefits package.

4.6 Volunteer Team

VP Fawcett stated that he was interested in the idea of having a Volunteer Team to help with USSU events.

GM Cottrell commented that it was a good idea but was not effectively used in the past. It needs to have clear objectives and specific areas in which the volunteers will be placed. She also noted that these volunteers could be used as an extension of Safewalk to operate during the day to help remedy the issue of the limited DSS access caused by the construction.

4.7 Parking Meter Plugging

VP Hitchings stated that it could be a helpful initiative to help those parked in front of the Memorial Union Building by giving them a one-time top-up on their meter if they will be getting a ticket.

The other Executive members commented that it would likely be abused.

4.8 Executive Member Portfolios

There was a discussion between VP Stoicheff and President Kirkland in regard to portfolio issues for student loans, scholarships, and bursaries in relation to the governments and whether President Kirkland or VP Stoicheff should sit on the committee.

4.9 Place Riel Update

There was a discussion about progression of the Place Riel project. Tenders for Phase 2 are still pending.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am

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University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, June 18, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call for Quorum

Quorum was not reached.

2. Minutes and Reports for Information

2.1 USC Minutes – May 28, 2009

2.2 Executive Committee Minutes – May 28th, June 3rd, 11th, and 15th, 2009

Minutes for information, but not approval as quorum was not present.

Adjourned.

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday, June 29, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell, Jason Ventnor

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Meeting re: Louis' deck
- Daycare Meeting
- Managers Meeting
- ½ Day Meeting with Architects
- Blog Training X2
- Review of Retreat
- Review of Communication Plan
- Marketing Meeting
- Admin Team
- Meeting on IT in new Place Riel
- Review of personnel
- Communications Meeting
- Louis'/Browsers Planning Meeting
- Welcome Week Meeting
- Site Meeting
- Tenant Meeting
- Insurance Meeting

President Kirkland

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Meeting
- Lunch with Janelle Huchinson regarding MSR Plans
- Meeting with Vicki Williamson regarding library budgets
- USSU Calendar meeting
- Meeting with Brooke Dobni regarding Edwards budgets
- Meeting with Minister Norris and Dean Gorecki
- Admin team meeting
- Agenda Setting planning session
- Staff Luncheon

- Housing Coordination meeting
- Scholarship and awards committee
- ROOTED presentation
- Reception for tenure staff
- Flight to Ottawa
- Meeting with MP Goodale
- Meeting with MP Savage
- Meeting with Ignatieff Advisor
- Reception with Liberal Staffers
- Meeting with MP Hall Findlay
- Meeting with Canadian Federation of Students
- Meeting with Government regarding KIP
- Edge Conference
- Halifax Edge Conference
- Board of Governors Committee meetings
- Board of Governors Dinner
- Board of Governors Meeting

VP Fawcett

- Met with the USSU's daycare board
- Executive Meeting
- Compiled research for a Childcare action plan
- Met with the Housing Coordinating Committee
- Attended an IACC social gathering
- Attended blog training with IT guys
- Attended the Senate Roundtable on Outreach and Engagement (filling in for Chris Stoicheff)
- Met with the University's new Transportation Committee
- Attended the Student Edge Conference in Halifax June 19 – 26
- Met with Peter Moore of Next Generation Consulting in Halifax to discuss student engagement in the Saskatoon community

VP Hitchings

- Financial Accountabilities
- Meeting re: USSU/Campus Club Online Events Calendar
- Meeting re: Integrated Plan implementation
- Meeting re: Campus Clubs
- Familiarization with current insurance policy
- Blog Orientation
- Head Lease Agreement
- Bike Tool Advertising
- Attended opening of new Campus Safety Building
- Dealt with problems surrounding the Head Lease
- Met with MSC Alexander Steffen
- Prepared for University Students' Council
- The "Edge" Student Leadership Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia

VP McCullough

- Meeting with Jeremy Morgan and Chris Stoicheff
- Meeting with Vicki Williamson
- Meeting with Brooke Dobni
- Reading for Search Committee Meeting
- Search Committee Meeting
- RSAW Research Services Review
- Technology and Communication meeting
- Parking Services and Campus Safety Office Opening
- Academic Support Committee Reception
- Learning Commons Programming Subgroup Meeting
- University Council
- Traveling to Halifax for Edge Conference
- Edge Conference

VP Stoicheff

- Met with Director of Sask Arts Board
- Met with Dean of Library
- Attended Minister Norris and Dean Gorecki's pharmaceutical announcement
- Attended reception for new tenure faculty at University Faculty Club
- Met with Member of Parliament Mike Savage
- Met with Member of Parliament Ralph Goodale
- Met Jeff Paul (Advisor to Michael Ignatieff)
- Met with Director of the Canada Student Loans Program
- Met with staff members in the office of the Minister of Human Resources and Development Canada
- Attended the EDGE Conference in Halifax
- Met with Member of Parliament Brad Trost
- Met with Member of Parliament Martha Hall Findlay
- Met with Senator Lillian Dyck and Senator Robert Pederson
- Met with the Canadian Federation of Students National Chairperson and Treasurer

4. **Business**

4.1 Development Update

GM Cottrell stated that [fundraising] development plans have been pushed back 18 months, and there have been several meetings to try to get this going once again. These plans will require a significant amount of back work prior to their launch.

President Kirkland asked if there had been discussions about combined efforts to raise more money by working together with the University.

Marketing and Services Manager Ventnor commented that the higher administration has decided that they would not support partnership in fundraising. There are still talks to find a way to work things out and determine what is needed.

4.2 Campus Clubs Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the Muslim Students' Association:

EXEC015 VP Hitchings/President Kirkland

Carried

Upon further review, the decision was made to move to rescind the ratification of ROOTED due to not all conditions having been met under Campus Clubs policy. VP Hitchings will contact ROOTED and provide conditions that must be met in order to be ratified once again. The Executive agreed finding a workable solution was necessary.

Motion to Rescind the Motion of Ratification for ROOTED (EXEC009):

EXEC016 President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.3 Scrabble/Chess Tournament

GM Cottrell suggested that this could be an event used for a "Welcome Back" for Term 2.

President Kirkland also noted that there is a possibility to work with the Chess Club to have this as an event for their club.

4.4 Plasmas and Blogs

President Kirkland reminded the Executive to have their blog postings completed.

The Executive also noted that newer pictures, more pictures, updates on current activities, and ensuring that portfolios are properly paired with the responsible Executive member would help to improve the appeal of the plasmas.

4.5 Sustainability Mugs

Marketing and Services Manager Ventnor stated that there would be more information to come. He also noted that mugs would be used for Welcome Week and could combine the "Mugging" event with that to get the mugs out there at the start of the year.

4.6 Events Planning

There will be meetings with the Centres and all applicable people to plan out events and campaigns for the year. In addition, there will be work on doing Campus Clubs updates.

4.7 Retreat

GM Cottrell asked Executive if the structure of Retreat should be changed.

The Executive noted that Retreat seemed quite positive and they agreed that there was a lot of value in the bonding and team-building aspect of it.

GM Cottrell also agreed that there was a lot of positive feedback from Retreat.

4.8 Council Binders and Orientation

GM Cottrell asked the Executive what should be done in regard to Council Binders. She noted that if the binders are foregone, it will encourage people to bring their laptops and inevitably cause distraction at the meetings, but if the binders are kept, then it will create a sustainability issue.

President Kirkland commented that the decision in regard to binders should be left to the Councilors. An effort will be made to inform councilors prior to making any decisions. In regard to Councilor Orientation, he also noted that not a lot of people know what the USSU is about.

GM Cottrell asked if President Kirkland would ensure that at the MSC Orientation session he would walk through the bylaws and constitution.

President Kirkland stated that he would.

4.9 Bike Rental Update

VP Fawcett stated that there would be approximately 30 bikes that could be sold at Welcome Week, with the proceeds going back into the repair service. He noted that he would also check into how much the service is being used. He will continue working with Margaret Asmus and a decision will be made at a later date.

4.10 Partnership with Alumni Association – Wall of Fame in Place Riel

There was a discussion about allowing the Alumni Association to use a small portion of a wall in Place Riel for an Alumni Wall of Fame. There will be more details soon.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday, July 6, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Meeting with Alumni Association
- Financial Review
- Managers' Meeting
- HR Team Meeting
- EDO
- Marketing Meeting
- Mentor Meeting
- OH & S Meeting
- Numerous and varied Place Riel meetings
- Daycare Policy work
- Review of all position profiles
- Working on loan documents
- Insurance Renewal

President Kirkland

- Executive blog reviews and posting
- Meeting with Alumni Association regarding partnership opportunities
- Meeting with Evan Cole regarding Canadian Federation of Students
- Meeting with Mr. Lingenfelter regarding NDP political position
- Meeting with director of Brett Wilson Centre regarding Howler Concert
- Planning meeting regarding BOCF
- Bike Tool Rental Service advertising
- Orientation! meeting
- SIT balance collections
- Meeting with GSA President regarding potential partnerships
- College Quarter residence floor plan evaluation
- Tour of Advanced Education Department in Regina

- Meeting with University of Regina Students Union regarding potential partnerships
- Team Building with URSU

VP Fawcett

- Wrote Executive blog
- Executive meeting with the Alumni Association
- Centres Retreat with Jason Ventnor and Centres coordinators
- Meeting with Ventnor to discuss my planned events
- Meeting with Rita Mireles of Health and Counseling Services to discuss Hike Bike n' Roll
- Advertised around campus for the Bike Tool Rental Service
- Sat in on the College Quarter Residence floor plan student input meeting
- Met with URSU and toured the Advanced Education Department in Regina

VP Hitchings

- Updated Campus Group Data Base
- Meeting Re: Alumni Wall of Gratification
- Contacted members of 08/09 Campus Groups- Re: Live Expo
- Meeting with Saskatchewan New Democrat Party leader Lingenfelter
- Financial Review Meeting
- Board of College Presidents' Planning Meeting
- Bike Tool Rental Service Advertisement
- Meeting with Marketing and Services Manager
- Residence Floor Plan Input
- ½ day E.D.O.
- Tour of Advanced Education Department in Regina
- Meeting with University of Regina Students' Union
- Meeting with the Centres
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Club

VP McCullough

- Meeting with Alumni Association
- Academic Integrity Awareness Day Meeting
- Open Access Education Research
- Advertising Bike Tool Rental Service
- Meeting re: Events Marketing
- Residence Floor Plan Input Meeting
- Academic Grievances
- Regina Trip and URSU meeting.

VP Stoicheff

- Attended Executive Meeting
- Meeting with Alumni Association
- Completed Executive Blog
- Met with former USSU President Evan Cole

- Met with new NDP leader Dwaine Lingenfelter
- Met with former President and current VP Finance from U of Alberta
- Met with Ryan Meili Sask NDP leadership candidate
- Bike Tool Rental Service Advertising
- Attended Residence Floor Plan Input
- Met with University of Regina Students' Union in Regina
- Met with the Executive Director of the Student Financial Assistance Branch of the Government of Saskatchewan

4. **Business**

4.1 Vending Machines in Library

VP McCullough stated that the Library is interested in bringing vending machines in to provide various supplies to students such as pens, pencils, memory sticks, and other items. He asked if the USSU would be interested in looking at student input on this issue.

GM Cottrell referred to her experience in the Library and agreed that this would be a good idea. She also noted that the USSU could consider taking it on as part of the Copy Central business.

4.2 Terry Fox Run

President Kirkland stated that he had been approached by the Terry Fox Works to determine our organization's interest in holding a Terry Fox Run. He commented that it would be a great idea to have one and it would be held on the Friday of Welcome Week.

VP Stoicheff asked if there would be any costs associated with holding this event.

President Kirkland commented that there would not likely be costs to hold the event and there would be a lot we could do to support this cause.

4.3 Executive Jackets

President Kirkland stated that two quotes for jackets had been received. One was from Elwood Flynn, for \$200, and the other was from Moore's for \$150 and there was currently a sale. The sale is 2 for 1, which would make the total cost paid by the USSU \$50 per jacket. This cost calculation is due to taxes and additional charges raising the price to \$100 after incorporating the sales discount. As previously decided, the USSU will pay 50% of this amount, or \$50.

VP Stoicheff suggested that Moore's should be looked at.

4.4 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify Education Students' Society

EXEC017 VP Hitchings/President Kirkland

Carried

4.5 Metis and First Nations Inclusion Report

VP Stoicheff stated that this could be a good report to show the government, indicating that this should be a priority for them. The report must be done in a culturally sensitive and respectful manner with significant student input. He commented that he also felt the University was not working well enough with engagement of Metis and First Nations peoples.

President Kirkland noted that this report would need to be approached as a student perspective on what needs to be done.

GM Cottrell also commented that report will need to reference the FSIN report from 2000, and also it will be important to remember that First Nations fall under federal jurisdiction. She noted that it would be important to emphasize the successes and build on that.

VP Stoicheff also stated that he would like to further examine on-reserve education, if the report is to be done.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday, July 13, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Meetings with Auditors (2)
- Cold Beverage Steering Committee
- Site Safety Meeting
- Meetings re: Project (6)
- Communications Meeting
- Meeting with First Nations Bank to establish account
- Meeting re: Academic Grievances

President Kirkland

- Executive blog reviews and posting
- Meeting with Peggy Schmisser and Kevin Veitenheimer
- Executive meeting with Centre Coordinators regarding centre positioning
- Sensitivity training
- Cold Beverage Steering Committee
- Welcome week movie evaluation meeting
- Meeting with Dean of Nursing regarding potential partnerships
- Orientation! Meeting
- SIT balance collections
- Twitter evaluation meeting
- Marketing campaign fittings
- Housing Coordination meeting
- Team building in Centres
- Louis Browsers planning meeting
- Meeting with Dean Gorecki regarding potential partnerships
- Launch of the USSU Reaching Out Campaign
- Site Meeting
- Pharmacy and Nutrition Golf Tournament
- Dinner at Faculty Club with President and Chancellor

- Questions Regarding Student Loan application process x 2
- Tuition Assessment Committee meeting
- Student UPass Question
- Fee assessment questions

VP Fawcett

- Executive meeting with the Centres/information session
- Half day EDO
- Sustainability meeting with Stefanie Livingston to discuss the USSU's organizational practices
- Contacted Walter Linklater re: Green Yourself Week
- Housing Coordinating Committee meeting
- EDO

VP Hitchings

- Meeting with the Centres
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Club
- Meeting re: Movies for Carless Drive In
- Reviewed Financial Policies
- Reviewed SWOT Analyses
- Prepared for Louis'/Browsers Planning Committee Meeting
- Louis/Browsers Planning Committee
- Reviewed Policies
- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Meeting with GM Cottrell re: Expenditure of Money Policy
- Reviewed Expenditure of Money policy

VP McCullough

- Meeting with USSU Centres
- Academic Grievances
- Open Access Education Research
- Research on NEPS Program
- Met with SIAST VP Kelsey Campus re: NEPS Program
- Meeting with Dean of Library Vicki Williamson re: Open Access Education
- Meeting with VP Research Karen Chad re: Open Access
- Meeting with Caroline re: Academic Advocacy Office

VP Stoicheff

- Meeting with CFCR Programming Manager
- Exec Meeting with Centres
- First Nations and Métis Inclusion Report
- Met with Dean of Nursing
- Met with VP SIAST Kelsey Campus
- Met with Dean of Pharmacy and Nutrition
- CFCR Radio Show training
- CFS

- Conference call with VP Internal University of Lethbridge Students' Union about U-Pass

4. **Business**

4.1 Executive Outreach

GM Cottrell stated that making trips to various regional colleges in the province would be beneficial and decisions should be made about trips for early fall. She noted that doing this outreach is important as there are over 500 members at these various institutions and it would provide both a good experience and better inclusion, as it has in the past.

The Executive agreed and expressed their interest in these trips.

4.2 Appreciation for Place Riel Project

GM Cottrell noted that there are many people to thank in this project. She proposed that it would be a good idea to sponsor an event on the deck on a Thursday afternoon in coordination with the site meetings.

Motion to hold an appreciation event on a Thursday for contributors to the Place Riel Project:

EXEC018 President Kirkland/VP McCullough

Carried

4.3 Positive Space Presentation

Carole Pond has called and would like to do a presentation with Pride Centre Coordinator Emily Coates in regard Positive Space to USC in late September.

GM Cottrell commented that she would coordinate with Emily on this.

4.4 Terry Fox Run

President Kirkland stated that the Terry Fox Run has agreed to come to Campus and be part of Welcome Week. He suggested that plasma advertisements and posters could be offered.

VP Stoicheff noted that we must be careful about non-profit sponsorship. However, he also noted that all we are providing essentially is free advertising to them.

Motion to Sponsor Advertising for the Terry Fox Run on Campus:

EXEC019 President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.5 Testicular Cancer Sponsorship

A guest speaker from the Canadian Cancer Society will be making a presentation for a fundraising and information event. This event is to honour a past Huskie athlete and U of S student who died of testicular cancer. As this

is a very important event, it was suggested that the USSU provide advertising sponsorship.

Motion to Sponsor Advertising for the Testicular Cancer presentation:
EXEC020 President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff Carried

Motion to go in Camera
President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff

Motion to leave in Camera Session
President Kirkland/VP McCullough

4.6 Hike, Bike, and Roll

VP Fawcett stated that Rita Mireles had approached him in regard to sponsorship for a tent in the Bowl at an estimated cost of \$350 in addition to advertising sponsorship for the event.

This is a good event because it promotes a reduction of single occupancy vehicles and encourages a healthy lifestyle.

Motion to Provide up to \$350 for Tent Rentals, and Advertising Sponsorship for Hike, Bike, and Roll:

EXEC021 VP Fawcett/VP Stoicheff Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 am

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday, July 20, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

Regrets: Scott Hitchings

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Bid Openings at Quorex
- Meeting with Architects (3)
- Managers' Meeting
- Final Loan Negotiation Meeting
- Meeting with Ron Cruikshank
- Marketing Meeting
- Interviews for XL
- Employee Database Meeting
- U-PASS Meeting
- Golf Tournament
- Campus Club Database Meeting

President Kirkland

- Campus Club Database Meeting
- Half EDO
- Final Loan Rate Negotiations
- Student Care Meeting
- Alternative Dispute Resolution meeting X2
- Meeting with SECC regarding plasma sponsorship
- Meeting with Ashleigh Mattern regarding Sheaf/USSU relations
- Networking with SESD
- USSU Golf Tournament
- Student Loan application meeting with student
- Executive Code of Conduct Meeting
- Meeting with Derek Tannis regarding Global Commons Partnership
- General Database Use meeting
- U-PASS Meeting

VP Fawcett

- Conference call with Ron Dembo about a “Green I.T.” presentation
- Attended College Quarter Steering Committee architects’ presentation for the residence building plans
- Met with Carol Greyeyes about Aboriginal and Metis inclusion on campus
- Contacted several possible candidates about participating in Green Yourself Week
- Met with Amanda of Student Care to go over 3rd Quarter insurance claims
- Met with Margret Asmuss about selling abandoned bikes at Hike Bike and Roll
- Childcare Committee meeting
- Attended College Quarter Site Plan room walk-through
- EDO

VP Hitchings

- Campus Club Database Meeting
- Studentcare Meeting
- Campus Club Ratification Review
- Work on Database
- Networking event with SESD
- U-PASS Meeting

VP McCullough

- Academic Grievances
- Open Access Education
- Meeting with Roman Nahachewsky
- Copyright Advisory Committee Meeting

VP Stoicheff

- Attended City Council Meeting
- Met with Carol Greyeyes, Sask Arts Board and former Aboriginal student at the U of S about First Nations inclusion on campus
- Student Care Meeting
- U-Pass/Microchip meeting with City
- Exec Blog
- Met with SIAST President John Elder
- Taste of Saskatchewan Networking Lunch with Senior Administration

4. **Business**

4.1 Student Employment and Career Centre Advertising Sponsorship

President Kirkland stated that advertising sponsorship for the Student Employment and Career Centre would be a positive initiative to get relevant information out to students. He requested feedback on this idea.

VP Stoicheff commented that it would be a good idea.

Motion to Provide Advertising Sponsorship for the SECC:

EXEC022 President Kirkland/ VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.2 Childcare Centre Representative

GM Cottrell stated that there is a need for two representatives from the USSU on the Childcare Centre Board, and that usually Executive members hold these positions. The VP Student Affairs always takes one place, and the remaining space is designated to either an Executive member, or if the Executive opts for it, a parent of a child in the Centre is designated.

All of the present Executive members expressed their interest.

VP Fawcett invited the Executive members to sit in on a meeting.

4.3 Childcare Centre Work Bee

VP Fawcett commented that there is a need to help with upgrades to play equipment at the Childcare Centre and requested the assistance of the Executive.

4.4 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify:

- 1) ROOTED
- 2) WCVM

EXEC023 President Kirkland/VP Fawcett

Carried

4.5 Sheaf Advertising Sponsorship

President Kirkland stated that he was interested in providing a few advertisements for *the Sheaf* to maintain openness and build positive relationships.

VP Stoicheff asked if this would be an ongoing commitment.

President Kirkland stated that it could be.

Motion to Provide Advertising Sponsorship (Subject to Approval) for the Sheaf for a period of one month, starting in September:

EXEC024 President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.6 Executive Profiles

President Kirkland commented that VP Hitchings would like to pass the message on that all of the Executive position profiles should be reviewed to ensure that they are accurate and up to date.

4.7 Gender Equality Event

VP Stoicheff suggested that the USSU might consider following URSU's example of hosting an event to raise the awareness of gender equity issues and asked for perspective from the Executive.

VP Fawcett agreed to consider it.

4.8 Student-Wise Green-Wise

President Kirkland stated that there is a contest from Studentwise in progress where student unions are able to compete on the basis of sustainability. The prize is \$1500 for the most sustainable student union in Canada.

GM Cottrell commented that she would check to ensure that there would not be conflicts with our existing provider in regard to this contest.

4.9 Volunteer Appreciation

Motion to Amend July 13 Motion (EXEC 018) to \$400:

EXEC025 President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, August 27, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 USSU Orientation**
 - 3.2 Place Riel Orientation**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – July 23, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Amendment to the Declaration of Student Rights**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, July 23, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call for Quorum

Quorum was not reached.

2. Minutes and Reports for Information

2.1 USC Minutes – June 18, 2009

2.2 Executive Committee Minutes – June 29th, July 6th, 13th, and 20th, 2009

Minutes for information, but not for approval as quorum was not present.

Adjourned.

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday, July 27, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell, Jason Ventnor

Guest: Jessie Best (ROOTED)

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Meeting with Claude Lang re: Accessibility
- Renovation Meetings (5)
- Admin Team Meeting
- USC
- Meetings with Security (3)
- Meeting re: Online Payments
- Marquis Hall Renovation Meeting
- Organizing August 6th Event
- HR Duties

President Kirkland

- Admin team meeting
- Degree Works Presentation
- Review of Fire Safety
- Meeting with Greg Fowler – Designated Driver Programs
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Glenn Penner, City Councilor
- Volunteering in the Women's Centre
- Marquis Hall Renovation Steering Committee
- Site Meeting
- Pre-Council Meeting
- University Students Council
- Meeting with Provost Fairbairn regarding tuition assessment strategies
- Blog Review and Postings

VP Fawcett

- Admin team

- Centre meeting
- Volunteered with SCSS coordinator to put up posters
- Meeting with former Indigenous Students Council rep
- Student Council meeting
- Meeting with Kate Livingston – USSU to give presentation to returning exchange students

VP Hitchings

- Vacation

VP McCullough

- DegreeWorks Demonstration
- Meeting with Andrea Eccleston re: DISOrientation
- Meeting with President Kirkland
- Open Access Presentation Work
- Academic Grievance Meeting
- Academic Awareness Week Meeting
- USC Meeting Attempt

VP Stoicheff

- CFCR Radio
- Phone call with former URSU President Mike Burton
- Admin Team meeting
- Finalized Draft of SSC
- Conversation with former USSU President Robin Mowat
- Met with Corey O'Soup – Sask. Party Candidate for Saskatoon Riversdale Constituency
- Met with City Councilor Tiffany Paulsen
- Volunteered with the SCSS
- Meeting with last year's ISC rep
- Met with Glenn Penner City Councilor

4. **Business**

4.1 iPortal Sponsorship

The iPortal program is operated through the Library and highlights the interdisciplinary aspects of various areas related to Indigenous study. They have asked the USSU for advertising sponsorship to raise awareness of Aboriginal programs available in the Library. Advertising is planned to start in the second week of September and will last three weeks.

There will be more discussions to follow.

4.2 Funding Request (ROOTED)

Jesse Best, a representative from ROOTED joined the meeting.

ROOTED put forward a request for funding for an event at the Broadway Theatre to raise awareness for their group.

GM Cottrell commented that Louis' could also be a potential venue to consider and it would be convenient . She also asked if the audience will be mainly students, and suggested ROOTED contact horticulture organizations from within the city.

A representative from ROOTED stated the event would be aimed at students by providing free admission.

VP Fawcett also commented that as the security deposit for the event is a large cost that they could possibly collaborate with other groups to fund that portion of the event.

VP McCullough noted he is pleased that there will be free admission for students, as this important to providing something accessible for undergraduates.

VP Stoicheff commented that the event could have a great impact if it was held on campus. He also noted it is important for this group to also seek support from other related organizations.

In addition to this event, ROOTED is planning to hold workshops and other accessible programs to help students become involved with their group.

The representative from ROOTED left the meeting.

Motion to Provide Sponsorship for the ROOTED Event in the Amount of \$570, and to Provide Advertising Sponsorship in the Amount of \$180, Via a Credit at XL Designs and Reproductions (Total of \$750 overall sponsorship):

EXEC026 President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.3 Executive Blog Protocol

VP McCullough stated that there is a need for blog guidelines to define what is acceptable and appropriate.

GM Cottrell commented that a policy covering this issue would be great as this is a new territory being explored. She also noted that something additional to the Media Release Policy would be helpful.

President Kirkland stated that there are two main functions of the blogs: convey the message of the USSU, and to create a connection between students and the Executive. He noted that a policy could be too rigid,

especially if the Executive was to opt to move in a different direction with the blogs.

The Executive discussed the issue of the use of links in blogs, in addition to implications of endorsement and legal responsibilities.

VP Fawcett stated that links are good if agreed upon or if they are related to the University.

President Kirkland noted it is good to talk about issues, but this can be done without linking to an external site.

4.4 Saskatchewan Students' Coalition

VP Stoicheff stated SIAST and the U of R were also on board with this coalition in previous years. As it does not present a cost to students and it provides a positive effect for education, he recommended the USSU to take a lead on this.

Motion to Recommend to Council to Support the Founding Of, and Participation in the Saskatchewan Students' Coalition:

EXEC027 VP Stoicheff/President Kirkland Carried

4.5 Corn Plastic Mugs for Welcome Week

Marketing/Services Manager Ventnor stated that the Corn Plastic Mugs would be the best option for Welcome Week.

4.6 Sir Ken Robinson Lecture

This lecture would feature the topic of how the school system is still focused on the industrial revolution, and how things can be improved.

The Executive discussed potential sponsorship opportunities for this event.

Motion to Provide \$500 in Sponsorship to the Sir Ken Robinson Lecture, in Addition to Providing Advertising Sponsorship via the Plasma Screens:

EXEC028 President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

4.7 Corporate Sponsorship

The University has announced that they will be able to use charitable status on behalf of the USSU to support us in our sponsorship goals.

4.8 Presentation for Returning Exchange Students

VP Fawcett stated that plans would be put together to give a presentation to approximately 70 returning exchange students in September to introduce them to their USSU and give an update on Place Riel.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am

Executive Committee

Minutes for Tuesday August 4, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

Regrets: Daniel McCullough

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Interviews (4) – Safewalk/Student Crew and Food Centre
- Place Riel Meetings (3)
- Managers' Meeting
- Meeting with James Pepler
- Meeting with Access Transit
- Meeting with Insurance Agent
- Social Committee Meeting
- Safety Meeting
- Marketing Meeting
- Meeting with Studentcare re: Continuum
- Getting plants to meet Sustainability Requirements
- Bereavement Day

President Kirkland

- U-Life 101 Meeting
- Residence Move-in-Crew Meeting
- Parent Orientation Meeting
- Iphone Email Setup
- Childcare Centre Worker Crew
- Answering Questions regarding Student Loans
- USSU Blogs policy discussion
- Writing blogs policy
- Board of Governors Photo
- Board of Governors meeting
- Lunch with University Board of Governors
- Dinner with Student Care
- A Very Important Meeting

- Blog reviews and postings

VP Fawcett

- Meeting with Lynn Kuffner about health e-zine sponsorship
- Interviews for Food Centre coordinator
- Interviews for Safewalk and Student Crew coordinator
- Transportation Committee meeting and presentation
- Volunteered at Childcare Centre
- Meeting with Margret Asmuss about sustainability initiatives
- Meeting with Student Care and Alumni Relations to discuss continuing health plan for graduating students
- Secured speakers for Green Yourself Week presentation on religion and ecology
- Began planning for Aboriginal inclusion coffee house

VP Hitchings

- Reviewed Campus club applications
- Reviewed expenditures
- Cheque Requisitions
- Meeting with Student Re: Insurance for Campus Group Event
- Volunteer at the USSU Daycare Centre
- Meeting re: USSU Executive Blog Guidelines & Framework For Policy
- Social Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Group Ratification
- Meeting with WUSC co-chair re: Ratification
- Meeting with Student re: Insurance for Campus Group Event
- Meeting with Student Care Insurance providers
- Meeting with President re: BOC
- Reviewed Insurance Procedures
- Composed Blog Entry

VP McCullough

- Accountability Report
- IT meeting
- Childcare Work Bee
- Meeting with Communications Manager
- Volunteering for SCSS poster campaign
- Completed Open Access Presentation Work
- Dinner with Student Care

VP Stoicheff

- USSU Inclusive Campus Report
- Transportation Committee Meeting at FMD
- Webcast with FMD Michael Molaro
- USSU Childcare Tour and Volunteering
- Exec Blog

- Blog Policy Review
- JDC 2011 West meeting
- Meeting with City Councillor Bev Dubois
- Dinner meeting with Student Care

4. **Business**

4.1 Homecoming College Challenge

The idea was brought forward to have a USSU sponsored College Challenge at the Homecoming game on September 3. At halftime, the colleges would compete in an event and the winner would receive a prize.

Motion to Sponsor the College Challenge Halftime Event at the Homecoming Game with a \$200 USSU Gift Certificate:

EXEC029 President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.2 Sheaf Insert

GM Cottrell stated that in September, an 8-page insert in *the Sheaf* is placed and contains USSU information. Four pages of this will be related to the Executive and their plans for the year. Submissions need to be handed into President Kirkland by August 14.

4.3 Centres – Volunteering

Katelyn Crosbie, the Coordinator of the Student Crisis Support Service, is still looking for male volunteers to put posters in the washrooms in Health Sciences. Linh Le, the Women’s’ Centre Coordinator, and Emily Coates, the Pride Centre Coordinator, need volunteers while they are away for the week.

Arrangements are to be made with Jason Ventnor, Marketing and Services Manager. He has also noted that it is a good idea for the Executive to volunteer regularly in the Centres.

4.4 Artwork in Council Boardroom

VP Stoicheff stated that he is looking into getting more artwork placed in the Saskatchewan Hall Boardroom. He is interested in finding more artwork that is relevant and is representative of the history of Saskatchewan.

GM Cottrell advised him to coordinate with Freda Salikin, Facilities and Operations Manager.

4.5 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify Teachers Without Borders and the Engineering Students’ Society:

EXEC030 VP Hitchings/President Kirkland

Carried

4.6 Aboriginal Career Fair

After more information is available about the event, it will be looked at further. Further review is anticipated for next week.

4.7 Term Core Hours

GM Cottrell stated that for the school year, a consistent start time for the Executive would need to be decided upon. In addition, the schedule will have to be configured so that there is always a minimum of one Executive member here during office hours.

President Kirkland stated that it would set a good example if the start time were at 8:30. The Executive agreed.

4.8 Miles for Smiles

The Miles for Smiles Committee put a request for sponsorship forward.

The Executive agreed that they should go through the application process for Campus Group Funding.

4.9 Blog Policy

A few items were put together for review for a potential Blog Policy. Revisions and debate will take place at the next Executive Meeting.

4.10 CFCR Radio Show

VP Stoicheff stated that he would be doing a radio show on CFCR starting August 11.

He suggested that perhaps this show could be advertised with posters.

GM Cottrell suggested that it could be advertised on the back of *the Sheaf* and on the plasmas.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday August 10, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Stat. Holiday
- Orienting Charles McLeod – XL Graphic Designer
- Interviews for Safewalk/Student Crew and Food Centre
- Place Riel Meetings (4)
- Place Riel Thank-You Event
- Communications Meeting

President Kirkland

- Housing Coordination Meeting
- Parking Coordination Meeting
- Orientation Meeting
- Move Crew for Global Commons
- Place Riel Site Meeting
- University art Curator Meeting
- Place Riel Celebration
- Meeting with CASA Director
- Scotts Birthday Celebration
- Meeting with Ryan Bater and Eileen Gelowitz
- Blog Reviews and Postings
- Interviews with CTV and Global TV

VP Fawcett

- Food Centre Coordinator interview
- College Quarter Site Planning Committee meeting
- Volunteered in the Centres
- WUSC Orientation
- Food Centre Coordinator interview
- Safe Walk/Student Crew Coordinator interview

- Place Riel project appreciation event
- Meeting with national director of CASA
- Filmed sustainability video with Jen from FMD

VP Hitchings

- Meeting with Student re: Campus Clubs
- Budget Review
- Prepared Financial Accountabilities
- Reviewed Campus Group Funding Requests
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Club
- Reviewed Browser's SWOT analysis
- Reviewed Place Riel information
- Reviewed USSU/campus group insurance policies
- Meeting with Jason Ventnor re: Insurance
- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Meeting with University Arts Curator re: Art in Council Chambers
- Place Riel Appreciation Gala
- Meeting with CASA national director
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Group Insurance

VP McCullough

- Vacation

VP Stoicheff

- USSU/CFCR Radio Contest
- Discussion with U of R President Kyle Addison
- Volunteering at Global Commons
- Meeting with Gord Androsoff Exec Director of Road Map 2020
- Meeting with City Councillor Bob Pringle
- Junior Team Saskatchewan Program Meeting
- WUSC Briefing
- Meeting with University Art Curator (Art in Boardroom)
- Place Riel Celebration Event
- Meeting with student Tyler Nieckar
- Meeting with CASA National Director
- Meeting with Eileen Gelowitz Liberal Candidate Saskatoon-Riversdale Constituency
- Meeting with Minister Rob Norris (Government of Saskatchewan) Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour

4. **Business**

4.1 Position Profiles

GM Cottrell noted that the Position Profiles acts as a good guide for the Executive to determine areas of responsibility.

Motion to Accept Position Profiles as Emailed:

EXEC031 President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.2 Blog Policy

A proposed Blog Policy was sent out for review.

Motion to Accept Reviewed Blog Policy:

EXEC032 President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.3 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify Edwards Business Students' Society (EBSS), World University Service of Canada (WUSC), JDC West 2011, and the Table Tennis Club:

EXEC033 VP Hitchings/President Kirkland

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am

Executive Committee

Minutes for Tuesday August 18, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Scott Hitchings, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell
Absent: Ben Fawcett, Daniel McCullough

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Open Access Presentation
- EDO
- Meetings with Campus Safety
- Daycare Board
- Marketing Meeting
- Meeting re: Constitution and Bylaws
- University Communications Meeting
- Front Door Concept Meeting
- Hiring and Orienting New Staff

President Kirkland

- Meeting with Greg Walen, USSU Lawyer re: CFS
- Open Access Presentation and Debate
- Class Presentation
- SECC Consultation
- Sheaf Insert Meeting
- Huskie Athletics Meeting
- Orientation Meeting – Live! Expo
- Picking up Jackets from Moores
- Centres Barbeque
- Accessibility Concerns from students
- Continuing Scholarships selection committee
- Cleaning Scotts Desk
- Louis' and Browsers Planning Meeting
- Summer University Transition Luncheon
- Tuition Strategy Committee Meeting
- Blog Planning, review and postings
- SummerCon Planning meeting

- SummerCon

VP Fawcett

- Residence meeting about transgender policy issues
- Open Access presentation by VP McCullough
- Sheaf insert meeting
- Centres BBQ
- USSU CFCR show
- Childcare Committee meeting
- Volunteered for Louis'
- SummerCon orientation for Board of College Presidents
- University Communications conference call meeting for institutional branding

VP Hitchings

- Open Access Presentation
- Meeting with IT re: Campus Clubs Database
- Meeting re: Sheaf Insert
- Important Meeting re: Orientation
- Meeting with student re: Establishing a campus club
- Preparing insert for the Sheaf
- Planning for SummerCon
- Cheque Requisitions
- SummerCon planning
- Meeting with student re: Joining the U of S/Joining a Campus Club
- Blog Creation
- SummerCon

VP McCullough

- Catching up on E-Mail and Accountability Report
- Gave Open Access Presentation to Exec
- Sheaf Insert Meeting
- Centres Barbeque
- Co-ordinate DISorientation Contest Poster Production
- Worked on Term 1 E-mail Blurb with CSSO
- Coordinated DISorientation Contest Poster Production
- Wrote Sheaf Insert Piece
- Completed Job Description Update
- Updated Open Access Presentation
- Volunteered in Centres
- Coordinated DISorientation Contest Poster Production
- Research on Declaration of Student Rights
- Blog writing

VP Stoicheff

- Meeting with USSU Lawyer Greg Walen

- Attended Open Access Presentation
- Gave Speech about USSU at Summer University Transition Program for Aboriginal Students
- Attended JDC West Video Session, met with Minister Norris (Advanced Education, Employment and Labour) and JDC Delegates
- Attended Sheaf Insert Meeting
- Attended Centres BBQ
- USSU/CFCR Radio Show
- Saskatchewan Student Coalition
- Inclusive Campus Government Lobbying Document
- Vacation 12th-14th

4. **Business**

4.1 Position Profiles

It was agreed that there might need to be changes in the language of the position profiles.

GM Cottrell noted that these do have some flexibility to be changed to meet our needs.

4.2 Daycare Postcard Distribution

President Kirkland stated that he would need the postcards and then he would set up distribution from there.

4.3 Canadian Student Leaders

GM Cottrell stated that there would likely be a meeting in October or November, as part of a new initiative out of Wilfred Laurier.

President Kirkland commented that he appreciated the potential benefits of these meetings, but that he, in addition to the other Executive members, have not been able to benefit significantly from the conference in Halifax.

4.4 U-Life Sponsorship

President Kirkland recommended that we sponsor this program as it has a strong impact on first-year students.

Motion to Provide Sponsorship to the U-Life 101 program in the amount of \$225 via USSU gift certificates (15 @ \$15.00):

EXEC034 President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

It was also noted that various USSU Coordinators and Executive members would attend sessions.

4.5 Fireworks Festival

On September 4th and 5th, there will be a continuation of the successful Fireworks Festival.

Motion to Provide Plasma Screen Sponsorship for Two (2) Days Prior to the Fireworks Festival Event:

EXEC035 VP Stoicheff/President Kirkland

Carried

4.6 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify SIFE Saskatchewan and the SMSS – Miles for Smiles (With \$300 Sponsorship for the Miles for Smiles Program):

EXEC036 VP Hitchings/President Kirkland

Carried

4.7 LaRonge - Regional College Trip

To be determined depending on availability of Executive members.

4.8 Scheduling of Earned Days Off

They do not have to be on a consistently specified day every month, but they do need to be determined at the beginning of the month and the Executive will coordinate the planning of the EDOs.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday August 24, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Freda Salikin (General Manager's Designate)

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Front Door Meeting
- Orienting Food Centre Coordinator
- Admin Team
- Personnel Meetings (2)
- Communications Meeting
- Interview with On-Campus News
- Louis' Browsers Planning Meeting
- IT Meeting
- Site Meeting
- Bereavement Leave (2 days)

President Kirkland

- Institutional Positioning Conference Call
- Executive meeting
- Meeting with MP Fry regarding LGBTQA Issues in Saskatoon
- Admin Team meeting
- Shaw News Interview
- Video Blog
- Interview with On Campus News
- Louis Browsers Planning Meeting
- Board Meeting
- Site Meeting
- Interview with Global Saskatoon
- Answer student questions regarding student loan applications x4
- Volunteering in the Centre's – Button making
- Photo Shoot for Sheaf Insert
- USSU Staff and Family BBQ
- ULife 101 Coaches Training Presentation

- Blog review and postings

VP Fawcett

- Executive Meeting
- University Communications conference call
- Admin team meeting
- USSU radio show
- Aboriginal Coffee House planning meeting
- Meeting with Joan Greyeyes
- USSU Staff BBQ
- Solidified Hike Bike and Roll participants
- Wrote Aboriginal Coffee House event request form

VP Hitchings

- Admin Team Meeting
- Meeting with Professor
- Meeting with Kyle Gunderson re: Orientation Vlog
- Prepare for Louis/Browsers Planning Committee Meeting
- Louis/Browsers Planning Committee meeting
- Meeting with student re: Campus Clubs
- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Meeting with student re: Funding for Event
- Meeting with student re: Insurance for off-campus event
- Review Campus Club Ratifications
- Meeting re: Campus Club Database/Online Ratification Process
- USSU Staff BBQ

VP McCullough

- Admin Team
- Coordinated DISorientation
- Editing Open Access Presentation
- Discussion with CSSO
- Filming for MSR
- Accountability Report
- DISorientation Co-ordination
- Updated AAO Webpage
- Students' Rights Handbook Updating
- DISorientation Posters
- Students' Rights Handbook Updating
- Reading for VP Research Search Committee

VP Stoicheff

- Meeting with U of S Communications
- Meeting with SIAST Kelsey and Woodland Campus Students' Association president Jon Elder in Regina
- Meeting with Wascana SIAST Students' Association President in Regina

- Meeting with U of R Students' Union President Kyle Addison in Regina
- Tour of the Legislature with SIAST President Jon Elder-Thanks to Mitchell Cooper (Executive Council, Government of Saskatchewan)
- City Council Meeting-U-Pass Agreement Passed
- OnPurpose Leadership Discussion-Kara Lackie
- Attended Admin Team Meeting
- Hosted USSU/CFCR Radio Show
- Exec Blog
- MSR Video with Kyle Gunderson
- Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House Forum Event Planning
- Junior Team Saskatchewan Meeting
- Saskatchewan Student Coalition Planning
- Meeting with Mitchell Anderson
- Meeting with Joan Greyeyes (Advisor to President Peter MacKinnon on Aboriginal Issues)
- Reviewed Constitutional Amendments Package

4. **Business**

4.1 Amendment to Declaration of Students Rights

VP McCullough proposed the following amendments to the Declaration of Student Rights to make the language more inclusive:

- 1) Article 16: change the language of “men and women” to “people”
- 2) Article 17: change the language of “his or her” to “their”

These changes would also be adjusted to ensure they are grammatically correct.

Motion to Recommend the Proposed Amendment to University Students' Council:

EXEC037 VP McCullough/President Kirkland

Carried

4.2 Open Access and Statement on Student Rights to Research

President Kirkland stated that a move in this direction would need to be examined with great caution, considering the signatories who are involved. He noted that Open Access should not be forced as statistics have shown that fee based sites have led to better citations in some cases. He added that this statement contains many broad statements and the statements may be too strong to be effective. He also expressed his concern about the Canadian signatory. He concluded that Open Access certainly has a place, though as an option among others, and should not be presented as the only option.

VP McCullough posed the idea of drafting a statement that would be unique to the U of S.

President Kirkland stated that the presentation should include information about fee structures and should not present Open Access as an exclusive option.

VP McCullough replied that the presentation is meant to provide education on the topic of Open Access, and not to present the idea as being exclusive.

President Kirkland commented that the presentation should provide a clearer message by presenting the contrasts with fee-based sources.

4.3 Rock, Paper, Scissors Challenge

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters program has requested the Executive to participate in their Rock, Paper, Scissors Challenge. There are a few good prizes available and the event supports a good cause. They are interested in putting posters up around Campus. There will be more discussion regarding this event to come.

4.4 Executive Blazers

Currently, the blazers are having patches sewed onto them and will be ready this week.

4.5 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify SaskParty Youth

EXEC038 VP Hitchings/VP Stoicheff

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am

Executive Committee
Minutes for Tuesday August 25, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough
Regrets: Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:59 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

Available at next meeting

4. **Business**

4.1 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the Student Dental Society of Saskatchewan:

EXEC039 VP Hitchings/President Kirkland

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 pm

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday September 3, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – August 27, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Saskatchewan Students' Coalition**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday August 27, 2009

Present

Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Blair Woynarski, Associated Residence
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Chris Stoicheff, VP External
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Warren Kirkland, President

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair

Regrets:

Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Kevin Miller, Law
Reid Nystuen, ESB

Absent:

Claire Kincaid, Agriculture and Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jenna Dunn, STM
Kimberley Dancey, ESB

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add the following Executive Committee Minutes for approval: May 28th, June 3rd, 11th, 15th, 29th, July 6th, 13th, and 20th.

USCMotion007: President Kirkland/Councilor Kirkham Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion008: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President Kirkland stated that the process may seem confusing for new members, but there will be more information in the Council Address section.

3. Council Address

3.1 USSU Orientation

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion009: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

President Kirkland stated that they would be going on a bit of a walk to talk about what the USSU is and everything that you would need to know to be a councilor.

Motion to move back to formality.

USCMotion010: President Kirkland/VP McCullough

Carried

3.2 Place Riel Orientation

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – July 23, 2009

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – May 28th, June 3rd, 11th, 15th, 29th, July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, August 4th, 10th, 18th, 24th and 25th, 2009

President Kirkland explained that these minutes are meant to reflect what the Executive Committee is up to, what they talk about in their meetings, and what motions they pass. It is meant to provide information to Council, and if Council is concerned about anything, they have the power to make changes to the decisions of the Executive.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion011: President Kirkland/Councilor Woynarski

Carried

6. Business

6.1 Amendment to the Declaration of Student Rights

President Kirkland stated that on September 6, 2007, USC came together and passed a motion to adopt a Declaration of Student Rights. The Executive Committee felt that it should be amended in order to improve the language of the document, not the intent. The language should be more inclusive. The Declaration was passed as USC Motion09 from Sept 6/07 6.1 Steeves/Ring Carried.

Motion to amend articles 16(1) and 17 the Declaration of Students' Rights to include the following inclusive language: In article 16(1), "People of..." instead of "Men and Women of university entrance age, without any limitation due to ethnicity, class ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality or religion, have the right to attend this institution," and in article 17 "All students have the right to not be arbitrarily deprived of their property," instead of "Every student has the right not to be arbitrarily deprived of his/her property.

In addition, the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Sexual Assault Survivors Bill of Rights needs similar amendments as proposed in order to improve the inclusive nature of the document.

Motion to amend this declaration so that: (1) The Preamble reads "...free of all forms of exploitation, abuse, harassment and violence," instead of "...exploitation harassment and violence," reads "...all other forms of sexualized and gender based violence..." instead of "...all other forms of sexualized violence..."; (2) Article 1 reads, "All survivors have the right to be informed..." instead of, "All survivors

have the right two be informed...” (3) Article 3 reads “...survivors of abuse, sexual assault, sexualized and gender-based violence...” as opposed to “survivors of sexual assault, sexualized violence...” (4) Article 5 reads “...shall be provided with the contact information of the USSU Student Crisis Support Service...” instead of “...shall be provided with the contact information of the USSU Victim Advocate...” (5) and Article 7 reads “...allegations of sexual assault, abuse, violence...” instead of “...allegations of sexual assault, violence...” and reads “...their age disability, physical size or weight, colour, race or perceived race, religion, nationality, ancestry, place of origin, marital or family status, receipt of public assistance, class, creed, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity...” instead of, “their age ability, class, creed, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity...”

The Bill of Rights was passed as USC Motion10 from Sept 6/07 Steeves/Pepler Carried.

USCMotion012: President Kirkland/VP McCullough

Motion to table this motion until next week in order to provide time for further review.

USCMotion013: Councilor Loor/President Kirkland Carried

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Wood asked that if one wants to bring a motion forward, do they have to contact the chair previous to the meeting, in order to have it in the agenda?

President Kirkland commented that it can be determined ahead of time in consultation with him and it will appear on the agenda, or if you come to Council, you can have it added there.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion014: Councilor Kirkham/Councilor Forbes Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday August 31, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Jason Ventnor (General Manager's Designate)

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Bereavement Day
- Place Riel Steering Committee
- Strategy Review for Place Riel
- Childcare Survey
- Managers' Meeting
- HR Team Meeting
- Birthday Party
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Marketing Meeting
- EDO

President Kirkland

- Housing Coordination Meeting
- Undergraduate Forum Executive meeting
- Conference Call with SIAST
- RA Training
- MC Training
- Photo for cover of on Campus news
- Place Riel Steering Committee
- Louis/Exec Stuff
- Meeting with Jason Ventnor
- Birthday Party
- Parent Orientation
- Planning and Priorities Meeting
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Answering Questions regarding Student Loans
- University Students Council
- Move-in-Crew

- Blog Reviews and Posting

VP Fawcett

- Housing Coordinating Committee meeting to discuss state of student housing in Saskatoon
- Hosted USSU radio show on CFCR
- Meeting with Caroline Cottrell and Scott Hitchings about forming a childcare survey
- Meeting with Rick Bunt from campus IT about Ron Dembo sustainability talk in October
- College Quarter Site Plan Committee meeting
- Student Council meeting
- International Climate Action Day meeting with various Saskatoon organizations about holding an event in October
- Participated in “Move in Crew” in residence
- Worked on Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House with VP Stoicheff

VP Hitchings

- Financial Accountabilities
- Assisted President Kirkland w/ Preparation for R.A. Orientation
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- Meeting with student re: Campus Group Ratification (x3)
- Reviewed Campus Groups Policy
- Meeting with Professor
- Childcare Survey Meeting
- Volunteering for the SCSS: Putting up Posters
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Clubs
- Preparation for USC
- USC Meeting
- Meeting with Student
- Meeting with Professor
- Campus Group Policy Revision
- Meeting with President Kirkland re: Orientation
- Move-in-Crew (helping Residence Students move into Voyager Place)
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting

VP McCullough

- Academic Grievance
- Blog and reading for VP Research Search Committee
- Undergraduate Forum Executive Meeting
- VP Research Search Committee Meeting
- Accountability report
- Blog Writing and E-mail
- Grievance
- Students’ Rights Handbook

- Students' Rights Handbook
- Reading for Academic Support Committee
- Accountability Report
- VP Research Search Committee Work
- Reading for Academic Support Committee
- Academic Grievance
- Volunteering in Centres
- SEEQ Advisory Committee Meeting
- USC Meeting
- Volunteering in Centres
- Academic Grievance
- Volunteering in Centres

VP Stoicheff

- USSU Blog
- Meeting with NDP Riversdale Candidate Danielle Chartier
- CFCR Radio Show
- Conference Call with SIAST GM
- Presentation to Aboriginal Students for Orientation
- CFS Presentation
- Saskatchewan Student Coalition
- Move-In-Crew
- Holiday 25th-28th

4. **Business**

4.1 Executive Visits to Satellite Campuses

A meeting date is to be determined to plan these visits.

4.2 Huskie Home Game – Louis' Party Proposal

President Kirkland stated that there was a request put forward from the Alumni Association to continue the tradition of the Toga Party that happens each year around Welcome Week.

He has stated that a party has been planned, and in coordination with Louis', there will be drink specials and appetizers. He recommended the purchase of three rolls of fabric (with estimated 75% cost recovery) and face paint. Tickets for the event will be sold on the prior Thursday and Friday of the event. (See attached proposal)

Motion to Hold an Event to Continue the Tradition of the Toga Party:

EXEC040 President Kirkland/VP Fawcett

Carried

4.3 Invisible Children

President Kirkland reported on an information session coming regarding the current situation in Uganda and the issue of the Lord's Resistance Army. The presenters will share their experiences from when they were in Uganda, and

the presentation will have a humanitarian focus. He noted that they were looking to have sponsorship from the USSU in terms of room scheduling.

VP Fawcett asked if we would be interested in providing advertising sponsorship to them.

President Kirkland replied that it would be a good idea, but room scheduling was a priority that they had expressed.

Motion to Provide Room Scheduling and Advertising Sponsorship for the Invisible Children Presentation:

EXEC041 President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

4.4 Big Brothers/Big Sisters Advertising

For the Big Brothers/Big Sisters event, we have been requested to provide poster sponsorship on our Buzzboards.

VP Stoicheff commented that it would not be a good precedent to set to provide advertising to the Buzzboards, because they are already being used to advertise USSU events.

GMD Ventnor agreed that it would not be a good idea to allow use of the Buzzboards in this way.

VP Stoicheff stated that the posters could still be put up in the Arts Tunnel and in colleges as long as they are stamped.

Motion to Provide Advertising Sponsorship (non-Buzzboard) for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Event:

EXEC042 VP Hitchings/VP Stoicheff Carried

4.5 Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House

VP Fawcett brought forward a proposal for an Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House. Coffee and bannock will be served, for a total cost of \$200. (See attached proposal)

Motion to Provide Advertising and Sponsorship for the Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House, in the amount of \$200:

EXEC043 VP Fawcett/VP Stoicheff Carried

4.6 Poster Boards in Tunnels

GMD Ventnor brought forward the concept of having backlit poster boards being placed in the Arts Tunnel. He noted that he wanted to talk to the Executive before going forward on this project. He stated that this project would result in two conventional pin-up boards being removed and it would not be in the way of a potential tunnel link to the Health Sciences Building.

VP Stoicheff asked if student clubs are still able use the boards.

GMD Ventnor replied that the remaining pin-up boards would still be available for clubs. The only boards to be removed are ones that see little use or are unnecessary.

The Executive agreed that this would be a good idea.

4.7 Saskatchewan Students' Coalition

Motion to Recommend the Saskatchewan Students' Coalition to University Students' Council:

EXEC044 VP Stoicheff/VP McCullough Carried

4.8 H1N1 Influenza

GMD Ventnor stated that a plan is currently being formulated in collaboration with Occupational Health and Safety.

4.9 Candidates Forum

There will be a candidate's forum on September 14. The cost would be \$130 and the USSU would also provide advertising on Buzzboards and plasmas. The plasmas would feature each candidate for the upcoming by-election.

4.10 Executive Blazers

Motion to Rescind the Motion to Pursue Blazer Jackets as a Marketing Campaign for the Executive with 50% Paid by Executive, and 50% Paid by USSU (EXEC011):

EXEC045 President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff Carried

4.11 Health E-Zine

Student Health is interested in having an e-zine about health education. They are interested in pursuing advertising sponsorship through the USSU.

4.12 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify Christian Catholic Outreach, Environmental Studies Student Association (ESSA), Engineers without Borders (EWB), Planning Students' Association, and Agricultural Students' Association

EXEC046 VP Hitchings/President Kirkland Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm



The Saskatchewan Student Coalition

The Constitution

CONFIRMED the 11th day of September 2009, by the members in
accordance with the Act.

X _____
SSC Chairperson, Annual General Meeting

Article 1
Name

The Organization responsible for the coalition of member undergraduate students unions and/or associations in the province of Saskatchewan shall be known as the Saskatchewan Student Coalition (SSC).

Article 2
Vision

The SSC strives to be the non-partisan united voice of member undergraduate student unions and/or associations in Saskatchewan.

Article 3
Mission

The SSC exists to represent, serve and support the academic and non-academic needs of member undergraduate student unions in the province of Saskatchewan through united, diplomatic and accountable leadership.

Article 4
Values

The following principles shall guide the SSC in all of its endeavors: professionalism, innovation, service and economic and social responsibility.

Article 5
Membership

Membership in the SSC shall consist of all undergraduate post-secondary student unions and/or associations in the province of Saskatchewan that are ratified members in the coalition.

Part 1-Ratification

At the discretion of their executive, any undergraduate student union/association in the province of Saskatchewan shall apply for membership in the SSC. Membership in the SSC shall be ratified at a subsequent SAGM by a unanimous decision of the executive committee.

Article 6 Powers, Rights and Privileges

Subject to the Constitution, all member student union and/or association executive representatives shall have the following powers, rights and privileges in the SSC:

- (i) To be eligible for the positions of Vice-Chair and Chair of the SSC and to vote in the selection of Chair and Vice-Chair of the SSC at the SSC's first Semi-Annual General Meeting (SAGM) of the year.
- (ii) To have equal voting rights at each SAGM.
- (iii) To vote on any motion made at the SAGM.
- (iv) To attend, submit motions for, and have speaking and voting privileges at each SAGM.
- (v) To exercise any other powers, rights and privileges inherent in this constitution.

Article 7 Organization

The affairs of the SSC shall be governed by the Executive Committee.

Part 1- Composition:

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Executive:

(iv) The Chair, responsible for overseeing the affairs of the SSC including acting as the official spokesperson of the SSC.

(ii) The Vice-Chair, responsible for coordinating the affairs of the SSC in collaboration with the Chairperson. The Vice-Chair shall be appointed official spokesperson of the SSC at the discretion of the Chair.

(iii) The remaining representatives one (1) from each member student union and/or association. These representatives can be chosen at the discretion of their respective executives.

(iiii) Subject to change at each SAGM, and regardless of affiliation in any national lobby organization, the membership of the SSC shall include the following:

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union
The University of Regina Students' Union
First Nations University of Canada Students' Association
SIAST Kelsey and Woodland Student Association

Part 2-Powers and Duties:

The Executive Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- (i) To unanimously administer the affairs, manage the activities and formulate policies for the SSC.
- (ii) To promote the general welfare of undergraduate students in the province of Saskatchewan represented by their respective student unions and/or associations.
- (iii) To have the SSC be transparent and fully accountable to its members, by making all policies, job descriptions and

Governance meeting minutes accessible to member student unions and/or associations.

Part 3-Meetings:

The SSC shall meet no less than once every 6 months. Additional meetings shall be called at the request of the Chair and/or shall be called when two member student unions and/or associations submit a written request to the chairperson for such a meeting.

Article 8 Elections

Part 1-Timing of Election:

There shall be elections at the first SAGM in June of each year for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive. All other representatives on the executive will be selected at the discretion of their respective student union/association executives and must be selected by June 1st of each year.

Part 2-Eligibility of Office:

All executive members of respective student union/association members shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee of the SSC.

Part 3-Eligibility for Voting:

All members of the SSC, whose membership is defined in Article 5, may elect at their discretion a representative to the Executive Committee of the SSC.

Article 9 Removal

Part 1: No member student union/association of the SSC shall be removed involuntarily from the organization.

Part 2: With the exception of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee, no member of the Executive Committee shall be removed involuntarily from the organization unless he or she speaks publicly against the vision, mission and values of the organization or fails to act in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution.

Part 3: The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee shall be removed from their positions on the Executive Committee if the remaining members of the Executive Committee unanimously support their removal.

Article 10 Voluntary Withdrawal

Part 1-The Right to Voluntary Withdrawal

A member of the SSC as defined in Article 5 shall voluntarily withdraw from the organization at the discretion of their respective student union/association executive.

Part 2-Notice of Voluntary Withdrawal

Notice of voluntary withdrawal shall be given no less than two weeks prior to a SSC SAGM.

Article 11 Semi-Annual General Meetings

Part 1-General

The SAGM will be open to all member student union/association members. SSC policy shall be passed at an SAGM by a unanimous

decision of the executive committee. All member student union/association members shall have the right to speak for or against all motions at all SAGMs.

Part 2-Timing

There shall be a Semi-Annual General Meeting (SAGM) of members of the SSC in June and January of each year. Members shall receive at least two months notice of the SAGM.

Article 12 Amendment of the Constitution

Part 1-General

This Constitution may only be amended by a unanimous decision of the executive committee of the SSC.

Part 2-Timing

A. Member student union/associations of the SSC shall submit written notice to the Chair of the SSC no less than ten days prior to an SAGM.

B. The Chair of the SSC shall publish the proposed changes no less than eight days before the SAGM.

Part 3-Powers

Subject to this Constitution, the executive committee shall have the power to pass, amend or repeal any bylaws providing for the operation and better functioning of the SSC, but any such bylaw shall be subject to approval and ratification by the executive committee at the next SAGM.

Article 13
Dissolution of the Coalition

Part 1-General

Dissolution of the SSC shall occur when there are less than three member student unions/associations

Part 2-Division of Assets

Upon dissolution of the SSC, all its assets, if any, shall be equitably divided among its members student union/associations.

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Project Proposal

Huskies Homecoming Game Louis Toga Party

The Alumni Association has asked for greater and more involved student inclusion in the Homecoming game tradition. The Homecoming game serves as a centerpiece for school spirit and pride in our athletics traditions.

One of the long-standing traditions at the U of S is for students to wear togas or other identifying clothing to the homecoming games each year. With the request from the Alumni Association to host a party to bring students together before heading to the game, a natural extension of the standing tradition would be fitting.

This event would work towards the vision of the second integrated plan, while bolstering the image of the USSU and its affiliated businesses.

The following is the approximate cost breakdown and revenue streams.

Costs

Toga Materials: \$4.50 per square meter, a roll is 25 meters.

Recommending to purchase 3 rolls providing approximately 40 togas.

Total cost of Toga Materials: \$337.50

Party Platters: To make the event inclusive to underage students, we will provide free app's.

Each App's platter costs \$20, it is recommended to purchase approximately 10 platters.

Total Cost of Platters: \$200

Paints

The theme of the Homecoming game is green and white pride forever. As such, it is recommended to buy some green paint for students to paint their arms, legs, chest hair etc.

Total cost of paints: \$30

Total costs: \$567.50

Revenues

Cover: A cover charge of \$2 per student will be charged to help recoup the cost of platters, and encourage attendance. Tickets will be sold in the arts tunnel on the Thursday and Friday before the game. If potential attendance is 125 students, then \$250 of revenue will be generated.

Toga's sold: If students do not have a toga, they will purchase one for a cost of \$8, bringing their total cost for the event to \$10. The \$8 cost will cover a substantial portion of the cost to provide the togas, but does not recoup the costs. Assuming 75% of toga's are purchased, revenues generated= \$240

Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs and Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs

I. Project #1

- A.1. Project Name: Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House.
- A.2. Proposed by: Ben Fawcett and Chris Stoicheff.

II. Analysis

A. Background Information and Need

- A.1. History: None that I am aware of.
- A.2. Issues: The University of Saskatchewan has been doing positive things for Aboriginal enrollment and inclusion on campus; however, we feel that the USSU can better engage Aboriginal students. The purpose of this event is to gain perspectives from both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students on the perceived state of Aboriginal inclusion at the U of S. These perspectives will help build the Executive's awareness of some of the core issues that Aboriginal students face in the post-secondary setting and will also be used to provide personalized information and viewpoints to both the University and the municipal/provincial governments in the future.
- A.3. Research: We have met with Carol Greyeyes and Joan Greyeyes to gain insights on the work that the University has been doing in this field.

B. Target Group and Characteristics

- B.1. Primary Target: Current undergraduate students who identify as being Aboriginal-Canadian (First Nations, Inuit or Metis).
- B.2. Secondary Target: Non-Aboriginal undergraduate students.

C. Vision and Mission

- C.1. Vision & Mission: We want to organize a coffee house in which we will break into smaller groups to discuss specific themes regarding Aboriginal inclusion. These include the celebration of Aboriginal cultures on campus, perspectives on the various programs that the University provides, perceptions of the University's and USSU's engagement of Aboriginal students, and the barriers that restrict Aboriginal students from attending/remaining enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan. The end goal is to gain insight and possible ideas as to what can be done to attract, retain and provide a comfortable

institutional setting for Aboriginal students. We will have one or two speakers give their perspectives as well. Bannock and beverages will be served.

D. Key Considerations

D.1. Detailed Budget:

- Louis room booking + Bannock and refreshments for 30 people = \$150.00
- Posters / Advertising (buzz board posters, plasma tv's) = \$50.00

D.2. Total Budget: \$200.00

D.3. Organizational Requirements: We need to book the Marquis Hall special events room and book Marquis catering for the event. We also need four large whiteboards or four large standup paper note pads with markers for brainstorming ideas. (Jeff and Scott have some)

D.4. Timeline: September 21, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27								
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A								
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A								
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A								
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P								
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P								
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P								
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P								
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P								
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P								
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A								
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P								
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P								
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P								
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P								
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P								
McMillan, Kaitlyn	R	NM	NM	A								
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R								
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P								
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R								
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R								
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P								
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P								
Wojnarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P								
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA								
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA								
Kin.	NYA	NM	NM	NYA								

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday September 10, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 CFS Briefing**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – September 3, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, September 3, 2009

Present

Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Ashlyn George, Education
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Blair Woynarski, Associated Residence
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brooklyn Kirkham, STM
Chris Stoicheff, VP External
Claire Kincaid, Agric. and Bioresources
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Kevin Miller, Law
Kim Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets:

Warren Kirkland, President

Absent:

Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to amend 6.2 Declaration of Student Rights as tabled at the last meeting.

USCMotion15: VP McCullough/VP Stoicheff Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion16: VP Fawcett/VP Hitchings Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Hitchings stated he would like to send regrets for President Kirkland.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – August 27, 2009

VP Stoicheff stated the attendance in the minutes showed him as being present, but was actually not present.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – August 31, 2009

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion17: VP Hitchings/VP McCullough Carried

6. Business

6.1 Saskatchewan Student Coalition

VP Stoicheff stated that the USSU lobbies for student interests such as housing, tuition, student loans, student grants, childcare, and others. He added that these services add to the student experience and that the Executive, in a collaborative approach with other undergraduate student associations, would be more effective in lobbying efforts. Saskatchewan is the only province without an official lobby group for undergraduate students. This coalition, when formed, will not cause an increase in student fees.

Councilor Loor asked where the money would be coming from to fund this if it will not affect student fees.

VP Stoicheff stated that the person that holds his current position from year to year provides a lobbying document on an annual basis. Every year, this report would be used together with other student associations in the Saskatchewan Student Coalition. He also stated that there is sufficient money available in his budget to do work in this area.

Councilor Miller asked if there was any money from the provincial CFS, and also wondered if the SSC is the same one that was seen in 2003.

VP Stoicheff commented that there was not a constitution in 2003, but it is based on basically the same principles and the same organizations are going into it. The goal of it is to be effective as it was in the 2003 election. As for the CFS, they will not be providing funding for this. Money will only be from Saskatchewan organizations.

Councilor Nystuen asked what caused the coalition to fail before.

VP Stoicheff stated that they did not have a constitution and there was no reason for continuation.

Motion to become founding members of the Saskatchewan Student Coalition.

USCMotion18: VP Stoicheff/Councilor George Carried

6.2 Declaration of Student Rights

VP McCullough stated that the motion to make amendments to the Declaration of Student Rights and the USSU Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights was made at the previous meeting to make the language more inclusive to people of all genders.

He added that he would like to bring that motion back as it had been tabled to this meeting for discussion and a vote.

Councilor Steffen asked that if it includes all genders, he would assume that it would include transgendered people as well. He posed the question of the proper way to address someone that is transgendered.

VP McCullough stated that people who identify as transgender usually decide for themselves what gender they would like to identify themselves as, whether it is male, female, queer, asexual, etc.

Motion to make amendments to the Declaration of Student Rights and the USSU Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights to make the language more gender inclusive.

USCMotion19: VP McCullough/ VP Stoicheff Carried

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Motion to grant speaking rights to GM Cottrell.

USCMotion20: VP Hitchings/Councilor Nystuen Carried

GM Cottrell gave a warm welcome and apologized for not being able to attend Council last week. She noted that she had a few business items to discuss. She made reference to her binder of Council notes and said that although many people are bringing laptops to the meetings, hard copy documents can be kept in a provided binder for Councilors as long as she is notified. The USSU Secretaries will put together binders for if they are needed. GM Cottrell also noted that voting cards would be made for everyone. Each Councilor will have a laminated card for voting at Council. She reminded Council that they could make arrangements to get a binder via email. She noted that she will be away for part of September and there will be a designate in her place. Also, these designates, in addition to herself act as resource people and will be at the meetings, but will not have speaking rights unless a motion is put forward. GM Cottrell also noted that there is a need for a quick lesson on order for the meetings, as many people are new. She thanked Chair Leisle for being helpful in this aspect.

Councilor Wood commented that those in her college really like the binders and would have liked to have them in the week preceding regular classes. Also, she noted that the WCVL library is now closing earlier (8:00 pm) and is closed on Sunday. She understands that due to budget cuts, this may have been necessary, but there are students in the college that are looking to lobby to get that decision changed.

VP McCullough stated that it was not just the WCVL library; there were reductions at all libraries. He stated that he had discussed the issue with Vicki Williamson and she stated that it was a choice between cutting hours and cutting jobs.

VP Hitchings stated that Survival calendars would be available next week in the Bowl, starting on Wednesday and continuing through the week. They will also be available at the USSU office any time after that.

Councilor Kirkham asked if she would be able to get multiple copies to hand out to her ULife 101 section.

VP Hitchings stated that she possibly could.

Councilor George asked if Education Interns would be able to get their Survival Guides somehow. If not, it would be great to have something together for Intern Orientation at the end of August.

Councilor Dancey noted that LB5Q is coming up next Tuesday. Tickets are \$10 and it starts at 4:30. There will be live bands, DJs, beverages and food available. There will be 4000 people there. Remember to look for the blue shirts around campus to buy tickets.

VP Hitchings also noted that there is to be a toga party on Friday in Louis' and at the football game. There will be cheap drinks and free food, and you do not have to wear a toga if you don't want to. Togas are available to purchase or you can bring your own. Cover charge is \$2.

VP McCullough noted that there are usually Survival Guides set aside for certain groups, such as NEPS.

9. Other Business

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion21: VP Hitchings/VP McCullough Carried

Chair Leisle stated that he would briefly summarize the procedures for Council meetings.

- 1) Chair Leisle acts as the Chairperson pro tem. The President will appoint the Chairperson. He stated that his job is to make sure there is order, ensuring the procedures are followed, and ensure things are flowing well.
- 2) The agenda sets out what we will discuss for the meeting. It can be amended as needed. The introduction provides information about student societies or to make announcements. Council address is normally used to announce a guest. Minutes and Reports for Information outline the minutes that are available, and provide opportunity for discussion and clarification. New items will be under New Business, and they will be under review for a week before becoming Business, at which time a vote will be held. Questions and Comments, and Any

Other Business allow Council to talk about anything that needs to be discussed. Adjournment provides the opportunity to end the meeting.

- 3) To speak, you will need to raise your hand. If someone is already talking, the Chair will acknowledge you and put you down on the speakers list. You will be able to speak when addressed by the chair. At the end of debate, if you are confused, it is important to seek clarification before voting.
- 4) We follow Robert's Rules of Order. It is a generally accepted procedure for meetings.

Chair Leisle also noted that he is part of the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee. More information is available in the bylaw online. He strongly urged Councilors to read the Bylaws and the Constitution. He sympathized that the rules can be tedious, but with a large group, they are necessary. Also, he noted that clarity in use of names is important, in addition to referring to something, rather than repeating it.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion22: VP Hitchings/Councilor Steffen Carried

VP Hitchings stated that Place Riel is on budget and on schedule. He spoke with the architect and the bank. They will be giving a Council Address to provide all of the information about the project. There will be monthly Place Riel updates. VP Hitchings also noted that there is a large budget for the social. He stated that he would take emails about how the funds should be allocated and this would be discussed next week. There will likely be a USC social near the end of October.

VP Stoicheff stated that on September 14, there will be a Candidates' Forum in Arts 241, and it will feature all of the candidates running for the Saskatoon-Riversdale by-election. He encouraged Councilors to have students attend.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion23: Councilor Nystuen/Councilor Forbes Carried

USSU and the CFS

What is the CFS?

- Canadian Federation of Students
- The Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services were formed in 1981 to provide member student associations with a voice, provincially and nationally.
- \$11 per student annually, plus the annual rate of inflation. Approximately \$1 Million over 5 years.

What is the CFS?

- CFS website claims over 500,000 students from more than 80 university and college students' unions across Canada belong to the Federation.
- Lobbies for tuition freezes and the reduction of student debt
- U.S. trade embargo with Cuba
- Refuses to work with other major student lobbying organizations such as CASA

Brief Timeline of USSU-CFS Relations

- Nov. 2004-USSU President Gavin Gardiner signed a prospective membership agreement with the CFS.
- Two types of CFS Memberships: Prospective and Full.
- USSU was contractually obligated under the CFS Constitution to hold a referendum within 12 months

Referendum 2005

- Oct. 2005 USSU and CFS hold a referendum on campus with the question “Are you in favor of membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.”
- Note the lack of a mentioned fee*
- Oct. 4th-6th Voting Days: 3562 total votes, 55.25% voted yes, 44.47% voted no
- Results were declared “of no force and effect” by the Court of Queen’s Bench and the Sask Court of Appeal

Issues

- 1. The CFS and USSU Constitutions contradict one another. This prevents a legal referendum from being held
- 2. Why the USSU must not repeat the mistakes made in the 2005 referendum and why it will be sued if it holds another referendum
- 3. Why the USSU is not a prospective member and must rescind past motions supporting prospective membership in the CFS

Where the CFS and USSU
Constitutions Clash--
Preventing a Legal Referendum
from Being Held

CFS Constitution

- Requires the formation of a “Referendum Oversight Committee” (“ROC”) composed of two members appointed by the prospective member student association (in this case the USSU) and two members appointed by the CFS.
- Polling stations, voting hours, all aspects of voting, counting ballots, campaign period, campaign materials and all other rules

USSU Constitution Requires the formation of an Elections Board to oversee the referendum process

The Elections Board shall comprise:

- (a) The Chief Returning Officer, as chair;
- (b) The Assistant Chief Returning Officer, as vice-chair;
- (c) The General Manager or Designate, *ex officio*;
- (d) Two Councilors elected by the University Students' Council; and
- (e) Two students-at-large appointed by the Appointments Board.

Chief Returning Officer (CRO)

- The Appointments Board shall appoint a practicing lawyer who is not a USSU member to be Chief Returning Officer
- Provide guidance to the Elections Board with respect to the election and referendum process

Assistant Chief Returning Officer

The Assistant Chief Returning Officer shall:

- Serve as the Chief Returning Officer's representative on campus and be the primary liaison with nominees and candidates;
- **Chair all election, by-election or referendum forums in an impartial manner;**

USSU Bylaws vs. CFS Bylaws

- The date for the vote on a referendum question must be at least 28 days after the question is initiated. CFS says only 14 days-this rule was not followed in 2005
- The General Manager or Designate shall prepare the Referendum Schedule, subject to Elections Board approval: CFS says ROC decides referendum schedule-this was an evolving document in 2005
- The amount of the campaign registration fee; CFS says nothing about a campaign fee
- The dates for campaign registration, the procedures meeting, the campaign period, the voting period, and the complaints period; ROC oversees all this and never sets specific requirements

USSU Bylaws vs. CFS Bylaws

After the referendum is initiated, the General Manager shall promptly forward the proposed referendum question or questions to the USSU solicitor. CFS says Referendum question must be “Are you in favor of membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.” This effectively nullifies the following:

The USSU solicitor shall examine the wording of each referendum question and may alter the wording of a question to ensure clarity but shall not alter the spirit and intent of the question.

The USSU solicitor shall return the approved referendum question or questions to the General Manager at least 14 days prior to voting. CFS does not negotiate the question

USSU Bylaws vs. CFS Bylaws

- The call for campaigns shall be at least seven calendar days. CFS makes no such requirement
- Application forms shall be released at the end of the call for campaigns. CFS makes no such requirement
- The application period shall be at least five working days. CFS makes no such requirement

USSU Bylaws vs. CFS Bylaws

- An application form must:
- **Include an outline of the campaign platform, an itemized advertising budget, and contact information for each of its leaders; and CFS says ROC determines this, no such specific requirements are made by the CFS**
- Be accompanied by a \$100 deposit. ROC determines this

USSU Bylaws vs. CFS Bylaw

- After the application period ends, the Chief Returning Officer shall...ensure that campaign committee members have the necessary bylaws and information. CFS makes no such requirement
- All members of a campaign committee must attend the Procedures Meeting in order for the campaign to be eligible for registration. CFS makes no such requirement
- The Elections Board shall register a campaign where:
 - (a) A valid application form has been submitted with the deposit; and CFS says ROC controls the entire registration process and limits campaigns to USSU and CFS members

USSU Bylaw vs. CFS Bylaw

- **No one shall campaign prior to the campaign period. CFS does not address this issue**
- No one shall campaign during the campaign period unless he or she is a member of a registered campaign committee. ROC determines this
- Subject to subsection 3(2), a third party may be a member of a registered campaign committee. CFS explicitly disagrees and prevents any third party from taking part

USSU Bylaws vs. CFS Bylaws

- The campaign period shall begin after the Procedures Meeting according to the Referendum Schedule, and shall end on the final day of voting. ROC determines this, does not set specific timelines
- The General Manager or Designate, with advice from the Elections Board, shall organize voluntary referendum forums in accessible locations during the campaign period. ROC determines this, there may not be forums, no specifics
- No one shall intentionally interfere with a registered campaign. CFS makes no mention of this
- No one shall affix anything to material that has been disseminated by the USSU or the Elections Board. ROC determines this

USSU Bylaws vs. CFS Bylaws

- *No registered campaign committee or member shall deliver campaign speeches or information in regularly scheduled classes, labs, computer labs, or University of Saskatchewan Food Services locations, except during scheduled USSU forums.* CFS makes no mention of this and disrupted classes in 2005
- No registered campaign committee or member shall engage in door-to-door soliciting within any University of Saskatchewan residence buildings. CFS makes no mention of this
- No registered campaign committee or member shall release campaign materials, including electronic materials, unless the materials have been approved by the Assistant Chief Returning Officer or the General Manager or Designate. CFS says website cannot be used as campaign material. Essentially, the CFS has no rule that prevents them from campaigning whenever and wherever they want

USSU Bylaws vs. CFS Bylaws

- **Registered campaign committees and members shall adhere to the poster restrictions for each building on campus.** CFS says material that advertizes the CFS but makes no mention of the referendum cannot be considered campaign material
- **The total campaign cost for a registered campaign committee in a referendum shall be calculated according to both actual costs and the Fair Market Value Schedule of campaign materials and neither value may exceed \$1000, excluding taxes.** CFS makes no mention of this, has clear advantage because of massive budget
- **The total amount available for reimbursement for all campaigns together shall be \$3000.** CFS makes no mention of this, has clear advantage by not setting a spending limit

USSU Bylaws vs. CFS Bylaws: Voting

- CFS says ROC oversees *all* aspects of the voting
- **The voting period shall be two days and shall begin and end at the times specified in the Referendum Schedule.** CFS says 16 hours, paper ballot
- **Voting shall be by secret and secure electronic ballot, using Personalized Access to Web Services (PAWS), or its equivalent.** – CFS says: Voting shall be conducted at voting stations

USSU Bylaws vs. CFS Bylaws

- Registered campaign committees are liable for violations during referenda, including the actions of any individual or group working on behalf of the campaign. CFS makes no mention of this, very little accountability
- Complaints arising out of any election or referendum must be submitted in writing to the USSU office within five working days after the final ballot count. CFS makes no mention of a timeline for complaints, all complaints are dealt with by the ROC
- **The Chief Returning Officer, in consultation with the Elections Board, shall investigate and deal with alleged violations of this bylaw and the schedules arising from the beginning of the academic year to the deadline to file complaints.** CFS says appeals of ROC decisions go to an Appeals Committee composed of one USSU rep, one CFS rep—this never happened in 2005 and there were many complaints.

Why does it matter that the USSU and CFS Bylaws contradict each other?

- The substantial differential in the Bylaws prevents a fair and legal referendum from taking place.
- The CFS will not compromise on their Bylaw requirements and neither will we.
- We will be sued by the CFS if we hold a referendum without adhering to their bylaws. We will be sued by our own membership if we hold a referendum that is not in accordance with our bylaws.
- The results of the referendum will be thrown out by the courts again if the USSU does not follow its own Bylaws. – “contrary to natural justice”

Why the USSU must not repeat the mistakes made in the 2005 referendum and why it will be sued if it holds another referendum

ROC and EB Compromise

- September 25th, 2005 (before the referendum) the USC passed a resolution which created a compromise respecting the oversight of the referendum.
- A motion was passed to amend the USSU's Elections and Referenda Policy to give authority to the ROC for overseeing and running the referendum, **with a provision that the USSU Elections Board would ultimately be responsible to ratify the results.**

ROC Report

- December 3rd, 2005 (after the referendum) the Referendum Oversight Committee released its final report on the 2005 Referendum.

“The members of the Referendum Oversight Committee are satisfied that the referendum results are an accurate reflection of the will of the members of the University of Saskatchewan Student’s Union.”

Elections Board Report

- According to the resolution passed by the USC on September 29th, 2005, ratification of the referendum results were up to the Elections Board.
- Elections Board released its report on February 23rd, 2006.
- “The EB found that it could not ratify the results, given what it sees as a seriously flawed referendum process...”

Elections Board Report Findings

- The EB Report highlights the key issues which affected the will of the voters:
 - The lack of preparation or groundwork prior to establishing the ROC
 - The fact that there was no specific call for campaign teams to register
 - The evolving nature of the ROC Protocol, the fundamental document which was to determine the “ground rules” for campaigning and for the complaints process.

The EB recommended that “another referendum be held with ground rules that were better settled and more broadly disseminated.”

USC Dismisses EB Decision

- On March 30th, 2006 the USC voted to ignore the protocol it had established for the referendum and dismissed the decision of the Elections Board.
- USC was concerned that acting against the will of the students would be undemocratic.
- USC subsequently ratified the referendum and notice was given to the CFS.

Former USSU President Robin Mowat

- In May 2006, Robin Mowat brought an application under *The Non-Profit Corporation Act, 1995* seeking invalidation of the referendum.
- Argued the USSU's Constitution and Bylaws regarding referenda were not followed, that there were flaws in the referendum process and that the USC had not adhered to its own motion regarding the necessity of the EB ratifying the results.

Queen's Bench Court Decision

- October 2006, Judge R.S. Smith concurred with the Elections Board
- Declared the Referendum results “are of absolutely no force or effect”.
- Ruled the problems with the referendum process would have significantly affected the will of the voters.

Queen's Bench Court Decision Continued...

Concluded “the USC breached its obligation to act in good faith and conducted itself in a fashion inconsistent with natural justice”. This occurred when the USC failed to adhere to the decision of the Elections Board in accordance with its own motion on September 30th, 2005 which required the EB to ratify the results of the referendum which it did not.

-Saskatchewan Court of Appeal upheld the Queen's Bench Court decision to invalidate the referendum results.

Complaints to the EB Against the Previous Referendum Process

- Lack of a formal declaration as to when the campaign was to begin
- Failure to give proper notice of the wording of the referendum question
- The evolving nature of the referendum protocol and a related failure to properly notify interested parties of changes in the protocol
- Lack of clarity or agreement about spending limits and classroom campaigning
- Failure to resolve the inconsistencies between the referendum requirements of the Federation and the USSU prior to the beginning of the campaign
- Involvement of Federation members of the Oversight Committee in the campaign
- The location of polling stations
- Use of paper ballots rather than online voting
- Failure to refer complaints about the referendum results to an appeals committee

Motion in USC Recognizing Prospective Membership and Referendum to be Held Within 24 Months

- Oct 18th 2007, CFS National Executive agrees with USC Motion made by Lindsey Levesque (Vice-President External Affairs) that a membership referendum must be held within 24 months

Why the USSU is not a prospective member and must rescind past motions supporting prospective membership in the CFS

USSU Solicitor's Opinion

- “It is our conclusion that USSU has fulfilled its contractual obligation to hold a referendum on the question of membership in the CFS. AS the referendum was unsuccessful, the USSU Prospective Membership in CFS is at an end and USSU is no longer contractually bound to conduct a Referendum”.

Summary

- The USSU and CFS Bylaws make it impossible to hold a legal and fair referendum: 2005 referendum process is proof
- The USSU was and will be sued by its own membership if it breaks its own bylaws, would be acting contrary to the laws of natural justice
- The CFS will sue the USSU if it holds a referendum and breaks the CFS Bylaws
- The CFS will not accept the results of a referendum conducted by USSU Bylaws
- The USSU has not been a prospective member since it held the referendum in 2005. For legal purposes, it must no longer recognize that it is a prospective member.

USSU Exec Recommendation

- *Rescind 2007 Motion that both recognized prospective membership and declared referendum must be held within 24 months*

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday September 17, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – September 10th, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – September 10th and 14th, 2009**
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 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Canadian Federation of Students**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, September 10, 2009

Present

Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Blair Woynarski, Associated Residence
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Chris Stoicheff, VP External
Claire Kincaid, Agric. and Bioresources
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Kevin Miller, Law
Kim Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Wood, WCVM
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Warren Kirkland, President

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets:

Ashlyn George, Education
Jason Goodwin, Education

Absent:

Freeman Chimanga, International Students
Sarah Miller, Nursing

Guests:

Kiel Kuhling
James Pepler
Shawn Theed
Ashleigh Mattern, *the Sheaf*

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda – 7.1 to Canadian Federation of Students.

USCMotion24: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

President Kirkland stated that this would appear under Business for next week.
There will not be a motion this week.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion25: Councilor Dancey/VP Hitchings Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

Chair Leisle announced that Council binders would be ready soon, in addition to voting cards.

Warren Kirkland introduced James Pepler from Administration, who is one of our liaisons. He also introduced Ashleigh Mattern, who is the editor of *the Sheaf*.

3. Council Address

3.1 Canadian Federation of Students Presentation

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion26: VP Hitchings/Councilor Forbes

Carried

VP Stoicheff opened by saying that the USSU has had a unique relationship with the CFS over the last four or five years, and this will be the first Council to actually do something about it.

The topics were listed as follows:

- 1) Why the USSU Cannot Hold Another Referendum
- 2) Why the USSU Should Rescind (The 2007 Motion)

First, VP Stoicheff supplied some background information about the CFS. They have a lobbying voice provincially and nationally for students, but it comes with a substantial fee, which is \$11 per student annually plus the annual rate of inflation, which works out to approximately a million dollars over five years charged to our students. It lobbies for tuition freezes and the reduction of student debt, takes on national issues, such as lobbying Barack Obama to end the trade embargo with Cuba. This may be a good cause, but it may not be applicable to U of S students. It refuses to work with other national lobbying organizations such as CASA.

He then provided a brief timeline of the relationship between the USSU and the CFS. In 2004, then USSU President Gavin Gardiner signed a prospective membership agreement with the CFS. There are two types of membership in the CFS, one being the prospective membership and the other one being the full membership. By signing the prospective membership, the USSU was obligated to hold a referendum within 12 months. That referendum occurred in 2005, and the ballot read: "Are you in favour of a membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?" There was no mentioned fee, and the fee should be mentioned in order to have a fair referendum. Between October 4 and October 6, the majority of the students voted yes, however the results were declared to be of no force and effect by both the Court of Queen's Bench, and the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. In 2007, there was a motion put forward by then VP External Lindsay Levesque that said the USSU would seek prospective membership in the CFS and would hold a referendum within 24 months. (There was an amendment to the original motion that stated 12 months.)

The first issue is how the constitution of the CFS and the USSU contradict one another; they clash significantly. This prevents a legal referendum from being held. Second, the USSU should rescind the motion from 2007 supporting prospective membership in the CFS, as it presents the least of opportunities of being sued.

The biggest conflict occurred in 2005, when the CFS decided that they could campaign in classrooms without the right to do so. This disrupts students' rights to learning, which is what they are here to do. According to the USSU Constitution, "No registered campaign committee or member shall deliver campaign speech or

information in regularly scheduled classes. Furthermore, “No registered campaign committee shall engage in door-to-door soliciting,” as it says in the constitution.

He then presented some comparison slides, with excerpts from the CFS constitution. VP Stoicheff noted that the CFS does not make it clearly accessible to the public, which does not look very good. The CFS has not given assurance that they will not campaign in classrooms, they will not disrupt our classrooms during scheduled times, and that they will not go door-to-door soliciting in residences. The CFS will not set spending limits on campaigns, while the USSU has strict spending limits. After all, in a fair election, it is not about who can spend the money. On one hand, the USSU sets a limit of a fair market value of \$1000, whereas the CFS is a multi-million dollar organization that has no spending limits. The USSU Constitution reads: “The General Manager shall organize voluntary referendum forums in accessible areas during the campaign period.” There is nothing in the CFS constitution that says there will be any open forums to discuss this issue. In 2005, this was a major issue. “No one shall interfere with a registered campaign.” The CFS cannot guarantee that they will not interfere with any campaign. Another difference is that according to the USSU Constitution, third parties, such as student groups can be part of the referendum. However, the CFS prevents that from happening. They say that the campaign can only be between the CFS and the USSU. “No one shall affix anything to election materials that have been disseminated by the USSU or the Elections Board.” The CFS cannot assure us that they will not do this, and there were arguments that they had done this in 2005. The other issue is that the CFS would like to see paper ballots be used, as it is only over a 16 hour time frame, however the USSU does voting online because it is an issue of accessibility. We need a system that gives everyone an equal opportunity to vote in this referendum. The CFS will not allow online voting.

Accountability is a major issue in this referendum. The CFS will not promise that there will be a measure of accountability. In the USSU bylaws, “People are held accountable if they violate any rules of the campaign”. Two people who are paid employees of the CFS and two unbiased solicitors appointed by the USSU (who are not members of the USSU) will handle this issue. There are no specific rules outlined in the CFS constitution that state any penalties for interfering with the campaign. “No one shall campaign prior to the campaign period.” This is a very obvious issue, but the CFS does not even address it. According to their constitution, they could start campaigning tomorrow. The USSU Constitution says “No one shall campaign during the campaign period unless he/she is a member of a campaign committee.” According to the CFS Constitution, the only campaign committee is the ROC and there cannot be any others.

In 2005, there were several complaints sent to the Elections Board. These include a lack of a formal declaration as to when the official campaign was to begin; there was a failure to give proper notice of the wording of the referendum in question. In addition, there were concerns raised about the evolving nature of the referendum protocol, and the related failure to properly notify and address the appropriate

parties of changes in the protocol, lack of clarity or agreement about spending limits and classroom campaigning, and failure to resolve inconsistencies between the USSU and the CFS at the beginning of the campaign.

VP Stoicheff noted that during his trip to Ottawa, he and President Kirkland asked the CFS how other student unions have a fair referendum, and they replied that those unions follow the CFS bylaws.

In addition, there were many more complaints regarding lack of involvement of CFS members of the ROC, and the campaign, the location of polling stations, use of paper ballots rather than online voting, and failure to refer complaints about the referendum results to an appeals committee.

VP Stoicheff shared a report tabled by the Elections Board in 2005, which pointed out significant problems in the campaign:

- 1) The lack of preparation or groundwork prior to forming the Referendum Oversight Committee
- 2) There were no specific calls for campaign teams to register
- 3) Evolving nature of the ROC protocol
- 4) The Elections Board could not ratify the results, as it saw a seriously flawed referendum process

He noted that if anyone had questions about what happened in 2005, they would be welcome to have a meeting with an Executive member and it could be reviewed in detail.

Why does it matter that the CFS and the USSU's bylaws contradict each other? The substantial differential between the bylaws prevents a fair and legal referendum from taking place. The CFS will not compromise on their bylaw requirements and neither should we. We have good rules. VP Stoicheff commented that in his opinion we have fair rules for a good referendum to take place. We will be sued by the CFS if we hold a referendum without adhering to their bylaws. They won't accept the results of that referendum if we hold it just based on our bylaws. We could be sued by our own membership, which happened in 2005, by one of our own students. It could happen again if we hold a referendum that is not in accordance with our own bylaws. The courts would throw out the results of the referendum again if the USSU does not follow its own bylaws, which would be ruled contrary to natural justice.

The USSU was and will be sued if it breaks its own bylaws. The CFS will sue the USSU if it breaks the CFS bylaws during the election, as it is in their best interest to get their money out of us and forcibly represent us. The CFS will not accept the results of a referendum if conducted by USSU bylaws. The USC can rescind Motion 48, made in 2007 regarding prospective membership, and that is the Executive's recommendation to this issue. Our solicitor's opinion is to rescind the 2007 motion, meaning essentially that the motion was never made. If the CFS would like to sue based on that, it would be a small chance, but if they do, they do

not have much of a case, because that would go against our right to pass or rescind our own laws. This is the recommendation of the Executive.

He also mentioned that everyone has been given a summary sheet for reference.

Councilor Nystuen asked what services are provided by CFS, and what would we lose if this motion was rescinded.

President Kirkland stated that the relationship with CFS in regards to Travel Cuts is that they rent space from us, and we only have a relationship based on a rental agreement.

Councilor Miller asked if there would be a vote this week or next week. He noted that he had a few questions but could come to the office to discuss them.

VP Stoicheff said that this week, it was just information to take back to the various Councils to discuss, and there will be voting next week.

Councilor Woynarski asked that if there are such flagrant contradictions between our constitution and theirs, why did the first referendum ever happen?

VP Stoicheff stated that the entire process in 2005 was a complete joke and it was completely disorganized. Our representatives on the ROC resigned.

President Kirkland commented that the current Executive will not comment on why the referendum was held, or the reasons why the past President signed into prospective membership, but we will comment on the processes that went through and the recommendations of previous committees.

Councilor Steffen asked a question regarding the original idea to join the CFS. He wondered what the recommendation of time was and what the rationale was behind it.

President Kirkland stated that the debate on the table now is not whether or not the CFS is a bad thing. The debate then was whether the CFS would be a good sound way of having lobbying at the national level. The decision on the table now is to determine what the best course of action, given that we were previously sued by our students as the result of a referendum, and if we were to proceed from here, what is our best course of action?

Councilor Steffen added that even if we wanted to join the CFS, could we? Wouldn't we have to change our own bylaws?

President Kirkland commented that if we wanted to have a CFS referendum, we couldn't do it without changing something. If the position of this body is that we

should hold a referendum, under the current guidelines, we couldn't without breaching our bylaws or the bylaws of the CFS.

VP Stoicheff stated that the point of this is that if we do change something, we would open ourselves up to be sued from our own membership. Given the time constraints of 24 months, if they choose to respect those, there is no way to change our constitution before that time and we could be sued again.

Councilor Steffen stated that we are basically in a bind right now.

VP Stoicheff stated that yes we are, but he is confident in what is being proposed because it is the best way out of this situation and it is the least likely to have a suit. They would be basically saying that the voice of our students is worth nothing if they sued.

Councilor Miller asked that if we were bound to 12 months, and we didn't follow that then would we be in some sort of trouble? How can we rescind this motion and not get sued if we are contractually obligated.

VP Stoicheff asked if he meant how would we not be sued if we took out prospective membership from 2005?

Councilor Miller stated 2007. He also asked how would we get out of this by rescinding this motion when we were obliged to follow it in 2005 and 2007?

President Kirkland replied that in 2007 there was a motion in Council to accept prospective membership. What happened was neither the President nor the VP Operations and Finance signed an agreement to confirm prospective membership. In that case, the VP External signed a piece of paper saying that we were prospective members. The VP External does not hold signing authority for the organization, therefore there is no contract. While this board said that we were prospective members, that board is also able to rescind that motion, therefore canceling out that motion. Because there was no signing authority there, there is nothing.

Chair Leisle stated that in 2005, Council made a motion for prospective membership and the referendum happened. The argument that the USSU lawyers made is that the referendum fulfilled the obligation. The CFS still claimed that the USSU were prospective members. The motion reads: "recognizes prospective membership". They did not take it out, but just agreed with it. By rescinding the motion, you are saying you no longer agree with that. If another prospective membership is taken out, another referendum would be needed.

Motion to grant speaking rights to Mr. James Pepler.

USCMotion27: President Kirkland/VP McCullough

Carried

Mr. Pepler stated that he agrees with the Chair. Two years ago, the USSU was in the same spot it was in now. The decision was to be made whether or not the USSU was prospective members or not. The lawyers were telling us we were not. It was understood that based on the promise that the differences would be amended in an extended deadline of 24 months, that a decision would be made.

VP Stoicheff stated that in all due respect, he disagrees with the approach that was taken then. We have good bylaws, we have a good constitution, and we have seen that over the past 24 months, that our clashes are significant. The solution should not be to extend it for another 24 months. The solution is to deal with it now and be the one Council to deal with it.

VP McCullough stated that in the interest of Council, he would like VP Stoicheff to say what the month of the original motion was.

VP Stoicheff stated October 2007. Our deadline is supposed to be October 2009, but our legal counsel has not had communication with CFS since February, so we do not know if they are holding us to that deadline.

Councilor Nystuen asked what the recommendations of the USSU lawyer were, and if we do rescind this motion, can they not argue that we were obligated to have referendums, or is it that a Council motion is not as legally binding as a signed legal contract, and has there ever been precedence for rescinding a motion?

VP Stoicheff replied that this recommendation is also the recommendation of the lawyer. We have the full support of our legal counsel on this issue. Our legal counsel cannot assure us that we will not be sued, but this is the least opportunity to be sued. From having discussions with our lawyer, this option, in my opinion is the best one because the CFS would have a difficult time saying the USSU cannot rescind its own motions.

President Kirkland referred to Councilor Nystuen's third question regarding ability to rescind motions. We do rescind motions from time to time.

Chair Leisle commented that information about rescinding motions is available in Robert's Rules of Order.

A Member asked if it was true that if we had an SGM and changed our bylaws, that we could in fact hold a referendum in that time frame?

The answer is yes, but we cannot hold an SGM in this time. It would have to come from this board. The question is, why on earth would we want to do it? We have excellent bylaws that ensure spending limits, encourages accessibility, and discourages disruption. Why would we want to change good bylaws?

The Member said that he agreed, but it should be known that it is possible to hold a legal referendum in the CFS.

President Kirkland commented that it is possible, but the argument is that we should change everything about our organization to facilitate a referendum by another group. He stated that he is not in favour of that nor would he advocate that to this Council.

VP Stoicheff added that as of today, as the bylaws stand, there is no way for a fair and legal referendum to take place.

Councilor Loor stated that upon rescinding this motion, we are not really coming to a resolution, but rather the USSU will say that we have fulfilled all of our obligations in 2005. Obviously the CFS is not going to agree in those terms. Where do we head then after we rescind this motion? Is there a plan to talk to the CFS Chair and the CFS Saskatchewan representative? The CFS lawyers have not contacted us, but have we contacted them?

VP Stoicheff commented that our legal counsel has made numerous attempts to contact the CFS. With regards to our plans after this, we established the Saskatchewan Students' Coalition, which is a step forward at the provincial level. When the Executive met with the CFS, the only way that to get through this was to follow their bylaws. That is the way they will continue to deal with us in the future. Moving forward, he said that he sees no consensus being reached with the CFS on this issue. It is time to move on and move onto other issues. The Executive met with Members of Parliament and the clerk of the Privy Council, without help from the CFS. These things are possible.

Councilor Loor commented that it is not his opinion that we need the CFS to be on our side. He expressed his concern that there is no real resolution with the CFS if this is rescinded. The CFS can come back to a different Executive and pressure them on this issue. Where do we go from here? We need to resolve it from both sides, not just ours.

President Kirkland stated that if future Councils decide that they want to become prospective members of CFS, then it certainly is their right. The advantage is that this Council has an extensive staff, and our lawyers will remind us that there are problems in the current process. Certainly this Executive will educate successors of the drawbacks of having prospective membership in CFS. Should this Council pass a motion to rescind and proceed with our course of action. If we decide to lobby provincially, or we decide to lobby nationally, we will not do it with the CFS. If the CFS tries to interact with the USSU, we will certainly be cordial. We will not recognize prospective membership should that be the decision of this Council.

VP Stoicheff stated that he has not received anything since he took this position that is relevant to lobby to any order of government from the CFS.

Councilor Miller stated that he would support this motion. It would be a great idea to get this out of the way, but we should keep a couple things in mind. He stated that he believes as a board, this would work if there was a will. Obviously there is not a will. He stated that where the CFS leaves things open, it builds flexibility in to work with more student unions. He also stated that the three things found in the Election Board could be easily fixed through better planning and foresight. We should feel conscious about the yes vote. He stated that he supports getting rid of the CFS obligation. The CFS obviously has problems. However, he noted that the CFS has seen lobbying success at the U of R.

VP Stoicheff expressed his thanks for the comments. He noted that the will on our side is not dead. We would like to negotiate with the CFS, however, they have no intention to move on any of their bylaws.

Councilor Loor asked in regards to CFS related benefits, did President Steeves not go to Ottawa last year on CFS's dime?

VP Stoicheff stated that she did. He noted that any positive efforts of the CFS will apply to all institutions regardless. Also, Peter MacKinnon stated that he would not allow a fee to fund the presence of this institution, if they do not follow our bylaws.

VP Hitchings stated that former President Steeves' trip was paid for by the USSU.

President Kirkland stated that it is not whether the CFS is a good institution or not. We cannot join without being sued in such a way, and that if we want to join we cannot. The results would have no force and effect. With that, our recommendation stands strong from our lawyers and the Executive. It is not an issue of whether the CFS is good or not, it is that we cannot do it.

Mr. Pepler clarified that the USSU would still be in the same position as in 2007 if they chose to rescind.

VP Stoicheff stated that is correct, and the fact that the courts having declared those results to be of no force and effect, we have a strong case to say that we do not have a relationship with the CFS.

Mr. Pepler stated that in 2007, the table at the time made their decision on the ground that a decision could be made. It was decided that 12 months would be enough time to figure it out. He stated that in his opinion, this could not happen.

Councilor Woyarski commented that if the Council made a decision based on the idea that a compromise could be made, and they were not able to figure out what that compromise was in the entire 2007-08 year, then we should not have to figure one out within the next 25 days.

VP Stoicheff agreed that it has been pushed onto other Executives and Councils. We can be the first Council to do something about this and move on to something positive, like the Saskatchewan Student Coalition.

Councilor Nystuen asked if we are prepared to go to court over this, wouldn't it put us back to two years ago with the Court of Queens Bench.

VP Stoicheff stated that he and President Kirkland got the lawyer to write a report on how the case would be presented in this instance. That report can be provided at any time.

Councilor Loor commented in regard to the language of "no force and effect". Does that mean that the results are null and void?

VP Stoicheff replied that it means that the referendum did happen, and the contractual obligations will be fulfilled. The results were declared as such and we are "off the hook".

Chair Leisle added that the USSU Elections Policy at the time of the referendum stated that "referendums regarding membership in the CFS had to have results ratified by the ROC board". The Elections Board did not ratify the results of the referendum, and that is the heart of the issue. There was a court battle after that point.

President Kirkland stated that in the court's point of view the referendum was held, but the results were thrown out. From as far as the CFS goes, the contractual obligations have been fulfilled. We now have no relationship with them.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – September 3, 2009

Chair Leisle noted that Councilor Kleisinger was marked as absent, but she was present.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes.

USCMotion28: Councilor Woynarski/Councilor Laroque Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Canadian Federation of Students

President Kirkland stated that this is just to have in here so that it becomes business for next week.

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

VP Fawcett stated that he had a few upcoming USSU events he would like to talk about. The first one is a coffee house type of event run at Louis' in partnership with VP Stoicheff on September 21 at 7:00 pm. The combined goal of the Executive this year is to try to understand the issues that Aboriginal students face on this campus and to take that knowledge and do something with it to better include Aboriginal students. The point is to get Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students together to have a discussion. We will talk about different sub-topics. He welcomed Councilors to come out and bring students with them. There will be free refreshments and bannock. It will be brought up next week. The Food Centre will be holding Trick-Or-Eat again in October and it will be discussed more next week.

VP Stoicheff stated that the retention rate for Aboriginal students from first to second year is 47%. We are prepared to work with the government to improve those numbers and work with students.

VP Fawcett noted that Aboriginal students include Inuit, Metis, and First Nations.

Councilor Steffen asked the Executive about the status of the social fund for things like food.

VP Hitchings stated that at the last meeting, he asked everyone to email him suggestions. He has received no emails in reply. He posed the question of what we would like to do.

President Kirkland noted that there will be a social to provide an opportunity for interaction.

VP Stoicheff reminded Council that there will be the Candidates' Forum in Arts 241 on Monday at 3:30 for the Riversdale by-election. He encouraged students to attend.

President Kirkland also reminded Council that next Tuesday will be the USSU House Party. This is a new event designed to bolster the operations we have in the MUB and help with \$1 draft night. All three floors of the MUB will be open and beverages will be served in the same fashion as at \$1 draft.

VP Hitchings added to President Kirkland's early comment. There have been dates sent out, but there have been no replies. The date has been set for September 24, and the event has not been decided yet. If there are no suggestions, it will be karaoke.

Councilor Woynarski stated that few people are clear on what the Riversdale by-election is for.

VP Stoicheff stated that it is a provincial election to fill two vacant seats.

Councilor Miller asked if it would be possible to have the day planners out earlier for next year for Law, if it is possible.

President Kirkland stated that the day planners are a large undertaking and require a lot of preparation. We can try to get things ahead a bit, but if you need them ahead of time, contact the President and arrangements may be made.

VP Stoicheff stated that at 10:45 Friday, there will be an event in the Bowl, and Minister Norris will be there speaking. The Saskatchewan Student Coalition will be announced and URSU will be in attendance, in addition to SIAST.

Member Kuhling commended the Executive for their efforts during Welcome Week. Second, he asked if there were plans regarding the civic election.

VP Stoicheff stated that there would be advance polling on campus, which would be of benefit to students. There will be a few things to follow.

Councilor Nystuen asked when the election is.

VP Stoicheff commented that it would be the last week in October.

Councilor Forbes stated that Career Expo is next Wednesday from 10 – 4 and a lot of volunteers are needed.

9. Other Business

VP Hitchings stated that there are a number of boards, and there is a need for Student At Large applications. The deadline is September 15.

President Kirkland stated that there are a number of boards, and these boards help the USC make decisions for the USSU. Next week, we will be having Councilor nominations and elections for these boards.

Chair Leisle reminded Councilors that there would be a CFS vote next week.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion29: Councilor Steffen/Councilor Forbes

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Thursday September 10, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Communications Meetings (4)
- Alumni Meeting
- Site Meeting
- Meeting with Campus Safety
- President's Tailgate Party
- OH & S Meeting
- Centres Meeting
- Marketing Meeting

President Kirkland

- Aboriginal Orientation
- Parent Orientation
- Student Orientation
- Toga Night Preparation
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Site Meeting
- Answered questions regarding student loans
- Meeting Regarding SCSS
- Lunch meeting with Campus Safety
- Huskie Homecoming Game
- Student Central Greetings
- International Orientation
- Blog reviews and postings
- Twitter start up
- National Holiday
- University Council Report Preparation
- Welcome Week
- Pancake Breakfast

- Student orientation for Royal West
- Planning and Priorities Committee
- Meeting with David Hannah regarding SCSS
- Exchange Student Presentation
- Meeting with Student Central regarding Place Riel
- USSU Communications meeting
- Classes
- Interviews
- Blog review and postings
- University Students' Council
- Signing of Saskatchewan Students' Coalition
- Twitter

VP Fawcett

- Orientation 2009 Volunteering
- Meeting with Kaitlin of ISO
- Communications Meeting
- Meeting with Centres Coordinators
- Gave out reusable mugs around campus
- University Students' Council

VP Hitchings

- Orientation
- Mugging Students
- Purchasing Fabric for Toga Party
- ISO Meeting re: Campus Clubs integration
- Coke inventory
- USSU communications meeting
- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Class
- Meeting with Jewish Students' Association
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Club Ratification Process
- Meeting with Katherine Guenther re: Saxon's Softball
- Student Central greeting
- Meeting with Campus Safety
- Welcome Week Planning
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Club Ratification
- Meeting with JSA re: event insurance/funding
- Welcome Week Activities

VP McCullough

- Student Central Greeting
- Handing out Survival Calendars
- Pick up Soccer in the Bowl
- Live Expo
- Accountability Report

- Academic Grievances
- Updating OA Presentation
- Accountability Report
- Response to SPARC re: OA
- Class
- Summer Term Accountability
- Student Drop-in
- Meeting with Campus Safety
- Alumni Pancake Breakfast
- University Council Orientation
- Transporting Survival Calendars
- Handing out Survival Calendars

VP Stoicheff

- Student Orientation
- Handed out Student Agendas
- Welcome Week Activities in the Bowl
- Introduced bands in the bowl
- USSU radio Show on CFR
- Executive Blog
- Exec Meeting
- CFS Presentation
- Passed out Sustainability Mugs
- USC
- Communications Meeting
- Saskatchewan Student Coalition
- Student Central Greeting
- Campus Safety Meeting
- Road Map 2020
- Conference Call Siast and U of R
- Meeting with student Erica Lee-ISC Position
- Statement about Brad Trost

4. **Business**

4.1 New Bike Lanes

VP Fawcett stated that he would like to hold an event at the end of September to thank the City of Saskatoon for finishing the newly marked bike lanes. He suggested the use of the plasma screens to advertise, in addition to having a media release.

Motion to Have a Media Release in Gratitude of the Completion of Bike Lanes, in Addition to Providing Plasma Screen Advertising for an Event:
EXEC047 VP Fawcett/VP McCullough Carried

4.2 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the Following Associations:

- 1) Frontier College – Saskatoon
- 2) U of S Debate Team
- 3) Saudi Student Association
- 4) Jewish Student Association
- 5) U of S New Democrats
- 6) Cameco Spectrum 2010
- 7) Best Buddies U of S

EXEC048 VP Hitchings/President Kirkland

Carried

4.3 Council Agenda

The Executive examined the ramifications of the upcoming CFS motion. An important point was making sure that everyone understands what our case is, and this will be presented at the next USC meeting.

VP Fawcett stated that it would be good to focus on the timeline of the relationship between CFS and the USSU.

VP Stoicheff commented that the relationship will be examined, in addition to providing a summary of the issues and information.

VP Fawcett stated that he will propose to amend the agenda to include the House Party, the Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House, Trick or Eat, Queerapalooza, and Binders.

4.4 USC Minutes Binding

GM Cottrell stated that there had been previous discussions regarding ending the practice of printing the previous year's USC minutes. She said that normally there is one bound copy produced.

VP Fawcett stated that it is important to continue this practice, as it is only one copy.

4.5 Saskatchewan Student Coalition

There will be a signing ceremony shortly to put the coalition in effect. There will be more discussion to follow.

4.6 Urban Playground

The next step of this project is soon to be unveiled. Partnership and advertising support has been requested.

Motion to Partner with Urban Playground and Provide Plasma Screen Advertisements:

EXEC049 VP Fawcett/President Kirkland

Carried

4.7 U-PASS Issues

GM Cottrell noted that there have been a few difficult cases to deal with. The Executive is not to become involved in case-by-case consideration as it falls under Administration responsibility.

4.8 Sir Ken Robinson Visit

There is an opportunity for Executive members to attend a meeting On October 1, and a breakfast on October 2, to meet Sir Ken Robinson. Attendees are to be decided.

4.9 Candidate Forum

Motion to Sponsor and Advertise the Candidates' Forum:

EXEC050 VP Stoicheff/VP Hitchings

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am

Executive Committee
Minutes for Monday September 14, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff

Regrets: Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

To be presented at the next meeting.

4. **Business**

4.1 Survival Calendars

President Kirkland stated that the Survival Calendars should be available earlier so that they are available to Veterinary Medicine and Law students.

Motion to Work Towards Having the USSU Survival Calendars Ready for Veterinary Medicine and Law Students:

EXEC051 President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.2 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the Following Associations and Provide Funding as Requested and Approved:

1) YESS! (Youth for Environmental Sustainability of Saskatchewan)

2) Footprint Design

3) University of Saskatchewan Freethought Alliance

4) Lutheran Student Movement

5) U of S Biology Club

6) IEEE Student Branch

EXEC052 VP Hitchings/VP McCullough

Carried

4.3 Nicole Brossard

Motion to Sponsor the Nicole Brossard Event with Plasma Screen Advertising:

EXEC053 VP McCullough/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.4 Research Reactor

The Executive decided that they would be in favour of following the process outlined by the PMO.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday September 24, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 The Honourable Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – September 17, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – September 21 and September 22, 2009**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 “U-PASS and You” Campaign**
 - 9.2 USC Social**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, September 17, 2009

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Blair Woyrnarski, Associated Residence
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. and Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International Students
Jenna Dunn, STM
Ashlyn George, Education
Jason Goodwin, Education
Kevin Miller, Law
Kim Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair

Regrets:

Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Guests:

Tannara Yelland, *the Sheaf*
Ashleigh Mattern, *the Sheaf*
Chelsea Tomcala
James Pepler
Ellyse Shultz

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda – 9.1 to Board Elections and 9.2 to USC Year End Gifts.

USCMotion030: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

Motion to amend the agenda to reflect the correct dates – Agenda to September 17 and USC Minutes to September 10.

USCMotion031: VP Hitchings/President Kirkland Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion032: VP Hitchings/Councilor Steffen Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President Kirkland sent regrets for the two Councilors from Engineering.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – September 10, 2009

President Kirkland stated that a change needed to be made on page 8 of the September 10 minutes. He stated that instead of “his” Council, it should read “this” Council.

VP Stoicheff stated that on page 2 it should read “campaign in classrooms without the right to do so”, not “CFS will do this without the right to do so”. Also, on page 7, it should say “*legal counsel* has not had communication since February 2009”, on page 8, it should say “order” instead of “corner” of government, on page 9, it should read “the will is not dead”, on page 10, it should read “the contractual obligation *has* been fulfilled, not “will be fulfilled”, and on page 12, it should read “civic election” not the by-election.

Councilor Woyarski stated that Councilor Miller – Nursing is improperly listed in the attendance.

Councilor Miller stated that she was absent.

Councilor Leisle also stated that he was referring to the ROC board on page 10, not the CFS board.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – September 10th and 14th, 2009

Warren Kirkland stated that the motion from last week was to just be an advisory.

Councilor Kleisinger suggested that Medicine and Dentistry students be added to the list of programs, which would potentially be part of early USSU Survival Guide distribution.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion033: Councilor Steffen/Councilor Miller – Law Carried

6. Business

6.1 Canadian Federation of Students

VP Stoicheff stated that this Council has the unique opportunity to do something about this issue. There has been a week for review with the individual associations. He stated that the Executive feels this is the best option. He welcomed any questions that people had.

VP Stoicheff reminded Council that the reason behind rescinding Motion 47 and 48 is to rescind both the original motion and the amendment contained in Motion 48.

Both of these motions would need to be rescinded, as it would otherwise imply that we have gone past the deadline. This action is needed to achieve our goal.

Motion to Rescind USC Motion 47 and USC Motion 48 from the 2007 year.
USCMotion034: VP Stoicheff/President Kirkland Carried

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

President Kirkland thanked all of the Councilors that came to the office to get more information about this issue.

VP Hitchings reminded Council that the USC Social will be happening after the meeting next week and there will be drinks and food provided by the USSU and it will be held at Louis'.

Councilor Nystuen stated that the VP Academic last year worked hard to have the exam schedule released earlier than ever. He asked if those same efforts and those same results would occur this year.

VP McCullough stated that he has spoken with Russ Eisner, Acting Registrar in May regarding this issue. He stated that the software in place does not allow the exam schedule to be release any earlier than it already is. He stated that options are being examined to get it available one week earlier, but if there is an error, it could take several additional weeks.

Councilor Nystuen asked if there would be an approximate date, or a best-case scenario.

President Kirkland stated that it would likely be the same as last year.

Councilor Woynarski commented on the increased amount of people using Sask. Hall due to the Place Riel renovations. He expressed his concern in the loss of the music room. Due to noise regulations in residence, some students have difficulty finding a place to practice. He asked if this space could be used as multi-purpose rooms to allow students to still use the room when it is not being used by the Muslim Students' Society.

VP Fawcett stated he shares this concern. He noted that the pianos are currently in storage and the room is used very often, which may hamper the feasibility of using this space for multiple purposes. He stated that he would look into finding an alternate space and check into where the pianos are being stored.

President Kirkland stated that the Place Riel Steering Committee has heard concerns regarding space shortages on campus. He said that there might not be

anything promising for this year, though when the renovations are complete, space should be less of an issue.

VP McCullough stated that the current registration software is part of a five-year contract, and this will unfortunately not be able to be changed during his term.

Councilor Steffen asked if there was a practice area in the Education Building.

VP Fawcett stated that due to complaints of non-Music students using these spaces, they now have locks.

Councilor Gavelis expressed a concern related to students in programs that extend beyond the standard schedule. He asked if there was a way to extend the U-PASS or parking passes in order to accommodate these schedules.

President Kirkland stated that in terms of the U-PASS there is not much that can be done, as it is a contractual agreement with the city. He added that in terms of parking passes - that can be further examined.

9. Other Business

9.1 Board Elections

President Kirkland stated that the various boards currently have seats available for Councilors, and there are also seats for Members at Large, for which applications are currently being accepted. He stated that nominations for each board would be opened one at a time. Should there be competition for the seats, then there will be a vote.

Motion to open nominations for the Appointments Board.

USCMotion035: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

President Kirkland stated that the members of the Appointments Board review applications for Members at Large and appoint people for those boards.

There were the following nominations:

- 1) Councilor Steffen – nominated by VP Hitchings
- 2) Councilor Loor – nominated by Councilor Loor
- 3) Councilor George – nominated by Councilor Goodwin
- 4) Councilor Woynarski – nominated by Councilor Woynarski
- 5) Councilor Goodwin – nominated by Councilor George
- 6) Councilor Nystuen – nominated by Councilor Dancey

Motion to close nominations for the Appointments Board.

USCMotion036: VP Hitchings/VP Woynarski Carried

Councilor Nystuen stated that he had served on this board last year and felt he would have a good understanding of which students would be more likely to attend meetings.

Councilor Woynarski stated that he has significant experience in reviewing applications and would be able to find people that would be of service to the boards.

Councilor George stated that this is a great opportunity and she is always up for a new challenge.

Councilor Loor stated that he is a good judge of character and is up to the task.

Councilor Steffen stated that his enthusiastic about this and felt that he is a good judge of character.

The following Councilors were elected:

- 1) Councilor Steffen
- 2) Councilor Loor
- 3) Councilor George
- 4) Councilor Nystuen

Motion to open nominations for the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee.

USCMotion037: President Kirkland/Councilor Loor Carried

Chair Leisle stated that he acts as chair of the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee. The CEDC deals with complaints that are forwarded to the board. The CEDC only meets when it is called, so there is a chance that it could be a matter of not meeting at all, or three times a week. It is an exciting committee, but is very confidential and high stress, but deals with challenging and rewarding work.

There were the following nominations:

- 1) Councilor Nystuen – nominated by Councilor Dancey
- 2) Councilor Goodwin – nominated by Councilor George
- 3) Councilor Kirkham – nominated by Councilor Woynarski

Motion to close nominations for the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee.

USCMotion038: VP McCullough/Councilor Miller – Law Carried

The following Councilors were elected:

- 1) Councilor Nystuen
- 2) Councilor Goodwin
- 3) Councilor Kirkham

Motion to open nominations for the Elections Board.

USCMotion039: President Kirkland/Councilor Steffen Carried

President Kirkland stated that the Elections Board is responsible for overseeing all of the elections for the USSU. Whether it is Executive elections, upcoming by-elections, or in the Senate positions for the University, they help to administer the entire election. They only meet if an election is called. Members are required to sign a memorandum of understanding that they will not run for Executive in the spring.

There were the following nominations:

- 1) Councilor Nystuen – nominated by Councilor Dancey
- 2) Councilor Dancey – nominated by Councilor Woynarski
- 3) Councilor Woynarski – nominated by Councilor Woynarski

Motion to close nominations for the Elections Board.

USCMotion040: Councilor Steffen/Councilor George Carried

Councilor Woynarski stated that he has been involved in a couple of elections, and is confidential and well organized.

Councilor Dancey stated that she was on the Operations and Finance Board last year, is punctual and organized and voted in the last election.

Councilor Nystuen stated he would not be pursuing the Executive next year and would be a good candidate.

The following Councilors were elected:

- 1) Councilor Dancey
- 2) Councilor Woynarski

Motion to open nominations for the Academic Affairs Board.

USCMotion041: VP McCullough/President Kirkland Carried

VP McCullough stated that the Academic Affairs Board would be discussing academic issues facing students this year. Anyone that is interested in being a part of the board will discuss these issues and bring them before Council.

There were the following nominations:

- 1) Councilor Kirkham – nominated by Councilor Dunn
- 2) Councilor Kincaid – nominated by Councilor Nystuen
- 3) Councilor Miller – Nursing – nominated by VP Hitchings

Motion to close nominations for the Academic Affairs Board.

USCMotion042: Councilor Steffen/VP McCullough Carried

The following Councilors were elected:

- 1) Councilor Kirkham
- 2) Councilor Kincaid

3) Councilor Miller – Nursing

Motion to open nominations for the External Affairs Board.

USCMotion043: VP Stoicheff/VP Hitchings Carried

VP Stoicheff stated that the External Affairs Board participates in lobbying discussions with the provincial and federal government and works on all lobbying campaigns with the USSU.

There were the following nominations:

- 1) Councilor Dunn – nominated by Councilor Kirkham
- 2) Councilor Nystuen – nominated by Councilor Dancey
- 3) Councilor Loor – nominated by VP McCullough

Motion to close nominations for the External Affairs Board.

USCMotion044: Councilor Steffen/Councilor Dancey Carried

The following Councilors were elected:

- 1) Councilor Dunn
- 2) Councilor Nystuen
- 3) Councilor Loor

Motion to open nominations for the Student Affairs Board.

USCMotion045: VP Fawcett/Councilor George Carried

VP Fawcett stated that this board deals with any issues that students may have that are non-academic in nature, such as housing, childcare, parking, equity, Centres, etc.

There were the following nominations:

- 1) Councilor Kirkham – nominated by Councilor Kirkham
- 2) Councilor Woynarski – nominated by Councilor Woynarski
- 3) Councilor Wood – nominated by Councilor Nystuen

Motion to close nominations for the Student Affairs Board.

USCMotion046: Councilor Steffen/VP Fawcett Carried

The following Councilors were elected:

- 1) Councilor Kirkham
- 2) Councilor Woynarski
- 3) Councilor Wood

Motion to open nominations for the Sustainability Board.

USCMotion047: VP Fawcett/VP McCullough Carried

VP Fawcett stated that this board decides the direction of the USSU in terms of building a more sustainable campus from a student perspective. This entails planning and running events and providing perspective on what can be changed around the University.

There were the following nominations:

- 1) Councilor Kleisinger – nominated by Councilor Kleisinger
- 2) Councilor Woynarski – nominated by Councilor Woynarski
- 3) Councilor Dunn – nominated by Councilor Kirkham

Motion to close nominations for the Sustainability Board.

USCMotion048: Councilor Dancey/Councilor Steffen Carried

The following Councilors were elected:

- 1) Councilor Kleisinger
- 2) Councilor Woynarski
- 3) Councilor Dunn

Motion to open nominations for the Operations and Finance Board.

USCMotion049: VP Hitchings/Councilor Steffen Carried

VP Hitchings stated that the Operations and Finance Board considers all financial matters of the USSU and also takes care of the ratified groups on campus.

There were the following nominations:

- 1) Councilor Dancey – nominated by VP McCullough
- 2) Councilor Steffen – nominated by Councilor Steffen
- 3) Councilor Nystuen – nominated by Councilor Dancey
- 4) Vacant

Motion to close nominations for the Operations and Finance Board.

USCMotion050: Councilor Wood/Councilor Woynarski Carried

The following Councilors were elected:

- 1) Councilor Dancey
- 2) Councilor Steffen
- 3) Councilor Nystuen

9.2 USC Year End Gifts

President Kirkland stated that there is room in the budget, and it is customary practice to provide Councilors with a year-end gift. However, he noted that it would be a great incentive to give a gift for joining, in addition to using Councilors as a marketing campaign. He noted that Councilors typically receive hoodies (bunnyhugs) occasionally. President Kirkland asked for a general consensus on bringing hoodies to Council next week to try on.

Councilor Steffen asked what brand of hoodies they would be.

President Kirkland stated that we are looking to be as environmentally friendly as possible, so we will be looking into bamboo cotton. It is softer, uses less water in production, and therefore helps the environment.

Any Other Business

President Kirkland reminded Council that the USC Social will be next week and it will be a great opportunity to meet fellow Councilors outside of this setting.

VP Stoicheff announced that next week Rob Norris, Minister for Advanced Education, Employment, and Labour would be addressing Council. He encouraged Councilors to attend. He also noted that we were congratulated on forming the Saskatchewan Students' Coalition by the universities in Alberta, the Ontario Undergrad Student Alliance, the Alberta Student Executive Council, the Student Association of Red Deer College, and a member of the Board of Governors from the U of A.

Motion to destroy voting ballots.

USCMotion051: Councilor Kirkham/Councilor Miller – Law Carried

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion052: Councilor George/Councilor Nystuen Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday September 21, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff

Regrets: Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

To be presented at the next meeting.

4. **Business**

4.1 College Outreach

Next Monday, the Executive will be in Arts to work towards fulfilling this goal. They will be there from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

4.2 Group Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the Following Organizations:

- 1) **Physics Students Society**
- 2) **U of S Biology Club**
- 3) **SUNTEP SRC**
- 4) **SWITCH - Student Wellness Initiative Towards Community Health**
- 5) **Golden Key U of S Chapter**
- 6) **U of S Pre-Med Club**

EXEC054 VP Hitchings/VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.3 Saskatchewan Students' Coalition

VP Stoicheff was designated by the Executive to sit as our representative.

4.4 The Big 5

VP Stoicheff commented that the SSC will be releasing a statement against the "Big 5" proposed two-tier PSE system.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am

Executive Committee

Minutes for Tuesday September 22, 2009

Present: Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff,
Regrets: Warren Kirkland, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:59 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Holidays

President Kirkland

- Executive Committee
- Fee Appeal Meeting
- Staff Meeting
- Econ 800
- Econ 275
- USSU House Party
- Campus Career Expo
- Answer students questions regarding Student Loans
- Lunch Meeting – Brea Lowenberger
- College Quarter Question and Answer Period
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Tuition Strategy Meeting
- Site Meeting for Place Riel
- University Council
- University Students' Council
- Presentation by Alex Usher
- Blog Review and Postings
- University Coordination meeting with Jamie Pepler
- Campus Club moral boosting policy meeting
- Louis/Browsers planning committee meeting
- Meeting with Tanya Wirchenko regarding Student Central and Place Riel

VP Fawcett

- Class
- Welcome Week volunteering all day (for two days)

- Executive Meeting
- Class
- College Quarter Steering Committee Meeting
- Staff Meeting
- College Quarter Steering Committee Meeting (again)
- Campus Career Expo
- Sustainability Working Group Meeting
- Class
- Meeting with Maxine Kinakin about Disabilities issues
- Meeting with Daren McLean about ihearbikelanes.com
- Residence meeting Accessibility Meeting
- Meeting with Rita Mireles about Hike Bike and Roll
- Student Council
- EDO
- Centres Meeting
- Student Loan Appointment
- Executive Meeting
- Meeting with Shannon Dyck about bottled water
- Queerapalooza – Stich and Bitch
- Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House (Chris and my event)

VP Hitchings

- Campus Career Expo
- Meeting with Chinese Students' and Scholars Association re: Ratification
- Class
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Meeting with Golden Key Club re: Ratification
- Class
- Meeting with MSC Steffen
- Meeting with student re: Establishing a Campus Club
- Meeting with Ore Gangue re: New Constitution
- Meeting with Nystuen re: LB5Q Attendance Numbers
- Executive Meeting
- Meeting with JSA re: Event funding
- Meeting with Katie Buck re: Establishing a Campus Club
- Queerapalooza "Stitch & Bitch Event"
- Meeting with Gill Paton re: SAL Position
- Meeting with Philip Hitchings re: APALA Ratification
- Meeting with Chinese Students and Scholars Association re: Ratification

VP McCullough

- Executive Meeting
- Class
- Handing out Survival Calendars
- Stage Announcement

- Handing out Survival Calendars
- Stage Announcement
- Accountability Report
- Executive Meeting
- Blog
- Academic Support Committee Meeting
- Academic Grievance
- Accountability Report
- Class
- Academic Grievance
- Planning Satellite Campus Outreach
- Campus Career Expo
- Communication Meeting
- Class
- Teacher Learner Commitment Team Meeting
- University Council
- USC
- EDO

VP Stoicheff

- SSU Communication Meeting
- CFS Motion for Council
- University Students' Council
- USSU Movie Night in the Bowl
- Minister Rob Norris Speaking Event on Campus
- Saskatchewan Student Coalition Signing Ceremony
- Meeting with U of R Students' Union
- Meeting with SIAST President Jon Elder
- Executive Meeting
- Conversation with Canadian Alliance of Students Association
- Moderated the USSU Riversdale Candidates Constituency Forum on Campus
- Attended City Council
- Hosted USSU Radio Show
- Discussion with U of R VP External Katie Honey
- Attended USSU Booth at Campus Career Expo
- Discussion with College of Arts and Science-Sir Ken Robinson Visit
- Student Advocacy Meeting with SESD
- Spoke to prospective students at TMSS Conference in Tisdale
- Attended USC
- Discussion with Kara Stonechild, Ministry of Advanced Education Employment and Labour Government of Saskatchewan

4. **Business**

4.1 Campus Club Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the Chinese Students and Scholars Association:

EXEC055 VP Hitchings/VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.2 HBR Sponsorship

Motion to Sponsor HBR for Posters for Buzzboards at a cost of \$50:

EXEC056 VP Fawcett/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.3 ULC Academic Integrity Awareness Week

Motion to Provide Advertising Sponsorship via Plasma Advertisements for Academic Integrity Awareness Week in Partnership with the ULC:

EXEC057 VP McCullough/VP Fawcett

Carried

4.4 Meet Your Candidate Event

Motion to Provide Sponsorship via Plasma Advertisements, in Addition to \$100 Sponsorship to Provide Coffee and Muffins:

EXEC058 VP Stoicheff/VP Fawcett

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17					
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P					
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P					
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P					
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P					
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P					
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A					
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P					
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P					
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P					
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P					
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P					
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P					
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P					
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P					
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A					
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P					
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P					
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P					
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P					
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P					
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P					
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P					
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P					
Woynarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P					
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA					
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA					

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday October 1, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
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- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
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 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – September 28, 2009**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
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 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – September 23, 2009**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
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 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Senate Appointments**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, September 24, 2009

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Blair Woynarski, Associated Residence
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Jason Ventnor, General Managers' Designate

Regrets:

Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Guests:

Victoria Martinez
James Pepler
Tannara Yelland, *the Sheaf*

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda – 6.1 Operations Finance Board Elections

USCMotion053: President Kirkland/Councilor Steffen Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion054: President Kirkland/Councilor Forbes Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President Kirkland introduced James Pepler from Administration. President Kirkland also apologized for those that received multiple packages.

3. Council Address

3.1 The Honourable Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour

This address will be presented later in the meeting.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – September 17, 2009

VP McCullough stated that it should be Russ Isinger, not Russ Eisner.

President Kirkland stated that there was a question last week regarding parking. He commented that he had talked to Parking Services and there is a monthly plan that can be used, which should be the same per month price as the eight-month plans. He added that if there are any questions about parking passes for extended programs, it would be best to talk to him and he could sort it out.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – September 21st and 22nd, 2009

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion055: Councilor Loor/Councilor Wood Carried

6. Business

6.1 Operations and Finance Board Elections

Motion to open nominations for the Operations and Finance Board.

USCMotion056: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

The following nomination was put forward:

1) Councilor Forbes – nominated by President Kirkland

Motion to close nominations for the Operations and Finance Board.

USCMotion057: Councilor Kirkham/Councilor Steffen Carried

Councilor Forbes was elected to the Operations and Finance Board.

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

VP Fawcett stated that from October 5 to 9, in partnership with Student Health, Hike, Bike and Roll will take place in the grassy area between Louis' and the Bowl. This is to promote active transportation, and there will be things such as getting a free bike, skateboard, or long-board tune-up and being able to buy cheap used bikes.

Councilor Wood stated that from October 1-4, the WCVM is hosting Vetavision, which is an event to showcase the veterinary college and the many professions. There will

be examples of many domestic species, including a llama and alpaca booth. Admission is \$5 and she encouraged people to attend.

Councilor Miller – Nursing stated that their student society is raising money for breast cancer and the president will shave her head if \$4000 can be raised by the end of October. They are currently up to \$2500 and if anyone is interested in making a donation to pass it on to her.

VP McCullough stated that the USSU is partnering with the University Learning Centre to promote Academic Integrity Awareness Week from October 5 to 8. The main day will be on October 7, when “Bursting the Bubble on Academic Dishonesty” will be held from 11-2 in the Arts Tunnel, in addition to having two keynote addresses.

9. Other Business

9.1 “U-PASS and You Campaign”

President Kirkland stated that this is a project being done by VP Stoicheff and it comes from the Executive. He stated that he would like the student societies to pass along information regarding the situations that they are facing in regard to U-PASS to work to make improvements to this service in partnership with Saskatoon Transit. He noted that specific situations such as late or no-show buses, or great service should be documented to convey these along in improving the overall transit system.

9.2 USC Social

President Kirkland stated that the social will be after this, but it will be at Alexander’s because Louis’ is closed for a show tonight.

Motion to have a five-minute recess.

USCMotion058: President Kirkland/Councilor Gavelis Carried

Council Address (continued)

VP Stoicheff introduced The Honourable Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment, and Labour. VP Stoicheff stated that Minister Norris has been a strong supporter of the Saskatchewan Student Coalition, saying that students need to work together and have a more active role in the community. He expressed his appreciation for the stance that Minister Norris has taken. In addition, there was a bursary offered to the University that would have significantly excluded Aboriginal students and the Minister took the side of the USSU Executive and the University, saying that we do not accept bursaries that exclude our Aboriginal students. In addition, another issue is the “The Big 5”, which are five universities in Canada that would like to see graduate research come their way. VP Stoicheff commented that he thought that this is not in the best interest of students in Saskatchewan, and Minister Norris agrees with this. In regard to student housing, especially in terms of residences, the Government of Saskatchewan has been a strong supporter, as shown by the announcement that came out last year.

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion059: President Kirkland/Councilor Forbes

Carried

Minister Norris stated that he was delighted to be at this meeting and began his address.

On behalf of Premier Brad Wall and the Government of Saskatchewan, especially the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment, and Labour that I have the honour of serving; I am delighted to be here tonight. Your work is profoundly important first and foremost for student activities on this campus. It goes well beyond that. I would like to point out that we are very attentive to your voice, to your issue.

One of the reasons I wanted to come tonight, and I appreciate your patience, I wanted to make sure that we have a direct relationship, that I can hear your voices and concerns. It is one of the reasons, as the Vice President has said, and President Kirkland has taken a lead on this Student Coalition, so that I can get a better sense of what some of the issues are in a more nuanced, in a more direct fashion and I really appreciate that. I appreciate it because the view of that coalition goes beyond student issues for students, and those are rightfully so first and foremost for most of you.

The notion of the Coalition was impressive because there were a number of components to it, first and foremost in regard to students and community. This is a significant orientation for students to have because Saskatchewan needs you. We have tried to send that message through a variety of public policy decisions and instruments, but it is not about government. It is actually to reinforce the point that the people of the province need you. We have discussed whether that manifests itself with students getting involved in causes like Habitat for Humanity, or other charities. Many of you are already taking a leadership role across the city and around the province. I really want to encourage that. That demonstrates a commitment to your community that is unique and that will serve you well in your future endeavours, whether those are career, community, or professional endeavours, or just simply working with your families in the future.

The third element to the first and foremost student needs and issues those are important to you, community orientation, and the innovation agenda. That is your employment prospects and your career paths. Intrinsicly, these things are important, but in the day-to-day level, the ministry has been focused around talent: advanced education, employment, labour, immigration, apprenticeship commission, and a range including the Office of the Status of Women. This range focuses on talent. That is the where the innovation comes in. That is the reason we are encouraged by the proposal that the province and the University of Saskatchewan has put forward to Ottawa regarding medical isotopes. This University, in the late 1940's and early 1950's, played a leadership role in the world in nuclear medicine.

For a variety of reasons, that leadership position was allowed to slip away. Those jobs, those careers, those research opportunities were allowed to slip away. It is one area that we are focusing on.

At the University of Regina, we are focusing more on clean coal and carbon capture. There is healthy debate expressed there. We just had two top U.S. senators in Saskatchewan for the first time ever to talk about future energy streams. That innovation is highly applauded and is one of the reasons why I have been outspoken about the “Big 5”. In *Macleans* last week, my comments, in addition to what may appear in *the Sheaf*, the argument goes that I don’t think that the Big 5 addresses the public policy problem. I think we got the question wrong. As a result, the response was adrift. I don’t think that funneling more taxpayer dollars across Canada to cities of Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto, and Montreal is the way to address post secondary education. I don’t think that the want of a few universities should dictate the need of students and communities across the country regarding post-secondary education. I think that the presence of the Big 5 undervalues students first and foremost. It undervalues students at both the graduate and undergraduate level. We can talk about robust research agendas, but what we are really talking about is people, and all of you.

The second thing is that they overlooked or understated or weren’t aware of the successful research that is underway in Saskatchewan and other provinces. Where is the home of the largest science project in the country? It is at the University of Saskatchewan. Where do we have a vaccine and infectious disease organization? We are building a new international vaccine centre. In a time of diseases jumping from animals to humans, they account for 80% of our illnesses. We are going to play a leadership role. That is right here. Between the University of Regina, regarding clean coal and carbon capture and the work being done here, we are creating more diverse and cosmopolitan communities. We need to make sure we are doing better in regard to First Nations and Métis peoples. Out of the 70,000 learners that I feel responsible for, within the ministry and through our partners especially, we have 13,000 of those that are First Nations and Métis. There is more work to do, but we have had some success. We are always going to stand up for the things that we are doing right.

Thirdly, the call for a meeting with the Prime Minister and the premiers is probably premature. We have a body in Canada called CMEC, or the Ministers of Education and Advanced Education. Why don’t we just have an ongoing meeting or portion our ongoing dialogue regarding advanced education? Why don’t we start there? I didn’t just speak to *Macleans* – I went to Ottawa and spoke with the Presidents of the Tri-Councils. I spoke to the CIHR, SSHRC (Social Science and Humanities Research Council) regarding social sciences and humanities, and NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council regarding natural sciences and engineering. I met with the presidents. It has been a long time since anyone from Saskatchewan has had meetings like that. Of course, we want more money. But I used a hockey analogy. I need you help as there may be some pucks left in the

corner that we are not working hard enough for. If you can give us more ideas of ways in which we can be more strategic, then I think we can gain more money for our students especially. That is a portion of what I am doing to make sure Saskatchewan is not sitting back quietly in the corner, not the quiet cousin of Confederation, but trying to ensure that we are giving voice to your issues, your concerns, and your institutions on a national stage. I reiterated that argument at CMEC and gained concurrence from provinces across the political spectrum. Saskatchewan took a lead.

Those may be much removed from the daily issues you are addressing. That is one of the reasons I want to listen tonight, but I do want to talk about our track record. I would like to start with population. Between 2001 and 2006, 35,000 people, most of them young, left this province. Since the election, 18,000 people have either moved back or have moved to Saskatchewan for the first time. This is a great move. Richard Forbes has written a number of books particularly on the “creative class”. He came to Saskatchewan. He walked into the room and said: “are you guys ever young here”. I thought that was a step in the right direction. He picked up on the energy that is underway in Saskatchewan. The population is growing and we have a graduate retention program. For those that are in university, we will ensure that you will get up to \$20,000 back, based on tuition, and if you stay in Saskatchewan. We have not put this forward to the graduate students. I had a good meeting with them as of late, and I don’t feel that this is the issue there. I invited the graduate students to have a working group with me and come up with a more appropriate instrument to ensure that we will have extra support for graduate students. For journey person and undergraduate retention programs, we want you to stay in Saskatchewan for when you are through your studies.

I started as a student here in 1994. When I came, I immediately thought that this place needs new residences. That is why last spring, with my ministerial colleagues, Donna Harpauer (Minister of Social Services), and SaskHousing, we came here and announced a \$15 Million investment to new residences. This is full support, appreciation, and gratitude for the work that students do on this campus. Also, the Administration came up with a new model that will allow us to move forward faster. That new model is allowing us to have conversations with other stakeholders to seek additional dollars for residences. We also have a residence coming online for the first time in our history at SIAST. The Prince Albert campus is a month to a month and a half away from opening up a new residence. We want to make sure that there are opportunities afforded to students across the province. Is there more work to do on that front? Yes, by all means. But, we are getting started. I want to hear from you tonight about issues of affordability, issues of accessibility, issues of equity, and inclusion. These are absolutely vital to your government, but they don’t sit in isolation. They sit with a premise that you want an institution that is excellent, that as you leave with a degree or diploma in hand, that you know that there is an intrinsic worth to your effort. You can’t take that for granted. You’ve seen institutions in Ontario where this has become an issue. We are focusing on excellence, innovation, and we may go back and talk about research innovation.

Specifically, we are looking at programmatic information. How do we encourage more experiential learning opportunities, whether that is a co-op education or internationalization, or any other initiatives that will bridge the gap between education, experience and employment? The statistics are in, and we can do with our partners, the better your job prospects and career paths are going to be.

We talk about inclusion – affordability, accessibility, and equity, but we also need to talk about effectiveness. I need to know that our institutions are working. It is easy to measure money going in, but hearing from your provides me the opportunity to hear about effectiveness and relevance. Our economy is changing, our communities are changing, Saskatchewan is changing, and we are not immune to what is going on around us. I want to make sure that relevance is looked at, as Obama has looked at in examining post-secondary education. I want to make sure that is added here too.

I am passionate about this portfolio and I am delighted to have taken the leap from serving this campus, where I was the Coordinator of Global Relations. I was then elected to being the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment, and Labour. I am happy to take your questions. If I do not have an answer, I will get back to you with one.

VP Stoicheff thanked Minister Norris for speaking, and pointed out that this is the first time a Minister of Advanced Education has addressed this Council. He stated that he thought that it was a really important thing to note as it shows that he does take our concerns very seriously and that he wanted Council to hear that firsthand rather than hearing it from him.

Councilor Chimanga asked about financial support for international students and immigration issues.

Minister Norris stated that between 2001 and 2006, Saskatchewan brought in 8,000 people through immigration, provincially and federally. In terms of a comparable province, Manitoba brought in over 30,000 people. We had a timid immigration system. He stated that when he came in there was a lot of work to be done and that he wanted the best provincial immigration system in the country. We are not quite there, but this next year, we are going to bring in 10,000 people. That is one piece of a much broader strategy that we have just rolled out. Another piece is that we are going to have more international students, and more diverse and dynamic cosmopolitan communities in Saskatchewan. Newcomers are living in 160 communities across the province. He stated that he has just established the first International Education Council in the history of Saskatchewan. This is because previously we did not have a mechanism to begin to address these very issues. Without that mechanism, sometimes those concerns can become deluded within the policy. First and foremost, establish an international education program. It will help us with recruitment and will allow us to hear student concerns. What are we doing on the student's side? We are supporting students and the institutions. This

is a record year for investments in advanced education in Saskatchewan. There has been \$117 Million invested in federal and provincial capital projects. What we have done is that we were in an unsustainable position to which the freeze had been put in place in 2004. This has been tried by every provincial jurisdiction in the country. It leads to disaster. We saw that in BC. If you wait too long, then you will see what happened in BC where tuition went up by double digits. Rather than go through that shock (along with the NDP in Manitoba who were facing the same situation and Alberta who tried a tuition freeze for one year), let's do this in a reasonable fashion, when conditions are favourable. On Campus, we did a 3% increase on average, and to make that up, the government funded 120 Million to the institution.

In Saskatchewan, we have a shared program with the federal government regarding student loans. We do not unilaterally make the decisions. The federal government changed the program, so I was obliged to respond. The federal government was going to classify dependents as children up to 12 years old. I said that we would have to fill that gap. Students in one-year programs would not be covered, and there was a range of others. We put in more than 2 million dollars this year to top up student loans, by putting an emphasis on those with the greatest financial need. We make sure that children are covered. It does not make sense that a 13-year-old child would not be covered. We took some steps. Regarding international students and finances, the concerns we have heard are two fold. One is regarding student loans for Canadian citizens, that there is a barrier there. We need to have that conversation to put this on the list to have a rolling dialogue that is professional and constructive. We have partners in Ottawa and have a rolling agenda. Sometimes we agree to disagree, and sometimes we speak very forcefully for issues. An example of where that paid off recently will be discussed shortly. Most times, it is about bringing issues to the agenda to make sure that they are given voice. I am happy to do that. I know there are barriers there. The second item is housing. How do you recruit more students if housing is an issue? There is a need to facilitate a closer focus on the housing issue. He gave his word that he will talk to the federal government about this. He noted that he would be happy if there were potential instruments in this area that would be helpful to this issue. He introduced his ministerial assistant, Laura Buckley, who is a recent graduate of the U of S. She is now working with advanced education policy.

There is an initiative in Ottawa that is a federal, provincial, and private sector initiative that is the Aboriginal Skills Training Program. We have the largest in Canada, with \$33 Million funding, explicitly designed for mining. Minister Norris stated that he wanted a second one for Saskatoon, and that he wanted for the skills training and construction trades so that more affordable housing could be built in Saskatoon. The initial answer from Ottawa was no. But, he stated that he went to Ottawa, and that he met face to face with Minister Findlay and that he said this is about a more inclusive environment and creating affordable housing. They got back to us, and three months ago, this second initiative has been launched. He gave

credit to Minister Findlay for her action and attentiveness. Saskatoon is benefiting from this already.

Councilor Miller – Law introduced himself and said that as he is in law, he has been in University for a long time, and that he spent a lot of time trying to get the tuition freeze. He stated that using BC as an example is not particularly fair. In Saskatchewan, we had a fully funded tuition freeze, which is why we did not have to brace ourselves for the shock, whereas in BC the situation is different. He thanked Minister Norris for coming to speak.

Minister Norris stated that a good question to ask future ministers is if they are still paying off their student loans. He stated that he still was paying for his student loans. He stated that the issue regarding Law is that there was a pre-arranged agreement with the government before the freeze and it was on a competitive scale. He added that we must be reasonable, but we must look at the agreement. That agreement was pre-existing. Regarding tuition freezes, what we have seen beyond BC is a couple of things. It is not sustainable as it costs more public dollars to underwrite that tuition freeze. This is great for this cohort, but when it comes off, there is a very large increase. The institution also suffers. How do we ensure that our institutions are aiming to be positioned for excellence, aiming for innovation, and aiming for inclusion? That is where we have a promise on the books regarding a student scholarship fund. That is a \$12 million election promise, so we think that a management system, we can get that scholarship in place as soon as we can, and that way there will be more dollars focused on a combination of things. Certainly, we need this in key areas, but it is a broad policy issue that will be stood for. As far as a public policy instrument, we need to be attentive to reasonable tuition. This policy has an adverse effect on students and on the institution, in addition to consequences for future students.

President Kirkland commented that when the tuition increases for the institution were being decided, himself and VP Stoicheff talked to all of the deans. Dean Cotter specifically said that he had been quite frustrated with the tuition freeze. He added that Minister Norris was referring to the agreement that was done in consultation with students. The students agreed not only on a 7.5% increase, but also on a 12% increase occurring every year for four years. The plan that the Minister brought forward reduced the 12% to 7.5%. It is actually better for the students in Law.

Minister Norris stated that there was an agreement in place, and he tried to protect the agreement, but it certainly raised questions, as did others. In Law, it relates to the pre-existing agreement.

Councilor Steffen stated that he was reading in *the Sheaf* that the perception of the University of Saskatchewan by people in other provinces. Only 24% of people outside of Saskatchewan have heard of the U of S. A personal example in making a phone call to Toronto, yielded in the representative thinking that he went to the

University of Saskatoon, and he was frustrated by that. How does your government plan to increase the profile of the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina, not only in terms of research funding, but also in terms of marketing in other provinces.

Minister Norris stated that it was not too long ago when he worked in Ottawa and he was coming back. He was getting a U-Haul rental and when he said he was going to Saskatoon, they asked if it was west of London. What are we doing? It is an issue. The premier is our best ambassador. We went to Ontario a year ago, and we did, in the course of under 72 hours, we did just under a hundred interviews and most of those ran across the country. Six months ago, we were there for 48 hours and did 380 interviews. Brad Wall and the province of Saskatchewan are gaining in profile and prestige in ways that we have not done in decades. We mentioned the two US senators that came. Premier Wall has been to Washington and he set the place alight. That is not partisan; it is straight feedback from colleagues in the Canadian Embassy, and also on the American side. When Senator Lindsay comes up, there is an example of the first time Saskatchewan has received that kind of delegation. Slowly, we are beginning to have an impact. We were in Hong Kong. Bloomberg has a viewership of 60 million people there. Once they found out I was there, I had an interview the next day, and there were questions just like this. Those are the types of examples, and other ministers have been included in there. We have been on the media in Hong Kong and in the Philippines, in India, in the US, and especially on CNN. Now, with this International Education Council, we need to do joint marketing. As the profile of the province lifts, what do we want to talk about? We want to talk about excellence and innovation as it relates to our role in the knowledge driven economy. One third of Canada's biotechnology research is done on this campus. It is a story that is worth telling. It is about our roots, agriculture, and adding value to people's lives all over the world. It is one of the reasons we are looking at clean coal and carbon capture, it is why we put forward a very aggressive proposal regarding medical isotopes. There is more to do, but we are getting real traction, as seen by having joint cabinet meetings with BC and Alberta, and we have joined the Pacific Northwest Region of States. We are hosting a conference in November here in Saskatchewan. We are going to continue incrementally taking your ideas to enhance the province and its respective institutions. That is one of the reasons I have set up the International Education Council. The University of Saskatchewan set up a university in the Ukraine to focus on Canadian studies. On Monday, we are hosting an event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the creation of Foreign Affairs. We are hosting it here with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. Any ideas to be creative, imaginative, and to enhance our profile are welcome.

Councilor Nystuen asked if the top-up money referred to in the student loans discussion goes to grants and bursaries, or assisted student loans. Where does this money go?

Minister Norris stated that there was \$23.5 million given directly to the institutions. The budget for our ministry is \$845 million, and 665 goes directly to our institutions. There was an additional \$2 million put into reformulated student loans. I saw some gaps and said that something needs to be done to address this. He stated that he aimed for those that are most vulnerable and for those with children. I had to start somewhere. In addition to that, our government has taken 80,000 people off of the tax rolls and this was caught by surprise. Minister Norris stated that when he was doing graduate work, he was paid a stipend and had to pay tax on it. He stated that this government has helped many people at the lower levels. He wanted those people to be free from paying taxes. In addition to that, \$117 million was given to infrastructure for advanced education. This is a record amount. You will notice some important projects on campus. The Academic Health Sciences Building was first announced in 2003, but there was no construction, even up to 2007. He was criticized for not having an announcement. He stated that we needed to get down to work because this is where we will train more doctors and nurses and do more research. There will be plenty of time for announcements, but let us demonstrate a commitment. We put an addition \$10 million into VIDO. WCVI has been going on for years, and we have been in collaboration to get this done. Once these projects are done, we can focus on other areas, such as residence. He is stating that in the last 22 months, we have taken very tangible steps that demonstrate our commitment to our institutions and to students.

A Councilor asked if the \$23.5 million went towards keeping the tuition increase down to 3%, and going forward, is tuition not going up in the near future.

Minister Norris said that we need to be reasonable as we go forward. The universities are autonomous, but we work collaboratively in ongoing discussions. At the time of budget, we discuss how we help students. In terms of this being like a tuition freeze, our commitment to helping students and the institutions is a much different approach than a freeze. There are institutions that are suffering profoundly due to tuition freezes.

The Councilor asked if the tuition freezes are all fully funded.

Minister Norris stated that there was a mixture. When the budgets get tight, the institutions have very little room.

President Kirkland thanked Minister Norris on behalf of himself and Council for coming. He reminded Councilors that they could speak to Minister Norris directly or talk himself or VP Stoicheff as they are always in close communication with the Minister and his affiliates. If you have any questions that you would like to pursue, talk to us or email Minister Norris directly.

Minister Norris thanked Council for the opportunity to speak.

Motion to return to formality

USCMotion059: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

VP Hitchings stated that there were going to be bunnyhugs here for this meeting, but they will be in the office tomorrow or anytime next week.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion060: Councilor Miller – Law/Councilor Cleaveley

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday September 28, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Jason Ventnor

Regrets: Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Holidays

President Kirkland

- Queerapalooza stitch and bitch
- Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House
- Econ 800
- Econ 275
- Queerapalooza Design your own button
- Alternative dispute resolution team
- Planning and priorities Committee
- Student questions regarding student loans (3)
- Meeting with David Hannah regarding Moral Boosting Policies
- SESS Meeting
- USSU Communications meeting
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- Undergraduate Forum
- Opening of the Edwards KW Nasser Centre
- Scholarship and Bursary Committee
- Volunteer Training
- Blog Review and Updating
- Staff meeting
- Tuition Strategy Meeting
- Alex Usher Presentation
- Meeting with Campus Safety Regarding Micro-brew

VP Fawcett

- Class

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Team/Non Academic Student Discipline Training
- Meeting with ASC Elder Walter Linklater
- Solidified plans for Hike Bike and Roll
- More planning for Green Yourself Week
- Class
- Queerapalooza – Art/Music/Poetry Sharing
- Student Council
- Meeting with Kathleen from ASC
- Trip downtown to pick up bunnyhugs for USC
- VOTR training (all day)
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- Executive Meeting
- Residence Meeting with Gord and Sylvia
- Meeting with Margret Asmuss

VP Hitchings

- Class
- Appointments Board Meeting
- Review Campus Club Information
- Class
- Meeting w/ PASS re: Ratification
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Prepared for University Students Council
- Meeting with PASS re: Ratification
- Class
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- University Students' Council
- Acquiring Bunnyhugs from The Better Good for Council
- Meeting with Student re: Establishing a Campus Club
- Meeting with Gill Patton re: Campus Club Event Funding
- Meeting with Warren Kirkland re: Place Riel
- Executive Meeting
- Executive Outreach Project
- Meeting with ASSU re: Office Space

VP McCullough

- Sick Day
- Half Sick Day
- Pride Centre Art/Poetry Sharing
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VP Stoicheff

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4. **Business**

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Motion to Ratify the Following Groups:

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- 2) **Ore Gangu**
- 3) **Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students & Interns**
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- 9) **Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society**

EXEC059 VP Hitchings/President Kirkland

Carried

4.2 Table Tennis Event – Success

The organizers of the recent Table Tennis event notified the Executive that it was well attended, ran smoothly and was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. They thanked the Executive for their immense support for this event.

4.3 Senate Policy

The Executive decided that the Senate Policy should be included in the USC package for reference for the Councilors.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am

External Affairs Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2009

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Regrets: Warren Kirkland, Dale Richardson, Mitchell Anderson

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If student Senators are acclaimed in a General Election, and no students are available for appointment, University Students' Council shall elect a Member of Students' Council to fill the vacancy.

5. The student receiving the highest number of votes shall be the student representative on the Senate Executive Committee. Should this student not wish to be the representative, the position shall be offered to the student receiving the next highest number of votes, etc.

Note: *The University of Saskatchewan Act, 1995* states:

24(1) The senate is composed of:

- (d) six students who are registered in colleges other than the College of Graduate Studies and Research and who are elected by students registered in those colleges.

26(3) The members of the senate elected pursuant to clause 24(1)(d) or (e):

- (a) hold office from May 1 of the year in which they were elected to April 30 in the following year; and
- (b) may be elected or appointed for a second term.

Contact Information: Student Services Coordinator 966-6972

Policy Number:

Category: Elections

Policy Authority: Elections Board

<u>Approvals</u>	<u>Board/Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Motion</u>
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Amended	Elections Board	25/11/03	EB03

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Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P				
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P				
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P				
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P				
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P				
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P				
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P				
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P				
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P				
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P				
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P				
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P				
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P				
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P				
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P				
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P				
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P				
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P				
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P				
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P				
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- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, October 1, 2009

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Blair Woyinarski, Associated Residence
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCV

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Jason Ventnor, General Manager's Designate

Regrets:

Caroline Cottrell, General Manager
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance

Guests:

Tannara Yelland, *the Sheaf*

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion061: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Goodwin Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President Kirkland provided regrets for Scott Hitchings who was unable to attend due to wisdom teeth removal. He also passed along a message that James Pepler was unable to attend.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – September 24, 2009

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – September 28, 2009

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes.

USCMotion062: Councilor Steffen/Councilor Loor

Carried

6. Business

6.1 Senate Appointments

President Kirkland stated that the Election of Student Senators Policy was included in the package. We have the opportunity to appoint five members of this committee to sit on the Senate. Senate is part of the tri-government structure of the University; there are three overseeing bodies, those being: Board of Governors, University Council and Senate. Senate meets twice a year and acts as an advisory board to the rest of the University community. We have the opportunity to elect five members to Senate.

Motion to open nominations for Student Senators.

USCMotion063: President Kirkland/Councilor Steffen

Carried

Councilor Nystuen asked what the structure of the meetings would be.

President Kirkland stated that there would be a meeting in October and then another one in the latter half of the year. Senate is a large body and they discuss everything the University does. They have the authority to grant honorary degrees and discuss University affairs.

Councilor Steffen asked what days and times would the meetings be held.

President Kirkland stated that the first meeting would be October 17 all day, with free food.

The following nominations were put forward:

- 1) Councilor Steffen – nominated by VP Stoicheff
- 2) Councilor Laroque – nominated by Councilor Forbes
- 3) Councilor Nystuen – nominated by Councilor Dancey
- 4) Councilor Chimanga – nominated by President Kirkland
- 5) Councilor Forbes – nominated by Councilor Laroque

Motion to close nominations for Student Senators.

USCMotion064: VP McCullough/Councilor Forbes

Carried

The following Councilors were elected:

- 1) Councilor Steffen – nominated by VP Stoicheff
- 2) Councilor Laroque – nominated by Councilor Forbes
- 3) Councilor Nystuen – nominated by Councilor Dancey
- 4) Councilor Chimanga – nominated by President Kirkland

5) Councilor Forbes – nominated by Councilor Laroque

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

VP Fawcett stated that there is a need for volunteers for Trick-or-Eat, sponsored by the Food Centre. It is a one-day food drive on Halloween for the Saskatoon Food Bank, and in the next week, there should be volunteer applications in the Centres, in addition to possibly in the tunnels. Anyone will be able to put a group together and participate by making collections around the city between 6 and 8. There will be designated areas in the city to collect from and then after, the food is brought to Place Riel and then there is a party afterwards.

President Kirkland stated that Councilor hoodies are available to try on at the office and he encouraged those who have not tried one on yet to come to the office.

Councilor Wood stated that today was the first day of Vetavision. It will be running until Sunday. She encouraged Councilors to attend. She also asked if there would be a way of getting a light put in to control the crosswalk by Medicine. She said that it is dangerous and traffic is usually backed up quite far.

Councilor Kincaid stated that her college is disheartened by the news of not being able to do the practice of stunting anymore. She stated that it keeps the colleges alive and she noted that a lot of these activities are harmless.

President Kirkland stated that he has had several meetings about this already. The College of Agriculture and Bioresources had sent a complaint to Campus Safety in regard to the pranking of the lounge by the College of Engineering. It is quite common for the Dean's offices to be upset by the pranking events. Campus Safety has since said that no pranking events will be allowed on Campus and any pranks that college societies hold will be stopped immediately. Anyone intervening with this will be arrested and the law will be enforced. The USSU has since met with SEDS. There have been initial talks with the deans of each college, and he stated that he would be meeting with them as well. In a few weeks, there will be more information on this issue.

Councilor Steffen asked if the hoodies are going to be ivory colored.

President Kirkland stated that VP Hitchings would be handling the hoodies. Colours are to be determined.

VP Fawcett stated that there are only two colours in stock at the moment, but it could be looked into to potentially order green hoodies.

VP Stoicheff stated that there are a few events for the upcoming municipal election on October 28. On October 7, there will be a candidate meet and greet. All

candidates will be there for a meet and greet in Browsers. On October 14, there will be a mayoral debate. He stated that he was going to try to get John Gormley, or someone controversial, but knowledgeable to engage students as much as possible. On October 19, there will be advance polling on campus. Students can vote here regardless of the Ward you live in. For identification purposes, you only need to sign a form stating that you live in the Ward you are voting in. It should be accessible to students, as it will take place in Place Riel. He also mentioned that there was a good article in *the Sheaf* from the McGill Daily that talks about 13 student unions that are leaving the CFS this year. It talks about the CFS and how it has sued other student unions. He encouraged Councilors to read it.

VP McCullough stated that on the way to or from the Candidate's forum, if you are going through Place Riel, "Burst the Bubble on Academic Dishonesty" would be held. There will be questions regarding academic dishonesty. For correctly answered questions, you will have a chance to win one of two Canon printers and there will be free pizza. He encouraged people to stop by.

VP Fawcett stated that the exam schedule is now up.

President Kirkland stated that it is important for Councilors to read the minutes as once they are approved, that is the stance that the USSU is taking. In councils and committees, they can make decisions on your behalf. You have the opportunity at any time to change the decisions of those boards. Please read them so you are aware of the stance taken.

Councilor Laroque stated that the Sustainability Symposium on Saturday at noon, in Arts 143.

9. Other Business

VP Stoicheff mentioned that there is also an interesting talk going on and Sir Ken Robinson will deliver it. He talks about creativity and how our school systems tend to not foster creativity in students. VP Stoicheff stated that he had met with him earlier that day and was able to discuss Aboriginal inclusion on campus. He encouraged Councilors to attend.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion065: Councilor Miller – Law/Councilor Nystuen Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Tuesday October 6, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

Regrets: Daniel McCullough, Scott Hitchings

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Holidays

President Kirkland

- Meeting with GSA External Affairs
- Interview with Global News
- Breakfast meeting with President MacKinnon
- USSU Online Calendar Meeting
- Econ 800
- Econ 275
- Integrated Plan Symposium
- Meeting regarding SCSS
- Planning and Priorities Committee
- Take Back the Night
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Site Meeting
- Sir Ken Robinson Speech
- Sir Ken Robinson Breakfast
- Arts and Science Alumni of Influence Luncheon
- Meeting with USSU Solicitor
- Review and Posting of Executive Blogs

VP Fawcett

- Breakfast meeting with President, GSA and Administration
- Class
- Provost's Advisory Committee on LGTB Issues
- Meeting with Amber Burton about Green Yourself Week and Climate Change event
- Meeting with Student Health and Counseling

- Class
- Student Council
- Sir Ken Robinson
- Meeting with Kathleen and Marlene of the Aboriginal Students' Centre
- Meeting with Gord Androsoff from Roadmap Saskatoon
- Meeting with Zena Charowsky about AGM
- Abandoned bicycle roundup
- Hike Bike and Roll

VP Hitchings

- Sick

VP McCullough

- USSU Outreach in Arts Building
- Blog
- University Learning Centre Advisory Committee Meeting
- Breakfast with President's Executive Committee
- Class
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- Communications Meeting
- Class
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- Conversation with Sir Ken Robinson
- USC Meeting
- Sir Ken Robinson Lecture
- Best Practices Guideline for OH&S During Pandemic Influenza Announcement
- Meeting with Zena Charowsky

VP Stoicheff

- Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Symposium
- Networked with the Minister of Advanced Education and Heather George from the Ministry of Advanced Education
- Attended iheartbikelanes event
- Attended City Council Meeting
- Class
- Road Map Board Meeting
- Attended Breakfast Meeting with President Peter MacKinnon, Vice-Provost Brett Fairburn and VP of University Advancement Heather Magotiaux
- Class
- Meeting with student Jeremy Kiss
- Hosted USSU Radio Show

- Met with Jenny Seager (City of Saskatoon about advanced polling)
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- Meeting with Roger Chernoff (Candidate for Mayor)
- Attended USC
- Attended Sir Ken Robinson speech (Gail Appel Lecture Series)
- Attended breakfast meeting Mayor Don Atchison, City councilors and the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport with Sir Ken Robinson
- Met with Director of Road Map-Gord Androsoff
- Attended H1N1 Government announcement
- Interview on CBC (French) television about H1N1
- Meeting with Jenn from office of Sustainability
- Meeting with Zena Charowsky about USSU AGM

4. **Business**

4.1 Indigenous Students' Council Space

The space for the Indigenous Students' Council in Maclean Hall is currently vacant and is in need of cleaning and rejuvenation. The Aboriginal Students' Centre has suggested that the locks be changed and the room cleaned out, and the ASC would run programs and make use of the space in the interim.

The Executive agreed that this would be a good idea.

4.2 Bursting the Bubble on Academic Dishonesty

Motion to Provide Funding for the Bursting the Bubble on Academic Dishonesty Event, In the Amount of \$100 (see below):

EXEC060 VP Fawcett/VP Stoicheff Carried

4.3 Green Yourself Week

Motion to Provide Funding for Green Yourself Week, In the Amount Of \$820:

EXEC061 VP Fawcett/President Kirkland Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am

Executive Project Proposal

I. Project #1

- A.1. Project Name: Academic Integrity Awareness Week: Burst the Bubble on Academic Dishonesty
- A.2. Proposed by: Daniel McCullough

II. Analysis

A. Background Information and Need

- A.1. History: *Brea Lowenberger and Brett Suwinski conducted this event last year, in conjunction with the University Learning Centre. It was successful with many students stopping by to check learn about issues surrounding academic dishonesty.*
- A.2. Issues: The continuing education of students, especially new and
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B. Target Group and Characteristics

- B.1. Primary Target: New students and new International Students who may not be familiar with the U of S Academic Dishonesty Policies and Canadian Copyright law.
- B.2. Secondary Target (s): All U of S students looking for information on issues surrounding academic dishonesty

C. Vision and Mission

- C.1. Vision & Mission: To educate all interested parties, especially students, about the Academic Dishonesty policies of the University of Saskatchewan.

D. Key Considerations

- D.1. Detailed Budget:
 - \$ 95.00 - Helium Tank

\$150.00 - Pizza (To be Reimbursed by ULC)
\$ 5.00 - ~100 Balloons

D.2. Total Budget:

\$250.00 will be required with \$150.00 to be reimbursed. Final cost will be \$100.00.

D.3. Organizational Requirements:

- Must co-ordinate pizza from Louis'
- Helium tank through Jason Ventnor
- CSSO's assistance
- Need two tables set up in Lower Place Riel
- Must retrieve donated printers from Campus computer store
- Need to record names
- NSID's and phone numbers of students to notify draw winner that their printer is waiting for them at MUB 103.

D.4. Timeline: Sept 7th

- 09:00- Pick up helium tank and begin filling balloons
- 09:20- Filling Balloons
- 10:30- Pick Up Pizza and Printers
- 10:40- Set up Tables
- 11:00- Begin Event
- 11:30- CSSO done class and helps with event.
- 14:00/When Pizza and balloons run out- Event ends
- 14:01- Take down booth
- 14:30- Draw winner of prizes and contact them.

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George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P			
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P			
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McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P			
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P			
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- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, October 8, 2009

Present

Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Blair Woynarski, Associated Residence
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brooklyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Kevin Miller, Law
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets:

Ashlyn George, Education
Warren Kirkland, President
Kimberley Dancey, ESB

Guests:

Ashleigh Mattern, *the Sheaf*
James Pepler
Adebola Akanni

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion066: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Wood

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Hitchings stated that he would like to send regrets for Councilor Dancey and President Kirkland.

Councilor Woynarski note that Trafford Tanzi is opening at Greystone Theatre and he encouraged people to attend.

Councilor Steffen introduced Bola Akanni. He is being “groomed” as Councilor Steffen is going on exchange in January.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – October 1, 2009

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – October 6, 2009

4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes – September 23, 2009

Councilor Loor asked if the other Councilors were able to open the document.

Councilor Miller – Law stated that he had to get the information re-sent.

Motion to give GM Cottrell speaking rights.

USCMotion067: VP Stoicheff/Councilor Forbes

Carried

GM Cottrell stated that she had talked to USSU IT and the problem will be resolved. She apologized for any problems experienced, and assured Council that there will be a resolution. She noted that all of the back minutes will be put on the website so that if anything is missed, it can be reviewed after on the website.

Councilor Steffen asked how much of a threat would the “Big 5” be.

VP Stoicheff stated that it is essentially advocating for a two-tier post-secondary education system. That is a concern for our institution and we have discussed it at the board levels and at the Saskatchewan Students’ Coalition. We are coming out with a statement in regard to the issue. The President of the University has been solidly against this, as has the Minister of Advanced Education. Public perception in Canada is strongly against the move, and the “Big 5” came out with a statement that was arrogant and poorly delivered.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes.

USCMotion068: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Woynarski

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Chimanga asked for some explanation about the shortened hours in the library.

VP Fawcett stated that VP McCullough would be able to speak more to the issue, but it is due to budget cuts that the Library has reduced their hours. He asked Councilor Chimanga if he had any other specific concerns or recommendations about this issue.

Councilor Chimanga said that there was not anything else at the moment.

Councilor Cleaveley asked about a proposed concert that was to happen to help the colleges with funding. She asked if there was any further news about that.

VP Hitchings stated that President Kirkland would be able to provide more information.

Councilor Wood noted that the WCVM plasma is not working and she was not sure if it was due to construction. She stated that there was to be plasma advertising for someone in the college, and they were assured that it would come up and it was never seen.

VP Hitchings stated that he would get someone to look into that specifically. The Communications department has been very busy and the advertisements are getting posted later than usual.

VP McCullough joined the meeting.

Councilor Chimanga asked VP McCullough about the reduced library hours and the fact that all students have to come down to the lower levels. He stated that this is disruptive and people are complaining about this. He was wondering if there could be help for the situation.

VP McCullough stated that the greatest problem at this time is that the University cannot afford to keep the library staff working and that Safewalk and Student Crew are running this later time. We could put more volunteers on, but there could be security issues.

9. Other Business

VP Stoicheff informed Council about the Mayoral Candidates' Forum for the upcoming civic election. It will be held next Wednesday at 3:00 pm in Arts 241. He encouraged people to attend. Advanced polling, for the first time, will be held on Campus from October 19 to 23. He encouraged others to attend the forum and vote.

Councilor Nystuen asked if all of the candidates were going to be there.

VP Stoicheff stated that there is confirmation from Lenore Swystun and Don Atchison. He is working on the remaining three, but it is a challenge.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion069: VP Fawcett/Councilor Cleaveley

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Tuesday October 13, 2009

Present: Scott Hitchings Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell
Regrets: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Meeting with Controller
- Managers' Meeting
- Phone Meetings with the lawyer (2)
- Meeting with Shannon Dyck
- Attended Mayoral and Council Meet and Greet
- Phone interview regarding governance with Mount Royal College
- Daycare Board Meeting
- Communications Meeting
- Meeting with Ron Cruickshank of FMD
- Marketing Meeting
- Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Meeting
- Meeting with Brunskill School Principal regarding possible new childcare space

President Kirkland

- Pandemic Planning Meeting
- USSU IT Communications Meeting regarding Textbook Registry
- Homecoming Game Debrief
- Shannon Dyck Reference Letter Preparation
- Board of Governors
- Board of Governors
- Board of Governors
- Blog preparation, review and posting
- Travel to and from Regina
- Meeting with Tonya Wirchenko regarding USSU relations

VP Fawcett

- Class

- Bottled Water Meeting
- Hike, Bike, and Roll
- Childcare Board Meeting
- Class
- Communications Meeting
- ISO Meeting
- Renewable is Doable Presentation

VP Hitchings

- Sick
- Campus Club Ratification Application Review
- Responded to emails/phone calls/etc...
- Class
- Communications meeting
- Meeting with Student re: Insurance for Campus Group Event
- Class
- University Students' Council
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Club Event
- Correspondence with The Better Good re: Council Bunnyhugs
- Sick

VP McCullough

- Event Setup
- Burst the Bubble on Academic Dishonesty Event for AIAW
- Event Tear Down
- Communications Meeting
- Class
- Undergraduate Forum Executive Committee Meeting
- Teaching & Learning Committee
- USC
- 1/2 day EDO (Morning)
- Teaching Excellence Awards Planning
- RSAW Meeting

VP Stoicheff

- Attended University's H1N1 Planning Committee Meeting
- Planning Meeting with Janelle Hutchinson for Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Leadership Forum
- Meeting with Kyle Addison, President of the University of Regina Students' Union.
- Hosted USSU Radio Show
- Executive Blog
- Contacted Greg Whalen, USSU Solicitor
- Hosted "Meet Your Candidate for City Council Event"
- Attended and Networked at Liberal Party of Saskatchewan Leader's Dinner
- Attended Planning Committee Meeting for Sask Environmental

- Society/Climate Change Event
- USC
- Road Map Board Meeting
- Meeting with Janelle Hutchinson
- Helped campus clubs with bid for Climate Change Awareness Event
- Met with Ken Pontikes, Professor of Political Studies about moderating mayoral candidates forum
- Launched the "Let's Get out and Vote" Campaign, Advanced Polls on Campus

4. **Business**

4.1 Nellie McClung Play

VP Hitchings brought forward a request on behalf of VP Fawcett to sponsor a play about Nellie McClung. Plasma advertisement has been requested.

Motion to Provide Advertising Sponsorship for the Nellie McClung Play:

EXEC062 VP Hitchings/VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.2 USC – Proportional Representation

VP McCullough stated that although many colleges have fewer than 1000 students and only have one USC member, the Indigenous Students' Council represents 1800 students and has no member. However, if there was a move for actual proportional representation, Arts and Science would dominate USC, and USC in general would be so large that there would not be a place to meet.

He suggested the following amendment:

- 1) If the college or group has less than 1000 members, then it should have one member.
- 2) If the college has over 1000 members, there should be two members.
- 3) If there are over 5000 members, there should be three members.

VP McCullough also noted that under the existing standards, there should be two representatives for the ISC, if this is possible.

VP Hitchings commented that we would not want to create any divisions between groups.

Caroline Cottrell also noted that any member is able to put forward a motion to make a constitutional change, pending legal approval.

4.3 Bunny Hugs

The Executive decided to talk more about specifics later on when more members would be present.

4.4 International Day of Climate Action

On October 24, the Biology Students' Association will be holding an awareness event about climate change. They have requested poster and banner sponsorship.

Motion to Provide 200 Posters (8.5"X11") and One Banner (8'), at a cost of \$250 to the Biology Students' Association for the International Day of Climate Action on October 24:

EXEC063 VP Stoicheff/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.4 Learning Commons Management Board

VP McCullough stated that he had been offered a seat on the Learning Commons Management Board. He also noted that he would not be able to attend the meetings in second semester. Steven Ofukany (USSU Confidential Student Support Officer) to attend those meetings in the second semester, in addition to being an alternate for first semester meetings.

4.5 Daycare Expansion Discussions

GM Cottrell stated that Brunskill School could access funding for 50 childcare spaces, pending further examination and collaboration. Portables would need to be added to Brunskill School.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 am

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8		
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P		
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P		
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R		
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P		
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R		
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P		
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P		
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R		
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P		
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P		
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Wojnarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA		
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA		

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday October 22, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Credit Card Use at the University of Saskatchewan: Report on the Student Survey – Marion Van Impe, Director of Student Accounts and Treasury, Financial Services**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – October 15, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – October 19, 2009**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report - October 15, 2009**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – October 13, 2009**
 - 4.10 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Place Riel**
 - 9.2 Council Bunnyhugs**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, October 15, 2009

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets:

Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Jason Goodwin, Education
Blair Woynarski, Associated Residence

Guests:

James Pepler

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to amend 3.1 to Studentcare Presentation.

USCMotion070: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

Motion to invert 3. Council Address and 4. Minutes and Reports for Information.

USCMotion071: Councilor Nystuen/President Kirkland Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion072: Councilor Steffen/VP Fawcett Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President Kirkland introduced Amanda Smytaniuk, our representative from Studentcare. She will be giving a presentation shortly.

VP Fawcett introduced Steven Ofukany. He is the CSSO and types all of the minutes.

3. Minutes and Reports for Information

3.1 USC Minutes – October 8, 2009

Councilor Nystuen noted the change “asked if all of the Councilors were going to be there”. It should read “all of the candidates”.

3.2 Executive Committee Minutes – October 13, 2009

Councilor Loor asked the Executive to clarify the impact of a different representation structure on this board.

President Kirkland stated that the Executive still has this under consideration. As conversations evolve, a presentation can be given to Council if they prefer. At this time, there are no changes being made.

Councilor Loor asked how a change like this would change the numbers on this board.

President Kirkland stated that in terms of college representation, any college with over 5000 students would have an additional member. Arts and Science would have one more member.

Councilor Loor asked how this would affect colleges with two members. He stated that he was unsure on specific numbers.

Chair Leisle stated that those colleges with two members (over 1000 students) would stay the same.

Councilor Nystuen asked that if this is to be pursued further to have a Council address on the topic.

President Kirkland stated that he is not sure that it would go much further.

Councilor Loor asked about the daycare opportunity at Brunskill School and how that would affect the current daycare at the Williams Building.

VP Fawcett stated that the USSU childcare services are not the same as they were in the past when we operated this service. We still technically own the service. Brunskill School presented the opportunity that there may be space for childcare, but they were not willing to administer it themselves. As it is close to the U of S, there is a possibility that the USSU may be able to expand its services there, and provide the same services we currently provide.

3.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes – October 13, 2009

Councilor Nystuen requested to table the minutes until next week as he feels they are not entirely accurate and he stated he would like to go over them with VP Hitchings.

Motion to table the October 13 Operations and Finance Minutes to the next meeting.

USCMotion073: Councilor Nystuen/VP Hitchings Carried

4. Council Address

4.1 Studentcare Presentation

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion074: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

President Kirkland stated that Amanda Smytaniuk is our healthcare representative from Studentcare. She manages our accounts and regularly comes to Council to dispense information about what is going on with those accounts. She is here tonight to provide orientation on our health and dental plan.

Ms. Smytaniuk stated that this is her third year providing this orientation for Council. Her title is the Prairie Program Manager. She stated that this orientation is important, as it is a way to convey this information to the various colleges through the representatives that are from around the campus. This is a service that the USSU provides and is managed by Studentcare. There is the option for students to either take advantage of the program or opt out if they already have other coverage. She provided some background on the health and dental plan. It started out as work with the USSU Executive of the time and was put forward through a referendum. The spirit behind the plan is that students should not have to discontinue studies for medical reasons. These plans are now commonplace across the country and fill in the gaps between what is covered and what is not covered. The provincial health card is not equivalent to the extended coverage provided under this plan. It is one of the largest services provided by the USSU; 54% of those eligible for the plan stay in the plan.

Studentcare works for the USSU to manage the health and dental plan and negotiate with the insurance company. Studentcare is not an insurance company. These plans are similar to employee plans. Two recent universities to add a plan are Simon Fraser and the U of A. Studentcare was founded in 1996 by a VP in Quebec, and due to increased administrative needs, the government was approached to meet an unmet need. He decided that since the university and government did not provide this service, he decided to take this initiative on. Studentcare only provides health and dental plans – it is not a side business. Most of the people in the company are former student leaders, so there is an understanding of how student unions function. She noted that input is needed, as no two student unions are the same. This means that no two health plans are the same. There are different demographics, and a voice is needed to determine appropriate plans. In addition to this role, there is also a plan management side to report on services that are provided. Studentcare negotiates with the insurer and work on behalf of the USSU. There is a flat transparent fee. Also, all of the data management is done for the USSU and the University. Extensive money has been invested to ensure that the privacy standards are above what the federal government requires. There is also

regular reporting going on, in addition to surveys to improve plans and promote awareness. Direct feedback makes the process easier.

There are only fifty people working for Studentcare, so it is relatively small. Still, there is a large amount of coordination and communication work. Studentcare negotiates the automatic assessment with the University. In addition, there is a full service call centre in Montreal and is staffed by students. It operates on a Saskatchewan clock for inquiries from the U of S. The person in the office that has the highest level of training on that school will receive the call. Also, if you call in, they will have all of the information will be kept for the next time you call.

In the annual communications campaign, there will be a document provided with information about communications initiatives. There will also be advertisement in *the Sheaf*. If there any unique ideas, Studentcare would welcome those suggestions.

All undergraduate students are assessed the fee as part of their tuition. If they have alternate coverage, they have the option to opt-out. Part time students are not automatically assessed the fee, but they may self-enroll during the change of coverage period. The coverage is between the last week in August and the second week in September. There are no assessments in January, meaning that students are not automatically assessed the fee if they start full time studies in January. They do have the option to enroll in the program at a prorated fee. The students also have the ability to enroll spouses in the plan, including same-sex partners and dependents. This must be done in the change of coverage period. If you are assessed the fee in September and fail to enroll a spouse, then you cannot enroll your spouse in January. It needs to happen at the start of your studies. The automatic assessment is broken down into two components, those being health and dental. The total is \$233.50. If you have coverage for health, but not dental, you can opt out of the health portion and keep the dental. Students have a choice whether or not they can opt to do a permanent opt-out. If a student chooses permanent opt-out, they will not be assessed the fee for the duration of their studies on this campus. If they opt-out permanently as an undergraduate, they will not be assessed the fee if they return as a graduate student. Annual opt-outs must be done from year to year. You need to submit proof of coverage. A lot of students do not require the plan initially, but then stay on campus for an extended period and are no longer covered under their parents' plan. Then they would need back into the plan. To get back into the plan from a permanent opt-out, you would need to pay 1.5X the fee. That option is open for students, but it does not give the students the ability to choose from year to year.

The change of coverage period for this year was from August 28 to September 17 and the January semester change of coverage period is from January 4 to 15. Proof of coverage is your card, or a letter of coverage from an employer. The proof of coverage can be scanned, photocopied, photographed, uploaded, or dropped off in the office. The best resource is the website.

A Councilor asked if the coverage was just for Saskatchewan.

Ms. Smytaniuk stated that the coverage is nationwide. There is also travel coverage for international.

Another question was asked about international coverage.

Ms. Smytaniuk stated that the coverage is international accident insurance and is available for an unlimited number of trips. It also includes trip interruption and cancellation insurance. It can be used for studying abroad as well.

Councilor Chimanga asked if this coverage was different from provincial health coverage.

Ms. Smytaniuk stated that provincial health covers hospital and doctor visits. This coverage is available for prescriptions, dental, vision, travel, and other things above and beyond the provincial plan.

A question was asked regarding the “stickiness” of the plan for calling the provider in case of an accident.

Ms. Smytaniuk stated that it is a much smoother process if you are able to call in, but you will never be denied coverage because you were not able to call. In some countries abroad, and if you are in dire need of help, they need to know that you have the backing of a North American or European agency.

Councilor Cleaveley asked a question in regard to dental forms and out of province coverage.

Ms. Smytaniuk commented that some dentist would just charge you, while others will require a form. You need to print out a dental form from the website for the dentist to fill in the codes. You send it in and are reimbursed. We also have network practitioners that provide full coverage for preventative services, compared to 80% for non-network dentists. There are varying coverage levels to 50-80 percent on your plan. There is not promotion of these dentists – there is just advertisement for those dentists that provide reduced rates. If you were from Ontario and went to see the dentist there, you would still be covered under your USSU plan.

Councilor Cleaveley stated that she was under the impression that it was only coverage for Saskatchewan. She also noted that she goes to the dentist in Manitoba.

Ms. Smytaniuk commented that she would be covered.

Councilor Chimanga asked for further clarification on health coverage.

Ms. Smytaniuk stated that in the manual, there are different coverage levels outlined for the different areas. She noted that if anyone had further questions to contact her or visit the office.

President Kirkland thanked Amanda Smytaniuk for her address.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion075: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

VP Hitchings provided clarification on a comment made by Councilor Steffen last week. He introduced his friend and stated that he was being “groomed” for his position when he left in January.

Motion to interpret Constitution Article 6 Section 2 and Article 8 to read, “Each member elected in fair and open elections in his or her respective college”.

USCMotion076: VP Hitchings/President Kirkland Carried

President Kirkland stated that in the Constitution, Councilors must be elected. There have been precedents in the past to enforce this.

Councilor Miller – Law asked if this has something do to with a by-election.

President Kirkland wanted to ensure that Councilors knew there are a couple of open seats right now and any time a Councilor can resign or be impeached under the Constitution. He wanted to remind Council that this would be enforced. He noted that Councilors must be elected in a free open election where anyone in that college can run. This board will not appoint Councilors if this does not happen.

Councilor Miller – Law requested clarification.

President Kirkland stated that should someone resign from their position, a free and open election must be held, and then the Councilor is appointed by Council. Should a college Council try to appoint someone from their student society, then that would not be acceptable.

Motion to adopt the minutes.

USCMotion077: Councilor Laroque/Councilor Wood Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

VP Stoicheff stated that the USSU and several campus groups have joined with environmental awareness NGOs to organized a climate change awareness march in

downtown Saskatoon on October 24. This walk is support of the Global 350 Movement and the International Day of Action for Climate Change. We are working to raise awareness of the international campaign to creating an equitable global environmental treaty that lowers carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere. The October 24 events are scheduled to occur six weeks before the international climate treaty talks begin in Copenhagen to create a strategy to replace the Kyoto Accord. This event is one of over 1800 that will be happening on the globe on that day. The event starts at 10 am in Kinsmen Park. Volunteers are welcome and posters will be up around Saskatoon and the University tomorrow. There should be announcement up on PAWS about this. He encouraged student societies and colleges to attend. Also, next week there will be a presentation from Christopher Bergen, who is part of the bid for a new Aboriginal Students' Centre on campus. This would be a good opportunity for Council to see firsthand what this bid is for Aboriginal students on campus and what it would mean for students. He also encouraged people to vote in the advanced polls next week.

VP McCullough noted that as of October 26, nominations for Teaching Excellence Awards will open and will run until November 6.

Councilor Loor asked for clarification why there was no member from the Indigenous Students' Society.

President Kirkland commented that the Indigenous Students' Council has not formed and the Executive is looking into ways to have Aboriginal representation on this Council. This is ongoing. The only way to have representation on Council is to let it form on its own. We cannot form a group by force. When the AGM comes up, there may be a motion to ensure Aboriginal representation.

Councilor Steffen stated that he was at the Experience US! table for the USSU, and he noticed that there was not really any information about specific things regarding Student Council. He asked if there were pamphlets or other information to provide information on this Council. He noted that most people in Arts and Science tend to not have a clue about what power this group has. Also, they really don't know what it does.

President Kirkland stated he would look into it.

VP Fawcett stated that the event that VP Stoicheff outlined is the last event of Green Yourself Week. The event starts next Saturday and there will be events going on each week. There will be a blog on the USSU website to provide more information about the events going on. There is also a large poster in the tunnel. There is a lot for everyone and it should be interesting.

Councilor Wood thanked Studentcare for the pizza and reminded the Executive how nice it is to have food at meetings.

Councilor Dunn provided regrets for Councilor Kirkham.

9. Other Business

President Kirkland stated that there were a few questions and comments referred to him. He noted that questions can also be directed to the office via email, phone, or any medium.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion078: Councilor Steffen/Councilor Laroque

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday October 19, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

Regrets: Daniel McCullough

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:55 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Phone meetings on Emotional Intelligence Workshop
- Welcome to trade students at Renovation
- Millwork decision meeting
- Operations and Finance Board meeting
- Meeting on project budget
- Communication Manager meeting
- Occupational Health and Safety Meeting
- Louis'/Browsers planning meeting
- Mayoral Forum
- Communication Meeting
- Site Meeting
- Meeting with architects
- Tenant Meeting
- Development meeting
- USC

President Kirkland

- Holiday
- Staff Meeting
- Econ 800
- Econ 275
- Meeting with VP of AECL Meeting
- Project Budget options review
- Planning and Priorities Committee
- CABIS
- USSU Communications meeting
- Site Meeting

- Air Hockey Tournament Extraordinaire
- Experience US!
- University Council
- Midterm
- Blog Review and Posting

VP Fawcett

- To be presented at a later date

VP Hitchings

- Staff meeting
- Class
- Operations & Finance Board Meeting
- Place Riel Budget Review Meeting
- Occupational Health & Safety Committee Meeting
- Class
- Communications Meeting
- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Class
- Experience US
- Executive Meeting
- Mentorship Meeting
- Meeting with Student re: Funding (X2)
- Meeting with Student re: Establishing PASS
- Meeting with Professor
- Class
- Sustainability Board Meeting

VP McCullough

- Student Advocacy Network
- Communications Meeting
- Academic Affairs Board
- University Council
- USC
- RSAW Meeting

VP Stoicheff

- Presentation to Lieutenant Governor's Youth Forum
- Class
- Staff Meeting
- Attended Sod Turning Announcement for the new Academic Health Sciences Building
- Hosted USSU radio Show
- Met with AECL VP
- USSU Exec Blog
- Attended Road Map Carpool Campaign Event

- Networked with Mayor Don Atchison
- Attended International Day of Climate Change Meeting
- Hosted Mayoral Candidates Forum on Campus
- Attended USSU Communication Meeting
- Attended USC
- Attended Senate Meeting on Outreach and Engagement
- Dinner Meeting with US Ambassador to Canada-David Jacobson

4. **Business**

4.1 Proportional Representation – USC

It was noted that other universities have larger boards and they have found that it has led to reduced engagement of its members. This is the reason that we have smaller boards. A move towards the previously mentioned policy of adding additional members of larger colleges does not represent true proportional representation.

4.2 Thank You – Ken Pontikes

VP Stoicheff noted that a thank-you should be given to Ken Pontikes for moderating the Mayoral Forum. A \$40 USSU gift certificate was deemed to be appropriate.

4.3 USSU/USC Postcards

We need more of the USSU postcards printed and there will need to be further discussion about designing one for USC.

4.4 Communications with Centres

VP Fawcett noted that there is a need for consistency in the way that the Executive and the Centres communicate. It was highlighted that Centres Coordinators should liase with Marketing/Services Manager Jason Ventnor first as he is their primary resource person.

4.5 Textbook Registry

President Kirkland proposed the idea of having an online textbook registry. It would be an efficient and cost effective way of selling textbooks.

VP Fawcett asked if it would need additional resources.

President Kirkland stated that it likely would not.

GM Cottrell commented that it may need an Executive proposal to get up and running.

VP Hitchings also commented that it would be a proactive approach to textbook issues.

4.6 Executive Retreat

The Executive retreat will be held on December 7.

4.7 Anti-Drunk Driving program

The Executive discussed the possibility of working with SGI to have a campaign to prevent drunk driving.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

Academic Affairs Board
Minutes for Thursday October 15, 2009

Present: Daniel McCullough, Ben Fawcett, Steven Ofukany, Brookelyn Kirkham, Kiel Luhning

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable Discussion**

Chair McCullough posed the question to the members to consider topics that we would like to discuss at further meetings. He commented on the Open Access and Be Book Smart campaigns as both good measures of lowering the cost of academic materials.

MSC Kirkham commented that textbook prices are a major issue. She noted that professors seem to be getting better about this issue and that they are starting to give more direction to students in this regard.

SAL Luhning stated that it would be a good idea to get the USSU involved with the Faculty Association to examine the issue of tradeoffs between research and teaching. It is a concern that sessional lecturers bear the load of teaching, while professors are focusing on research.

MSC Kirkham commented that her experience from the U-Life program is that some professors really only focus on their research.

Chair McCullough stated that he would send an email to the Faculty Association to see if work can be done on this issue.

Vice Chair Fawcett stated that there have been discussions to incorporate international and indigenous approaches into curricula. He noted that we should get behind that and continue moving forward.

Chair McCullough stated that a stance should be determined on that issue and it should be taken to USC.

Vice Chair Fawcett talked about an initiative with the IACC which suggests a mandatory first year course on how to learn in different ways. He added that he would bring additional information from the November meeting.

SAL Lunning stated that there should be work done on creating a mandatory evaluation system for professors.

Chair McCullough noted that the SEEQ online surveys would be done through PAWS. You can rate the professor, the information is collected and aggregated, there could be a mark incentive for completion, and there could be increased accountability but having this aggregate data published. He noted that the University will only fund SEEQ if the online version is used.

SAL Lunning stated that it is important to have a service that rates professors.

Chair McCullough commented that we do currently have the SEEQ and Teaching Excellence Awards.

Vice Chair Fawcett stated that it would be difficult to operate a rating system and it would hurt our positive relations with faculty.

MSC Kirkham asked for clarification on the avenues for students having academic issues.

Chair McCullough replied that academic grievances can be simple – in most cases, the graded material can be remarked. He noted that there would be a poster campaign to highlight options available to students, and this would be in a much similar fashion to last year. He also noted that Teaching Excellence Award nominations open October 26. He added that he has discussed the possibility of getting spring nomination reminders on PAWS for Term 2. The ULC has received approval to grant teaching awards.

CSSO Ofukany provided information on the Academic Advocacy Office. The office provides academic advice and support for students, including advocacy at hearings. The services are confidential. He also explained some of the basic appeal forms.

4. **Business**

5. **Academic Advocacy Office Update**

CSSO Ofukany provided the following update. It includes information since May 7 due to this being the first meeting of this committee.

Our running total of grievances filed:

- 12 grievances (complaints, seeking advice, etc.)
- 12 appeals (Form A, Form B, Fee Appeals, appeal letters)
- 5 faculty actions
- 1 academic dishonesty allegation

This brings our current total to **30** cases since May 7.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm

External Affairs Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th, 2009

Present: VP Stoicheff, Councilor Loor, Councilor Nystuen, SAL Shona den Brok, SAL Dale Richardson

Regrets: President Kirkland, SAL Mitchell Anderson, Councilor Dunn

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Business

3.1 USSU Government Lobbying Document Input

Motion 01: Motion to approve USSU Government Lobbying Document
VP Stoicheff/ SAL Richardson Carried

3.1 CASA Committees

Motion 02: Motion to sit on CASA Policy Committees as a Guest
VP Stoicheff/Loor Carried

3.2 SSC "Education Matters Day"

VP Stoicheff provided information about the Saskatchewan Student Coalition's "Education Matters Day".

3.3 CFS Letter and Update

VP Stoicheff provided an update on the CFS situation.

4. Questions and Comments

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Tuesday, October 13th, 2009

Present: Scott Hitchings, Alecia Nagy, Reid Nystuen, Alexander Steffen, Matthew Bennett, Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio)

Regrets: Benjamin Fawcett, Kim Dancey, Jordan Forbes, Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 3:00 P.M.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

4. Adoption of Minutes

As a consequence of this being the premiere Operations & Finance Board meeting of the year, there were no minutes to be adopted.

5. Business

A. Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the following groups:

- i. Visual Arts Students' Union
OFB Motion01: Steffen/Nagy Carried.
- ii. IEEE Illumination
OFB Motion02: Steffen/Bennett Carried.
- iii. History Undergraduate Students'
OFB Motion03: Nystuen/Nagy Carried.
- iv. Club Hispanico
OFB Motion04: Steffen/Nystuen Carried.
- v. U of S Students' Christian Movement
OFB Motion05: Steffen/Bennett Carried.
- vi. Chemistry Students Society
OFB Motion 06: Nystuen/Steffen Carried.
- vii. Microbiology & Immunology Students Society
OFB Motion07: Steffen/Nagy Carried.
- viii. Oxfam Saskatoon
OFB Motion08: Bennett/Nagy Carried.

B. Funding Requests

The Board considered funding requests from the following groups:

- i. IEEE Illumination
- ii. Lutheran Student Movement
- iii. Vetavision

The Board decided to extend an invitation for IEEE Illumination and Vetavision to each give a presentation to the Board regarding why the groups required the funding. This is in line with the Campus Groups Policy, which states that when a group seeks a funding request of greater than \$500, said group must make a presentation to the Operations & Finance Board. The decision was also made to contact the Lutheran Student Movement in order to comprehend why the funds requested were needed, when it seemed as though their financial statement was strong enough to absorb the cost of the event they planned on holding.

6. New Business

No New Business

7. Questions & Comments

Member Bennett posed the question of what the Operation & Finance Board does during the year.

VP Operations & Finance Hitchings responded that the Board handles all matters pertaining to Campus Clubs. Furthermore it deals with all financial matters of the Union – the most important part of which is the building of the budget for the upcoming year, the processes for which will formally begin in January.

Councillor Nystuen inquired whether or not a policy existed whereby the Board could de-ratify a group, if it so desires.

Vice President Operations & Finance Hitchings eloquently responded that no policy as such exists of yet. He fantastically remarked, however, that he has been working on one over the summer. The policy would become a section of the broader Campus Groups policy, and is currently in the end stages of creation. It will be finalized soon.

Councillor Nystuen then asked VP Hitchings & GM Cottrell whether or not the Operations & Finance Board has the power to strike such a policy or if the policy would have to be brought to the floor of University Student Council, where the debate could take place in a larger context.

Vice President Operations & Finance Hitchings made it known that the Board does indeed have the power to strike such a policy, and Students' Council would then ratify it when the meeting minutes are accepted.

Councillor Nystuen remarked that if the board were to engage in such actions, it would be regarded as less than transparent.

Vice President Operations and Finance Hitchings agreed with the remark made by the distinguished Councillor and made it known that other options are available.

GM Cottrell then stated that the Chair of the Board could bring attention to the matter under “Motions arising from Minutes and Reports” in order to ensure that the members of University Students’ Council are aware of the policy change.

Councillor Nystuen nodded in acceptance and proclaimed that he could feel more comfortable were that the route taken by the Board.

Councillor Steffen then inquired about why there was not coffee and doughnuts at the meeting.

Councillor Nystuen responded that student money should not necessarily be spent on quenching the appetite of the ever-hungry and intelligent Councillor Steffen.

Vice President Operations & Finance Hitchings then explained that the councillor appreciation line has ballooned in the past year and that there are sufficient funds in place to absorb the costs of provided refreshments at the various board meetings.

Councillor Nystuen then explained for the members of the Board who were not present at the USC Budget Debate of March 2009 why the line in the budget earmarked for Councillor Appreciation became as large as it currently is.

Vice President Operations & Finance Hitchings mentioned that he could bring this up under “Motions arising from Minutes and Reports” at the next USC meeting.

Concillour Nystuen thought this to be unnecessary, and stated that the line should be expended simply when it is known well in advance that a meeting will be “long” and then went on to define “long” as meaning “no shorter than 15 minutes in length”.

The Board approved of this discussion.

8. Next Meeting

The Next Meeting was decidedly established to be held on the 22nd day of October in the year 2009, at precisely 2.5 hours before sunset, which shall be approximately 4:00 P.M.

9. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

OFB Motion09 Nystuen/Nagy Carried.

Vice President Operations & Finance Hitchings noted that Councillor Steffen seemed indifferent to the adjournment of the meeting.

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Woynarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday October 29, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Margaret Asmuss – President's Statement on Climate Change**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – October 22, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – October 26, 2009**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report (Includes USSU Government Lobbying Document) – October 20, 2009**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – October 22, 2009**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report – October 22, 2009**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report – October 20, 2009**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Fee Based Credit Card Systems**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Student Relations Committee**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, October 22, 2009

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Blair Woyinarski, Associated Residence
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brooklyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets:

Ashlyn George, Education

Guests:

James Pepler
Chris Bergen
Marion Van Impe

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add 3.1 and change 3.1 to 3.2.

USCMotion079: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended

USCMotion080: President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Stoicheff introduced Chris Bergen. He is a planner for the University of Saskatchewan and he will be talking about the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre. The Executive wants to make sure that Aboriginal inclusivity is a priority on our campus. This Centre is something that has been highlighted for the Government of Saskatchewan. We would like to give Council the opportunity to see and learn what it is about.

President Kirkland introduced James Pepler.

3. Council Address

3.1 Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion081: President Kirkland/Councilor Dancey Carried

Mr. Bergen provided background information about the project. In the past several years, the project has preliminary approval (Board 1) and the project can be tendered once it reaches the Board 2 phase. The cost will be \$12-16 Million dollars. Before the project is tendered, 50% of the funds will be needed. This is in the works in partnership with the Steering Committee and through Executive sponsorship by Peter MacKinnon. The University is putting 2 million into this project, combined with 1.5 million dollars through a donation. There have been other consultations for the design process, in addition to the Aboriginal community on and off of campus. There was a ceremony in December 2007 to launch the project.

The vision is to create identity, resources, and a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal history for the community. Ideally, it will be crucial to work on Aboriginal inclusion. Before a project starts on campus, there will need to be a site analysis. It is usually much easier if the project is related to a specific college. This process is more difficult. However, there are several important factors, such as campus amenities, like the Main Library, Place Riel, bus services, and other things. In terms of infrastructure, things like heat and water flows, and pedestrian and vehicular traffic flows are important to consider.

In 2005, he was approached by George Lafond, the current Aboriginal Advisor, to the President to examine the issue. The Indigenous Students' Council was also engaged in this project at the time. It reached a point where Mr. Bergen was asked to look at a number of different sites. The riverbank was considered a good location, but it was not close to amenities and was not convenient. Then, the core campus was examined – the site in consideration is in Wiggins Court. The master plan at the time was to get something together on that site. In addition, the plans were examined to determine how this building would tie into the rest of campus. He noted that over the years, there has been a strong diversion away from the original university master plan. It was also examined how Aboriginal culture could tie into western architecture. In particular, something circular was considered necessary to tie the Aboriginal culture in. Also, this project is envisioned as a place for future conferences and ceremonies for Aboriginal events. He also indicated that there would be a tunnel to link this building.

There will be space for the new Aboriginal Students' Centre, a place for meetings and ceremonies, and space for the public. Natural finishes and Aboriginal tradition specific design will be incorporated. In the upper floor, the ISC will be housed, in addition to more student space and locker space.

Councilor Loor asked a question in regard to concerns about funding acquisitions. He asked when the groundbreaking could potentially happen.

Mr. Bergen stated that he thought it would have happened two years ago. There were a lot of things that have happened that delayed the process. With more support, this could get started soon. Everything else is ready. We are two months away from tender.

A question was asked about provincial funding.

Mr. Bergen stated that a presentation has been given to the Government of Saskatchewan.

(inaudible)

A question was asked regarding a contingency plan, for if there was insufficient government funding.

Mr. Bergen stated that University Advancement is working with them right now in regard to fundraising.

Councilor Steffen asked clarification on the tenders and adjustments needed to allow for changed economic conditions.

Mr. Bergen stated that the numbers have been adjusted and they are still looking at worst-case scenarios.

Councilor Nystuen asked if there are opportunities to seek funding through partnerships with bands.

Mr. Bergen stated that there are some Aboriginal associations such as SIGA and the local tribal councils that are interested, but they are also finding current financial conditions to be difficult. It is quite difficult for many bands to be able to contribute funds.

(inaudible)

VP Stoicheff stated that there were a couple reasons why we wanted to share this opportunity with Council. We have the most Aboriginal students at our institution than any other in Canada. In addition, the dropout rate for Aboriginal students at this institution from first year to second year is 47%, which is incredibly high. Third, between the ages of 10 and 19, the Aboriginal population in Saskatchewan is about 23.3% and that will continue to grow. We want to make sure that this institution is as welcoming as possible for Aboriginal students. He thanked Mr. Bergen for coming and giving this presentation.

Councilor Loor asked about how the pedestrian restrictions on campus due to renovations would be handled. Has there been examination for a pedestrian path through there?

Mr. Bergen stated that a plan would need to be put in place to provide access to the Bowl.

3.2 Credit Card Use at the University of Saskatchewan: Report on the Student Survey – Marion Van Impe, Director of Student Accounts and Treasury, Financial Services

President Kirkland introduced Marion Van Impe. She works with Richard Florizone and a large team and has been an immense asset for the Place Riel project. The University is looking at the trend of credit card use on campus. Our university has been evaluating what the student impact would be as well as conducting a survey of what their credit card use is at this institution. The U of S is the only university to conduct a survey.

Mrs. Van Impe stated that her main area of responsibility is the payments of tuition. One of the current methods of this payment is via credit card. There is a cost of providing this service. In the past two years, there has been examination of how to make this service more economical and efficient. One of the goals looked at during the survey is examining the integrated planning process and focus resources on services that benefit students the most and ensure that existing resources are applied to the highest priorities. As many of you are aware of, we do have limited resources. We want to make sure that those resources are targeted to things that matter for students. Most universities in Canada do not accept credit cards for tuition. There are many universities that have never gone down that path. In the past couple years, there have also been many universities that have discontinued accepting credit cards in the past few years. There are a number of universities that are looking at making the same decisions that we currently are deliberating over.

Cost is the major issue for this review. We started accepting credit cards in the 2000-2001 academic year and the cost was over \$20,000. Last year, the cost was over \$700,000. These were the bank fees for accepting credit cards. This does not include the university cost for IT programming and other costs. The average payment has not varied much, but it is around \$2000. The average credit card cost is \$35. It is recognized that there are some students that are just paying for one class, but then there are dentistry students paying \$32,000. The average still remains at about \$2,000. Over the past nine years, the costs have continued to increase due to a number of reasons. There has been an increase in the number of students that are using credit cards. Nine years ago, there was not a push to use a credit card. Tuition rates have increased slightly over that time, and as tuition goes up, the costs also increase. Credit card fees have also increased. The pricing has changed, as it's not a flat rate due to the various types of cards that are being accepted. There is a higher charge for a card with points or benefits. There are

more cards out there as banks compete to get customers. The rates are constantly going up.

In past years, it was estimated that 25% of students would use a credit card. That was based on what the stores had been experiencing. As of last year, that number was up to almost 40%. That means that almost 40% of dollars received in tuition payments were done by credit cards. That participation rate is driving the cost increases. Other payment methods were through financial aid, such as student loans, scholarships, and bursaries (28%), cash, cheques and debit (22%), online banking (13%), and other forms (1%). It is important to note that 60% of students do not use credit cards, and many of those are on financial aid. The cost to accept credit cards is a cost that all students are bearing. Only 40% of the students are benefiting from that service.

The reason the survey was done was to know what is important to students. The first step of this project started in 2007 by talking to all of the universities that have discontinued the use of credit cards, and what processes that they have followed, and how they were dealing with the results. The survey was passed by the USSU and the GSA through consultations. There were talks with other universities about feedback they had received, and wanted to know why students were using credit cards. Also, the question of whether or not a user fee is an acceptable option or not, in addition, how the change in policy would impact students. The reason for examining the impact is to find ways how to minimize issues that would arise. The survey results have been out for about a month. There have been 4,000 responses thus far, of which, 82% have paid by credit card. Those who have used credit cards have mainly done so through PAWS. Only 9% were parents. Out of those 4000 responses, there were 2,550 written feedback responses.

Some statistics and comments:

- 93% of people liked being able to pay outside of office hours
- 82% stated that they paid by credit card so they did not have to stand in line.
- 68% like the benefits that their credit cards provide
- 54% did not have the funds to pay their tuition in full on the payment deadline
- There were comments from international students stating that they did not have a Canadian bank account
- Easiest to pay, convenient
- Immediate
- Using to manage finances
- Daily limits on debit cards
- Establish a credit rating
- Online banking is not immediate
- Strong response of online bankers, but only 50% of students knew that you could pay that way
- “Would you be willing to pay a \$35 user fee to allow us to continue allowing credit cards as an option?” There was disagreement to how the question was worded.

The next step is to obtain more feedback. This needs to be presented to management. There are some changes coming in banking regulations. The idea of the fee would have to be re-determined. Once the feedback is received, it will need to be reviewed and a decision will need to be made. There could be a fee implemented for users. There could be a general fee for all students on campus. Also, there is the option of maintaining the status quo. There could be also the complete removal of credit card acceptance. If there is no longer any spending of these funds, those funds could be used for the Student Health Centre. It could also be used for other priorities. She asked for feedback on whether this service is a priority or whether there is another service that this could be directed towards.

Councilor Steffen stated that he uses his credit card for the points and also allows him to have a float. He stated that he had paid his tuition today. He asked if other options had been examined to determine other lower cost options, such as Interac online or PayPal. He asked if those options have been considered.

Mrs. Van Impe stated that PayPal isn't really any cheaper. Online debit has not been implemented due to limited IT resources. Online debit is different from online banking in that it is instantaneous. It would take away the one criterion that is lacking. However, there are only three Canadian banks that use this service. The pricing is a lot different because it is a reasonable flat rate.

Councilor Steffen asked if different rates for different types of credit cards have been considered.

Mrs. Van Impe stated that it would be difficult to break it down. The pricing methods with the contracts are quite complicated. It would be better to look at average rates.

Councilor Woynarski asked for clarification in regard to a fee being assessed for every student paying by credit card.

Mrs. Van Impe replied that it is based on the dollar amount of the sale.

Councilor Chimanga asked for clarification on the move away from credit cards in regard to costs.

Mrs. Van Impe stated that there was \$250,000 per year. That budget is now up to over \$700,000. That \$500,000 gap is not being made up by increased revenue anywhere. We have a shortfall in our budget that we need to find resources for, whether that is cutting expenses or increasing revenue. The cutting of expenses is discontinuing the service, and increasing the revenue is charging a fee.

Councilor Chimanga noted that he is opposed to discouraging credit card payments. He stated that he uses his credit card to pay tuition by getting money from his

chequing account to put on the credit card and pay with it. He stated that that the credit card is an effective form of payment and he gets the points for it. He added that students should not suffer when they have paid their fees. It is a lot of money and the University should try to keep the costs as low as possible.

Mrs. Van Impe stated that the rates on the credit cards are based on the type of industry and the volume of sales, even though we have \$85 million in tuition coming in and 40% of that is by credit card. The rate is negotiated and is the cross-Canada rate for universities.

A question was asked about increased staffing fees if credit cards would be removed.

Mrs. Van Impe stated that the \$250,000 budget incorporated that.

Another comment was made that the idea of a general fee would not be a good idea because it would not be transparent to charge a fee to all students, when the minority is using credit cards. If that was the way to go, it was recommended that there was a reimbursement option for those that do not use credit cards.

Mrs. Van Impe replied that it might be something that would have to be done, as the current companies do not allow charging a user fee. As VISA is the major holdout for not allowing fees, removal of VISA acceptance would affect 60% of credit card users. There would likely be the need to charge everyone fee and provide reimbursements.

President Kirkland stated that there is a gap in the budget and they are looking for options to deal with that gap.

Councilor Loor asked if there was a fee that is charged for online banking.

Mrs. Van Impe replied that the fee is very minimal and essentially no cost. She stated that she has seen that students are now managing their own finances and are in more control.

A comment was made that there are other ways of dealing with financing, and for ease of use, online banking works well.

Councilor Steffen commented that he was wondering about the idea of floating. He stated that he does have the money to pay, but he stated that he likes to pay it over time. He added that he hopes that there is not a major fee and argued that it is not something to get rid of.

GM Cottrell asked if she has talked to counterparts across the country about the issue of accessibility, that we know for some students it is the only way that they can come to university is if they put it on a credit card. This may be the only way

for the student to pay and there may be difficulty getting out of that cycle. Do we have negative feedback on accessibility from universities where credit card services have been removed?

Mrs. Van Impe replied that no. She added that the institutions that have discontinued the practice are all large institutions and they may not have that problem. She stated that they have also tried to look at credit card default rates in comparison to student population. Many students are finding that it is costing them a significant amount of money due to fees from the cards and fees from the university for late payments; it is not to their advantage. There are some students that are forced to take a term off and work. International students face difficulties as they are on study visas. They must be fully registered and may not be able to work. Credit cards are not a good financial instrument.

GM Cottrell stated that she would not like to see the issue of accessibility ignored, as there are some students for whom there is really not a choice. We are dealing with this, and also retain and recruit students. It is a tough choice to make.

Ms. Van Impe asked to consider other priorities that we could use this money on.

President Kirkland stated that education is a priority for this issue.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion082: VP Hitchings/VP Fawcett Carried

Motion to have a five-minute recess.

USCMotion083: VP Hitchings/VP McCullough Defeated

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – October 15, 2009

VP Hitchings stated that in the motion made last week, there is a grammar error. It should read, “Each member elected in fair and open elections in his or her respective college”.

President Kirkland stated that there was a comment made last week about advertising and informing students about what USC is about. It is on the go and is being printed.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – October 19, 2009

Councilor Steffen stated that the Executive members are very busy. He commented that it appears to him that VP McCullough doesn’t seem to have very many things going on in comparison to the rest of the audience.

VP McCullough stated that the reason for the accountabilities being so scant this week is due to the fact that he was not able to provide them, as he was stuck in the VP Research Search Committee. The CSSO used the iCal entries to provide a

general idea of current activities. In short, he stated that he was too busy to provide accountability reports.

4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes – October 15, 2009

4.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes – October 13, 2009

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion084: VP Hitchings/Councilor Forbes Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

VP Stoicheff stated that External Affairs Board are not on the Minutes and Reports for Information.

Motion to request approval of 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes.

USCMotion085: VP Stoicheff/VP McCullough Carried

Councilor Nystuen asked for the lobbying document be sent out for review.

VP Stoicheff asked if the Executive summary is being requested.

Councilor Nystuen stated that the complete document should be reviewed to approve it.

VP Stoicheff stated he would send it out.

Councilor Loor asked if the summary and the full document could be sent out.

VP Stoicheff stated that it is about a 28-page document, but if wanted, he can send it out.

President Kirkland encouraged Councilors to bring their debates forward on the document. He advised Councilors to come to him before the meeting to add it on to the agenda. It has passed the board and is being recommended for approval. You have the power to debate and vote on it. We will send the document out for your information.

Motion to table 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and add the lobbying document.

USCMotion086: Councilor Steffen/Councilor Loor Carried

Councilor Kirkham stated that it was brought to her attention that there was not a representative from the USSU at the last University Council meeting. She asked if this was the case and why.

President Kirkland stated that what is being referred to is declining to address Council, but there was certainly representation there. VP McCullough was there, and he stated that he was not there due to an exam. It is the case that we regularly present to Council, but the only reason this was not done was because of the exam. The addresses are something that we will continue to do. There were also no pressing issues at this time.

Councilor Woynarski asked why this package had not been sent out in a zip file this week.

President Kirkland stated that we are testing different method to see what works. The reason is that the packages are put online and this method is much more streamlined.

Chair Leisle requested that Councilors email President Kirkland in regard to their preferences.

Councilor Loor asked when in informality, if people should be providing their names.

Chair Leisle stated that it is not required, but is good for the sake of minutes. It is good practice to state your name when asking questions.

Councilor Nystuen asked VP Stoicheff how the advanced polling is going.

VP Stoicheff stated that it is going well so far. Feedback is welcomed.

VP Hitchings stated that when he and President Kirkland went on Tuesday morning, there had already been 250 people that had voted.

Councilor Steffen stated that tomorrow would be the last football game of the season.

Councilor Cleaveley asked where nomination forms could be found for Teaching Excellence Awards.

VP McCullough stated that nomination forms will available online, at the USSU main office as of October 26 and until November 6. There should also be posters going up soon with that information on it.

Councilor Nystuen noted that there is a concern in his college in regard to booking rooms. The policy has changed and this concerns case competitors who require large blocks of rooms be booked.

VP Hitchings stated that only ratified campus clubs can book rooms on campus. EBSS is a ratified club and can book rooms.

Councilor Nystuen stated that he was told it was only the president of a student society that could schedule rooms.

President Kirkland replied that we would look into it and work to sort it out.

Councilor Wood commented on the removal of credit card services. She suggested that the money be used on extended library hours. Also, she stated that they are still having issues with their plasma television in WCVM. She also thanked the Executive for the sandwiches tonight.

President Kirkland stated that the issue with the plasma TV is that the TV is not on. Someone had unplugged the TV. After contacting FMD for a ladder to get it plugged back in, the TV was plugged back in and turned on. As far as getting things up, the IT staff has been getting the information up on the server, but the TV has not been able to display anything. All requests can be sent to VP Hitchings or President Kirkland and it will be forwarded to IT, which updates the plasmas twice a week. The sooner it gets to us, the quicker it gets up.

Councilor Steffen noted that the ASSU is selling coffee again. It is fair trade organic coffee. It is in the Arts Lounge.

Chair Leisle warned all Councilors to watch their language in Council.

President Kirkland noted that he wants to expand the services by college and individualize them to the various Councils and events. These are your plasmas and we want you to have the information.

Councilor Kleisinger asked if information specific to her college would be just shown in her college.

President Kirkland replied that the information would be individualized.

Councilor Kleisinger asked who would be responsible for turning them off and on.

President Kirkland replied that they should not be turned off. If you see it off, turn it on.

Councilor Kincaid asked if the meeting with all of the deans has been set up yet.

President Kirkland replied that it is in progress and if there is not headway soon, he will go to each of the deans individually.

9. Other Business

9.1 Place Riel

VP Hitchings reminded the Councilors that next week, this meeting will take place in the Arts Building. There will be a number of presenters talking about Place Riel.

There will be five people there:

- 1) Justin Wotherspoon - architect
- 2) Ron Cruikshanks – engineer, FMD
- 3) Mike Chysowski – Quorex President
- 4) First Nations/TD Canada Trust
- 5) Doug Tremblay may be there

This meeting will include food, as it will be a long one. Tell everyone that you can come, as it is a big room.

9.2 Council Bunnyhugs

VP Hitchings stated that we are just waiting on the design. For the design, he requested agreement on the USSU logo on the shoulder, the name on the back, and if the colleges should be on there.

President Kirkland stated that input would be sought.

Councilor Cleaveley asked if there would be anything on the front.

Councilor Steffen asked why that is.

VP Hitchings stated that because when asking for suggestions, nothing was given.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion087: Councilor Nystuen/Councilor Miller – Law Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday October 26, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff,
Caroline Cottrell

Regrets: Ben Fawcett

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Meeting with Ruso Financial re: Daycare Benefit Plan
- Browsers Supervisors Meeting
- Financial Review
- Communications Online Work order Meeting
- Student Relations Committee Meeting
- Communications Meeting
- Marketing Meeting
- Operations and Finance Board
- USC
- Construction Site Tour
- Mid-Year Retreat Planning

President Kirkland

- Phone meeting with David Hannah regarding Accessibility and Moral Boosting Policy
- Admin Team Meeting
- Econ 800
- Econ 275
- Midterm
- Saskatchewan Federation of Labour Annual General Meeting
- USSU Financial Review for August
- Career Advising
- Planning and Priorities Committee
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Volunteering for Ben
- Costume Hunting for Place Riel Video
- Operations and Finance Board meeting

- College Quarter Draft Plan Review
- Meeting with James Pepler Regarding University Initiatives
- Blog Review and Posting

VP Fawcett

(October 12 – 26)

- Vacation (Oct. 10 – 13)
- EDO Oct. 14
- Class
- Volunteering at Experience US!
- Meeting with Amanda from Student Care about coverage for students with disabilities
- Student Council
- Volunteering at Experience US!
- Green Yourself Week (GYW) final tweaking/solidifying plans
- Executive meeting
- GYW – at display in Arts tunnel
- GYW – Ron Dembo presentation
- GYW – debate in Learning Commons
- Class
- GYW – at display in Arts tunnel
- GYW – debate in Learning Commons
- Sustainability Board meeting
- GYW – Faith, Spirituality and Ecology presentation
- Class
- GYW – at display in Arts tunnel
- Operations and Finance Board meeting
- Student Council
- Student Affairs Board meeting
- GYW – at display in Arts tunnel
- GYW – debate in Learning Commons
- GYW – Climate Change presentation
- Undergraduate Forum planning with VP McCullough

VP Hitchings

- Mentorship Meeting
- Meeting w/ Student re: Insurance
- Meeting w/ Student re: Establishing a Campus Club
- Operations & Finance Board Minute Revision
- Meeting w/ Professor
- Meeting w/ MSC Steffen
- Class
- Operations & Finance Board Agenda Setting
- Meeting w/ MSC Nystuen re: the colourful language of last weeks' minutes possibly reflecting badly on him.
- Sustainability Board Meeting

- Financial Accountabilities Meeting for August
- Wrote Section VI of Campus Clubs Policy
- Class
- Assisted VP Fawcett with Green Yourself Week Presentation
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Review Section VI of Campus Groups Policy w/ Executive
- Class
- Operations & Finance Board Meeting
- University Students' Council
- Worked on Blog
- Meeting w/ Student re: Funding Request
- Meeting w/ Student re: Insurance/Group Ratification
- Entered Ratified Groups into The Database
- Executive Meeting
- Executive Outreach
- Social Committee Meeting
- Meeting w/ Professor

VP McCullough

For the Benefit of Councillor Alexander Steffen

Note: some times may be approximations

Monday the 19th

08:30-09:30 Checked E-mail. E-mail Dialogue w/ SMSS President Lei Xia
 09:30-09:40 Checked long-distance bill for personal calls
 09:40-10:00 Discussion w/ Pres. Kirkland re: Undergraduate Forum
 10:00-10:10 Bathroom Break
 10:10-10:15 Got Coffee
 10:15-10:44 Discussion w/ VP Fawcett re: presentation for Undergraduate Forum
 10:44-11:05 DISorientation Co-ordinating
 11:05-11:07 Ate a cupcake that CSSO Baked
 11:07-11:15 Stared out window
 11:15-12:00 Talked to staff to ensure no loose ends left dangling while away
 13:30-22:00 VP Research Search Committee - CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday the 20th

08:30-21:30 VP Research Search Committee - CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS
 14:00-14:10 Blog

Wednesday the 21st

08:30-16:00 VP Research Search Committee - CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday the 22nd

08:30-13:00 1/2 day ADO
 10:00-11:20 Class (Midterm)
 13:00-13:45 Catch-up E-mail from VP Research Search Committee Interviews

13:45-13:55 Co-ordinating DISorientation (Advertising)
13:55-14:55 Reading For TLCC Meeting
14:55-15:00 Walking to TLCC Meeting
15:00-16:30 Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting
18:00-19:30 USC
20:00-20:45 Student Affairs Board Meeting
20:45-20:50 Updating Accountability Report

Friday the 23rd

08:50-09:20 Reading E-mail
09:20-09:30 Reading Web comics
09:30-09:35 Getting Coffee
09:35-09:36 Checked E-mail
09:36-09:57 Read Executive Blogs
09:57-10:10 Worked out availability for Academic Affairs Board Meetings
10:10-10:20 Got more Coffee
10:20-11:20 Reviewed Presentation to give at Parkland College
11:20-23:45 Executive Outreach Trip to Parkland College in Yorkton, SK

Saturday the 24th

15:00-15:55 Meeting with VP Fawcett to work on Undergraduate Forum Presentation

VP Stoicheff

- Attended and Helped Organize Advanced Polling on Campus All Week
- Discussion with Adrien, President McGill Grad Students Association
- Phone Conversation with USSU Solicitor Greg Whalen
- Discussion with Heather George, Government of Saskatchewan University Liaison
- Hosted USSU Radio on CFR
- Class
- Attended Throne Speech in Regina
- External Affairs Board Meeting
- Executive Meeting
- Executive Blog
- Meeting with Laura Buckley Government of Saskatchewan, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon. Rob Norris.
- Dinner Event at Lieutenant Governor's House in Regina.
- Attended Green Yourself Week Event
- Class
- USSU Government Lobbying Document
- Attended Executive Outreach Event in Agriculture
- Road Map Saskatoon Forum Planning Committee
- Attended USSU Social Committee Meeting

4. **Business**

4.1 Ecobash Posters

A request has been put forward to place the Ecobash posters in the Buzzboards.

VP Hitchings stated that they can be put in.
USSU Communications will be notified.

4.2 Aboriginal Law Student Association

This group has requested donated prize items for their events.

Motion to Provide Sponsorship for the Aboriginal Law Student Association by Providing Five Gift Certificates Valued at \$20, With Total Value of \$100:

EXEC064: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

4.3 Areas of Preminence

A discussion will be held at the November 5 USC Meeting to discuss areas of pre-eminence on campus and talk about the marketing strategies of the University.

President Kirkland stated that the GSA would be invited to the discussion portion of this meeting and would have speaking rights for this topic.

VP McCullough noted that there is work being done with RSAW on identifying five key areas of pre-eminence on campus.

4.4 Summer Accountabilities

Summer Accountabilities will be provided at the Annual General Meeting.

4.5 Student Relations Committee

GM Cottrell noted that there is a need for undergraduate student representation on this board in order to create relationships between students and alumni. This initiative should be taken to Council to seek representation on committee.

4.6 Government Lobbying Document

The document has been approved by the External Affairs Board, and an outline of the document has been provided.

Motion that the Executive Support the Provincial Lobbying Document:

EXEC065: VP Stoicheff/VP Kirkland Carried

4.7 Childcare

GM Cottrell stated that childcare funding for additional spaces would be from government programs requiring partnership with an existing daycare. She noted that this should be mentioned in the lobbying document.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am

External Affairs Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th, 2009

Present: VP Stoicheff, Councilor Loor, Councilor Nystuen, SAL Shona den Brok, SAL Dale Richardson

Regrets: President Kirkland, SAL Mitchell Anderson, Councilor Dunn

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Business

3.1 USSU Government Lobbying Document Input

Motion 01: Motion to approve USSU Government Lobbying Document
VP Stoicheff/ SAL Richardson-Carried

3.1 CASA Committees

Motion 02: Motion to sit on CASA Policy Committees as a Guest
VP Stoicheff/Loor-Carried

3.2 SSC "Education Matters Day"

VP Stoicheff provided information about the Saskatchewan Student Coalition's "Education Matters Day".

3.3 CFS Letter and Update

VP Stoicheff provided an update on the CFS situation.

4. Questions and Comments

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Tuesday, October 22nd, 2009

Present: Scott Hitchings, Alecia Nagy, Reid Nystuen, Alexander Steffen, Matthew Bennett, Benjamin Fawcett, Kim Dancey, Jordan Forbes, Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio), Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio)

Regrets: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 4:00 P.M.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

The board was given a presentation by IEEE. The presentation was in regards to why the group had requested funds larger than \$500. It was explained that the conference the group planned to hold was of substantial measure and thus costs a fair bit of money to put on. Any funds granted would directly benefit undergraduate students.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes from October 13, 2009 were accepted with slight modifications to the colourful language that was used.

6. Business

A. Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the following groups:

- i. AIESEC
- ii. Political Studies and Public Administration Students' Society (PASS)
- iii. U of S Drama Club
- iv. International Studies Students' Association
- v. Amnesty International U of S
- vi. Saskatchewan 4-H Active Alumni Saskatoon Branch

OFB Motion10 Hitchings/Fawcett Carried.

Motion to Conditionally Ratify the following group:

- i. Health Sciences Students' Association Sask (HSSA-SK)

OFB Motion11 Hitchings/Forbes Carried.

since most, if not all, of the \$499 that would be granted would go straight back into Louis’.

The Board went on to discuss the funding request from MISA.

Vice-President Operations and Finance Hitchings elucidated that the funds were for a “meet the pros/T.A.s” night at the house of one of the members of MISA.

Councillor Dancey articulated that Vice-President Operations and Finance Hitchings did not declare the date of the event in the elucidation.

Vice-President Operations and Finance Hitchings conveyed that the event was to be held on Friday, October 23.

Councillor Dancey then persuasively expressed concern at the fact that the funding would be given for what could possibly be a house party.

Vice-President Operations and Finance Hitchings agreed that it is a possibility. He noted that the budget they had provided did not allocate any funds to the procurement of liquor. However, there is no way for the Board to follow up on where the funds granted were then allocated.

The Board agreed.

Councillor Dancey movingly asserted that the best course of action to be taken would be to request that MISA provide receipts of what they had provided at the event. Upon receiving said receipts, the Board could then adeptly grant only the funds necessary for the event.

Vice-President Operations and Finance Hitchings agreed that this is an acceptable course of action for the time being. He expressed concern, however, that this should not become the *status quo*, as some groups would not be able to hold events if they are required to foot the bill. Often times groups look to the USSU in order to provide “start up costs” for events such as these.

Motion to grant funding to MISA, upon obtaining and reviewing receipts from the event.

OFB Motion13

Hitchings/Dancey

Carried.

The Board then focused its direct attention on the funding request put forth by the SMSS.

Vice-President Operations and Finance Hitchings explained that the funding was requested in order for the First Year Committee of the SMSS to hold an annual event, known as the annual Med Student Date Auction. He explained that he had asked the co-chairs of the event why they needed the money when the budget for

the SMSS could clearly absorb the costs. The response he was given was that while the SMSS proper had a substantially large bank account, most of the money is properly allocated to other places.

The Board reviewed the costs of the event provided in the budget.

Motion to provide \$499 in funding to the SMSS.

OFB Motion14 Hitchings/Nagy Carried.

7. New Business

No New Business

8. Questions & Comments

No Questions were asked; no comments were made.

9. Next Meeting

The Next Meeting was decidedly established to be held on the 29th day of October in the year 2009, at precisely 2.5 hours before sunset, which shall be approximately 4:00 P.M.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

OFB Motion15 Hitchings/Fawcett Carried.

Student Affairs Board Minutes
Date: October 22, 2009 @ 8:00 p.m.

Present:
Daniel McCullough
Ben Fawcett
Teri Rothenburger
Brooke Kirkham
Sarah Wood

Regrets:
Alyssa Anderson
Blair Woynarski

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 8:00 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum reached

3. Business

3.1 Year Planning

Fawcett began by noting the USSU's commitment to improving the inclusion of Aboriginal students on campus. He explained that the Student Affairs Board could be an ideal vehicle for planning events around this concept as well as discussion directions and initiatives. He also suggested that the USSU put on an event or events that focus on racism and equity in Saskatoon. Rothenburger commented that this should be done in a positive way or it could have the reverse effect on people. Everyone agreed.

Rothenburger noted that it would be useful to talk with other universities about actions they have taken to improve equity on their campuses. She also noted that it would be beneficial to engage First Nations' University to determine what its views are. Furthermore, she suggested that we try to gage where most Aboriginal students are coming from in order to better understand accessibility.

Fawcett noted that for various events it is extremely difficult to get the word out to students. Kirkham suggested that the USSU push for increased access to its students through their email addresses. She commented that last year the Student Affairs Board went to classes and asked about the USSU to gage students' knowledge. It was suggested that one email a month would suffice just so the student body is more aware of its own union's events and updates. Fawcett said he would look into the University's restrictions for this.

Rothenburger suggested that the USSU give out a prize every month for feedback from students, or something of the like. Fawcett agreed that it was a great idea.

Rothenburger noted that transportation should be improved on campus. Fawcett remarked that VP Stoicheff and he already sit on the U of S's Transit Committee and that work is being done in this field.

Rothenburger exclaimed that the University should do more to uphold smoking laws near building entrances. Fawcett agreed under the pretext that cigarette disposal units should be more accessible to students who decide to smoke because of pollution issues. He then said he would bring the matter up to the Sustainability Board.

Fawcett suggested that the USSU put on a one-day event on housing rights for landlords and tenants. The board thought it was a good idea.

McCullough suggested that in case the board does not get quorum some days, the USSU should look at changing the policy so that motions may be passed through email correspondence. Fawcett and McCullough concurred that they would look into the matter.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Sustainability Board Minutes

Date: October 20, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Amanda Kleisinger

Sarah Begbie

Ben Fawcett

Scott Hitchings

Regrets:

Blair Woynarski

Jenna Dunn

Brooke Knutson

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum reached

3. Business

3.1 Year Planning

Kleisinger suggested that we have a campaign to reduce the use of disposable cups on campus. The board agreed but a suggestion was made that we target coffee shops as well as students – i.e. offer more incentives for students to use reusable mugs. Fawcett and Hitchings will look into discounts at Browser's for reusable mug users.

Begbie mentioned that she has noticed that some Colleges just throw out paper/recyclable materials and that the University should also look into making recycling stations more noticeable. Hitchings also noted that the USSU should look into establishing a better recycling program such as Curbside.

Begbie also suggested that we look into the University's food services handling, especially during lunches at different Colleges. Food waste and disposable dishware were of particular concern.

Kleisinger asked what products are used for landscaping on campus. The suggestion was made that we start a discussion about pesticides and other harmful chemicals with the University.

Fawcett noted that cigarette disposal is of high concern on campus. He suggested that we push for more cigarette waste containers rather than ashtrays around campus. Hitchings added that we should look into erecting signs near heavy-smoking areas that read "the Earth is not your ashtray," or something of the like.

Events: The board decided that Green Gifts was a useful and engaging event last year and that we should hold it once again some time in December. Local, ethical,

environmentally friendly and socially conscious companies/organizations will be invited to promote their causes and/or sell goods.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Briefing Note (October 2009)

University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada

Purpose:

The purpose of this briefing is to respond to the request by President MacKinnon that a committee, with representation from the School of Environment and Sustainability, University Council and Facilities Management Division (FMD) investigate the **University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada**, and bring forward a recommendation as to whether the University of Saskatchewan should become a signatory to the Canadian Statement.

The following documents the inquiry process that the committee pursued in making its decision to recommend that the University of Saskatchewan should become a signatory to the University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada.

Background:

American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment

The **American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment** was launched in June 2007 as an attempt to mobilize commitments by United States universities and colleges to exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling ways to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and by providing the knowledge and the educated graduates to ultimately achieve climate neutrality. To date, over 600 American university and college presidents have signed the commitment.

University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada

Modeling the U.S. program, presidents from six British Columbia universities and colleges launched the **University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada** in March, 2008 committing their institutions to a leadership role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and challenging other Canadian universities to do the same. The Statement of Action has since also been signed by the University of Calgary.

The statement of action commits each university to initiate a comprehensive plan to reduce greenhouse gases by creating a planning body that includes students, staff, researchers, administrators and other partners. Within one year, each institution will have a complete inventory of greenhouse gas emissions on campus and within two years, targets will be set and strategies in place to achieve the targets. All action plans, inventories and progress reports will be made publicly available for review and comment.

University of Saskatchewan Interest

In response to these two campaigns, interest has been expressed on the part of some members of the Land and Facilities Committee to consider a similar pledge here at the University of Saskatchewan. A committee was struck to investigate the issue and to bring forward a recommendation of whether the University of Saskatchewan should become a signatory to the Statement of Action.

The Work of the Committee:

The Committee met and considered the **University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada** in the context of three key questions:

1. Rationale: would it make sense to sign the commitment, given the current context at the University level and beyond?
2. Feasibility: if a greenhouse gas emissions target were publically articulated, could we reasonably expect to achieve it?
3. Outcomes: how could this potentially impact the University?

Rationale:

The committee considered factors both internal and external to the University and determined that making such a public commitment would be reasonable given the following:

Internal Considerations

- Integrated Plan: Such a commitment would be consistent with the sustainability commitment included in our integrated plan: “In both its intellectual life and its operational activities, the University of Saskatchewan will address the great issues of our time, including sustainability, and it must do so in a collaborative way.” Climate change is widely considered to be among the most critical sustainability challenges of our time. A working group for the Sustainability Commitment has been established that includes students, faculty, staff, researchers, and administrators.
- Work to Date: **The University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada** commits a signatory university to initiate a comprehensive plan to reduce greenhouse gases by:
 - Creating a planning body that includes students, staff, researchers, administrators and other partners
 - Within one year, completing an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions on campus
 - Within two years, setting targets and strategies to achieve the targets.
 - Ensuring that all action plans, inventories and progress reports are made publicly available for review and comment.

A number of these milestones have already been achieved, or partially achieved. A greenhouse gas inventory has been completed. FMD has already articulated its short-term goal of achieving a 6% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions over 1990 levels by 2012. FMD's recently hired Energy Conservation and Efficiency Advocate is working on audits and strategies to reduce energy use in campus buildings, which represents a major portion of the campus' emissions. As well, the Sustainability Commitment Working Group (Integrated Plan) is well positioned to act as the planning body for the commitment. The University has already taken significant steps towards the requirements of the Statement of Action. Implementing the remaining requirements can build on those steps already taken.

- Research Links: On the academic side, such a commitment would be compatible with the wide range of energy and climate change research being done throughout campus in such colleges and departments as Agriculture and Bioresources, Computer Sciences, Physics and Engineering Physics, Engineering, the Centre for Hydrology, among others. In addition, climate change has been proposed as a strategic priority for the School of Environment and Sustainability, although this has not been formally approved.

Given that climate change is a research priority for many at this university, it makes sense to show leadership by demonstrating how greenhouse gases emission reductions and energy efficiency can be coupled with research and implemented on our campus. This would make the campus a "demonstration site" for climate change technologies and also provide a way that new engineering technologies developed by U of S faculty and researchers can be further developed and deployed on campus. It would also demonstrate that we believe and act on our own research and sets a standard for governments to do the same.

External Considerations

- Emissions Caps and Trading: The U.S. budget released in February of this year introduced an aggressive "cap and trade" system for greenhouse gas emissions. The European Union Emissions Trading Scheme for CO₂ has been in operation for about two years. In November 2008 the Government of Canada announced that it wishes to work with the U.S. Administration to develop a North America-wide greenhouse gas cap and trade system. Some analysts argue that even if Canada were not a willing participant, it would inevitably get drawn into a U.S. cap and trade system.

As major energy consumers, universities may be subject to a cap in the future. How universities respond to those caps will represent a major financial burden or asset. A public greenhouse gas reduction commitment would act as an additional impetus to position the University favourably within a cap and trade system. The more the University can reduce its greenhouse gas emissions in advance of the implementation of cap and trade, the better its position will be to benefit financially from such a system.

- National Target: Canada is an active participant in international climate change negotiations and seeks an agreement for ambitious and sustained global and domestic action to achieve a low-carbon economy. The Government of Canada is committed to reduce domestic emissions of greenhouse gases by 20% below 2006 levels by 2020.
- Civic and Provincial Targets: The Province of Saskatchewan has adopted the federal government emission reduction target of 20% from 2006 levels by 2020. The City of Saskatoon has adopted targets to (1) reduce emissions below 1990 levels by 2013 by 10% for municipal operations; and (2) reduce emissions below 1990 levels by 2013 by 6% for the community's emissions. Given that the University of Saskatchewan is one of the province's largest non-industrial utility customers, it is reasonable to assume that we may be required to assume responsibility for our greenhouse gas contributions.

Feasibility:

If the University of Saskatchewan were to make a public commitment to greenhouse gas reduction, it is clear that the target must be achievable. In terms of its short-term goals of 6% reductions over 1990 levels by 2012, the University can build on and further develop work that is already progressing:

- Purchasing Decisions: The Sustainable Purchasing Working Group has developed a Sustainable Purchasing Guide to help purchasers throughout campus make better decisions in regards to the sustainability implications of the products they select. A key criterion in these

purchasing decisions is energy efficiency, which will necessarily impact our energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. The Protocol also helps purchasers critically evaluate issues such as product origins and transport, both of which can significantly impact the greenhouse gas footprint of products.

- Energy Conservation: In addition to the lighting retrofits now being completed throughout campus, FMD's Energy Conservation and Efficiency Advocate is proceeding on conducting audits and developing retrofit plans of systems and buildings on campus. As these initiatives progress, they will increasingly save energy and any associated greenhouse gas emissions.
- Energy Education: While it only scratches the surface, FMD's Office of Sustainability has been offering energy education in a variety of formats. The Office of Sustainability plans to continue and expand on these educational programs in the upcoming years. The impact of education can be substantial. Studies indicate that between 5 and 15% of the savings of any energy conservation program can be impacted by the human factor – in other words, how people manage their uses of energy.

Additional strategies to achieving our identified targets may include:

- Development of Renewable Energy: Renewable energy installations are increasingly being implemented by North American universities. These range from photovoltaic or wind installations that are only a few kilowatts in size to quite large installations, such as a 4,000 kilowatt photovoltaic installation at Los Angeles Southwest College or a 37,000 kilowatt wind installation at Whitman College in Florida. These are sometimes pursued independently by the universities, sometimes in partnership with industry or local utilities. Depending on how they are configured, these installations can, once the initial investment is recouped, represent considerable utility savings for universities. As well, they may provide opportunities for research and teaching.
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM): While a number of transportation studies have been done on campus, no work has been done with the expressed goal of identifying those strategies and policies required to reduce the amount of vehicular traffic on campus, particularly single occupant vehicles. Other Canadian universities, most notably the University of British Columbia, the University of Ottawa and York University, have significantly reduced the traffic on their campuses through transportation demand management.
- Green Energy: Some universities are choosing to purchase green energy as part of their utility mix as a means to support the further development of green energy sources.
- Leveraging on-campus energy research: We have world-class researchers at the University of Saskatchewan who are doing innovative energy and climate change research, including John Pomeroy, Carey Simonson and Ajay Dalai, yet their research is not actively integrated into university operations.

Outcomes:

The committee determined that taking this action may result in a number of potential outcomes for the University, both positive and negative.

Negative Outcomes:

- Negative Publicity: While in the minority, there are scientists who do not believe that human-induced climate change is occurring, including a few University of Saskatchewan scientists. These scientists would object to a public declaration of this kind on the part of the University because this would imply that the University accepts that human-induced climate change is occurring. This critique would doubtless be made in a public forum.

While it may be balanced somewhat by support from scientists who accept the current science supporting climate change, it does not negate the potential controversy that such publicity could bring. Negative publicity might be partially mitigated by highlighting the co-benefits of a greenhouse gas reduction commitment, such as energy conservation and economic savings.

Positive Outcomes:

- Public Perception: A public commitment would position the University as a leader in the province on the issue of climate change and would provide a conduit through which ongoing research on climate change and greenhouse gases could be featured.
- Potential Economic Benefits: According to the University of Saskatchewan Greenhouse Gas Inventory, approximately 80% of our emissions are attributable to campus buildings (as compared to agricultural, transportation and waste functions). This speaks to the potential for savings associated with energy conservation. In current market conditions, the return on investment from energy conservation is consistently competitive with conventional investments. For instance, a project with a return on investment (ROI) of 5% (with a payback of roughly 20 years) provides a competitive return in the current market. Potential income from carbon credits could act as multiplier to those returns.
- Recruitment: An increasing body of research (mostly U.S. based) indicates that universities and colleges that are actively promoting and integrating sustainability are viewed more favourably by students.
- Stimulus to Research: A public commitment could act as a further stimulus to research related to climate change and greenhouse gases on campus.
- Broadened Ownership: Currently FMD leads the campus in exploring opportunities to reduce both energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, although there are clearly other units on campus whose operations significantly contribute to the campus' emissions, including Information Technology Services and Parking Services, by way of example. Whereas greenhouse gas emissions are currently viewed as primarily a FMD issue, a University commitment would help to entrench ownership of the issue campus wide and encourage all units to seek creative solutions.
- Environmental Impacts: Any reduction in the burning of fossil fuels reduces the associated greenhouse gases, as well as many other associated pollutants, including nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, airborne particulates and mercury.

Recommendation:

Based on the three key questions identified by the Committee, it recommends that the University of Saskatchewan become a signatory to the **University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada**. The committee concludes that:

1. **Rationale:** Given the current context at the University of Saskatchewan, and the ongoing discussions and developments regarding greenhouse gas emissions locally, nationally and internationally, it is entirely appropriate for the University to make a public commitment to greenhouse gas reduction.
2. **Feasibility:** The current short-term emissions reductions goals set by FMD are achievable if the University continues to support ongoing and planned initiatives. Plans to achieve a longer term goal will have to be carefully crafted to ensure success. Such plans could be developed drawing on the expertise of the significant body of both academics and operations personnel with expertise in energy and greenhouse gas issues.
3. **Outcomes:** The positive outcomes appear to outweigh the negative outcomes.

Future Considerations:

One limitation of the **University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada** is that it does not address the issue of adaptation. Adaptation is a necessary complement to the mitigation of greenhouse gases because impacts are already occurring and current emissions commit us to a certain level of climate change into the future. Adaptation involves making adjustments in our decisions, activities and thinking with the goals of moderating harm and taking advantage of opportunities. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is putting more emphasis on adaptation research with each assessment because of its rising importance, especially for vulnerable areas and in terms of extreme climatic events, such as water scarcity, storms, floods, heat waves etc. and potential impacts on agriculture, energy, water management, health, infrastructure, etc. As a follow-up to a commitment to greenhouse gas mitigation, the University of Saskatchewan may want to address the issue of adaptation as a driver of activities related to research, education and operations.

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The University of Saskatchewan Students'
Union:

Creating a High-Quality and Inclusive Campus

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Introduction:

Founded in 1909, the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union is the representative body for over 17,000 University of Saskatchewan undergraduate, extension and certificate students. We are a non-profit corporation governed by an elected five-member student Executive and University Students' Council. The USSU represents all students on the Board of Governors of the University of Saskatchewan. Membership in the Students' Union is compulsory for all full-time, part-time and off-campus undergraduate and certificate students, with student fees adjusted accordingly. The Students' Union represents student concerns to the University, city, provincial and federal governments.

In 1905, Walter Scott, Saskatchewan's first Premier, described our province as "a big land with big people and big ideas." With that guiding statement in mind, the USSU recognizes the tremendous potential of our province and its entire people. The USSU believes that a high quality, accessible and inclusive post-secondary institution is the foundation for a prosperous and innovative province that ensures equality of opportunity for its citizens.

Saskatchewan needs a highly skilled and educated workforce to remain competitive and sustain its prosperity in an increasingly global and knowledge-based economy. As Kevin Lynch, the Clerk of the Privy Council, points out, "well-educated knowledge

workers are the new natural resource of the new global economy. Not many investments produce such large economic payoffs as education.”¹ The USSU recognizes that if we work collaboratively, diplomatically and professionally with all orders of government we can make the University of Saskatchewan a more inclusive campus for all learners, particularly First Nations and Métis learners. Drawing attention to First Nations and Métis learners in their pursuit of a quality Post-Secondary Education will guide our public policy makers for the mutual benefit of all current and future residents in the province of Saskatchewan.

In the 21st Century, the University of Saskatchewan has the opportunity to distinguish itself as a leading academic institution in North America and an integral contributor to the prosperity of the province of Saskatchewan. In order to do so, it must remain high quality, inclusive and accessible. This will create jobs in Saskatchewan’s economy, a more informed and knowledgeable public, and a more prosperous and innovative province.

The University of Saskatchewan has contributed greatly to the cultural, innovative, social and economic sectors in the Province of Saskatchewan over the last century and will undoubtedly continue to do so in the years to come. However, the University of Saskatchewan faces significant challenges in recruiting and retaining First Nations and Métis learners. Therefore, we strongly encourage the province, the federal government, and the University of Saskatchewan to work together with First

¹ Berger, Joseph. *The Price of Knowledge: Access and Student Finance in Canada*. The Canadian Millennium Foundation. 2007. Third Edition. Chapter 1.

Nations and Métis leaders, faculty and students to establish a more inclusive and accessible campus for all.

Executive Summary

The USSU recommends that all orders of government and the University of Saskatchewan make the following points a priority in their pursuit of a high-quality and inclusive campus for all learners:

1. Ensure an Accessible Post-Secondary Education for All Learners

- Develop a Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund*
- Work with Students, Government and Institutions to Develop a Long-Term Tuition Assessment Strategy that Maintains and Ensures a Quality, Accessible and Affordable Education for All.*
- More Scholarships from the Private Sector Encouraged through Greater Tax Incentives*
- Reduce the Interest Rate on Student Loans in Saskatchewan so that Students are Paying within the National Norm. For Those Who Have a Low Income, Peg Interest Rates at the Government's Cost of Borrowing.*
- Ensure the Provincial Government's Scholarship, Bursary and Loan Committee Remains Active*
- Work with the USSU to Establish a Plan for Increased Childcare Services on Campus*

2. Create a More Inclusive University of Saskatchewan for Aboriginal Students

- Eliminate the 2% Cap on Funding for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program*
- Establish a New Aboriginal Student Centre at the University of Saskatchewan*
- Ensure Transition Programs at the College Level are in Place for First Nations and Métis learners.*
- Ensure that Detailed Exiting Surveys are Being Completed by Post-Secondary Institutions to Improve the Retention and Recruitment Rates of First Nations and Métis Learners.*
- Ensure the Millennium Aboriginal Access Bursary Remains Active in Saskatchewan*

3. Ensure a High-Quality Post-Secondary Education for All Learners at the University of Saskatchewan

- Support the Clarion Project: A New Fine and Performing Arts Centre on Campus*
- Support the Government of Saskatchewan and University of Saskatchewan in their Joint Bid for the Production of Medical Isotopes*
- Increased Grant Council Funding from Federal Government*
- Increased Operating Budget for University*
- Encourage All Orders of Government Not to Support Canada's "Big 5 Universities" in their Pursuit of a Two-Tiered PSE System in Canada*
- Create More Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students at the University of Saskatchewan*
- Ensure Funding for University Research to Enhance Student Learning*



1. Ensure an Accessible Post-Secondary Education for All Learners

Develop a Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund

The USSU asks the Government of Saskatchewan to implement a Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund. The Government of Saskatchewan has fulfilled many of its promises to students including the implementation of the Graduate Retention Program. However, the Saskatchewan Party's 2007 Election Platform promise of "creating a Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund" is a promise that must be kept. Sustaining Saskatchewan's prosperous standard of living in an increasingly global knowledge economy will require substantial efforts to keep post-secondary education accessible and affordable for youth from all backgrounds, including First Nations and Métis students. These efforts must include the development of a financial support system for students that delivers aid to those who need it most in ways that have the most impact on success.

In Canada, grants and loan remission make up about 30% of all the financial aid provided to students on the basis of their financial need, with the remainder coming in the form of loans. In Saskatchewan, the time is now for the government to invest in non-repayable assistance, which can have a direct, positive impact on student finances. Students who receive sufficient financial aid can concentrate more on school than on part-time or even full-time work. As well, grants will reduce borrowing from banks that offer more expensive loans to students than those provided by governments.

Studies conducted by the Millennium Scholarship Foundation conclude that students with large debt loads are more likely than those with little debt to abandon their studies before graduation. *Among students who receive their financial aid in the form of a loan exclusively, those who borrow in excess of \$3,000 per year are less than half as likely to complete a degree as those borrowing less than 1,000.* “However, students who receive a grant in addition to or instead of a portion of their loan are substantially more likely to complete their studies. Among those who qualify for more than \$10,000 per year in financial aid, recipients of loans and grants are five times as likely as those only receiving loans to complete their program”².

Therefore, in addition to loans, grants reduce the accumulation of debt that can restrict individuals’ ability to progress after graduation. As well, grants help students overcome many of the financial barriers by making University more affordable. Lastly, by allowing students to focus more on academics and less on finances, students are empowered to achieve their full potential. For these reasons, the USSU recommends that policy-makers seeking to maximize the benefits of public expenditures on student assistance should look to grants as an effective financial tool to improve success at the Post-Secondary level.

The Government of Saskatchewan should implement a Scholarship Fund that provides non-repayable aid to students with disabilities and to students that make significant contributions to their community while going to school. Students at the University of Saskatchewan are looking for ways to get involved in their community

² Berger, Joseph. *The Price of Knowledge: Access and Student Finance in Canada*. The Canadian Millennium Foundation. 2007. Third Edition.

and to help those in need. Many students also rely on non-profit corporations for social and financial assistance. A portion of the Saskatchewan Scholarship fund should be dedicated to acknowledging those who actively contribute to their community in meaningful ways. This will create greater civic engagement and collaboration between students at the University of Saskatchewan and their respective communities. This will also benefit non-profit organizations that are seeking volunteers from the general community. The USSU is willing to co-ordinate such efforts to facilitate greater collaboration between students and the community. In fact, the work that is often done by non-profit organizations can be beneficial to a student's overall learning experience and undergraduate degree. Students in Saskatchewan are looking for ways to become leaders in their community. The Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund should encourage and acknowledge students that make a positive impact on their community.

Work with Students and Institutions to Develop a Long-Term Tuition Assessment Strategy that Maintains and Ensures a High Quality, Accessible and Inclusive Education for All

The USSU recommends that the Government of Saskatchewan pursue a long-term Tuition Assessment Strategy that involves significant consultations with institutions and student representatives. The USSU recommends that the Government of Saskatchewan pursue moderate tuition increases (5-6%) over long periods of time (4-5 years). This will keep tuition increases close to the cost of inflation. Rather than sharp tuition increases once a freeze has been lifted, students desire consistent, reasonable and pragmatic changes to their finances. Over the

long-term, this will also ensure that the cost of a post-secondary education in Saskatchewan remains within the national norm.

As long as there are significant improvements to student aid in Saskatchewan, the USSU believes that a long-term tuition assessment strategy will benefit students and will not reduce overall participation of undergrad students at the University of Saskatchewan in the long-term. “The conclusion of almost all the research, in Canada and internationally, on tuition fees is that neither reductions nor small increases in tuition fees have a significant effect either on participation overall or on equity of participation, especially once one takes into account changes in availability of student financial assistance. Tuition matters; it is a significant cost, but it is not the prime factor shaping participation”.³

Some have made the argument that post-secondary education should be free. However, a high quality post-secondary education requires both public and private funding. Furthermore, a Post-Secondary Education is of enormous benefit to both the public and the individual. In fact, a recent Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation (CMSF) study noted that, “Recent estimates for Canada put the private annual rate of return at 12% to 20% for university graduates. This is compared to 6-9% for the public”⁴. Therefore, due to the significant private benefit of a post-secondary education, the USSU recognizes that both the individual and the public should pay for a post-secondary education.

³ Levin, Ben Dr. Commission on Tuition Fees and Accessibility to Post-Secondary Education in Manitoba. Report to the Minister of Manitoba Advanced Education and Literacy.

⁴ Berger, Joseph. The Price of Knowledge: Access and Student Finance in Canada. The Canadian Millennium Foundation. 2007. Third Edition.

“Provinces that reduced tuition in the 1990s did not always show greater increases in participation than other provinces. Provinces with lower tuition, such as Manitoba, do not necessarily have higher participation rates or greater equity of participation. British Columbia, for example, with a very substantial increase in tuition fees until 2004, still had a larger gain in participation than did Manitoba. In Saskatchewan, participation actually fell between 2005 and 2006 even though tuition fees declined in that year. The same happened in Newfoundland in 2003.”⁵

In Saskatchewan, between 1998 and 2007 tuition increased by approximately \$1,000 and participation increased from 19.4% to 23.8%. Surprisingly, in Canada, the overwhelming trend has been that while tuition increases so do participation rates in post-secondary education. Therefore, increased student aid in the form of non-repayable grants on a need basis will ensure greater participation and accessibility of post-secondary education in Saskatchewan. A four to five year tuition assessment strategy must ensure tuition increases, as a percentage, do not soar into the double digits as they did in the 1990’s. A strategy that truly accounts for accessibility and affordability must also work closely with Universities to ensure that tuition remains between 25-30% of the Universities operating budget and is competitive amongst other Canadian jurisdictions and institutions.

Although, the University of Saskatchewan has an arms length relationship with the government, The USSU recommends that the government account for increases in ancillary fees in its tuition assessment strategy. “All ancillary fees should be

⁵ Levin, Ben Dr. Commission on Tuition Fees and Accessibility to Post-Secondary Education in Manitoba. Report to the Minister of Manitoba Advanced Education and Literacy.

considered as part of base tuition and be subject to guidelines. Institutions should not be able to circumvent the intent of the guidelines through creating new payment categories for students”.⁶

Average undergraduate tuition fees for Canadian full-time students, by province:

	2008/2009	2009/2010	2008/2009 to 2009/2010
	current dollars		% change
Canada	4,747	4,917	3.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	2,619	2,619	0.0
Prince Edward Island	4,530	4,710	4.0
Nova Scotia	5,877	5,696	-3.1
New Brunswick	5,479	5,479	0.0
Quebec	2,180	2,272	4.2
Ontario	5,667	5,951	5.0
Manitoba	3,238	3,377	4.3
Saskatchewan	5,064	5,238	3.4
Alberta	5,308	5,520	4.0
British Columbia	4,746	4,840	2.0

⁶ Levin, Ben Dr. Commission on Tuition Fees and Accessibility to Post-Secondary Education in Manitoba. Report to the Minister of Manitoba Advanced Education and Literacy.

“GDP per capita or average income tends to grow at a rate faster than inflation, which is why we tend to see a rise in the standard of living over time. The goal then, in order to at least keep access to education at the same level, would need to see tuition increase at a rate no higher than the growth of the economy, lets say around 3 percent for sake of argument. Thus, accessibility under a tuition assessment strategy is a primary goal”. –USSU President Warren Kirkland

The USSU recognizes the following proactive steps taken by the Government of Saskatchewan in the 2009/10 Budget:

**\$9.8 million in new funding for the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization’s International Vaccine Centre (Intervac) on the University of Saskatchewan campus.*

**Develop a vision and framework for Saskatchewan’s post-secondary system*

**Develop and implement a nursing education strategy for Saskatchewan.*

**Provide \$23.5 million to enable universities to limit tuition increases to an average of 3 per cent.*

**Expand and implement year two of the Graduate Retention Program by reimbursing up to \$18.5 million in tuition costs to graduates who stay or come to the province.*

**Enhance student loan funding by \$2.2 million to provide grants for low and middle income students in one-year programs and low income families with dependents aged 12-18, increase the provincial maximum weekly loan limit from \$110 to \$140 per week of study, and increase the Saskatchewan Student*

Bursary to maintain debt levels at \$210 per week of study. These changes coordinate the Saskatchewan Student Loans Program with the Canada Student Loans Program.

**Saskatchewan Scholarship of Honour Recognizing Veterans and their Families*

** Making significant investments in our Post-Secondary institutions must include programs to retain our graduates in the province of Saskatchewan. The USSU applauds the Government of Saskatchewan's Graduate Retention program and recognizes it as one of Canada's most aggressive graduate retention programs.*

****The USSU encourages the Government of Saskatchewan to develop a First Nations and Métis Involvement and Inclusion Strategy as outlined in the 2009-10 Provincial Budget.***

Reduce the Interest Rate on Student Loans in Saskatchewan so that Students are Paying Within the National Norm. For those who have a Low Income, Peg Interest Rates at the Government's Cost of Borrowing

Saskatchewan students are paying the highest interest rates on student loans in Canada. According to the *Coalition for Student Loan Fairness*, Saskatchewan currently charges floating-rate borrowers a rate of 2.5 percent above prime (currently 6.00%), meaning student loan borrowers pay 8.50 percent in interest on provincial loans. Fixed-rate borrowers pay 5 points above prime, which means they currently pay 11.00%. In Canada, many borrowers are faced with interest rates between 8.75% and 11.25%, while the government's cost of borrowing is 4%. "Borrowers who are required to pay their loans over 8 to 10 years end up paying interest of over 33% or more of their principal over the lifetime of the loan. Borrowers experiencing hardship who opt for

interest-only payments pay even more”.⁷ Reducing the interest rate on student loans will reduce defaults and collection costs. It will also help students accumulate less debt while they’re pursuing a degree. “In order to be fair and equitable, the interest rate reduction needs to be applied to all outstanding student loans, regardless of the outsourcing organization holding the loan”.⁸

Furthermore, it’s in the best interests of the Government of Saskatchewan to reduce the interest rate on student loans so that students carry less debt. Carrying less debt will enable students to contribute to the economy more over the long-term by having more money to spend once they’ve entered the workforce. Rather than paying down their debt from accumulated high interest costs, graduates will be more capable of focusing their finances on their careers, their families and their interests.

“A further indicator of the ability of many students to finance their studies without public assistance is that during the 1990s, while tuition levels increased significantly across Canada, the proportion of students with government student loans did not change very much. According to a federal government analysis, in 2000, 47% of college graduates and 52% of bachelor graduates owed debt from a government student loan program, up from 45% of college graduates and 51% of bachelor graduates ten years earlier.”⁹

“What did change during the 1990s was the amount owed by those who had to

⁷ O’Meara, Mark. Coalition for Student Loan Fairness. Canada Student Loans: The Need for Change. November 1st, 2007.

⁸ O’Meara, Mark. Coalition for Student Loan Fairness. Canada Student Loans: The Need for Change. November 1st, 2007.

⁹ Levin, Ben Dr. Commission on Tuition Fees and Accessibility to Post-Secondary Education in Manitoba. Report to the Minister of Manitoba Advanced Education and Literacy.

borrow. In fact, the mean level of debt increased significantly over that period, with the average debt of college graduates in 2000 63% higher than the Class of 1990 while bachelor graduates in 2000 owed 68% more than the Class of 1990.” Dubois points out, “the median debt-to-earnings ratio increased dramatically between 1990 and 2000 for both university and college students”¹⁰.

The USSU believes that students in Saskatchewan should not be paying the highest interest rates in Canada. Furthermore, students in Saskatchewan should not be forced to accumulate an unreasonable amount of debt in the pursuit of a post-secondary education. In Canada, interest rates on student loans are well above the rates offered by many other OECD nations. In fact, “Canada is one of the few G-8 nations that forces student borrowers to pay a rate significantly higher than the bank’s prime lending rate. Today, students graduate with an average of \$18,900 in public student loans. At a floating rate of 7.5%, a student loan accrues more than \$7,800 in interest (or over \$10,000 at a fixed interest rate of 10%) during the standard 10 year repayment period”¹¹.

In Saskatchewan, there is much to be gained by an educated and highly skilled workforce. Ensuring that students are not being charged unreasonable amounts of interest on their student loans will generate a stronger economy in the long-term. A high-quality post-secondary education system is fundamental to a competitive and prosperous economy. By reducing the interest rate on student loans, all orders of Government will be contributing to a higher quality of life for all Canadians.

¹⁰ Levin, Ben Dr. Commission on Tuition Fees and Accessibility to Post-Secondary Education in Manitoba. Report to the Minister of Manitoba Advanced Education and Literacy.

¹¹ Canadian Federation of Students. *Canada’s Education Action Plan*. Fall 2009.

The USSU believes that the current rates of interest charged on student loans in Saskatchewan are too high. Both the federal and provincial governments must take a more progressive role in reducing student debt in Canada.

Comparing Student Loan Interest Rates in the Canadian Provinces

Newfoundland and Labrador:

July 31, 2009

Minister and Students Celebrate Unprecedented Initiative

Student representatives from across the province gathered in St. John's today in celebration of a milestone in student debt reduction initiatives in Newfoundland and Labrador. *At the stroke of midnight tonight, interest on provincial student loans will be eliminated*, making this province the first in Canada to take such action to help students reduce debt. The initiative was brought forward in Budget 2009: *Building on Our Strong Foundation*.

"This is groundbreaking," said the Honourable Darin King, Minister of Education. "We are truly leading the nation in debt reduction initiatives. Back in 2005, our White Paper on Public Post-secondary Education laid out a plan to ensure quality, affordability and accessibility across the system and we're seeing the results of continued key investments over the past number of years. When students receive their post-secondary education at college or university, they are getting the highest quality education, but are not breaking the bank to do so."

The elimination of interest is automatic, with no requirement for individuals to make calls or complete forms. There will be no change in the monthly payments made, but the loan will be paid off earlier. However, if a person prefers to reduce their monthly payment, they can contact the financial institution which holds their loan to discuss lower payment arrangements. With interest eliminated, individuals in repayment can see a savings of up to \$1,800 over the life of their provincial student loan. Approximately

49,000 people who are currently paying off their loans will benefit from the initiative.

"This initiative, the first of its kind in Canada, will help ease the burden of student loans for thousands of graduates and former students," said Daniel Smith, Newfoundland and Labrador Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "By continuing the tuition fee freeze, increasing core funding for our public college and university, expanding upon the up-front grant program and eliminating the interest rate charges on student financial assistance, this government has clearly listened to students and their families for the need to increase accessibility to post-secondary education and reduce student debt."

This year, a total of \$10.9 million is allocated to make public post-secondary education more affordable for more people. This includes \$5 million to eliminate interest, to increase up-front, non-repayable grants from \$70 to \$80 a week and to decrease the amount of spousal contributions to give married students greater access to assistance. In addition, \$5.9 million is allocated this year to continue the freeze on tuition rates bringing the total investment in this area alone to \$71 million just since 2005.

"It was great to get together today with post-secondary students to recognize this turning point in student financial assistance," said Minister King. "They have been our partners through the past several years in determining the best ways to reduce student debt and we will continue to work with them. We are making unprecedented investments and implementing initiatives that are being noted by student groups in other jurisdictions across the country. This is clearly money well-spent and an investment not just in our students, but in the future of Newfoundland and Labrador."

The Following Statistics are from the Coalition for Student Loan Fairness:

Nova Scotia: the province has recently announced the **most progressive student loan repayment policy** in the country. The interest on provincial student loans will be pegged to the government's actual cost of borrowing--for those who can show they have a low income. The rate will be prime +0.05 percent. The province is also one of three in Canada that charges no interest on provincial student loans during the six-month grace period following one's

graduation.

Prince Edward Island: the province finances its student loans through a partnership with various local credit unions. Credit Union Central of PEI has confirmed that the provincial rate is 2.00% above prime, which means borrowers pay 8.00% on floating-rate loans. The fixed-rate option is 4.00% above prime, which means borrowers pay 10.00%. PEI, too, offers a no-interest grace period on all provincial loans during the six months following one's graduation.

New Brunswick: Student loan borrowers in New Brunswick are charged 2.5 percent above prime (currently 6.00%) which means they pay 8.50% in interest on floating-rate loans, and 5 percentage points above prime for fixed-rate loans (which is a total of 11.00%).

Quebec: Students pay 0.50% percent above the prime rate, so they currently pay 6.50 percent in interest on their floating-rate loans. Fixed-rate loans are based on bank rates and are therefore quite fluid.

Ontario: Ontario charges 1 percentage point above prime (currently 6.00%), meaning that student loan borrowers pay 7.00 percent interest on provincial student loans. There is no fixed-rate option in the province of Ontario.

Manitoba: The province currently charges floating-rate loan borrowers 2.5 percentage points above prime (which is a total of 8.50 percent at this time). Borrowers who select a fixed-rate repayment option pay 5% above prime (or 11.00%). Manitoba pays the interest on all provincial student loans during the 6 month grace period following one's graduation.

Saskatchewan: Saskatchewan currently charges floating-rate borrowers a rate of 2.5 percent above prime (currently 6.00%), meaning student loan borrowers pay 8.50 percent in interest on provincial loans. Fixed-rate borrowers pay 5 points above prime, which means they currently pay 11.00%.

Alberta: Alberta recently cut its interest rate on loans to prime. Fixed-rate loans are billed at 5% above prime, which means they pay 11.00% at a prime rate of 6.00%.

British Columbia: BC charges a rate of 2.5 percent above prime for all loans, and has recently removed the option to pay a fixed rate.

Yukon: The Yukon government currently charges a floating interest rate of 2.5 above prime. Fixed-rate student loan are charged at a rate of 5 points above prime.

NWT: The North West Territories as a region does not have a student loan program. Instead, it offers its population a student grant program. Student loans are only available from the federal government in this area.

Nunavut: Nunavut as a region does not have a student loan program. Instead, it offers its population a student grant program. Student loans are only available from the federal government in this region.

Ensure the Provincial Government's Scholarship, Bursary and Loan Committee Remains Active

This 16-member committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour on student aid issues. The members of the Scholarship, Bursary and Loan Committee are officially named each year by the Minister's order. An honorarium and travel expenses are paid to the student representatives named on the committee. The Saskatchewan Student Aid fund is administered by *The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Act, 1985 and Regulations*. Among other things, this legislation calls for the Scholarship, Bursary and Loan Committee to make recommendations to the Minister and the Department of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.

The Government of Saskatchewan offers three types of loans: 1. The Integrated Student Loan (Funded by Federal and Provincial Governments) 2. Lender-financed Loan (the Province pays the bank insurance on these loans in the event of non-repayment) 3. Saskatchewan Student Loan (Fully funded by the Province of Saskatchewan). Debt reduction benefits include: the Saskatchewan Student Bursary (non-repayable funds awarded based on each student's needs. The higher the need, the greater the bursary. As well, the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation Bursary is based on a student's

determined need and is available in amounts between \$2,000 and \$4,000. The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation Bursary ends in 2009. This is a significant financial loss for Saskatchewan students. The Millennium Aboriginal Access Bursary provides first and second year financial assistance to Aboriginal students. Up to \$7,000 is provided over two years. While the Millennium Scholarship Foundation is winding down, the USSU recommends ensuring that this Bursary remains active for Aboriginal students.

More Scholarships from the Private Sector Encouraged through Greater Tax Incentives

The corporate and private sector can help create a more inclusive and accessible University of Saskatchewan. The Government of Saskatchewan should provide greater tax incentives for corporations and individuals who provide scholarships and non-repayable grants. This will encourage more private scholarships and bursaries for those who need it most. Tax incentives should be greatest for those scholarships and bursaries provided to students from rural and northern Saskatchewan and to students with disabilities. This will help ensure students with high travel costs and extra costs associated with living away from home get the support they need.

The USSU Encourages All Orders of Government to Create A Pan-Canadian Accord On Post-Secondary Education

More than ever, Canada's post-secondary education system needs real vision and leadership. Canada's territorial and provincial governments "through the Council of the

Federation, have shown a commitment to working together to improve higher education in Canada, and have agreed that post-secondary education is a Canadian issue that requires a pan-Canadian will to address it.”¹² The USSU encourages the federal government to work with the provinces and territories to develop an ambitious Post-Secondary Education system that includes more dialogue around the issue of federal transfer funding. The USSU in collaboration with other unions and associations across Canada are asking the federal government to work with the provinces and territories to develop a *Pan-Canadian Accord on Post Secondary Education*. “Such an accord would outline the roles of the federal and provincial governments and establish a national direction and objectives for post-secondary education”¹³. This accord, must lay out a vision for an inclusive, accessible, and high-quality post-secondary education system that reduces student debt, increases accessibility for Aboriginal students and creates a more egalitarian tuition system in Canada. This dialogue should not be based on or focus on the concept of a two-tiered post-secondary system proposed by Canada’s “Big 5” universities. Instead, such a dialogue should be focused on modernizing Canada’s student financial aid system with specific attention given to low-income families, students with disabilities, Aboriginal students and retaining our academically talented youth. This Pan-Canadian Accord should focus on increased transfer funds (Between \$2 and \$3 Billion annually) from the federal government that will enable more Canadian universities to attract and retain students from around the world.

¹² Canadian Federation of Students. *Canada’s Education Action Plan*. Fall 2009.

¹³ Canadian Federation of Students. *Canada’s Education Action Plan*. Fall 2009.

“The government must ensure that post-secondary funding is truly *dedicated* funding. The government must work with the provinces to develop objectives for PSE funding as well as mechanisms to ensure funding is directed at meeting these objectives. Additional federal transfer funding for PSE must not displace existing funding”.¹⁴

Work with the USSU to Establish a Plan for Increased Childcare Services on Campus

The USSU believes that childcare availability and affordability are vital to the accessibility of post-secondary education in Saskatchewan. Currently, childcare services at the University of Saskatchewan are limited. The USSU Childcare Centre provides spaces for 65 children while a separate organization called Campus Daycare provides 45 spaces. We feel that a significant expansion of childcare on or around the University of Saskatchewan, which currently has 18,000 undergraduate and 3,400 graduate students, would enormously enhance the recruitment and retention efforts of the institution.

A lack of accessible childcare services should not be a factor that restricts potential students from pursuing a post-secondary education in Saskatchewan. The USSU Childcare Centre currently has a waiting list of roughly 450 children. Since Saskatoon only has enough licensed childcare services to accommodate approximately 14% of young children, we believe that this could severely limit many potential students' ability to attend the University of Saskatchewan.

¹⁴ Canadian Federation of Students. *Canada's Education Action Plan*. Fall 2009.

The USSU stresses that there is ample opportunity to expand its childcare services on or near campus with support from the Provincial Government. We have recently discussed the option of establishing more spaces at Brunskill Elementary School, located 4 blocks from campus, as well as including new spaces in the development of the College Quarter Residence Project. We commend the Province for the work it has done on childcare and early education thus far and hope to work closely in the near future to improve recruitment and retention of student-parents here on campus.



2. Create a More Inclusive University of Saskatchewan for Aboriginal Students

We have arrived at a pivotal moment in Saskatchewan's history. Aboriginal people account for approximately 13% of Saskatchewan's total population. Importantly, the Aboriginal population is growing rapidly, particularly among Aboriginal youth. For example, Aboriginal people make up 23.3% of Saskatchewan residents aged 10-19. Therefore, it's critical that we create a more accessible and inclusive campus for Aboriginal students.

The University of Saskatchewan faces a significant challenge in attracting and retaining Aboriginal students. Retention rates at the U of S for self-identified Aboriginal students between first and second-year is 58%. Comparatively, the first to second-year retention rates for all students is 75%. In the College of Kinesiology, the first to second-year retention rate is 88% and in the Edwards Schools of Business the retention rate is 86% for non-aboriginal students¹⁵.

Although, there are many contributing factors to the low retention rates among Aboriginal students, these statistics are representative of the fact that culturally, financially and socially, our post-secondary education system needs to do a better job of accommodating Aboriginal people and accounting for many of the barriers that they face in their pursuit of a post-secondary degree.

The lack of an accessible post-secondary education for Aboriginal people is a concern for all orders of government. In 1996, the federal government capped

¹⁵ Hannah, David. Wirchenko, Tonya. May 2009. "Report on First-to Second-year Retention in Direct Entry Colleges at the University of Saskatchewan." University of Saskatchewan: Student Enrolment Service Division

funding increases at 2% for The Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) that funds status First Nations and Inuit students to attend post-secondary education. “Since then, tuition has increased dramatically as well as the Aboriginal population eligible to attend post-secondary education, not to mention an increased cost of housing”¹⁶. Therefore, it is a myth that Aboriginal students get all their post-secondary education paid for. In fact, they are receiving less funding to pursue a post-secondary education today than in 1996. Furthermore, “The Assembly of First Nations estimates that 10,588 students were denied funding from the PSSSP between 2001 and 2006, and an additional 2,858 in 2007-2008”¹⁷.

Creating a more inclusive campus for Aboriginal students means more academic programs and buildings that reflect Aboriginal culture and values. It requires more Aboriginal teachers that Aboriginal students can relate to and regard as role models, and more space on campus where Aboriginal students can meet and feel welcome amongst their peers. A new Aboriginal Student Centre would “put up the welcome sign. By being a focal point on campus, by being a striking structure, by being culturally appropriate...the Centre will say to Aboriginal people that the University of Saskatchewan is welcoming to their culture”¹⁸. A culturally appropriate Aboriginal Student Centre that provides peer support among other critical services to Aboriginal Students is only part of the solution to creating a more

¹⁶ Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). February 2009. “Improving Access to Post-Secondary Education in Saskatchewan.”

¹⁷ Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). February 2009. “Improving Access to Post-Secondary Education in Saskatchewan.”

¹⁸ Lafond, George E. June 2009. “Building for the Future-An Invitation to Invest”, Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Student Centre, University of Saskatchewan.

inclusive University of Saskatchewan.

A more inclusive campus for First Nations and Métis learners means creating a more culturally engaging, encouraging and welcoming campus atmosphere where Aboriginal traditions, successes and symbols are celebrated. This will help to ensure Aboriginal students reach their highest potential and achieve their goals. As the Aboriginal population of Saskatchewan continues to grow so must enrollment of Aboriginal students at the University of Saskatchewan. The USSU sees the fact of population growth in Aboriginal communities as an opportunity to invest in a better future for us all.

Furthermore, Saskatchewan must grow its population and increase educational enrollment figures or else the province will not have enough people to sustain and grow its prosperous economy. Although the strong Saskatchewan economy attracted 20,000 workers last year there is still a labour shortage¹⁹. If the province is to meet the Saskatchewan Labour Market Commissions' goal of an increase of 120,000 workers by 2020, it should increase the employment rate of First Nations and Métis. In order to do this, an accessible, affordable and inclusive university campus is a necessity. As labour demand continues to grow, so must labour supply. From an employment and labour market standpoint, increasing First Nations and Métis enrollment and retention at the U of S will be beneficial for the future of the entire province.

¹⁹ Right People, Right Place, Right Time. The Saskatchewan Labour Market Commission's Labour Market Strategy for Saskatchewan. May 27, 2009.

Underrepresented groups in the labour market include First Nations and Métis, women and people with disabilities. “Increasing participation rates for these people groups is essential”²⁰. Most notably, Saskatchewan has the lowest level of Aboriginal labour force participation in Canada. According to the 2006 Census, the employment rate of non-aboriginal people in Saskatchewan was 67% compared to 37% for First Nations people. The employment gap between Aboriginal people and non-aboriginal people in Saskatchewan can be narrowed by making the U of S more accessible, affordable and inclusive for First Nations and Métis students. In Calgary and Vancouver, participation rates for the Aboriginal and non-aboriginal populations are equivalent.²¹ Therefore, creating a more accessible University of Saskatchewan for Aboriginal students will help create a more informed and knowledgeable public and will increase First Nations and Métis participation in the job market.

Closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal employment would provide the province of Saskatchewan with a substantial return on investment. “Conservative estimates have indicated that employment parity for Aboriginal people would result in savings to Social Services, Justice, Corrections and other programs and services at over \$500 million annually”.²² The social and economic benefits of increasing Aboriginal participation in the workforce due to increased

²⁰ Right People, Right Place, Right Time. The Saskatchewan Labour Market Commission’s Labour Market Strategy for Saskatchewan. May 27, 2009.

²¹ Right People, Right Place, Right Time. The Saskatchewan Labour Market Commission’s Labour Market Strategy for Saskatchewan. May 27, 2009.

²² Right People, Right Place, Right Time. The Saskatchewan Labour Market Commission’s Labour Market Strategy for Saskatchewan. May 27, 2009.

enrollment in post-secondary institutions such as the U of S should be of interest to all orders of government. Increasing Aboriginal participation in the workforce by creating a more inclusive, accessible and affordable University of Saskatchewan must be regarded as an opportunity for all orders of government. “According to the Canadian Council on Learning over 70% of newly created jobs will require some form of post-secondary education...”²³

“Canadians have long seen post-secondary education as a way to improve our country’s standard of living and as an important part of developing a more equitable society. Investments in post-secondary education can provide important improvements to the well-being of Aboriginal peoples and communities. The federal government has a moral and legal responsibility to provide for the well-being of Canada’s Aboriginal peoples, including ensuring access to post-secondary education. Despite treaty and other obligations to provide access to First Nations peoples, resources for post-secondary education fall short of meeting the needs of Aboriginal communities. In 1968, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) began providing direct financial assistance to First Nations and Inuit students enrolled at post-secondary institutions. These programs were clearly successful. In 1977- 78, only 3,600 students received support to attend college or university; by 1999-2000, over 27,000 students benefited. However educational attainment levels among Aboriginal peoples remain significantly lower than the overall population. Research has found that the majority of

²³ Right People, Right Place, Right Time. The Saskatchewan Labour Market Commission’s Labour Market Strategy for Saskatchewan. May 27, 2009.

*Aboriginal peoples have aspirations to pursue post-secondary studies, but the leading deterrent remains financial barriers, particularly the lack of federal funding for post-secondary education. "It is in everyone's interest that no Aboriginal post-secondary learners fall between the cracks... the post-secondary education of Aboriginal youth who aspire to it is a matter of the highest priority for Canada."*²⁴

-Report of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs And Northern Development.

USSU Recommends Eliminating the Cap on the Post-Secondary Student Support Program

The Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) funds status First Nations and Inuit students to attend post-secondary education. The federal government capped funding increases at 2%, beginning in 1996. Since then, tuition has increased dramatically as well as the Aboriginal population eligible to attend post-secondary education, not to mention an increased cost of housing. Because of all these factors, Aboriginal students are receiving less funding to pursue a post-secondary education today.

According to Statistics Canada, Aboriginal people account for approximately 13% of Saskatchewan's total population. Furthermore, 25% of all the children in the province are Aboriginal, with a third of the Aboriginal population aged 14 and under. "In 2004, the Auditor General of Canada cited the lack of federal funding as

²⁴ House of Commons Canada. No Higher Priority: Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education in Canada. *Report of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development*. February 2007. 39th Parliament, 1st Session.

the reason 9,500 First Nations people were prevented from pursuing a post-secondary education in 2000”²⁵. *The Assembly of First Nations estimates that 10,588 students were denied funding from the PSSSP between 2001 and 2006, and an additional 2,858 in 2007-2008*. As demographics continue to change within Saskatchewan, it is increasingly imperative for Aboriginal peoples to receive funding to attend post-secondary education. The USSU recommends that the provincial government lobby the federal government to eliminate the 2% cap placed on the PSSSP.

Currently, the federal government provides financial assistance to status First Nations and Inuit students through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP). The PSSSP is meant to encourage access to post-secondary education and alleviate the financial barriers faced by Aboriginal students by covering the costs of tuition fees, books, supplies, travel, and living expenses. Prior to 1992, funding was determined by the number of eligible students and their expenses. Between 1992 and 1997, the model shifted from per-student to block funding. In 1997, increases in funding were capped at 2 per cent annually. Prior to the implementation of the funding cap in 1999, approximately 27,000 Aboriginal students received financial assistance. In 2006, the number fell to just over 22,000. The lack of funding has forced communities administering the funds to make difficult decisions about who receives funding each year. In addition, due to the shortfall in funding, priority is often given to short college programs at the detriment of more expensive professional or post-graduate programs of

²⁵ Canadian Federation of Students: Improving Access to Post-Secondary Education in Saskatchewan. February 2009.

study.

“According to the Assembly of First Nations, a total of \$516 million is required to ensure that no Aboriginal student is denied access to post-secondary education due to financial barriers. As INAC currently provides \$300 million an additional \$216 million would be required”²⁶.

Remove the funding cap on the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and increase funding to meet the needs of all Aboriginal post-secondary learners, including allocating funding to clear the existing backlog. The Canadian Federation of Students estimates that approximately \$23 million would be required to meet the needs of Aboriginal students. This funding would support a total of 36,382 students across Canada.

The funding disbursed through the PSSSP has a proven track record for those who can access it. Most Aboriginal students who are able to access funding through the PSSSP succeed in completing their studies and find meaningful work. “Regardless of their place of residence, the majority of Aboriginal graduates return to work in their communities and are employed in their field of study, achieving economic self-reliance and helping to develop healthy and stable communities”²⁷.

²⁶ Canadian Federation of Students: Improving Access to Post-Secondary Education in Saskatchewan. February 2009.

²⁷ Canadian Federation of Students: Improving Access to Post-Secondary Education in Saskatchewan. February 2009.

Establish a new Aboriginal Student Centre at the University of Saskatchewan

Retention rates at the U of S between first and second-year for self-identified Aboriginal students was 58% in 2008. The USSU acknowledges that both financial and non-financial barriers discourage and exclude First Nations and Métis individuals from participating in the Post-Secondary system. *“Many of these individuals experience complex barriers that impact their decision to pursue post-secondary education, including financial barriers, but also—and sometimes more importantly—non-financial barriers such as lack of awareness of the benefits of Post-Secondary education, few role models who have gone through post-secondary education and family or community commitments”*—Minister Warren McCall Review. It is imperative that all First Nations and Métis learners believe that a Post-Secondary education is within their reach.

Although Saskatchewan comprises approximately 3% of the total population in Canada, 15% of the Aboriginal people in Canada live in Saskatchewan. In order for Aboriginal students to succeed in their pursuit of a Post-Secondary education, government policies moving forward must accommodate their unique personal, social, cultural and historical experiences. Today, more Aboriginal students attend the University of Saskatchewan than any other institution in Canada. Currently, there are approximately 1,741 Aboriginal students out of 19,403 at the U of S. In the Statistics Canada Census of 2006, Aboriginal people made up 23.3% of Saskatchewan residents aged 10-19. One should also note that between the ages of 0-4 the Aboriginal population is 28.8%. This should be regarded as an opportunity

to invest in the future prosperity and growth of our province.

“The role of the Gordon-Oakes Red Bear Centre will be to put up the welcome sign. By being a focal point on campus, by being a striking structure, by being culturally appropriate, the Centre will say to Aboriginal people that the University of Saskatchewan is welcoming to their culture”²⁸. It is predicted that the cost of building the Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Centre will be approximately \$13.8 million. Given that the rate of return on an Aboriginal student’s education at the University of Saskatchewan is \$633,033, that amount will be paid off through the general benefit to society once learners have graduated and can contribute to the social and economic aspects of the Saskatchewan economy.

The numerous general benefits to society can be calculated based on the additional economic activity that would result from Aboriginal residents spending their higher income as a result of their post-secondary education. As well, the decrease in spending on social support programs and the increase in economic growth that occur from the lower tax rates that would be permitted by decreased spending on financial support services is also of great benefit the entire province. Furthermore, if the Centre brings an additional 22 Aboriginal students per year to the U of S, the centre would be paid for in its first year of operation based on the long-term economic return. “Even an additional two aboriginal students per year and the centre pays for itself within 10 years”²⁹. Most importantly, “Aboriginal

²⁸ Lafond, George E. June 2009. “Building for the Future-An Invitation to Invest”, Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Student Centre, University of Saskatchewan.

²⁹ Lafond, George E. June 2009. “Building for the Future-An Invitation to Invest”, Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Student Centre, University of Saskatchewan.

students need a place to call “home” at the University of Saskatchewan to support the learning opportunities, exchange and detainment of culture and beliefs, and to display the diversity around the world of First Nations people at the U of S.”³⁰

Provincial Government Recommendation: Fund 3 Million to Construct the Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Student Centre at the University of Saskatchewan to engage, retain and support Aboriginal students.

Ensure transition programs at the college level are in place for First Nations and Métis learners.

Aboriginal Business Administration Certificate Program (ABAC)

To embrace the University’s goal of improving retention and Aboriginal engagement, Edwards School of Business (ESB) has outlined a plan to improve entry by Aboriginal students to their business school. As there may be significant challenges associated with higher entrance and transfer averages in addition to requiring both MATH B30 and C30, many Aboriginal students that have great potential for success may have difficulty in being admitted to the college. In order to create the potential for increased Aboriginal enrolment and overall success, Edwards School of Business has proposed the Aboriginal Business Certificate program, which upon completion provides full admission and transfer to the Bachelor of Commerce program.

³⁰ Lafond, George E. June 2009. “Building for the Future-An Invitation to Invest”, Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Student Centre, University of Saskatchewan.

The program facilitates the transition to university level studies by giving students the opportunity to upgrade their secondary education, in addition to providing a certificate for their studies in this program. If the requirements of the certificate program have been fulfilled, students will be allowed admission to the Bachelor of Commerce program, and if they demonstrate a high degree of proficiency prior to completing the program, students will be considered for early transfer to the degree program. In addition, those that already possess an undergraduate degree, this program can be used as a bridge to an MBA program.

To be considered for admission, the student must be of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit ancestry, with a Grade 12 standing that preferably includes required math courses as mentioned, with a minimum entrance average of 70%, and having no more than 9 credits eligible for transfer from another post-secondary institution. There may also be consideration in special instances, under the Special Targeted Admission plan.

In addition to providing exposure to life at university and business education, the program also provides 48 of the 120 credit units needed to complete the B. Comm program. From here, students in the program can continue to complete the degree program, or opt to not proceed and receive the ABAC certificate. It is important to note that tuition rates follow standard rates in the college, which are approximately \$600 per 3 credit units. Also, academic performance standards for this program are consistent with ESB standards – students will have to maintain a minimum yearly weighted average of 60% to remain in the program.

Students in the ABAC program would be able to benefit from the RAWLCO Resource Room, which is a unique support center that has not been seen anywhere else in Canada. This centre is dedicated to Aboriginal programs and all kinds of assistance students may seek, including counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and other valuable services. This space also houses the Aboriginal Business Students' Society, which creates connections with the business community and plans social activities for Aboriginal students. In addition, the Rawlco Resource Centre Trust Fund provides the funding for math upgrades and supports the joint venturing in this program between the Saskatoon Catholic School Board and the ESB. Students that do not need further upgrading have the opportunity to apply for a placement with the ESB Business Cooperative Education Program, or focus on their personal obligations for that semester.

An interesting advantage to the program is that it provides a balance between learning among cohorts and integrating with the larger university student body. In areas of content that would be best to study as a group with other people in the program, cohort studying is seen to be the most beneficial. It is also considered that this should be balanced with engagement with the rest of the university, both in study of humanities and social sciences, and in ESB classes. There are also several ABAC specific programs that enhance transition into university and provide the skills to succeed in school, employment searching, and in the workforce.

**The USSU recognizes the importance of transition programs for Aboriginal students and recommends implementing similar transition programs in other colleges.*

The USSU recommends that the Government of Saskatchewan target funds towards more transition programs for Aboriginal students.

Ensure that detailed exiting surveys are being completed by Post-Secondary institutions to improve the retention and recruitment rates of First Nations and Métis learners.

The University of Saskatchewan faces a real challenge in retaining self-identified Aboriginal students. In 2008, there were 249 first-year aboriginal students and only 144 returned in their second year, meaning a loss of 105 students. In comparison, the first to second-year retention rates for all students is 75% at the University of Saskatchewan. In the College of Kinesiology, the first to second-year retention rate is 88% for non-aboriginal students.

The USSU considers the University's *Report on First-to Second-year Retention in Direct Entry Colleges at the University of Saskatchewan* to be a helpful indicator of retention rates on our campus. However, the report only accounts for statistics since 2006, and is therefore unable to evaluate long-term trends in retention rates. We encourage the University to make contact with self-identified aboriginal students after they complete each semester of study in order to better understand why they are or are not returning in second year and where they are applying after they leave the University of Saskatchewan.

The USSU recommends that the University of Saskatchewan use the Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan Exit Survey as a model to better understand Aboriginal retention rates. This year, the NEPS completed its seventh exit survey. The survey is conducted by e-mail and was sent to 300 NEPS graduates of whom

204 completed the survey. Critical information such as the percentage of graduates who experienced a major life change during the NEPS program, the percentage of students with dependents, students who experienced home relocation or the illness or death of a family member or friend. Other information such as where graduates of the program grew up and the percentage of graduates who received scholarships, bursaries or loans during the program. Key statistics regarding after graduation employment numbers are also provided in the survey, recognizing long-term trends in employment for nursing graduates. The survey also asks for respondents to rank their experience in the program from very satisfied to very dissatisfied.

“Although provincial and federal governments spend over \$35 billion per year on post-secondary education, we do not collect adequate information to fully analyze the effectiveness of that spending”³¹. The USSU recommends that the University of Saskatchewan use detailed exiting surveys to better understand and improve Aboriginal recruitment and retention rates.

³¹ Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). February 2009. “Improving Access to Post-Secondary Education in Saskatchewan.”



3. Ensure a High-Quality University of Saskatchewan for All Learners

Ensure Funding for University Research to Enhance Student Learning

A high-quality post-secondary education is fundamental to the creation of a prosperous knowledge-based economy. To ensure a high-quality education for all learners, the University of Saskatchewan must build on its legacy of excellence in research. Research enriches the learning experience for undergraduate students across all areas of study. Therefore, the federal government needs to maintain and enhance funding for the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). These foundations fund research projects, facilities and equipment that directly benefit undergraduate students.

For example, NSERC has undergraduate scholarships awarded on an annual basis that directly benefit students in Saskatchewan. As well, many students benefit from research funding for summer research projects or work experiences with Professors funded by any of the three grant councils. Furthermore, the learning experience at the University of Saskatchewan is substantially enhanced when Professors have received the necessary funding to do new and meaningful research. As well, research distinguishes the University of Saskatchewan from colleges (such as SIAST) that don't get federal grants to do research. The University of Saskatchewan has more than two-dozen Canada Research Chairs. Canada Research Chairs significantly enhance the learning experience for all students, help attract

and retain graduate students, and therefore, must continue to be adequately funded by the federal government.

In order to ensure a high-quality education at the University of Saskatchewan, the provincial government must increase the university's operating budget by at least 3 or 4 percent. In addition to the operating budget, providing \$23 million to \$25 million in annual funding to the University of Saskatchewan (taking into account annual inflation rates) is necessary to maintain stable and moderate tuition increases over time and will help ensure a high-quality and accessible education for all learners.

The USSU Encourages Government Support for the Clarion Project-A New Fine and Performing Arts Centre on Campus

The Clarion Project represents an opportunity to invest in the future of a high-quality fine and performing arts education at the U of S. The Clarion Project would be a premiere fine and performing arts facility that would serve as the foundation for groundbreaking and transformative arts and science research and programming. In many ways, the University of Saskatchewan is a leader in research science and innovation. With amenities such as the Synchrotron, Academic Health Sciences, and VIDO, the U of S is positioning itself as a leader in science and technology. For recruitment and retention purposes, it's important that the University of Saskatchewan becomes a leader in the fine and performing arts as well. The Clarion Project would consist of a union of the college's three fine and performing arts departments. As a result, this will enable greater

opportunities for collaboration between students and faculty. To create a high-quality education for fine and performing arts students at the U of S, it's crucial that the University and Government of Saskatchewan recognize the Clarion Project as part of their innovation agenda.

The objectives of The Clarion Project are:

- *to provide state of the art teaching, learning, and performance facilities;*
- *to vastly improve the experience of all University of Saskatchewan students, by committing to the education of the whole person and providing a culturally vibrant environment;*
- *to produce an alumni with a dedicated appreciation for creative and imaginative endeavour and the capacity to serve as leaders in the artistic and cultural sector;*
- *to increase opportunities for vital interdisciplinary collaboration between academic units and become a leader in innovative, synergistic and imaginative arts and science curriculum;*
- *to enhance existing community partnerships and forge new and innovative relationships through outreach and engagement;*
- *to achieve balance in local and national perception, complementing a science-grounded reputation with a demonstrated commitment to arts and culture, and*
- *to competitively position the University of Saskatchewan for recruitment and retention purposes.*

The Clarion Project will create a “culturally privileged campus” that will create a high-quality fine and performing arts education at the University of Saskatchewan. Although the U of S has made significant contributions to Saskatchewan’s arts and culture industry, the Clarion Project has the potential to position the University of Saskatchewan as a national leader in the fine and performing arts. Furthermore, the Clarion Project will contribute to a more diverse student body and faculty while strengthening the campus community and identity.

The world renowned Economist Richard Florida has said that technology, talent and tolerance are what define a prosperous and modern economy. Therefore, the Clarion

Project will greatly contribute to a more talented, creative and innovative University of Saskatchewan and City of Saskatoon. The superior arts facilities of the Clarion Project will substantially raise the national profile of the U of S and will aid in the recruitment of excellent new faculty and promising students. Furthermore, the Clarion Project will free-up thousands of meters of space on campus in the Murray Building (where the Art and Art History Department is situated), in the John Mitchell Building (where the Drama Department is situated), and the Education Building (where the Music Department is situated).

Most importantly, the Clarion Project represents the potential to unite artistic creativity with high-quality academic programming. Collaborative programming could include:

- * Entrepreneurship in Arts (Brett Wilson Centre)
- * Arts, Culture and Key Determinants of Health
- * First Nations and Métis Arts Programming
- * Arts Therapies and Arts Programming in Health Care Facilities
- * Cultural Preservation Through Social Enterprise
- * Musical Neuroscience
- * Visual Arts in Computer Science
- * Arts and Engineering (combined BA/BEng)
- * Digital Media
- * Arts Administration (Arts, ESB and Law)
- * Musical Theatre
- * Singing for Actors
- * Interdisciplinary Creativity

The Clarion project will benefit all orders of Government. The arts and culture industry is what attracts creative people who are needed in today's modern economy. There is a strong link between cultural activity and economic growth. In fact, given the right environment, the arts and culture industry can grow and make a substantial impact on the province's economy. Therefore, all orders of government and the University should expect a sizeable return on their investment in the Clarion Project. Studies show

that there is a positive relationship between economic prosperity and creativity among citizens. “The arts and cultural sector, in fact, is the largest contributor to the gross domestic product of any sector in Canada” (*Valuing Culture: Measuring and Understanding Canada’s Creative Economy*, The Conference Board of Canada, August 2008).

Recently, the Provincial Government has announced its intention to create a provincial cultural policy based on the belief that culture is a valuable component of life in Saskatchewan. (*Reflections: A Summary of 30 Years of Cultural Policy Discussions in Saskatchewan*, Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport, August 6, 2008).

Furthermore, Saskatoon was recently named the Cultural Capital of Canada. Therefore, the Clarion Project will contribute to our city’s cultural identity. Importantly, arts groups in the city will benefit from having a facility that compliments their current and future artistic endeavors. In this way, the Clarion Project will provide meaningful connections between students, faculty and the province’s artistic community.

**The USSU Encourages All Orders of Government to Recognize the Potential of the Clarion Project and to Work Collaboratively Towards its Realization*

Support the Government of Saskatchewan and University of Saskatchewan in their Joint Bid for the Production of Medical Isotopes

The Government of Saskatchewan, in partnership with the University of Saskatchewan, has proposed to develop the Canadian Neutron Source (CNS), a new world-class research facility at the U of S including a 20-megawatt, low-enriched uranium (LEU) research reactor facility designed to supply medical isotopes to meet

Canada's health care needs and provide neutron beams for Canadian neutron science research and industrial applications. The Government of Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan submitted the Expression of Interest to the Expert Review Panel on July 31 to meet the federal deadline. The Panel is expected to indicate by November 30 which submissions will be selected to proceed to the full proposal stage.

"Sixty years ago this month, Dr. Harold Jones of the University of Saskatchewan obtained the province's first cobalt-60 source-ironically from the Chalk River Experimental Nuclear Reactor Facility in Ontario. And on November 8, 1951 the world's first cobalt-60 treatment was given to a 40-year-old woman diagnosed with advanced cervical cancer. It saved her life, and she lived to be 90, Saskatchewan has a proud tradition of pioneering, life-saving research in the field of nuclear medicine. This proposal potentially opens a brand new chapter in this important story." **Energy and Resources Minister Boyd quoted in a press release on August 4th, 2009**

The USSU recognizes that there are many potential synergies between the CLS, College of Medicine, InterVac, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Physics and the proposed Canadian Neutron Source. The U of S has consistently demonstrated success in synchrotron science, and the application of that science to the medical field. The addition of the proposed isotope production facility would significantly add to the potential research that would be conducted at the University of Saskatchewan. The U of S' commitment towards neutron sciences must also be viewed as a significant advantage. Of the twenty-one proposals submitted to the Review Panel, the

Saskatchewan bid was one of a few with a focus of utilizing the potential of a reactor for both medical and research-based purposes.

*"The establishment of the Canadian Neutron Source near the CLS could ensure a reliable long-term source of life-saving medical isotopes for Canadians. It could also create the foundation for the U of S as an international leader in all aspects of nuclear studies, including nuclear science, nuclear medicine and materials science, but also the environmental, social and public policy issues of sustainable nuclear development."- Dr. **Richard Florizone, a nuclear physicist and Vice-President of Finance at the U of S***

The USSU recognizes the importance of such research in the development of medical isotopes, that are currently in serious shortage around the world. The USSU recognizes the tremendous benefit the Canadian Neutron Source could be to a wide variety of undergraduate students in areas such as physics, engineering, biochemistry, public policy, environmental studies and nuclear medicine.

**The USSU encourages all politicians to respect the timeline of the Government of Canada's Expert Review Panel. The USSU supports the Government of Saskatchewan and University of Saskatchewan in their joint bid and acknowledges the solutions that the proposed project could bring to the global isotope crisis.*

Encourage All Orders of Government Not to Support Canada's "Big 5 Universities" in their Pursuit of a Two-Tiered PSE System in Canada

In an attempt to monopolize post-secondary research funding, Canada's "big 5" universities have suggested that only their universities should pursue world-class research while the rest should focus on undergraduate education. Recent articles in Maclean's magazine feature the President of McGill University, the University of Toronto, the University of British Columbia, the University of Alberta and the Universite de Montreal favoring a post-secondary education system that would restrict all but five Canadian universities to undergraduate education. Essentially, they propose a two-tiered education system in Canada that allows universities in four major cities to benefit while the remaining institutions lose significant research funding and the ability to support graduate programs.

Undergraduate students in Saskatchewan should not be forced to leave the province in their pursuit of a graduate education. Also, a high-quality education at the graduate level should remain accessible to students in Saskatchewan. Furthermore, by limiting graduate research and funding to five universities, Canada would be severely limiting the growth of the knowledge sector in a number of provinces, particularly Saskatchewan.

**The USSU strongly opposes a framework for Canada's post-secondary education system that will limit our pursuit of a higher education. Students at the University of Saskatchewan desire an inclusive and high-quality post-secondary education system that has the resources to compete across Canada and around the world.*

If there is going to be drastic changes made to the PSE system in Canada it should improve the University of Saskatchewan rather than limit its potential.

The USSU Encourages the University of Saskatchewan and Provincial Government to Create More Experiential Learning Opportunities for Undergraduate Students

A high-quality post-secondary education requires a significant experiential learning component that provides students the opportunity to engage with their communities and to learn by doing. “The Les and Irene Dubé Community Service-Learning Program at STM (CSL) is a type of experiential learning which involves students being partnered with community based agencies to contribute meaningful volunteer service. It also enables students participating in reflection activities to help make the connections between their community experience and their university learning”.³²

Other experiential learning opportunities include CLASSIC (Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc.) “The purpose of CLASSIC is to provide legal assistance to low-income, historically disadvantaged Saskatchewan residents (with particular attention to the needs of Aboriginal peoples) through a legal clinic that meets the needs of the community. This provides students with clinical experience, new insights into the social reality of law, and also fosters ethic of social justice and cultural understanding”.³³ CLASSIC is partly funded by the Department of Saskatchewan Justice and is administered out of the White Buffalo Youth Lodge in

³² St. Thomas Moore College. Community Service Learning Project.

³³ <http://www.classiclawn.ca/>

Saskatoon.

Experiential learning opportunities are beneficial to students in all areas of study. By gaining hands-on experience in the job market, students are better prepared for their future careers and professions. Engaging students in the community is an important aspect of experiential learning. Community organizations benefit from the increase in volunteers and part-time workers while students receive valuable knowledge and practice in their chosen area of study. As the University continues to grow and diversify its programming, it's important that it remains in close contact with its surrounding community. Experiential learning partnerships enable students at the university to work closely with a variety of community organizations that help create a more prosperous and informed City of Saskatoon.

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Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wojnarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday November 5, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Karen Chad – Areas of Pre-Eminence**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – October 29, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Fee Based Credit Card Systems**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Place Riel Renovations Student Advisory Committee**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, October 29, 2009

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Blair Woynarski, Associated Residence
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs

Guests:

James Pepler
Ashleigh Mattern, *the Sheaf*

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to eliminate 3.1 Council Address and add 9.2 Endorsement of H1N1 Vaccine.

USCMotion088: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended

USCMotion089: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Woynarski Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Kirkham announced that STMSU is holding an Autumn Nocturne, which is a formal evening of dancing, food, and entertainment by the U of S Jazz Band. It will be held November 4 at the Sheraton Cavalier Ballroom. Tickets are \$18 for students.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – October 22, 2009

Councilor Steffen stated that he would like the wording of his comment be changed from “him to have a flow” to “him to have a float”.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – October 26, 2009

Councilor Steffen thanked VP McCullough for making an extremely detailed accountability report.

4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes – October 20, 2009 (Including Government Lobbying Document)

Councilor Miller-Law stated that when he read the document he was displeased. He stated that he then went into the office to raise attention to it reading “The USSU recommends the Government of Saskatchewan pursue moderate tuition increases of 5-6% over long periods of times (4-5 years)” and he noted that it should be clarified, as it implies that this would be encouraging annual increases. He noted that when he sought clarification, it was meaning a 5-6% over the course of 4 to 5 years, which is a significant difference. He added that it could be read that way by the Government. He added that on page 10, it says a “a 4-5 year tuition assessment strategy must ensure tuition increases as a percentage do no soar into double digits as they did in the 1990’s. Councilor Miller-Law stated that it should also be clear that we are not in favour of single digit increases every year.

VP Stoicheff stated that he appreciation for those comments and added that he would clear those issues up. He noted that we do mean 5-6% increases over 4-5 years. This would not be annually, but rather over that extended time period. In regard to double digit increases, and as opposed to what happened in the 1990’s, there is a Pan-Canadian Accord going out to secure more transfer funding. In the 1990’s the Federal Government got out of that and tuition increased by double digit percentages for one to two years. We do not want to see that happen again and want to make sure that it follows the outlined tuition assessment strategy in the budget.

4.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes – October 22, 2009

4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes – October 22, 2009

4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes – October 20, 2009

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion090: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Laroque Carried

6. Business

6.1 Fee Based Credit Card Systems

President Kirkland provided the following recommendation on behalf of the Executive:

The Executive would like to recommend for the current structure of credit cards be discontinued, with the option for students to continue using credit cards with a fee assessed. That is in conjunction with educational programs that go out to inform students of their payment options, and a portion of the savings be allocated to scholarships and bursaries, and other student services.

President Kirkland stated that in discussions with Councilors and with the University, it was made clear that the cost savings that would occur as a result of this system, of \$700,000, can be put towards other programs. If that cost savings was to be realized, it would be put towards services for students. This would include scholarships and bursaries. Another option would be to put it towards the Place Riel construction project as well as a number of other options.

Councilor Loor commented that, as his understanding of last week's presentation, we cannot just choose who we can give fees to. This would be a broad based fee for all students. We would have to give everyone or no one the assessment and would not be able to assess it on an individual basis.

President Kirkland stated that we could recommend that the option would be to assess those who are using credit cards.

Councilor Cleaveley asked what the fee would be, or would that be set later?

President Kirkland replied that the fee would be approximately \$34, depending on the type of credit card used.

Councilor Miller – Law stated that Councilor Loor was on to something. He noted that Mrs. Van Impe stated that it may not be possible to do it that way, but it would be left up to the University to determine that. He also asked if there could be an amendment saying that if the University charges a fee to every student, because that is their only option, students who do not pay with a credit card are reimbursed.

President Kirkland stated that we would be advocating for a fee to be charged for only those that are using credit cards.

Councilor Nystuen asked if this topic could be put under "New Business" so that this could be taken back to Councilors and vote on it. He noted that we could discuss this tonight, but not make the final vote tonight.

Councilor Woyarski stated that it was his understanding that the week after the Council address was to be used to decide this among the different Councils. He stated that he was expecting a motion to be made on this topic and he has discussed it with his Council.

Councilor Forbes stated that his Council only meets every two weeks and the meeting will not be until next week. He would not be able to talk to his Council until next week.

Motion to table this discussion to the next meeting.

USCMotion092: Councilor Nystuen/Councilor Kirkham Carried

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Steffen stated that from the last meeting, it was discussed that \$700,000 was well above the original budget. When discussing the addition of the fee, is it that we are talking about the \$700,000 that is currently being spent on credit card fees and putting that into USSU events, or is it a reallocation of the original budget?

President Kirkland commented that as it has been discussed with Richard Florizone and Marion Van Impe was that the fee would be assessed to individual students as they use their credit cards. The \$700,000 would become available for use elsewhere. They were budgeting \$300,000 in 2002, but it has increased to \$700,000 over the last seven years.

Councilor Steffen stated that it is a financial burden for some departments and now it is being sent straight to students. It does not seem like the University is in any better fiscal situation, it is just that we are getting more money from the University. He stated that he doesn't understand why they are so dead set against it instead of cleaning up the hole in their budget. He stated that this money looks like it is an incentive to go with this option.

President Kirkland commented that students are already paying for it. You can look at it two ways in terms of opportunity cost. Student money is being spent on subsidizing credit card use, whereas if we allocate the cost to those students using the service as well as providing education incentives such as scholarships and bursaries, and money would be freed up for more student services.

Chair Leisle commented that Mrs. Van Impe stated that the original budget was \$250,000. That budget has increased slightly, but they are still about \$400,000 "in the hole". To have a fee to cover that hole, they would really only be ahead of that \$300,000 to give back to programs.

President Kirkland added that he thinks that it started off as \$250,000 and now it has soared. It is now \$700,000 in the budget. If it is a cost that they know they will incur, it will be budgeted. The budget of \$700,000 this year would be used for student services.

Councilor Loor asked if President Kirkland could go back to Mrs. Van Impe and check on the conditions of how we can assess individual fees to individual students. Also, he stated that it would be a good idea to find an alternative resolution before going forward with a motion. Whether that is promotion for online banking with the University, or perhaps allowing students to still use VISA or Mastercard, but restricting it so that way there is a better incentive to use online banking.

President Kirkland commented that he is looking for a directive to come from Council. This is not necessarily what the University is going to do, but that we are willing to work on something with them. If the University says that there is no way that we can individually charge students and it is that it is an all or none situation, then he stated that he would come back to the Executive and USC and ask what recommendation should be put forward. The Executive felt that this was a good starting point and this would be a fair system, given that there would be an educational component set in by encouraging online banking and educating students about student loans. In addition to this, scholarships and bursaries would be increased. These components would be set out in the motion and if they are not set out, then the USSU cannot support it. We do need a starting point.

Councilor Loor stated that he understands that this is the point of concern. He suggested that alternate resolution be the starting point.

Councilor Gavelis stated that he has reviewed his banking rules, and as it stands, the bank would not let him pay through online banking for his tuition, and without being able to transfer funds, it would have meant that he would have had to pay a fee every day for the daily limit, which is not feasible. Also, due to security reasons, they will not allow those rules to be rescinded.

VP McCullough commented that he has never not used online banking to pay tuition. He stated that he has done so every year and has never had problems with it.

Chair Leisle stated that we will debate this next week, but if there are questions or information that is needed now, it is the time for that.

President Kirkland reminded everyone that the Annual General Meeting is being held on November 12 at 6:00 pm in Arts 146. There will be refreshments, as it is typically a long meeting. If there is a need to make an amendment to the Constitution or an amendment to any of our bylaws, they are to be in by Tuesday of next week. He stated that if anyone is having problems or need an idea of what to do, he would be willing to provide help. Anyone needing help are encouraged to visit his office, send an email or call.

Councilor Loor asked about the difficulty in reaching quorum last year. Are there any strategies other than pizza to try to help achieve quorum. It was discussed to possibly have it at Louis' or something to that effect.

President Kirkland stated that it is not just a couple slices and there will be pop provided. There will also be donuts. He stated that holding it in Arts is more central, as 10,000 of the 16,000 students are Arts and Science students. We are not just catering to Arts and Science, we are making sure that Engineering is there as they always come out in force. There will be advertising. We had discussed having it at Louis', but we decided against it.

Councilor Woynarski asked who is responsible for filling the vending machines around campus, because the machine in the John Mitchell Building has been bordering on empty for a long time and stated that he was not sure who to talk to about it.

President Kirkland stated that he would look into it.

Councilor Nystuen asked if the Council Address that was crossed off would be provided next week or if it will not be presented anymore.

President Kirkland stated that he had talked to Margaret Asmuss, and due to a miscommunication between himself and VP Fawcett in terms of scheduling of presentations for Place Riel and Ms. Asmuss is actually at an environmental symposium right now. In terms of the President's Statement on Climate Change, it is in committee right now and could be for some time, as many things at the University usually are. She has notified him that she will come back and present, but he stated that he is not sure on specific dates. When VP Fawcett returns he will look into it.

VP Stoicheff stated that Margaret Asmuss is at the Build Sask Green conference. There are 20 complimentary tickets for anyone who wants to go. It is going on right now and Elizabeth May, the Green Party of Canada leader will be speaking there and these tickets get you the opportunity to meet her.

VP McCullough reminded all Councilors that this was the first week for Teaching Excellence Award nominations being available. They are online, in the USSU office, and at the Help Centre. You can pick up nomination forms and let your student bodies and Councilors know that they are available and to please nominate some teachers.

Councilor Miller – Law requested confirmation about if there needs to be individual RSVPs for next week's Council meeting.

President Kirkland stated that there was an email sent out in regard to the Council Address with Karen Chad regarding discussion about Areas of Pre-eminence. There was a request to RSVP, but come as you would normally. The reason for this was that there was going to be individual packages provided. He stated that he

provided estimates of how many students would be there and if there are more, then the packages can be shared.

9. Other Business

9.1 Student Relations Committee

President Kirkland stated that GM Cottrell has requested to find two students to sit on the Student Relations Committee. President Kirkland asked for those that are interested to let him know, or we could vote on it. The Student Relations Committee has been established to create awareness among students currently enrolled at the U of S and of Alumni of the Alumni Association. It is currently mandated to provide services and the opportunity for partnering. Their role is to identify partnering opportunities with the Alumni Association and students, to appear before students and participate with particularly upper year and graduating students to explain the benefits of the Alumni Association and to develop ongoing relationships with the USSU and other student organizations. President Kirkland asked for those that were interested to raise their hand.

Councilor Forbes and Councilor Laroque will sit on the committee.

9.2 USSU Endorsement of the H1N1 Vaccine

Councilor Loor clarified that there were two confirmed cases and four cases of flu-like symptoms.

Councilor Gavelis asked Council about out of province students. The province of Saskatchewan is covering the cost of H1N1 vaccines, and all of the on-campus clinics that will be on campus request you to bring Saskatchewan healthcare cards, but nearly half of the people from Dentistry are from out of province and they are wondering what will happen.

President Kirkland stated that it will be provided for all. If you show up, you can get the vaccine.

Councilor Loor stated that if you bring your health card from any province, there should be coverage as every province is paying for it.

Councilor Nystuen asked if there has been any research in this, as it is needed as people are getting sick.

VP McCullough asked for clarification on whether the vaccine is safe per se or whether the vaccine is needed.

Councilor Nystuen stated that as there are people that are skeptical of vaccines, he wanted to confirm that it was safe.

VP McCullough stated that it is made from a virus that has been killed. The surface proteins on the virus develop antibodies and there is no risk for infection from the vaccine.

(inaudible)

Councilor Gavelis asked what the impact would be of endorsement of this vaccine and having related complications from it.

Chair Leisle stated that there would not be legal ramifications for endorsing it.

President Kirkland stated that studies have shown that an extremely small, or negligible amount of people could have adverse effects from the vaccine. There has been greater testing with this vaccine in comparison with other flu shots.

Councilor Steffen asked if this endorsement will include where it will be? He asked if the USSU will get the information out.

President Kirkland replied that the flu clinics are in the education gym from November 24 to 26. We will be promoting them next week and will try to make students aware of this through every communication medium we have.

Councilor Loor asked if when the vaccination becomes open to the general population of students, will their families be able to come on campus, or will they need to go to the other locations.

President Kirkland stated that the flu clinic for the general public is open on the 16th of November. The one on campus is for the public, but does focus on students, faculty, and staff.

Chair Leisle noted that there would be a limited supply.

Councilor Steffen asked if this motion would be because it is regular flu season and we should have a flu shot, or rather, that we should have as much protection as possible.

Councilor Loor replied that it would be good practice for people to get both shots.

VP McCullough stated that Saskatchewan Health put out a memorandum one or two months ago stating that if you are getting the H1N1 vaccine then you should not be getting the regular vaccine. The reason for this is that the regular flu vaccine acts as competition with H1N1 and it would be better for you to get the regular flu than H1N1.

Councilor Loor asked if that is why Saskatoon Health Region is vaccinating all of its members with both vaccines at the same time, including Health Science students.

Member Mattern stated that she had read an article recently about vaccines a couple weeks ago. There was some debate that taking both would cause some problems, but that is not the case. It has been recommended to have both.

Motion to, in lieu of recent events and the six reported cases of H1N1 in residence, would like to encourage and endorse the students' use of the H1N1 vaccine in the coming months.

USCMotion093: President Kirkland/Councilor Loor Carried

Motion to amend the previous motion to include regular flu vaccinations.

USCMotion094: Councilor Loor/Councilor Gavelis Carried

As amended: Motion to, in lieu of recent events and the reported cases of H1N1 in residence, USC would like to encourage and endorse the students' use of the H1N1 vaccine in addition to the regular flu vaccination in the coming months.

President Kirkland/Councilor Loor Carried

VP Hitchings noted that Councilors should look over the Operations and Finance minutes that are going into next week's package because there is an important policy change that is under examination.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion095: Councilor Forbes/VP McCullough Carried



Campus Groups Policy

Preamble

The Students' Union is composed of students with varying academic and non-academic needs and interests. While the USSU as an organization strives to meet these diverse needs, we also realize that other groups may exist on campus to address them. These groups provide services to a constituency that we are not able to. Therefore, because of the Students' Union's commitment to meeting the needs of undergraduate students, we provide these groups with as much support as possible.

This policy has been developed in order to standardize and streamline the manner in which the USSU deals with student groups. The purpose of this policy is to assist students in the formation, operation and development of student groups and to make clear the obligations that a group has to the USSU and to its members.

Definitions

Campus Groups – all undergraduate student organizations that have been recognized as “USSU Ratified”, consisting of College Societies and Campus Clubs.

College Society – an undergraduate student organization that is the official student body representative of a College or School at the University of Saskatchewan, including Voyager Place Residence Association and the Indigenous Students' Council. The defining characteristic of these groups is that they qualify for a member of University Students' Council, as defined by the Students' Union Constitution, Article 7, and part 1, B. *the Legislature*.

Campus Club - a student organization that represents a particular interest among the members of the Students' Union. College Societies as outlined above cannot also qualify as Campus Clubs

Academic Year - the period of time beginning May 1 and ending the following April 30.

Campus Club Space – These facilities are located in the basement of Saskatchewan Hall and are for the exclusive use of the Students' Union and its Ratified Campus Groups. There are meeting rooms and a lounge area available.

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I. Ratification Process and Criteria

1. General

- 1.1 In accordance with the Students' Union budget cycle, the ratification of College Societies and Campus Clubs shall expire April 30 of each year.
- 1.2 Groups with a similar mandate and a similar membership to a previously ratified Campus Group indebted to the Students' Union shall be responsible for repayment of that debt, at the discretion of the Operations and Finance Board.

2. Process for College Societies

Due to their direct affiliation with the University of Saskatchewan and the permanence associated with such an affiliation, College Societies are automatically recognized as "USSU Ratified Student Groups" each academic year, pending the submission of the following:

- 2.1 a comprehensive list of all social, athletic and academic events for the upcoming year (for insurance purposes);
- 2.2 a copy of the Society's most recent constitution;
- 2.3 a list of Executive Members with student numbers;
- 2.4 a list of twenty (20) members with student numbers and email addresses;
- 2.5 payment of fees for the academic year, as prescribed in Section IV, Campus Group Fees; and,
- 2.6 a minimum of seven business days are required to process an application.

3. Criteria for College Societies

Groups not meeting the following requirements will not become USSU Ratified College Societies.

- 3.1 The Society must have members of the Students' Union as its executive.
- 3.2 The Society must be governed by and submit to the Students' Union a constitution and adhere to the constitutional guidelines outlined in Section II, Constitutional Guidelines.
- 3.3 The Society must have a clearly defined purpose. This purpose must not conflict with the Students' Union's Mission, Vision or Values statements.

- 3.4 The Society must not have any outstanding debts with the Students' Union.

4. Process for Campus Clubs

- 4.1 All Campus Clubs must apply for ratification each academic year. Regardless of when in the academic year a Campus Club is ratified, the ratification expires the following April 30.
- 4.2 Any Campus Club that does not re-apply for ratification is considered dissolved, and therefore not entitled to any of the privileges of a USSU Ratified Campus Group.
- 4.3 Applications for Campus Club ratification are accepted beginning May 1 of each academic year. A minimum of seven business days is required to process an application.

5. Criteria for Campus Clubs

Groups not meeting the following requirements will not become USSU Ratified Campus Clubs.

- 5.1 The Club must intend to carry out activities that do not infringe any federal, provincial, municipal or university regulations and which will not interfere with the ordinary course of business at the university, nor infringe on the rights and privileges of others. This includes the rights of privacy and of freedom of expression.
- 5.3 The Club must demonstrate significant interest within the student body by presenting to the Operations and Finance Board a typed list of no fewer than twenty (20) students currently registered at the U of S who are interested in joining the club. The list must include each student's name, student number and email address.
- 5.4 The Club must have a minimum of 75% University of Saskatchewan Students' Union membership.
- 5.5 The Club must be governed by and submit to the Students' Union a constitution as defined by Robert's Rules of Order, and adhere to the constitutional guidelines outlined in Section II.
- 5.6 The Club must have members of the Students' Union as its executive.
- 5.7 The Club must have a clearly defined purpose. This purpose must not conflict with the Students' Union's Mission, Vision or Values statements.

- 5.8 The Club must hold a bank account in the Group's legal name.
- 5.9 The Club must not have any outstanding debts with the Students' Union.
- 5.10 The Club must have paid their fees for the academic year, as prescribed in Section IV.

6. Appeals

- 6.1 In the event that the Operations and Finance Board decides to not ratify a group, the option exists for the group to request an appeal before University Students' Council (USC). USC has the right to grant or deny leave to the appeal.
- 6.2 A formal notice of appeal must be submitted to the Vice-President Operations and Finance within fourteen (14) days of being notified of the board's decision.

7. Miscellaneous

- 7.1 The Students' Union encourages all Campus Groups to seriously consider applying for and maintaining Non-Profit Corporation status. This would allow the club to become a legal entity. Such status has implications with regard to the amount of liability incurred in the case of a lawsuit and, among other things, would allow the group to enter into contracts on behalf of the group.

For further information on Non-Profit Corporation Status and/or to apply, contact the Saskatchewan Department of Economic and Co-operative Development (345 3rd Avenue South, Saskatoon, Canada, S7K 2H6) at 933-5750 (or fax 933-7692).

- 7.2 The Students' Union recommends that Campus Groups charge an annual membership fee.

Membership fees provide a base of funding for the group each year. The Students' Union has funding available for Campus Groups. However, such funding is typically not granted to cover operating costs since a Campus Group should be financially independent of the Students' Union. Funding is granted for special events, conferences, etc., as outlined in Section IV, Campus Group Funding.

II. Constitutional Guidelines

A constitution is a set of written rules and regulations governing the operation of an organization. The constitution is a fundamental document since it sets out the purposes, membership and structure of the organization.

1. Criteria for Evaluating Campus Group Constitutions

For ratification purposes Campus Groups must submit a copy of their constitution. The constitution should adhere to the following criteria:

- a. The purpose of the Campus Group not conflict with the USSU Mission, Vision or Values Statements; and,
- b. the document clearly outlines the following key areas:
 - name of group;
 - purpose of the group;
 - membership;
 - executive positions;
 - duties of the executive;
 - finances;
 - meetings;
 - election procedures;
 - amendments; and,
 - signing officers

2. Articles of the Constitution

This section is geared specifically toward Campus Clubs. Nonetheless, it should prove a useful guide for any Campus Group in creating or formatting a constitution.

- 2.1 Name
The name of the group must be specifically defined, as this will be the name used in all official capacities.
- 2.2 Purpose
The purpose and/or objectives of the group should neither be defined too broadly or too narrowly. The group needs a specific reason for existing, however, the purpose/mandate should not have such focused precision as to leave no room for growth or the emergence of new ideas. The organization will be held accountable for what is outlined in the constitution therefore the purpose for the group must be chosen with care.

The purpose of a group must not be of a sexist, racist, libelous or homophobic nature, or be in conflict with Saskatchewan human rights legislation.

The purpose of a group must not conflict with the Students' Union's Mission, Vision or Values statements.

i. USSU Mission Statement

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 accessible, public education.

ii. USSU Vision Statement

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.

iii. USSU Values Statement

The following principles shall guide the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in all of its endeavors: innovation, integrity, mutual respect, professionalism, service, teamwork, and trust as well as social, economic and environmental responsibility.

2.3 Membership

a. Membership in the organization shall be open to everyone.

i. Restriction of members will be permitted only in the case that such a restriction is necessary such that the essence of the group would be otherwise undermined. A group must demonstrate to the Operations and Finance Board that such a restriction is required.

ii. Restriction of members must not be elitist in nature or discriminatory against people on the basis of gender, race, sexual preference, religion or age.

b. Only members of the USSU (i.e. all undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan) are eligible to hold voting privileges and executive positions in the organization.

c. Associate non-voting members shall be allowed. These are simply people in the club who are not members of the USSU, such as members of faculty or people from the community.

2.4 Executive

A basic executive committee consists of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary. A group is not restricted solely to these four positions but these four should be constituted. It is recommended that executive positions not be added simply for the sake of having more executive members. A small efficient executive can, more often than not, get things done better than a large cumbersome bureaucracy.

2.5 Duties of the Executive

The following represents a set of minimum duties recommended for each of the executive portfolios in order for the group to run smoothly. Additional duties may be added as seen fit.

a. President

The President is responsible for overseeing the other members of the executive in their duties, chairing all meetings and for having joint-signing authority for the group.

b. Vice-President

The Vice-President is responsible for assisting the President in his/her duties and assuming all powers of the President in his/her absence.

c. Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for all financial dealings of the group, for keeping complete records of all financial dealings of the group and for having had joint-signing authority for the group.

d. Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for recording all the minutes of all the meetings.

2.6 Finances

a. Membership Fees

It is recommended that an annual membership fee be charged, providing a base of funding each year. The fee should be constituted in order to provide for any unforeseen financial need in the future. The fee will be determined and collected by the Executive.

- b. Joint-Signing Authority
It is required that joint-signing authority for the group be shared by the President and the Treasurer. This practice promotes financial accountability since no one person has the ability to withdraw money or write a cheque unilaterally. Additional signatures may be added as per the group's policies or guidelines.
- c. Financial Independence
The finances of the group should be handled exclusively by the group and must be kept separate from any other organization. Once constituted, this "exclusivity clause" protects the group from outside influences. For instance, if a group has a parent organization in the community at large, that organization would not have any control over the finances of the group.
- d. Surplus
Any surplus resulting from the yearly operation of the group should be transferred to reserve for future use and no part of the surplus shall be payable to any member. The Students' Union reserves the right to deny ratification to groups who disburse their surplus to their membership (i.e. for-profit groups).
- e. Dissolution
In the event of the dissolution of the group, all surplus and assets should be transferred to a similar group with the same membership and purpose.

2.7 Meetings

A group is required to have at least three (3) meetings per year, including the Annual General Meeting.

- a. Members should be informed of each meeting at least seven (7) days in advance.
- b. Quorum, the number of voting members required to hold an official meeting, must be stated.

2.8 Elections

The executive of the group must be elected from and by the membership by a majority vote. Elections are habitually run according to a set of bylaws. Section 3 of *Constitutional Guidelines* contains a recommended set of Electoral Bylaws for Campus Clubs.

2.9 Amendments

Amendments to the constitution must be made at the Annual General Meeting of the organization. A copy of the amended constitution and the minutes from the Annual General Meeting should be submitted to the USSU Vice-President (Operations and Finance). Amendments to the constitution must pass by the number as outlined in the group's constitution or policy.

2.10 Removal

Although removal procedures will hopefully never be utilized, it is important to have such procedures constituted should they ever become necessary. A member may be removed if he/she commits an act of impropriety, violates the provisions of the constitution and bylaws or is delinquent in his/her duties.

The following are suggested methods that group could adopt as their policy for removal:

- A motion to remove a member of the group should be signed by at least five percent (5%) of the regular members of the group.
- The motion should be presented in writing at a regular meeting of the group where it will be inscribed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the group, whereupon the individual in question will have the right to defend his/her actions.
- A quorum of one half (1/2) of the voting members of the group is required to consider a motion to remove a member of the group.
- A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present shall be required to remove a member of the group.

2.11 Agency

This is a necessary precaution and should be constituted as it is hereby written. "The club is not an agent of the USSU and the club's views and actions do not necessarily represent those of the USSU."

III. Services offered to USSU Ratified Campus Groups

1. Students' Union Services

1.1 Operations and Facilities

The Students' Union provides three categories of facilities services to ratified Campus Groups at a discount rate. These categories include space rental, equipment rental and promotional services.

A breakdown of these categories is listed below:

- a. Space Rental
 - i. Table Space (in the tunnel between Place Riel Student Centre and the Arts Tunnel)
 - ii. Special Event Kiosk (at the bottom of the escalators in Place Riel Student Centre)
 - iii. Saskatchewan Hall Meeting Rooms
 - iv. Volleyball Courts
 - v. Mailbox in Students' Union Office
- b. Equipment Rental
 - i. Popcorn Machine
 - ii. Sound System
 - iii. TV/VCR
- c. Promotional Services
 - i. Clothesline Advertising (above escalators in Place Riel Student Centre)
 - ii. Grilles and Plasma Screen Advertising (in Place Riel Student Centre)
 - iii. Poster Advertising (in Place Riel Student Centre)
 - iv. Information Distribution

1.2 Insurance

All USSU Ratified Campus Groups are granted insurance coverage under the USSU insurance policy, as outlined in Section IV.

1.3 Funding

All USSU Ratified Campus Groups are eligible to apply for Campus Group Funding, as outlined in Section V.

2. Facilities Management

- 2.1 All USSU Ratified Campus Groups may book academic space on campus for free through the office of Space Planning in the Facilities Management department. Non-ratified groups may book space once for the purpose of holding an organizational meeting. Bookings should be made at least one week in advance.

To book academic space contact Room Scheduling, under the Space & Development Division of Facilities Management Division at 966-4875.

3. Department of Computing Services

The Students' Union recognizes the importance of the communication links between a Campus Group and it's membership. To facilitate that interaction, USSU Ratified Campus Groups are provided with the means to go on-line through the Department of Computer Services.

- 3.1 E-mail Accounts

All USSU Ratified Campus Groups can set up free e-mail accounts with the Department of Computing Services.

- 3.2 Web Page Space

All USSU Ratified Campus Groups have access to space on a Dept. of Computing Services Server. Groups may then maintain their own web page.

To set up an e-mail account or a web page, contact the Computing Services Help Desk of the Information Technology Services (ITS) Division at 966-4817, Room 70, Arts Building.

IV. Campus Group Fees

Prior to ratification taking place, Campus Groups must pay all of their fees as well as meet all of the criteria listed in Section I. Campus Group Fees are divided into two categories: a ratification fee and an insurance fee.

1. Ratification Fee

The Students' Union requires that each Campus Group pay a ratification fee according to the chart below. In the event that ratification is refused, the fee will be returned to the applicant.

General Activities

The non-alcohol related events and activities portion of the fee is based on the membership size of the group. It is charged as follows.

College Societies (college sizes)

0 – 500	\$150
500 – 1000	\$300
1000 +	\$450
Campus Clubs	\$100

Also included in this general activities fee are events that the Group hosts in which alcohol is present but the license for the event is held by an external body.

2. Insurance Fee

One of the main administrative functions of the Students' Union is to facilitate Campus Group insurance needs. The Students' Union provides insurance coverage to these groups by way of an extension of its liability insurance policy. The goal of the following rationale then, is to produce an equitable process by which student groups are charged for their coverage.

Campus Groups must submit an event form and/or Application for Memorandum or Insurance at least two weeks before the planned date of the event. Providing that the Students' Union and the insurer then approve the event, the event will be extended coverage, pending payment of the corresponding event charge (listed below). Applicable forms can be picked up at the Students' Union office.

The Students' Union reserves the right to withhold approval of events in conjunction with its insurer based on the nature / history of the event. If an event is not approved, then the Students' Union will not extend its liability coverage for that specific event.

The insurance fee that Campus Groups pay will then cover their activities and approved events for the rest of the academic year. For the Students' Union's purposes this fee is based on two criteria; the group's approved events and general operating activities. The fee structure is broken down as follows.

Alcohol-Based Events

Activities in which the Student Group has elected to host the liquor license will be charged based on the location and the size of the event. On-campus events present a much lower risk factor than off-campus events. Also, the higher the number of participants in attendance, the higher the risk associated. The charge is then based on the risk of incident at the event.

On-Campus Events	\$100
Off-Campus Events < 500	\$300
Off-Campus Events <1000	\$400
Off-Campus Events >1000	\$500

NOTE: Campus Group Insurance does not cover pubcrawls.

Planned Events

Campus Groups should consider carefully the alcohol-based events that they submit for approval. Any planned events that do not occur for any reason, or events in which the group decides not to host the liquor license will not be refunded at the end of the academic year.

Note: It is important to remember that Campus Groups are not covered for any events that have not been approved by the Students' Union.

V. Campus Group Funding

Preamble

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union is a dynamic and progressive organization composed of undergraduate students with diverse needs. While the Students' Union strives to meet these needs, we are also cognizant that there are some needs already being addressed by other groups on campus. Thus, because the Students' Union is committed to meeting the academic and non-academic needs of our members, we provide Campus Groups with as much support as possible.

This policy has been developed in order to standardize the manner in which the USSU grants funding to Campus Groups. By no means should a Campus Group rely solely on

the USSU for funding. Groups are encouraged to charge a membership fee and solicit funding from alternate sources in order to gain financial independence.

1. Types of Funding

1.1 USSU Cash and Credit

- i. The USSU has a total of \$18,000.00 in cash and credit budgeted for Campus Groups. This money is disbursed through cash grants and credits redeemable at certain USSU services.
- ii. The maximum amount of cash and credit sponsorship available to College Societies and Campus Clubs is one-thousand dollars (\$1000) per academic year. This amount includes any funding or credit; or any combination of the two.

1.2 Coca-Cola Bottling Ltd. Product and Merchandise

- i. The USSU has a total of \$2,500.00 in Coca-Cola product and merchandise budgeted for Campus Clubs. (Not available to College Societies)
- ii. The maximum amount of Coca-Cola Bottling Ltd. product and merchandise sponsorship available to a Campus Club is three hundred dollars (\$300) per academic year. This amount includes any product or merchandise; or any combination of the two.

2. Criteria for Evaluating Funding Requests

- 2.1 The funding requested must fall into the category of:
 - a special event or project undertaken by a campus group;
 - hosting a conference; or,
 - Attending a conference only if the President Student Fund has been fully depleted
- 2.2 Campus Group applications for funding shall be evaluated by the following criteria:
 - does the intent of the funding request fit within the mandate of the club;
 - how the funds contribute to the success of the group's event, project or conference;

- how the Campus Group, the Student's Union and the general student body benefit from the event, project or conference;
 - how much external fundraising the Campus Group has done.
- 2.3 The funds must not be for the private use of a few individuals but must be used towards serving the membership of the organization and the student community in general.
- 2.4 The USSU will not disperse cash funds to Campus Groups for:
- direct donation to charity, either for the organisation or for other causes;
 - the cost of alcohol served at any event;
 - the day-to-day administrative costs of the organisation; and,
 - graduations.

3. Eligibility for Funding

- 3.1 All USSU Ratified Campus Groups in good standing, with no outstanding debts to the Students' Union, are eligible to apply for funding.
- 3.2 If a funding request is submitted prior to the ratification expiry date (April 30) for an event to be held within the first fourteen (14) days of the month of May, Campus Groups are eligible to receive funding on the basis of their previous year's ratification status.

4. Procedure for Funding Requests

- 4.1 Fully completed "Campus Group Funding Request Forms" must be submitted to the Vice-President (Operations and Finance) no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the event. Incomplete forms will not be reviewed.
- 4.2 Approval or rejection of the funding request is at the discretion of the Operations and Finance Board, subject to approval of USC.
- 4.3 For funding requests in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500), groups are required to make a presentation to the Operations and Finance Board in addition to submitting a funding request form. The Vice-President (Operations and Finance) will inform the group as to the meeting time of the Operations and Finance Board. Failure to attend a meeting prior to your event date will result in your funding request being tabled until a presentation can be made.

5. Terms and Conditions for Receiving Funding

- 5.1 The funds must be used for the intention stated on the “Campus Group Funding Request Form”. Receipts from all funded expenditures must be kept and submitted to the Vice-President (Operations and Finance) within fourteen (14) days of the event.
- 5.2 Failure to comply with the original intent of the funding constitutes fraud and is cause for the Operations and Finance Board to rescind the ratification of the Campus Group and deny ratification for one (1) year after the fact, thus entailing the loss of USSU privileges, including liability insurance. In addition, any and all legal recourse will be sought by the Students’ Union against the offending Campus Group.
- 5.3 Any Campus Group receiving funds from the USSU must list the Students’ Union as a co-sponsor in all advertising for the event. If an amount exceeding three-hundred dollars (\$300) is requested, examples of such advertising must be included in the Campus Group’s presentation to the Operations and Finance Board.
- 5.4 If a Campus Group is receiving sponsorship from Coca-Cola Bottling Ltd the group must list the Students’ Union and Coca-Cola Bottling Ltd. as sponsors in all advertising for the event. If an amount exceeding three-hundred dollars (\$300) is requested, examples of such advertising must be included in the Campus Group’s presentation to the Operations and Finance Board.
- 5.7 If coke product is not claimed by a campus group after their event has taken place, the product is forfeited. Forfeited coke product may be applied for again.

6. Appeals

- 6.1 In the event that the Operations and Finance Board does not grant funding to a group, the option exists for the group to request an appeal before University Students’ Council (USC). USC has the right to grant or deny leave to the appeal.
- 6.2 The appeal must be made within fourteen (14) days of the notification of refusal for funding.

VI. Campus Group Expulsion

The USSU values and encourages open, thoughtful, and respectful debate within the University community. Moreover, the USSU regards freedom of speech as a fundamental element of democracy and as such, it is held in the highest regard. In the event that a campus group engages in behaviour that is considered to be in violation of federal or provincial human rights laws, university policy, or is otherwise deemed to be unfit for an inclusive, welcoming, and open learning environment, the USSU reserves the right to de-ratify said campus group. In particular, each student has the right not to be harassed or otherwise made to feel severe discomfort by another. Furthermore, the right of one not to be harassed by another is also the responsibility of one to not harass another or put another in a situation where another is made to feel severe discomfort. If a campus group fails to fulfill this responsibility, the USSU holds the right to de-ratify that group.

1. Procedure

- 1.1 All complaints against a ratified campus group must be filed in writing with the Vice-President Operations and Finance.
- 1.2 Upon receiving the complaint, the Vice-President Operations and Finance can temporarily suspend the ratified status of the campus club while the Operations and Finance Board investigates the complaint.
- 1.3 If the Operations and Finance Board deems the complaint to be of a serious nature, the board may de-ratify the group responsible. Furthermore, the board may ban the group, a group similar in principle, and the executive of the group from reapplying for ratification.
- 1.4 If the Operations and Finance Board deems the complaint to be of a less serious nature, the board may impose a fine of up to \$1000 on the accused campus club and suspend all privileges accorded to a campus group for an indefinite period of time or until such a time as the fine has been remunerated in full.

2. Appeals

- 2.1 If the campus group that has been de-ratified feels that the action is unjust, it can launch an appeal against this action after acquiring the signatures of thirty (30) members of the Union who are not current or past members of the group.
- 2.2 An appeal must be filed in writing along with the signatures of the thirty members of the Union outlined in Section VI (2.1) to the Vice-President

Operations and Finance and Vice-President Student Affairs within one (1) week of the de-ratification order.

- 2.3 If the Vice-President Operations and Finance and Vice-President Student Affairs find the appeal to be of merit, the group launching the appeal will make a presentation to the University Students' Council in order to present their case to remain a campus group.
 - 2.3.1 The appeal presentation must be made to University Students' Council within one (1) week of the notification by the Vice-President Operations and Finance and Vice-President Student Affairs that the appeal will be considered.
 - 2.3.2 If the presentation is not made within the time outlined above, a future appeal will be considered null and void, and will not be considered by University Students' Council.
- 2.4 If University Students' Council resolves to strike down the de-ratification the group will be reinstated without need to re-apply for ratification.
 - 2.4.1 The resolution to strike down the verdict of the Operations and Finance Board must pass with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present at University Students' Council.
- 2.5 If University Students' Council upholds the verdict of the Operations and Finance Board, the group will remain de-ratified and can neither reapply for ratification nor launch another appeal.

Contact Information: Vice-President (Operations and Finance) 966-6967			
Policy Number: TBD			
Category: Campus Groups			
Policy Authority: Operations and Finance Board			
<u>Approvals</u>	<u>Board/Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Motion</u>
Amended	Executive Committee	05/15/01	EXEC03
Amended	Executive Committee	07/02/01	EXEC19
Amended	Executive Committee	10/02/01	EXEC46
Amended	Operations and Finance Board	03/26/02	OFB34
Amended	Executive Committee	06/28/02	EXEC
Amended	Operations and Finance Board	10/28/02	OFB09
Amended	Executive Committee	06/18/03	EXEC05
Amended	Executive Committee	09/03/03	EXEC33
Amended	Operations and Finance Board	03/10/06	OFB55
Amended	Executive Committee	05/12/08	EXEC02
Amended	Operations and Finance Board	??/??/??	OFB??

Place Riel Renovation Student Advisory Committee

The Place Riel Renovation Student Advisory Committee is an ad hoc Committee of University Students' Council. Unlike the Standing Boards, this Committee will exist only for the duration of the expansion/renovation project, upon which time it will be permanently dissolved.

Although the Committee is advisory in nature it will have significant impact through providing direction for the decisions made by the Place Riel Steering Committee.

Because the project is occurring on university land, Facilities Management, under the direction of VP Richard Florizone, will work in close cooperation with the USSU to ensure that all university regulations regarding capital projects are met. It will be necessary for the Advisory Committee to develop a thorough understanding of those processes.

The PRRSAC will also work very closely with Saunders Evans Architects to ensure that students' vision of the expansion is articulated in the final product.

Most importantly, PRRSAC will act as the liaison between the general undergraduate student body and those in the upper echelons of the decision making body. This may involve hosting information sessions in various colleges, working on the design of a student survey and subsequent analysis of the data. The PRRAC will also be deeply involved in the determination of and follow through of the philosophical principles behind the project.

Preamble

The Place Riel Student Advisory Board was struck in September 2007 in order to gather information from the 18,000 undergraduate students at the U of S as to the scope of the Place Riel Renovation. As students bear witness to the revitalization of the existing building and the establishment of an entirely new wing, the 2009/2010 Executive recognized that it is essential for students to have direct influence on the project. This Committee will focus solely on the plans as they relate to Place Riel and will provide insight from the respective members in an attempt to gain a comprehensive understanding to the direction of this project.

The Place Riel Student Advisory Board shall be composed of the following members:

- (i) Vice President Operations and Finance as Chair;
- (ii) President as Vice-Chair
- (iii) Ten (10) students-at-large appointed by the USSU Executive;
- (iv) Vice-Presidents Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and External Affairs as ex-officio members; and,
- (v) General Manager of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union or designate as ex-officio member.

The Place Riel Student Advisory Board shall be responsible for:

- (i) Considering all interior and structural design affairs arising from the development and completion of Place Riel, including the furniture that Place Riel will house;
- (ii) Considering the plans for the Renovations to the Front Door of Place Riel and surrounding outdoor area development;
- (iii) Seeking to ensure that members of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union, are, as much as possible, made aware of all matters pertaining to the Place Riel Renovations;
- (iv) Providing recommendations on behalf of the members of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union to the Place Riel Steering Committee;
- (v) Any additional responsibilities as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee or the University Students' Council;
- (vi) Acting as liaison and information conduit back to students; and,
- (vii) Determining the Scope of this Committee, should it require substantial change.

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wojnarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

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Kleisinger, Amanda	P												
Laroque, Brent	P												
Loor, Roger	P												
McCullough, Daniel	P												
Miller, Kevin	P												
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University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday November 12, 2009

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- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, November 5, 2009

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Kimberley Dancy, ESB
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Jason Ventnor, General Manager's Designate

Regrets

Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Ashlyn George, Education
Blair Woynarski, Associated Residence
Kevin Miller, Law
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Guests:

James Pepler
Tannara Yelland, *the Sheaf*

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add 3.2 H1N1 – Presentation by David Hannah and Nowell Seaman.

USCMotion096: President Kirkland/Councilor Forbes Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion097: Councilor Wood/VP Fawcett Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President Kirkland introduced Karen Chad and Jim Basinger, who will be giving a presentation momentarily.

VP Fawcett sent regrets for VP Stoicheff as he is sick with H1N1 flu-like symptoms.

3. Council Address

3.1 Karen Chad and Jim Basinger – Areas of Pre-eminence

Motion to go to informality.

USCMotion098: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

President Kirkland introduced Dr. Karen Chad and Jim Basinger. Dr. Chad is the acting VP Research for the University. Both of these presenters are working on areas of pre-eminence, as part of the Integrated Plan, which is part of the four year guiding document for the direction of the University. An aspect of that document is areas of pre-eminence. They are the leaders in this area. He also thanked them for bringing food as well.

Dr. Chad expressed her thanks for being able to present. She also expressed her thanks for those that have assisted by providing feedback and identifying the signature areas of the university. She then noted: our signature distinguishes ourselves from one another and that term is used for the University. What distinguishes us from other universities from across Canada and across the globe? When we started thinking about a process, all of the groups that were talked to said that we need to make sure that we get feedback from students. University leaders really do value the feedback and ideas from students. In the late 1990's when President MacKinnon started his first term, he said that he wanted the University of Saskatchewan to be a leader in medical doctoral universities, among the top ten and among the best in the world. He was interested in learning how to attract the best students, how to recruit faculty, and how to construct the reforms needed. We need to make sure that we have a reputation of leadership, knowledge, and dissemination of knowledge. He wanted to make sure that students knew the reason why they were coming here ahead of going to SIAST or another institution.

In order to do this, we needed to look at what things distinguish us. This an exercise of making differentiations by designating areas of pre-eminence. There was an environmental scan done to look at our strengths and emerging strengths. An important challenge was determining criteria. This list was formed and people campus-wide were asked for input. The resulting document was called "Extending Horizons". It outlines the depth and diversity of what we do at the U of S. This was designated as Phase 1. We are now at Phase 2, which is combining this knowledge to examine this and celebrate our distinctness by identifying our strengths and setting goals.

She referred to a handout that was circulated and summarized a number of criteria that must be examined:

- 1) Does it have relevance to issues of national and international priority?*
- 2) Does it have an impact for the benefit or betterment of society?*
- 3) Does it contribute to innovation?*
- 4) Does it have strategic significance to Canada and to the world?*
- 5) Do we have an ability to attract resources because of its relevance?*
- 6) What does it mean for our reputation?*
- 7) We do not want to just look at areas that are small and are only of interest to few people. We need to look at things that emphasize collaboration and engagement.*

There was also a list of other strengths that other institutions have stated, to present an idea of what is out there. We want to be distinct and attract faculty, staff and students because of that.

McGill, for example identifies that they have strengths in terms of group study, public and social policy, campus society, risk and finance, media, mind, and technology. Queen's University identifies democracy, economy, public policy in a global era, enhancement of human health, environment and sustainability, foundations of science, information and communications, society, culture and human behaviour, in addition to others. Some universities have very distinct areas, whereas others have global areas. We would like to make sure that our areas are enticing. There have been several workshops to identify these areas.

There will be a chance for feedback tonight, much like in previous workshops. She stated that she is the commitment leader and there are another five people that work on this. Together, they look at what is brought forward, and meet with people again to provide the list of significant areas. She asked the group to think about what comes to mind.

(inaudible)

Dr. Chad noted that the work that is being done across units is important to identify as it highlights interdisciplinary learning and collaboration. This is something that will hopefully be instrumental in attracting and retaining faculty and students. It also identifies us as leaders in these areas.

President Kirkland noted a comment regarding this being a marketing campaign. He also noted that currently the VP Advancement is working on institutional positioning and it does create a significant amount of synergy between the projects. The projects should tie in quite nicely, given they both provide aspects of positioning.

Dr Chad noted that this is being done in alignment with institutional positioning.

A question was asked if the goal of this initiative is to look at areas that exist, shouldn't we also look at areas that we want to exist?

She replied that we need to keep in mind where our students are going. Perhaps there are things missing. Instead of starting from nothing, we are looking at our areas of virtue currently.

Another question was asked if the University is looking for areas of pre-eminence that other universities are not necessarily as strong in?

Dr. Chad replied that it certainly does play in. We will not try to identify ourselves as a leader in an area that is an obvious strength for many institutions. It is not that

we want to shy away from these areas, but it is about creating distinctiveness. What is distinctive about the U of S, that we can say that we are an obvious leader in that area?

A question was asked if this is geared towards marketability or what we are in terms of diversity?

Dr Chad replied that this initiative would look at things in regard to the important ways that we are strong in terms of research and scholarly work. The institutional positioning process will incorporate diversity.

The group broke into subgroups and made a list of areas of pre-eminence. The presentation of that list is as follows:

The first group:

- Vet Med
- Synchrotron
- Soil Sciences
- Aboriginal Law/Studies
- Athletics
- Aesthetic Quality

The second group:

- Dedication, Governance, Social Justice
- Infectious Disease Research
- Agriculture and Bio-resources
- Neutron Sciences
- Environment and Sustainability
- Professional Collaboration

The third group:

- Nuclear and Synchrotron Science
- Indigenous Peoples and Research
- Population Health, Intervac, VIDO, teaching hospitals
- Biotechnology and Food Science
- Environment and Water Science

The fourth group:

- Primary Healthcare
- Aboriginal Leadership
- Political Science
- Education Specialties

Dr. Chad noted that there are not only synergies across the flip charts in this room, there are also many things that are talked about in the workshops. In addition, there are also a few new ideas that have not been presented before. She stated that she

will come back with a draft list later this year and will take feedback from USC to University Council and the Board of Governors.

President Kirkland thanked both of the presenters. He highlighted that this board has contact with most boards on campus and have always has a positive relationship with the Students' Union.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion099: President Kirkland/McCullough Carried

3.2 Presentation by Dr. David Hannah

President Kirkland stated that Dr. Hannah has been scheduled to come to the meeting at 7:30. We will continue down the agenda until he arrives.

Motion to continue down the agenda until Dr. Hannah arrives.

USCMotion100: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion105: President Kirkland/Councilor Forbes Carried

President Kirkland introduced two people that are at the forefront of planning for the H1N1 pandemic, those being Dr. David Hannah, Associate Vice President for Student Enrolment and Services Division, and Nowell Seaman, Director of Risk Management.

Mr. Seaman stated that pandemics do happen with some frequency, but they do not happen regularly. In the 20th century, there were three that were significant. Interestingly, the WHO scale for pandemic talks about how disease spreads across multiple locations. It does not address the severity issue. This is a mild to moderate influenza that has spread across the world. Fortunately, unlike the H5N1 scare, there is only a .5% mortality rate. Pandemics do come in waves, and this is typical. It is hard to predict the length and impact of each wave. They will happen in observable waves. The waves usually grow in size. We are at the start of the second wave in Saskatoon. The first wave was around the end of April and it came into our community in June and July. There is still the virus in the community, but it has been only recently that activity is increased. Medical clinics have been taking precautions.

It is still at a moderate stage, although there are a small number of people that experience severe effects. This is a novel virus and it affects young people usually and will transfer quite easily in this age group. This does not imply immunity to other demographics.

The second wave is expected to peak in the next two weeks. The height of this peak is determined by effectiveness of infection control and precautions. This is a wider wave, and in the peak there is prediction of a 20-25% absentee rate. By the

end of November, that could be seen. In Saskatoon, 37 of 55 public schools are seeing an absentee rate of over 10%. A handful are over 20%. There is a vaccine available, but supply is limited for now. The government did order enough for everyone and will pay the cost for it. The vaccine is currently in short supply. That is due to the manufacturing process. The production has been cut by 25% to make adjustments and should be on track by next week. In the coming week, the vaccine will be provided to high-risk people, such as young children and pregnant women, and further clinics will be set up shortly.

Dr. Hannah stated that there is a well-established crisis management approach. There are three groups of people:

- 1) Crisis Operations Team – people managing the daily activities
- 2) Crisis Management Team – all Associate VP's and the University Secretary
- 3) President's Executive Committee – the President, VP's, University Secretary – major decisions, such as closing the University.

Mr. Seaman stated that in any crisis, there is an emergency operations centre. There would be the same structures. The three levels of alert are a warning, virtual mode (respond to crisis, meet once or twice a day, flu line), and fully activating in the case of emergency (dropping everything).

Dr. Hannah stated that if absentee rates were to rise significantly, we could possibly move to the third stage for a brief period. There is not a prescribed plan, but decisions would be made depending on requirements.

Mr. Seaman stated that pandemic planning started in 2006 as a result of the H5N1 flu. That disease did not transfer from human to human, but when it did get to humans, the death rate was 50%. He noted that we are fortunate that the death rates for H1N1 are so low. The approach is to follow the lead of local and federal health authorities. We use existing structures for planning where possible and work with community partners, and build systems to respond to any crisis.

Over the summer, they met with the City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon Health Region, and all of the K-12 public schools and SIAST about issues around closures. Early on, there was the question that schools and post secondary institutions may have to close.

Dr. Hannah stated that mostly, we wanted to establish relationships with those other organizations, and especially with public health authorities. They have the ability to close the University and we did not want to leave it to that. There were protocols put in place and this scenario is unlikely to happen. There has also been a pandemic website to provide more information.

The use of power to close a facility would only happen if they felt that the spread of infection is getting out of control. Currently, H1N1 is well established in the community and closure will not help a lot. When absentee rates rise above 10%,

public health authorities will be called in to examine the situation. Closure would only mean classes or mass gatherings, as people do live on campus. There has been a concentration on infection control because public health authorities have asked us to use this method to reduce the size of the wave. We are doing this to preserve the operation, so we can continue, and also to reduce the burden on the healthcare system. There has been increased cleaning, hand sanitizers have been placed on campus, administrative units have been working together, and with residence, and there has been an exposure plan developed. There is an absentee recording plan in place as well.

Mr. Hannah stated that the various units were advised to develop plans for this, and to develop plans based on the needs in those units. There is one contact from each unit. Final exams are a concern due to the fact that those dates are set by University Council, which is not good at making quick decisions. The processes take a long time, but in this situation a quick decision is needed. University Council approved a motion that those academic issues that are affected by the pandemic would be delegated to the provost. That was approved unanimously. We now have the ability to make those decisions quickly. Also, we have created the Academic Planners Guide. The Blizzard of January 2007 created chaos, so there was a guideline made to designate who can make certain decisions.

There are currently forty classes being monitored, which represent approximately 2,000 students. Attendance is either mandatory or really high in these classes. We are also monitoring influenza like illnesses in residences, in the daycare, in the Student Health Centre, and in the major administrative units for staff. We have been working to keep in contact with the USSU and the GSA, and in getting the message out to students mediums in these organizations, such as the USSU plasma screens would be optimal for getting updates out. There is still some planning at the college level, but overall, it is a situation of monitoring and responding. In addition to this, there is weekly reporting to the Saskatoon Health Region, and there is work being done with them to get immunization clinics in place. Saskatoon Health Region is organizing the clinics, although delayed, and they will be held in the Education Gym. He requested everyone present to not wait for the University clinic, but to go out to the public clinics in various locations around Saskatoon. The University clinic will be able to immunize 8,000 people.

Immunization is the best protection, since it appears to be well matched to the virus. This means that you get 70-90% protection. It seems to be effective early than stated. There has been learning while going through this state. Now people are engaged and this opens the door for more emergency planning. Importantly, communication and management of the situation is important.

They thanked the USSU for the continued support.

Mr. Pepler asked if there would be a way for those that are willing to help out with the flu clinics to do so?

In those three days, volunteers would be welcomed to help. People are needed for shifts of about three hours. It would be processing people through the line.

President Kirkland stated that students are to stay home if they are sick and to not worry about missing things, as the University wants you to succeed and professors have been instructed to be more lenient about due dates during this time.

Dr. Hannah replied that there was a call that came from the emergency room over at RUH asking to stop telling students to go over there for medical notes. We do not want to put barriers in front of students that are sick and feel that they have to come to school because there could be negative consequences. There are obviously pockets of people that have not heard our messages. All clinics in Saskatoon are being notified about this as well. There is a self-declaration to fill out. We do not want people who are sick to come to campus and spread this.

President Kirkland thanked the presenters and stated that the USSU will do all it can to get this message out to students.

Motion to return to formality

USCMotion106: Councilor Goodwin/Councilor Forbes Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – October 29, 2009

Councilor Dancey stated that she would like to make a change to the minutes to state that she had sent regrets. The minutes list her as present.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion101: VP McCullough/Councilor Steffen Carried

6. Business

6.1 Fee Based Credit Card Systems

President Kirkland noted that there was also a stipulation that a portion would go to scholarships and bursaries. He noted that he had also the opportunity to speak with Richard Florizone, VP of Finance and Resources and Marion Van Impe about some questions regarding fee-based credit card systems. Richard Florizone had answered that while it is not currently in the contract, it could be added into the next agreement, as advised by students.

Councilor Goodwin asked when this would be implemented.

President Kirkland replied that it could be implemented as early as January, though discussions have been leaning towards the next academic year. It is possible, but unlikely that it could happen in January.

Councilor Steffen asked that if we do not endorse this, will it happen regardless? Or if we do not endorse it will it not happen, or are we endorsing this so we can get as much out of it as possible?

President Kirkland replied that the University is looking for guidance from students. If we do not give them this guidance, then they will do whatever they think will be in the best interest of students. The opportunity here is to see what students want. Endorsing this on behalf of students means the University has some guidance. He stated that his feeling is that our decision would carry a lot of weight, in reference to talks with Richard Florizone and Marion Van Impe.

Councilor Steffen asked how complaints from additional fees would be handled. Will it be emphasized that this is something we have to do? What spin would be placed on this?

President Kirkland replied that there would be no need to put a spin on this. The perspective from the Board of College Presidents and the Executive is that this is an option for students to use credit cards should they choose to use them, or need to use them. It is also to provide more services for students. The option and recommendation on the table is that more money would go to students as they need it, through scholarships and bursaries, and there would be more services for students. At the Board of College Presidents' meeting, the option was put forward to put more money towards library hours.

Councilor Nystuen commented in reference to Councilor Loor's comment from last week. He asked if it would be an individually charged fee, or if it would be assessed to all students and there would be an option to opt-out.

President Kirkland stated that in his discussions with Marion Van Impe, it would be a targeted fee in the contracts. The University would renegotiate with credit cards and have a targeted fee, based on the amount spent and the credit card being used.

Councilor Loor stated that in terms of this issue and online banking, are we somewhere providing promotion for online banking? The main concern, as the survey addressed, is that no one really knows about online banking, and before we restrict student options, we should educate them on what we have.

President Kirkland stated that he had stipulated in the earlier motion that there would be a greater education of students through educational campaigns, in addition to the money going towards scholarships and bursaries.

Councilor Nystuen stated that when this issue was presented, it was presented as a gap in the budget. Although students would obviously like more money for scholarships and bursaries, isn't it that they did not have the money to start with?

President Kirkland replied that the budget has escalated to about \$725,000 for the current year. That is what is in the budget and they are expecting to meet that, though what they are saying is that with the current downturn in the economic market, as well as a number of other factors to save money, it is preferred to redirect funds to central student services. Right now we are seeing cuts in library hours in addition to other areas, and freeing up funds would allow those to flow to areas where students would potentially like to see it.

Councilor Loor stated that in discussion with his student society, they voiced that they would like to still have the option of using a credit card. Having a fee assessed with it is not the best scenario, but if that has to happen, it would limit options.

President Kirkland responded by reminding Councilors that they are representatives and not delegates. They do not have vote the way their Council tells them to vote.

Councilor Loor stated that the motion should read that only the users should be assessed the fee.

VP Fawcett commented that it was mentioned that the fee would be roughly \$34. Is there a way to include that in the motion, or would it be a fee in general?

President Kirkland stated that he can certainly report to Council about the way that the University is going to go, and this can be reassessed at any time.

Chair Leisle noted that this is just a recommendation going forward and is much like a policy statement.

Councilor Loor commented that this Council represents the students, we do not want to be ambiguous.

President Kirkland stated that this is just a starting point and negotiations will proceed henceforth. There will be an average based on credit card use. There is also flexibility in this motion and he stated that he would come back to Council and report how it is used. Having support from this Council is important, and to say that a fee is going to be assessed is a starting point.

Councilor Wood asked if we should make the motion more specific to include our discussion about library services.

President Kirkland replied that in discussions with the Board of College Presidents and the Executive, he feels that he understands the concerns. He noted the concerns raised at this Council. Even though there may not be things included in the motion, those will still be things that will be advocated for.

Councilor Loor asked how long the current credit card contract is for.

President Kirkland stated that the University renews it each year.

Motion that the USSU recommend that the current structure of credit card use to be discontinued, with the option for students to continue using credit cards with a fee assessed to credit card users, that in conjunction with educational programs that go out to inform students about their payment options, and a portion of the savings be allocated to scholarships and bursaries, and other student services.

USCMotion102: President Kirkland/Councilor Cleaveley Carried

Councilor Steffen noted his opposition to the motion.

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Dancey stated that Edwards School of Business is hosting “Change in a Diaper” this week. It is to raise money for the Childrens’ Health and Hospital Foundation. Murray Edwards matches all funds raised, and she welcomed everyone to donate their pocket change.

Councilor Loor stated that the Health Science Students’ Association is holding their annual “Medical Mania”, which is a variety night. The colleges of Physiotherapy, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy and Nutrition, Medicine, Nursing, and Dentistry are inviting everyone to attend on November 13th and 14th at the Broadway Theatre. Doors open at 7:00 pm and acts start at 7:30. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Place Riel Information Centre, or at the Broadway Theatre. This year, it is licensed.

Motion to have a two-minute recess.

USCMotion103: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

President Kirkland noted that last week there were questions about the agenda. He reminded everyone that the Annual General Meeting is next week. He encouraged Councilors to bring people along with them. There are some important changes that are proposed to occur and those changes are available for viewing on the website. He noted that if each Councilor brings out two members, we would reach quorum. Pizza and pop will be provided.

Councilor Cleaveley asked for clarification on the location of the AGM.

President Kirkland stated that it would be in Arts 146. He provided a brief background on the changes to be made. A few years ago, our lawyer informed the then USSU Executive that our Constitution holds no force and effect under the law, as explained in the Non Profit Corporation Act. There is a need to change the fundamental documents of the organization, in that we will no longer have a constitution, we will have a bylaw. Our Constitution is being condensed into a

single document, among other changes. He encouraged everyone to view the document online and the proposed change, so that we have a legal standing.

Member Yelland from *the Sheaf* stated that there would be a beer night tomorrow at Winston's to provide them the opportunity of going to Edmonton once again. It is being held from 7:00 to 9:00.

VP McCullough reminded Council that the Teaching Excellence Award nominations need to be in by 4:30 pm tomorrow. We managed to get 54 unique nominations in the Arts Tunnel, as well WCVM has handed in their nominations. He encouraged people to send in nominations.

Councilor Steffen stated that Fair Trade Coffee is being sold in the Arts Tunnel. Sales have been low lately and he encouraged everyone to come for coffee. It is 1.00 if your bring your own mug, and 1.25 if you do not.

VP McCullough referred to the article in *the Sheaf* regarding a breach in labour contract at the library. He stated that the back pay associated with that will not affect library services for students and he had received confirmation from Vicki Williamson on this issue.

VP Fawcett commended *the Sheaf* on the number of articles about the moustaches. He also requested that anyone with the ability to grow a moustache, please do so. It is to spread awareness about men's health, and specifically prostate cancer. Louis' is collecting the money, which will go to cancer research.

Councilor Cleaveley stated that that the same thing is being done at the PAC fitness gym. They are also collecting donations.

Councilor Steffen noted that this Saturday is the playoffs between the Huskies and Regina. It will be a sold out game, and he encouraged everyone to come. Students get in free.

VP Hitchings asked where he would be able to park.

Councilor Steffen stated that people can park either at the Field House or at the stadium parkade for free.

President Kirkland encouraged Councilors to also support Louis' while there.

Motion to return to 3.2.

USCMotion104: President Kirkland/Councilor Forbes Carried

Councilor Loor noted that the plasma television in Thorvaldson is reading "No Signal".

Councilor Nystuen asked about the ASSU election and how it was going.

9. Other Business

9.1 Place Riel Renovations Student Advisory Committee

VP Hitchings referred to the above-mentioned draft that was sent out. The scope of the committee is to look at furnishings and “Front Door” improvements, in addition to provide awareness to USSU members and convey recommendations on behalf of them, and any other responsibilities deemed necessary by the USSU Executive or this Council.

The Board will be composed of:

- VP Operations and Finance (Chair)
- President (Vice Chair)
- 10 Students-at-large
- Remaining Executive and GM/D as Ex-Officio

President Kirkland clarified that the “Front Door” project is the area around the entrance and the bus hub, and input from students is being sought.

Motion to create the Place Riel Renovations Student Advisory Committee.

USCMotion107: VP Hitchings/President Kirkland Carried

Any Other Business

VP Fawcett stated that as an Arts and Science student and the VP Student Affairs, he has heard several concerns about how the ASSU election is being held for their second MSC. There are concerns about whether the election is free, fair, and open as there was little to no advertising that the election was going to happen, and there was no call for nominations. Currently, there is one candidate and you can vote yes or no, but besides that, there have been a lot of concerns about this election.

President Kirkland stated that he shares this opinion, as there was little to no call for elections, as well as little to no advertising, and as such, this is not an election that is free, fair, and open.

Councilor Steffen stated that as the MSC for Arts and Science, he is also on the ASSU. He stated that he is neutral on the subject. In regard to the lack of advertising, the President did attempt to advertise it, and it was posted on the window of the Arts and Science office and did attempt to get some of her friends involved. Christopher Thresher was one of those people.

VP Hitchings stated that there has been a general complaint about a lack of transparency in that Council. Has the election process been completely transparent?

Councilor Steffen stated that in his opinion it was more transparent than last time, but it was not advertised as much as it should have been. It was a result of a lack of information.

President Kirkland stated that it is not just the notification for elections going on, it is also the call for nominations. This acts as our board of directors and we are a business under the Non-Profit Corporation Act. You are a board of directors and you represent our shareholders, which are students. The opportunity to sit as a representative for your students is important. Mediums such as Facebook can be used to engage students. For a college that occupies the most physical space on campus, advertising in one spot with a single poster in one hallway on one window is just terrible.

VP McCullough noted his grave concern for the fact that the sole member from Arts and Science, who represents nearly half of the undergraduate students at USC has no opinion whatsoever on what several Arts and Science students have been coming to the Executive about.

Councilor Loor asked for Councilor Steffen's opinion.

Councilor Steffen stated that he does not want to espouse his personal opinion about this particular issue. It is very strong. He stated that he is not a supporter of what Katie has done, but as a member from the ASSU he did not want to share his opinion on this issue.

Councilor Loor asked if PAWS announcements have been attempted.

Councilor Steffen stated that has not been used. He stated that they are limited to signs and Facebook.

VP Fawcett stated that no one is being blamed, it is just that it is the ASSU's job to run a free, fair, and open election, and many people feel that it has not happened.

Councilor Steffen commented that he would like to get something together to work on this.

President Kirkland stated that the USSU can provide help for the campaign. Plasma screen advertising is available, and other advertising and consultation is available upon request. He stated that what was done was not adequate.

VP Hitchings commented that he would contact the ASSU as they fall under his portfolio. The President of the ASSU had stated that the Elections were under control. VP Hitchings stated that he would not impose on the campus club and took the President's word for it. We have attempted to help.

Councilor Steffen requested the USSU to attempt to talk to the ASSU President about this issue and provide recommendations.

President Kirkland stated that he would be happy to work with the ASSU on this issue.

Motion that the USSU does not recognize the election for ASSU Member of Student Council as free, fair, and open, and will not recognize the results of this election.

USCMotion108: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

Councilor Steffen noted his abstention.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion109: Councilor Nystuen/Councilor Forbes Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday November 9, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Social Committee Meeting
- HR Team Meeting
- Site Meeting
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Architects re: lighting in Place Riel
- Meeting re: AV in Place Riel
- Alumni Board Meeting
- Town Hall – USC
- Meeting with USSU IT re: IT in Place Riel
- Meeting on Surveys at the USSU
- Browsers Meeting
- Meeting on Investments
- Louis’/Browsers Planning
- Meeting with Campus Safety
- Communications Meeting
- Marketing Meeting
- Meetings re: Constitutional Changes

President Kirkland

- To be presented at a later date

VP Fawcett

- Class
- Meeting with Premier Brad Wall
- Provost’s Advisory Committee on Gender and Diversity
- AGM planning meeting
- Montreal from October 28 – November 1 for Student Care Conference
- Executive Meeting

- Housing meeting with student
- Class
- Meeting about bottled water
- Sustainability Board Meeting
- International Students Office planning meeting
- Class
- Operations and Finance Board
- Student Council
- Meeting with our lawyer to discuss AGM
- Student Affairs Board Meeting
- Meeting with Angie Larson of Saskatoon Transit
- Executive Meeting
- Financial Review
- Executive photos

VP Hitchings

- Survey Meeting
- Meeting re: Browsers
- Class
- Sustainability Board Meeting
- Louis'/Browsers Planning Meeting
- Meeting w/ Campus Safety
- Class
- Communications Meeting
- Financial Accountability Preparation
- Meeting w/ Student re: Campus Club Events
- Class
- Op/Fin Board Meeting
- Meeting w/ Lawyers re: AGM Amendments
- Executive Meeting
- Financial Review Meeting
- Executive Photo Shoot
- Campus Club Plasma Screen TV Meeting
- Meeting w/ GM Cottrell
- Meeting w/ Vice-President of APALA
- Class
- Meeting w/ "The Better Good" re: Bunnyhugs

VP McCullough

- Co-ordinating DISorientation
- Class
- Attempt at Academic Affairs Board Meeting (Quorum not met)
- Undergraduate Forum
- USC
- 1/2 Day EDO
- Co-ordinating DISorientation

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- Discussion of Constitutional Amendments
- Preparing for TEA Tunnel Sitting
- Editing Students' Rights Handbook
- Academic Support Committee Meeting
- Survey Meeting
- Class
- Co-ordinating DISorientation
- TEA Tunnel Sitting
- Academic Programs Committee
- Buying Candy for TEA Tunnel Sitting
- TEA Tunnel Sitting
- Preparing OA Presentation for E-Texts Subcommittee of ASC
- Reading for E-Texts Subcommittee meeting
- E-texts Sub Committee Meeting
- Class
- Academic Grievance
- E-mail Dialogue with Academic Affairs Board
- Learning Commons Management Board
- Addressing Students Concerns re: ASSU Election
- USC
- Meeting w/ Executive Committee and USSU Lawyer
- Gathering Final TEA Nominations
- SEEQ Advisory Committee Meeting
- Student Affairs Board Meeting

VP Stoicheff

- Meeting with Premier of Saskatchewan Brad Wall
- Class
- AGM Planning Meeting
- Hosted USSU Radio Show on CFCR
- USSU Government Lobbying Document
- Exec Blog
- Attended Elizabeth May-Build Sask Green Event
- Class
- Chaired the Saskatchewan Student Coalition Meeting in Regina
- Meeting with Katie Honey (URSU VP External)
- Meeting with Diane Adams First Nations Student Association President
- Meeting with Jon Elder (SIAST Kelsey and Woodland Campus Student Association President)
- Attended Road Map Saskatoon Forum Planning Committee
- USSU Survey Meeting
- Class
- Hosted USSU CFCR Radio Show
- Sick November 3rd-6th
- Attended USSU Pride Centre Extravaganza

- Discussion with Evelyn Reisner-Executive Director- Sexual Health Centre Saskatoon
- Meeting with Linh Li-USSU Women's Centre Coordinatoor
- Exec Meeting
- SSC Government Lobbying Document
- USSU Financial Review Meeting
- Attended Exec Photo Session for Plasmas Event
- Class
- Finalized Planned Parenthood Statement and Petition

4. **Business**

4.1 President's Statement on Climate Change

Motion that the USSU Executive Support President Mackinnon's Statement on Climate Change:

EXEC066 VP Fawcett/President Kirkland

Carried

4.2 Art on Hoarding in Place Riel

There have been inquiries about students using the hoarding in Place Riel for art of various kinds (mosaics for instance) . President Kirkland noted that these types of requests have come forward before and that the Steering Committee made the decision not to allow anyone to use the hoarding for those purposes since there is not enough to go around a variety of groups. Moreover, the USSU and Quorex both use the hoarding to get information out and for safety information and, the hoarding on the north side of Lower Place Riel will be down shortly when the Campus Computer Store opens in 6 – 8 weeks or so.

4.3 The Age of Stupid

VP Fawcett noted that he would like to advertise a showing of The Age of Stupid via posters and the plasma screens. Facilities Management Division has paid for the license.

Motion to Provide Plasma Screen and Poster Sponsorship for the Showing of The Age of Stupid:

EXEC067 VP Fawcett/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.4 Saskatchewan Arts Board

The Saskatchewan Arts Board has invited the Executive to a sweat at Brightwater with various First Nations representatives in early December He will provide further information when he has it. All Executive Members indicated their interest in participating.

4.5 U-PASS

VP Stoicheff noted that he wanted some sort of campaign to start in Upper Place Riel, encouraging or enabling students to provide feedback about their UPASS experience. He will discuss this further with Marketing

and Services Manager, Jason Ventnor.

4.6 Planned Parenthood

VP Stoicheff provided the Executive with some information on MP Brad Trost's campaign to end federal funding for Planned Parenthood. VP Stoicheff would like to set up in the tunnel to start collecting signatures on a petition in support of continuing federal funding to this organization.

Motion to Circulate a Petition and Release a Statement Condemning the Cutting of Funds to the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF):

EXEC068 VP Stoicheff/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.7 New Member – Saskatchewan Student Coalition

VP Stoicheff noted that the First Nations University of Canada is now a member of the Saskatchewan Student Coalition. The Executive expressed its pleasure on hearing this news.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Thursday, November 5th, 2009

Present: Scott Hitchings, Benjamin Fawcett, Kim Dancey, Reid Nystuen, Alexander Steffen, Matthew Bennett, Jordan Forbes, Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio)

Regrets: Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio),

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 4:00 P.M.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

No Presentations were made this week.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were a non-issue.

6. Business

A. Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the following groups:

- i. APALA
- ii. Chemical Engineering Students Society
- iii. U of S Kin Club

OFB Motion17 Hitchings/Dancey Carried.

B. Funding Requests

The Board considered funding requests from the following groups:

- i. SUNTEP

The Board considered the funding requests from SUNTEP. The funds requested would help the student group organize and hold a day commemorating Louis' Riel.

Motion to grant \$300 in funding to SUNTEP

OFB Motion17 Hitchings/Forbes Carried.

C. Policy Change

i. Campus Groups Policy

The Board discussed a section added to the campus groups policy which legitimized the power of the Board to de-ratify campus groups. It had been discussed the previous week, all members had a week to revise it. No major revisions were deemed necessary.

Motion to Amend the Campus Group Policy to add Section VI dealing with the de-ratification of campus groups.

OFB Motion18 Hitchings/Fawcett

Carried.

ii. Tuition Reimbursement Policy

The Board discussed a new policy written by VP Hitchings. It is in regards to how tuition will be reimbursed to the executive. Currently, there is money allocated to this in the budget. However, there are no mechanisms in place to regulate how the funds are dispersed. This is merely a policy intended to set a guideline as to what executive members must do in order to have their tuition reimbursed. It was a topic for discussion and was tabled to the next meeting.

7. New Business

No New Business

8. Questions & Comments

No Questions were asked; no comments were made.

9. Next Meeting

The Next Meeting was decidedly established to be held on the 5th day of November in the year 2009, at precisely 2.5 hours before sunset, which shall be approximately 4:00 P.M.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

OFB Motion19 Hitchings/Steffen

Carried.



Campus Groups Policy

Preamble

The Students' Union is composed of students with varying academic and non-academic needs and interests. While the USSU as an organization strives to meet these diverse needs, we also realize that other groups may exist on campus to address them. These groups provide services to a constituency that we are not able to. Therefore, because of the Students' Union's commitment to meeting the needs of undergraduate students, we provide these groups with as much support as possible.

This policy has been developed in order to standardize and streamline the manner in which the USSU deals with student groups. The purpose of this policy is to assist students in the formation, operation and development of student groups and to make clear the obligations that a group has to the USSU and to its members.

Definitions

Campus Groups – all undergraduate student organizations that have been recognized as “USSU Ratified”, consisting of College Societies and Campus Clubs.

College Society – an undergraduate student organization that is the official student body representative of a College or School at the University of Saskatchewan, including Voyager Place Residence Association and the Indigenous Students' Council. The defining characteristic of these groups is that they qualify for a member of University Students' Council, as defined by the Students' Union Constitution, Article 7, and part 1, B. *the Legislature*.

Campus Club - a student organization that represents a particular interest among the members of the Students' Union. College Societies as outlined above cannot also qualify as Campus Clubs

Academic Year - the period of time beginning May 1 and ending the following April 30.

Campus Club Space – These facilities are located in the basement of Saskatchewan Hall and are for the exclusive use of the Students' Union and its Ratified Campus Groups. There are meeting rooms and a lounge area available.

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I. Ratification Process and Criteria

1. General

- 1.1 In accordance with the Students' Union budget cycle, the ratification of College Societies and Campus Clubs shall expire April 30 of each year.
- 1.2 Groups with a similar mandate and a similar membership to a previously ratified Campus Group indebted to the Students' Union shall be responsible for repayment of that debt, at the discretion of the Operations and Finance Board.

2. Process for College Societies

Due to their direct affiliation with the University of Saskatchewan and the permanence associated with such an affiliation, College Societies are automatically recognized as "USSU Ratified Student Groups" each academic year, pending the submission of the following:

- 2.1 a comprehensive list of all social, athletic and academic events for the upcoming year (for insurance purposes);
- 2.2 a copy of the Society's most recent constitution;
- 2.3 a list of Executive Members with student numbers;
- 2.4 a list of twenty (20) members with student numbers and email addresses;
- 2.5 payment of fees for the academic year, as prescribed in Section IV, Campus Group Fees; and,
- 2.6 a minimum of seven business days are required to process an application.

3. Criteria for College Societies

Groups not meeting the following requirements will not become USSU Ratified College Societies.

- 3.1 The Society must have members of the Students' Union as its executive.
- 3.2 The Society must be governed by and submit to the Students' Union a constitution and adhere to the constitutional guidelines outlined in Section II, Constitutional Guidelines.
- 3.3 The Society must have a clearly defined purpose. This purpose must not conflict with the Students' Union's Mission, Vision or Values statements.

- 3.4 The Society must not have any outstanding debts with the Students' Union.

4. Process for Campus Clubs

- 4.1 All Campus Clubs must apply for ratification each academic year. Regardless of when in the academic year a Campus Club is ratified, the ratification expires the following April 30.
- 4.2 Any Campus Club that does not re-apply for ratification is considered dissolved, and therefore not entitled to any of the privileges of a USSU Ratified Campus Group.
- 4.3 Applications for Campus Club ratification are accepted beginning May 1 of each academic year. A minimum of seven business days is required to process an application.

5. Criteria for Campus Clubs

Groups not meeting the following requirements will not become USSU Ratified Campus Clubs.

- 5.1 The Club must intend to carry out activities that do not infringe any federal, provincial, municipal or university regulations and which will not interfere with the ordinary course of business at the university, nor infringe on the rights and privileges of others. This includes the rights of privacy and of freedom of expression.
- 5.3 The Club must demonstrate significant interest within the student body by presenting to the Operations and Finance Board a typed list of no fewer than twenty (20) students currently registered at the U of S who are interested in joining the club. The list must include each student's name, student number and email address.
- 5.4 The Club must have a minimum of 75% University of Saskatchewan Students' Union membership.
- 5.5 The Club must be governed by and submit to the Students' Union a constitution as defined by Robert's Rules of Order, and adhere to the constitutional guidelines outlined in Section II.
- 5.6 The Club must have members of the Students' Union as its executive.
- 5.7 The Club must have a clearly defined purpose. This purpose must not conflict with the Students' Union's Mission, Vision or Values statements.

- 5.8 The Club must hold a bank account in the Group's legal name.
- 5.9 The Club must not have any outstanding debts with the Students' Union.
- 5.10 The Club must have paid their fees for the academic year, as prescribed in Section IV.

6. Appeals

- 6.1 In the event that the Operations and Finance Board decides to not ratify a group, the option exists for the group to request an appeal before University Students' Council (USC). USC has the right to grant or deny leave to the appeal.
- 6.2 A formal notice of appeal must be submitted to the Vice-President Operations and Finance within fourteen (14) days of being notified of the board's decision.

7. Miscellaneous

- 7.1 The Students' Union encourages all Campus Groups to seriously consider applying for and maintaining Non-Profit Corporation status. This would allow the club to become a legal entity. Such status has implications with regard to the amount of liability incurred in the case of a lawsuit and, among other things, would allow the group to enter into contracts on behalf of the group.

For further information on Non-Profit Corporation Status and/or to apply, contact the Saskatchewan Department of Economic and Co-operative Development (345 3rd Avenue South, Saskatoon, Canada, S7K 2H6) at 933-5750 (or fax 933-7692).

- 7.2 The Students' Union recommends that Campus Groups charge an annual membership fee.

Membership fees provide a base of funding for the group each year. The Students' Union has funding available for Campus Groups. However, such funding is typically not granted to cover operating costs since a Campus Group should be financially independent of the Students' Union. Funding is granted for special events, conferences, etc., as outlined in Section IV, Campus Group Funding.

II. Constitutional Guidelines

A constitution is a set of written rules and regulations governing the operation of an organization. The constitution is a fundamental document since it sets out the purposes, membership and structure of the organization.

1. Criteria for Evaluating Campus Group Constitutions

For ratification purposes Campus Groups must submit a copy of their constitution. The constitution should adhere to the following criteria:

- a. The purpose of the Campus Group not conflict with the USSU Mission, Vision or Values Statements; and,
- b. the document clearly outlines the following key areas:
 - name of group;
 - purpose of the group;
 - membership;
 - executive positions;
 - duties of the executive;
 - finances;
 - meetings;
 - election procedures;
 - amendments; and,
 - signing officers

2. Articles of the Constitution

This section is geared specifically toward Campus Clubs. Nonetheless, it should prove a useful guide for any Campus Group in creating or formatting a constitution.

- 2.1 Name
The name of the group must be specifically defined, as this will be the name used in all official capacities.
- 2.2 Purpose
The purpose and/or objectives of the group should neither be defined too broadly or too narrowly. The group needs a specific reason for existing, however, the purpose/mandate should not have such focused precision as to leave no room for growth or the emergence of new ideas. The organization will be held accountable for what is outlined in the constitution therefore the purpose for the group must be chosen with care.

The purpose of a group must not be of a sexist, racist, libelous or homophobic nature, or be in conflict with Saskatchewan human rights legislation.

The purpose of a group must not conflict with the Students' Union's Mission, Vision or Values statements.

i. USSU Mission Statement

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 accessible, public education.

ii. USSU Vision Statement

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.

iii. USSU Values Statement

The following principles shall guide the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in all of its endeavors: innovation, integrity, mutual respect, professionalism, service, teamwork, and trust as well as social, economic and environmental responsibility.

2.3 Membership

a. Membership in the organization shall be open to everyone.

i. Restriction of members will be permitted only in the case that such a restriction is necessary such that the essence of the group would be otherwise undermined. A group must demonstrate to the Operations and Finance Board that such a restriction is required.

ii. Restriction of members must not be elitist in nature or discriminatory against people on the basis of gender, race, sexual preference, religion or age.

b. Only members of the USSU (i.e. all undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan) are eligible to hold voting privileges and executive positions in the organization.

c. Associate non-voting members shall be allowed. These are simply people in the club who are not members of the USSU, such as members of faculty or people from the community.

2.4 Executive

A basic executive committee consists of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary. A group is not restricted solely to these four positions but these four should be constituted. It is recommended that executive positions not be added simply for the sake of having more executive members. A small efficient executive can, more often than not, get things done better than a large cumbersome bureaucracy.

2.5 Duties of the Executive

The following represents a set of minimum duties recommended for each of the executive portfolios in order for the group to run smoothly. Additional duties may be added as seen fit.

a. President

The President is responsible for overseeing the other members of the executive in their duties, chairing all meetings and for having joint-signing authority for the group.

b. Vice-President

The Vice-President is responsible for assisting the President in his/her duties and assuming all powers of the President in his/her absence.

c. Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for all financial dealings of the group, for keeping complete records of all financial dealings of the group and for having had joint-signing authority for the group.

d. Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for recording all the minutes of all the meetings.

2.6 Finances

a. Membership Fees

It is recommended that an annual membership fee be charged, providing a base of funding each year. The fee should be constituted in order to provide for any unforeseen financial need in the future. The fee will be determined and collected by the Executive.

- b. Joint-Signing Authority
It is required that joint-signing authority for the group be shared by the President and the Treasurer. This practice promotes financial accountability since no one person has the ability to withdraw money or write a cheque unilaterally. Additional signatures may be added as per the group's policies or guidelines.
- c. Financial Independence
The finances of the group should be handled exclusively by the group and must be kept separate from any other organization. Once constituted, this "exclusivity clause" protects the group from outside influences. For instance, if a group has a parent organization in the community at large, that organization would not have any control over the finances of the group.
- d. Surplus
Any surplus resulting from the yearly operation of the group should be transferred to reserve for future use and no part of the surplus shall be payable to any member. The Students' Union reserves the right to deny ratification to groups who disburse their surplus to their membership (i.e. for-profit groups).
- e. Dissolution
In the event of the dissolution of the group, all surplus and assets should be transferred to a similar group with the same membership and purpose.

2.7 Meetings

A group is required to have at least three (3) meetings per year, including the Annual General Meeting.

- a. Members should be informed of each meeting at least seven (7) days in advance.
- b. Quorum, the number of voting members required to hold an official meeting, must be stated.

2.8 Elections

The executive of the group must be elected from and by the membership by a majority vote. Elections are habitually run according to a set of bylaws. Section 3 of *Constitutional Guidelines* contains a recommended set of Electoral Bylaws for Campus Clubs.

2.9 Amendments

Amendments to the constitution must be made at the Annual General Meeting of the organization. A copy of the amended constitution and the minutes from the Annual General Meeting should be submitted to the USSU Vice-President (Operations and Finance). Amendments to the constitution must pass by the number as outlined in the group's constitution or policy.

2.10 Removal

Although removal procedures will hopefully never be utilized, it is important to have such procedures constituted should they ever become necessary. A member may be removed if he/she commits an act of impropriety, violates the provisions of the constitution and bylaws or is delinquent in his/her duties.

The following are suggested methods that group could adopt as their policy for removal:

- A motion to remove a member of the group should be signed by at least five percent (5%) of the regular members of the group.
- The motion should be presented in writing at a regular meeting of the group where it will be inscribed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the group, whereupon the individual in question will have the right to defend his/her actions.
- A quorum of one half (1/2) of the voting members of the group is required to consider a motion to remove a member of the group.
- A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present shall be required to remove a member of the group.

2.11 Agency

This is a necessary precaution and should be constituted as it is hereby written. "The club is not an agent of the USSU and the club's views and actions do not necessarily represent those of the USSU."

III. Services offered to USSU Ratified Campus Groups

1. Students' Union Services

1.1 Operations and Facilities

The Students' Union provides three categories of facilities services to ratified Campus Groups at a discount rate. These categories include space rental, equipment rental and promotional services.

A breakdown of these categories is listed below:

- a. Space Rental
 - i. Table Space (in the tunnel between Place Riel Student Centre and the Arts Tunnel)
 - ii. Special Event Kiosk (at the bottom of the escalators in Place Riel Student Centre)
 - iii. Saskatchewan Hall Meeting Rooms
 - iv. Volleyball Courts
 - v. Mailbox in Students' Union Office
- b. Equipment Rental
 - i. Popcorn Machine
 - ii. Sound System
 - iii. TV/VCR
- c. Promotional Services
 - i. Clothesline Advertising (above escalators in Place Riel Student Centre)
 - ii. Grilles and Plasma Screen Advertising (in Place Riel Student Centre)
 - iii. Poster Advertising (in Place Riel Student Centre)
 - iv. Information Distribution

1.2 Insurance

All USSU Ratified Campus Groups are granted insurance coverage under the USSU insurance policy, as outlined in Section IV.

1.3 Funding

All USSU Ratified Campus Groups are eligible to apply for Campus Group Funding, as outlined in Section V.

2. Facilities Management

- 2.1 All USSU Ratified Campus Groups may book academic space on campus for free through the office of Space Planning in the Facilities Management department. Non-ratified groups may book space once for the purpose of holding an organizational meeting. Bookings should be made at least one week in advance.

To book academic space contact Room Scheduling, under the Space & Development Division of Facilities Management Division at 966-4875.

3. Department of Computing Services

The Students' Union recognizes the importance of the communication links between a Campus Group and it's membership. To facilitate that interaction, USSU Ratified Campus Groups are provided with the means to go on-line through the Department of Computer Services.

- 3.1 E-mail Accounts

All USSU Ratified Campus Groups can set up free e-mail accounts with the Department of Computing Services.

- 3.2 Web Page Space

All USSU Ratified Campus Groups have access to space on a Dept. of Computing Services Server. Groups may then maintain their own web page.

To set up an e-mail account or a web page, contact the Computing Services Help Desk of the Information Technology Services (ITS) Division at 966-4817, Room 70, Arts Building.

IV. Campus Group Fees

Prior to ratification taking place, Campus Groups must pay all of their fees as well as meet all of the criteria listed in Section I. Campus Group Fees are divided into two categories: a ratification fee and an insurance fee.

1. Ratification Fee

The Students' Union requires that each Campus Group pay a ratification fee according to the chart below. In the event that ratification is refused, the fee will be returned to the applicant.

General Activities

The non-alcohol related events and activities portion of the fee is based on the membership size of the group. It is charged as follows.

College Societies (college sizes)

0 – 500	\$150
500 – 1000	\$300
1000 +	\$450
Campus Clubs	\$100

Also included in this general activities fee are events that the Group hosts in which alcohol is present but the license for the event is held by an external body.

2. Insurance Fee

One of the main administrative functions of the Students' Union is to facilitate Campus Group insurance needs. The Students' Union provides insurance coverage to these groups by way of an extension of its liability insurance policy. The goal of the following rationale then, is to produce an equitable process by which student groups are charged for their coverage.

Campus Groups must submit an event form and/or Application for Memorandum or Insurance at least two weeks before the planned date of the event. Providing that the Students' Union and the insurer then approve the event, the event will be extended coverage, pending payment of the corresponding event charge (listed below). Applicable forms can be picked up at the Students' Union office.

The Students' Union reserves the right to withhold approval of events in conjunction with its insurer based on the nature / history of the event. If an event is not approved, then the Students' Union will not extend its liability coverage for that specific event.

The insurance fee that Campus Groups pay will then cover their activities and approved events for the rest of the academic year. For the Students' Union's purposes this fee is based on two criteria; the group's approved events and general operating activities. The fee structure is broken down as follows.

Alcohol-Based Events

Activities in which the Student Group has elected to host the liquor license will be charged based on the location and the size of the event. On-campus events present a much lower risk factor than off-campus events. Also, the higher the number of participants in attendance, the higher the risk associated. The charge is then based on the risk of incident at the event.

On-Campus Events	\$100
Off-Campus Events < 500	\$300
Off-Campus Events <1000	\$400
Off-Campus Events >1000	\$500

NOTE: Campus Group Insurance does not cover pubcrawls.

Planned Events

Campus Groups should consider carefully the alcohol-based events that they submit for approval. Any planned events that do not occur for any reason, or events in which the group decides not to host the liquor license will not be refunded at the end of the academic year.

Note: It is important to remember that Campus Groups are not covered for any events that have not been approved by the Students' Union.

V. Campus Group Funding

Preamble

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union is a dynamic and progressive organization composed of undergraduate students with diverse needs. While the Students' Union strives to meet these needs, we are also cognizant that there are some needs already being addressed by other groups on campus. Thus, because the Students' Union is committed to meeting the academic and non-academic needs of our members, we provide Campus Groups with as much support as possible.

This policy has been developed in order to standardize the manner in which the USSU grants funding to Campus Groups. By no means should a Campus Group rely solely on

the USSU for funding. Groups are encouraged to charge a membership fee and solicit funding from alternate sources in order to gain financial independence.

1. Types of Funding

1.1 USSU Cash and Credit

- i. The USSU has a total of \$18,000.00 in cash and credit budgeted for Campus Groups. This money is disbursed through cash grants and credits redeemable at certain USSU services.
- ii. The maximum amount of cash and credit sponsorship available to College Societies and Campus Clubs is one-thousand dollars (\$1000) per academic year. This amount includes any funding or credit; or any combination of the two.

1.2 Coca-Cola Bottling Ltd. Product and Merchandise

- i. The USSU has a total of \$2,500.00 in Coca-Cola product and merchandise budgeted for Campus Clubs. (Not available to College Societies)
- ii. The maximum amount of Coca-Cola Bottling Ltd. product and merchandise sponsorship available to a Campus Club is three hundred dollars (\$300) per academic year. This amount includes any product or merchandise; or any combination of the two.

2. Criteria for Evaluating Funding Requests

- 2.1 The funding requested must fall into the category of:
 - a special event or project undertaken by a campus group;
 - hosting a conference; or,
 - Attending a conference only if the President Student Fund has been fully depleted
- 2.2 Campus Group applications for funding shall be evaluated by the following criteria:
 - does the intent of the funding request fit within the mandate of the club;
 - how the funds contribute to the success of the group's event, project or conference;

- how the Campus Group, the Student's Union and the general student body benefit from the event, project or conference;
 - how much external fundraising the Campus Group has done.
- 2.3 The funds must not be for the private use of a few individuals but must be used towards serving the membership of the organization and the student community in general.
- 2.4 The USSU will not disperse cash funds to Campus Groups for:
- direct donation to charity, either for the organisation or for other causes;
 - the cost of alcohol served at any event;
 - the day-to-day administrative costs of the organisation; and,
 - graduations.

3. Eligibility for Funding

- 3.1 All USSU Ratified Campus Groups in good standing, with no outstanding debts to the Students' Union, are eligible to apply for funding.
- 3.2 If a funding request is submitted prior to the ratification expiry date (April 30) for an event to be held within the first fourteen (14) days of the month of May, Campus Groups are eligible to receive funding on the basis of their previous year's ratification status.

4. Procedure for Funding Requests

- 4.1 Fully completed "Campus Group Funding Request Forms" must be submitted to the Vice-President (Operations and Finance) no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the event. Incomplete forms will not be reviewed.
- 4.2 Approval or rejection of the funding request is at the discretion of the Operations and Finance Board, subject to approval of USC.
- 4.3 For funding requests in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500), groups are required to make a presentation to the Operations and Finance Board in addition to submitting a funding request form. The Vice-President (Operations and Finance) will inform the group as to the meeting time of the Operations and Finance Board. Failure to attend a meeting prior to your event date will result in your funding request being tabled until a presentation can be made.

5. Terms and Conditions for Receiving Funding

- 5.1 The funds must be used for the intention stated on the “Campus Group Funding Request Form”. Receipts from all funded expenditures must be kept and submitted to the Vice-President (Operations and Finance) within fourteen (14) days of the event.
- 5.2 Failure to comply with the original intent of the funding constitutes fraud and is cause for the Operations and Finance Board to rescind the ratification of the Campus Group and deny ratification for one (1) year after the fact, thus entailing the loss of USSU privileges, including liability insurance. In addition, any and all legal recourse will be sought by the Students’ Union against the offending Campus Group.
- 5.3 Any Campus Group receiving funds from the USSU must list the Students’ Union as a co-sponsor in all advertising for the event. If an amount exceeding three-hundred dollars (\$300) is requested, examples of such advertising must be included in the Campus Group’s presentation to the Operations and Finance Board.
- 5.4 If a Campus Group is receiving sponsorship from Coca-Cola Bottling Ltd the group must list the Students’ Union and Coca-Cola Bottling Ltd. as sponsors in all advertising for the event. If an amount exceeding three-hundred dollars (\$300) is requested, examples of such advertising must be included in the Campus Group’s presentation to the Operations and Finance Board.
- 5.7 If coke product is not claimed by a campus group after their event has taken place, the product is forfeited. Forfeited coke product may be applied for again.

6. Appeals

- 6.1 In the event that the Operations and Finance Board does not grant funding to a group, the option exists for the group to request an appeal before University Students’ Council (USC). USC has the right to grant or deny leave to the appeal.
- 6.2 The appeal must be made within fourteen (14) days of the notification of refusal for funding.

VI. Campus Group Expulsion

The USSU values and encourages open, thoughtful, and respectful debate within the University community. Moreover, the USSU regards freedom of speech as a fundamental element of democracy and as such, it is held in the highest regard. In the event that a campus group engages in behaviour that is considered to be in violation of federal or provincial human rights laws, university policy, or is otherwise deemed to be unfit for an inclusive, welcoming, and open learning environment, the USSU reserves the right to de-ratify said campus group. In particular, each student has the right not to be harassed or otherwise made to feel severe discomfort by another. Furthermore, the right of one not to be harassed by another is also the responsibility of one to not harass another or put another in a situation where another is made to feel severe discomfort. If a campus group fails to fulfill this responsibility, the USSU holds the right to de-ratify that group.

1. Procedure

- 1.1 All complaints against a ratified campus group must be filed in writing with the Vice-President Operations and Finance.
- 1.2 Upon receiving the complaint, the Vice-President Operations and Finance can temporarily suspend the ratified status of the campus club while the Operations and Finance Board investigates the complaint.
- 1.3 If the Operations and Finance Board deems the complaint to be of a serious nature, the board may de-ratify the group responsible. Furthermore, the board may ban the group, a group similar in principle, and the executive of the group from reapplying for ratification.
- 1.4 If the Operations and Finance Board deems the complaint to be of a less serious nature, the board may impose a fine of up to \$1000 on the accused campus club and suspend all privileges accorded to a campus group for an indefinite period of time or until such a time as the fine has been remunerated in full.

2. Appeals

- 2.1 If the campus group that has been de-ratified feels that the action is unjust, it can launch an appeal against this action after acquiring the signatures of thirty (30) members of the Union who are not current or past members of the group.
- 2.2 An appeal must be filed in writing along with the signatures of the thirty members of the Union outlined in Section VI (2.1) to the Vice-President

Operations and Finance and Vice-President Student Affairs within one (1) week of the de-ratification order.

- 2.3 If the Vice-President Operations and Finance and Vice-President Student Affairs find the appeal to be of merit, the group launching the appeal will make a presentation to the University Students' Council in order to present their case to remain a campus group.
 - 2.3.1 The appeal presentation must be made to University Students' Council within one (1) week of the notification by the Vice-President Operations and Finance and Vice-President Student Affairs that the appeal will be considered.
 - 2.3.2 If the presentation is not made within the time outlined above, a future appeal will be considered null and void, and will not be considered by University Students' Council.
- 2.4 If University Students' Council resolves to strike down the de-ratification the group will be reinstated without need to re-apply for ratification.
 - 2.4.1 The resolution to strike down the verdict of the Operations and Finance Board must pass with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present at University Students' Council.
- 2.5 If University Students' Council upholds the verdict of the Operations and Finance Board, the group will remain de-ratified and can neither reapply for ratification nor launch another appeal.

Contact Information: Vice-President (Operations and Finance) 966-6967			
Policy Number: TBD			
Category: Campus Groups			
Policy Authority: Operations and Finance Board			
<u>Approvals</u>	<u>Board/Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Motion</u>
Amended	Executive Committee	05/15/01	EXEC03
Amended	Executive Committee	07/02/01	EXEC19
Amended	Executive Committee	10/02/01	EXEC46
Amended	Operations and Finance Board	03/26/02	OFB34
Amended	Executive Committee	06/28/02	EXEC
Amended	Operations and Finance Board	10/28/02	OFB09
Amended	Executive Committee	06/18/03	EXEC05
Amended	Executive Committee	09/03/03	EXEC33
Amended	Operations and Finance Board	03/10/06	OFB55
Amended	Executive Committee	05/12/08	EXEC02
Amended	Operations and Finance Board	11/05/09	OFB18

Briefing Note (October 2009)

University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada

Purpose:

The purpose of this briefing is to respond to the request by President MacKinnon that a committee, with representation from the School of Environment and Sustainability, University Council and Facilities Management Division (FMD) investigate the **University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada**, and bring forward a recommendation as to whether the University of Saskatchewan should become a signatory to the Canadian Statement.

The following documents the inquiry process that the committee pursued in making its decision to recommend that the University of Saskatchewan should become a signatory to the University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada.

Background:

American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment

The **American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment** was launched in June 2007 as an attempt to mobilize commitments by United States universities and colleges to exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling ways to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and by providing the knowledge and the educated graduates to ultimately achieve climate neutrality. To date, over 600 American university and college presidents have signed the commitment.

University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada

Modeling the U.S. program, presidents from six British Columbia universities and colleges launched the **University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada** in March, 2008 committing their institutions to a leadership role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and challenging other Canadian universities to do the same. The Statement of Action has since also been signed by the University of Calgary.

The statement of action commits each university to initiate a comprehensive plan to reduce greenhouse gases by creating a planning body that includes students, staff, researchers, administrators and other partners. Within one year, each institution will have a complete inventory of greenhouse gas emissions on campus and within two years, targets will be set and strategies in place to achieve the targets. All action plans, inventories and progress reports will be made publicly available for review and comment.

University of Saskatchewan Interest

In response to these two campaigns, interest has been expressed on the part of some members of the Land and Facilities Committee to consider a similar pledge here at the University of Saskatchewan. A committee was struck to investigate the issue and to bring forward a recommendation of whether the University of Saskatchewan should become a signatory to the Statement of Action.

The Work of the Committee:

The Committee met and considered the **University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada** in the context of three key questions:

1. Rationale: would it make sense to sign the commitment, given the current context at the University level and beyond?
2. Feasibility: if a greenhouse gas emissions target were publically articulated, could we reasonably expect to achieve it?
3. Outcomes: how could this potentially impact the University?

Rationale:

The committee considered factors both internal and external to the University and determined that making such a public commitment would be reasonable given the following:

Internal Considerations

- Integrated Plan: Such a commitment would be consistent with the sustainability commitment included in our integrated plan: “In both its intellectual life and its operational activities, the University of Saskatchewan will address the great issues of our time, including sustainability, and it must do so in a collaborative way.” Climate change is widely considered to be among the most critical sustainability challenges of our time. A working group for the Sustainability Commitment has been established that includes students, faculty, staff, researchers, and administrators.
- Work to Date: **The University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada** commits a signatory university to initiate a comprehensive plan to reduce greenhouse gases by:
 - Creating a planning body that includes students, staff, researchers, administrators and other partners
 - Within one year, completing an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions on campus
 - Within two years, setting targets and strategies to achieve the targets.
 - Ensuring that all action plans, inventories and progress reports are made publicly available for review and comment.

A number of these milestones have already been achieved, or partially achieved. A greenhouse gas inventory has been completed. FMD has already articulated its short-term goal of achieving a 6% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions over 1990 levels by 2012. FMD's recently hired Energy Conservation and Efficiency Advocate is working on audits and strategies to reduce energy use in campus buildings, which represents a major portion of the campus' emissions. As well, the Sustainability Commitment Working Group (Integrated Plan) is well positioned to act as the planning body for the commitment. The University has already taken significant steps towards the requirements of the Statement of Action. Implementing the remaining requirements can build on those steps already taken.

- Research Links: On the academic side, such a commitment would be compatible with the wide range of energy and climate change research being done throughout campus in such colleges and departments as Agriculture and Bioresources, Computer Sciences, Physics and Engineering Physics, Engineering, the Centre for Hydrology, among others. In addition, climate change has been proposed as a strategic priority for the School of Environment and Sustainability, although this has not been formally approved.

Given that climate change is a research priority for many at this university, it makes sense to show leadership by demonstrating how greenhouse gases emission reductions and energy efficiency can be coupled with research and implemented on our campus. This would make the campus a "demonstration site" for climate change technologies and also provide a way that new engineering technologies developed by U of S faculty and researchers can be further developed and deployed on campus. It would also demonstrate that we believe and act on our own research and sets a standard for governments to do the same.

External Considerations

- Emissions Caps and Trading: The U.S. budget released in February of this year introduced an aggressive "cap and trade" system for greenhouse gas emissions. The European Union Emissions Trading Scheme for CO₂ has been in operation for about two years. In November 2008 the Government of Canada announced that it wishes to work with the U.S. Administration to develop a North America-wide greenhouse gas cap and trade system. Some analysts argue that even if Canada were not a willing participant, it would inevitably get drawn into a U.S. cap and trade system.

As major energy consumers, universities may be subject to a cap in the future. How universities respond to those caps will represent a major financial burden or asset. A public greenhouse gas reduction commitment would act as an additional impetus to position the University favourably within a cap and trade system. The more the University can reduce its greenhouse gas emissions in advance of the implementation of cap and trade, the better its position will be to benefit financially from such a system.

- National Target: Canada is an active participant in international climate change negotiations and seeks an agreement for ambitious and sustained global and domestic action to achieve a low-carbon economy. The Government of Canada is committed to reduce domestic emissions of greenhouse gases by 20% below 2006 levels by 2020.
- Civic and Provincial Targets: The Province of Saskatchewan has adopted the federal government emission reduction target of 20% from 2006 levels by 2020. The City of Saskatoon has adopted targets to (1) reduce emissions below 1990 levels by 2013 by 10% for municipal operations; and (2) reduce emissions below 1990 levels by 2013 by 6% for the community's emissions. Given that the University of Saskatchewan is one of the province's largest non-industrial utility customers, it is reasonable to assume that we may be required to assume responsibility for our greenhouse gas contributions.

Feasibility:

If the University of Saskatchewan were to make a public commitment to greenhouse gas reduction, it is clear that the target must be achievable. In terms of its short-term goals of 6% reductions over 1990 levels by 2012, the University can build on and further develop work that is already progressing:

- Purchasing Decisions: The Sustainable Purchasing Working Group has developed a Sustainable Purchasing Guide to help purchasers throughout campus make better decisions in regards to the sustainability implications of the products they select. A key criterion in these

purchasing decisions is energy efficiency, which will necessarily impact our energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. The Protocol also helps purchasers critically evaluate issues such as product origins and transport, both of which can significantly impact the greenhouse gas footprint of products.

- Energy Conservation: In addition to the lighting retrofits now being completed throughout campus, FMD's Energy Conservation and Efficiency Advocate is proceeding on conducting audits and developing retrofit plans of systems and buildings on campus. As these initiatives progress, they will increasingly save energy and any associated greenhouse gas emissions.
- Energy Education: While it only scratches the surface, FMD's Office of Sustainability has been offering energy education in a variety of formats. The Office of Sustainability plans to continue and expand on these educational programs in the upcoming years. The impact of education can be substantial. Studies indicate that between 5 and 15% of the savings of any energy conservation program can be impacted by the human factor – in other words, how people manage their uses of energy.

Additional strategies to achieving our identified targets may include:

- Development of Renewable Energy: Renewable energy installations are increasingly being implemented by North American universities. These range from photovoltaic or wind installations that are only a few kilowatts in size to quite large installations, such as a 4,000 kilowatt photovoltaic installation at Los Angeles Southwest College or a 37,000 kilowatt wind installation at Whitman College in Florida. These are sometimes pursued independently by the universities, sometimes in partnership with industry or local utilities. Depending on how they are configured, these installations can, once the initial investment is recouped, represent considerable utility savings for universities. As well, they may provide opportunities for research and teaching.
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM): While a number of transportation studies have been done on campus, no work has been done with the expressed goal of identifying those strategies and policies required to reduce the amount of vehicular traffic on campus, particularly single occupant vehicles. Other Canadian universities, most notably the University of British Columbia, the University of Ottawa and York University, have significantly reduced the traffic on their campuses through transportation demand management.
- Green Energy: Some universities are choosing to purchase green energy as part of their utility mix as a means to support the further development of green energy sources.
- Leveraging on-campus energy research: We have world-class researchers at the University of Saskatchewan who are doing innovative energy and climate change research, including John Pomeroy, Carey Simonson and Ajay Dalai, yet their research is not actively integrated into university operations.

Outcomes:

The committee determined that taking this action may result in a number of potential outcomes for the University, both positive and negative.

Negative Outcomes:

- Negative Publicity: While in the minority, there are scientists who do not believe that human-induced climate change is occurring, including a few University of Saskatchewan scientists. These scientists would object to a public declaration of this kind on the part of the University because this would imply that the University accepts that human-induced climate change is occurring. This critique would doubtless be made in a public forum.

While it may be balanced somewhat by support from scientists who accept the current science supporting climate change, it does not negate the potential controversy that such publicity could bring. Negative publicity might be partially mitigated by highlighting the co-benefits of a greenhouse gas reduction commitment, such as energy conservation and economic savings.

Positive Outcomes:

- Public Perception: A public commitment would position the University as a leader in the province on the issue of climate change and would provide a conduit through which ongoing research on climate change and greenhouse gases could be featured.
- Potential Economic Benefits: According to the University of Saskatchewan Greenhouse Gas Inventory, approximately 80% of our emissions are attributable to campus buildings (as compared to agricultural, transportation and waste functions). This speaks to the potential for savings associated with energy conservation. In current market conditions, the return on investment from energy conservation is consistently competitive with conventional investments. For instance, a project with a return on investment (ROI) of 5% (with a payback of roughly 20 years) provides a competitive return in the current market. Potential income from carbon credits could act as multiplier to those returns.
- Recruitment: An increasing body of research (mostly U.S. based) indicates that universities and colleges that are actively promoting and integrating sustainability are viewed more favourably by students.
- Stimulus to Research: A public commitment could act as a further stimulus to research related to climate change and greenhouse gases on campus.
- Broadened Ownership: Currently FMD leads the campus in exploring opportunities to reduce both energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, although there are clearly other units on campus whose operations significantly contribute to the campus' emissions, including Information Technology Services and Parking Services, by way of example. Whereas greenhouse gas emissions are currently viewed as primarily a FMD issue, a University commitment would help to entrench ownership of the issue campus wide and encourage all units to seek creative solutions.
- Environmental Impacts: Any reduction in the burning of fossil fuels reduces the associated greenhouse gases, as well as many other associated pollutants, including nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, airborne particulates and mercury.

Recommendation:

Based on the three key questions identified by the Committee, it recommends that the University of Saskatchewan become a signatory to the **University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada**. The committee concludes that:

1. Rationale: Given the current context at the University of Saskatchewan, and the ongoing discussions and developments regarding greenhouse gas emissions locally, nationally and internationally, it is entirely appropriate for the University to make a public commitment to greenhouse gas reduction.
2. Feasibility: The current short-term emissions reductions goals set by FMD are achievable if the University continues to support ongoing and planned initiatives. Plans to achieve a longer term goal will have to be carefully crafted to ensure success. Such plans could be developed drawing on the expertise of the significant body of both academics and operations personnel with expertise in energy and greenhouse gas issues.
3. Outcomes: The positive outcomes appear to outweigh the negative outcomes.

Future Considerations:

One limitation of the **University and College Presidents' Climate Change Statement of Action for Canada** is that it does not address the issue of adaptation. Adaptation is a necessary complement to the mitigation of greenhouse gases because impacts are already occurring and current emissions commit us to a certain level of climate change into the future. Adaptation involves making adjustments in our decisions, activities and thinking with the goals of moderating harm and taking advantage of opportunities. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is putting more emphasis on adaptation research with each assessment because of its rising importance, especially for vulnerable areas and in terms of extreme climatic events, such as water scarcity, storms, floods, heat waves etc. and potential impacts on agriculture, energy, water management, health, infrastructure, etc. As a follow-up to a commitment to greenhouse gas mitigation, the University of Saskatchewan may want to address the issue of adaptation as a driver of activities related to research, education and operations.

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The University of Saskatchewan Sustainability Commitment Working Group supports the content and intention of this briefing note.

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wojnarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	Oct. 29	Nov. 5											
Chimanga, Freeman	P	P											
Cleaveley, Aspen	P	P											
Dancey, Kimberley	R	P											
Dunn, Jenna	P	P											
Fawcett, Ben	R	P											
Forbes, Jordan	P	P											
Gavelis, Mike	P	R											
George, Ashlyn	P	R											
Goodwin, Jason	P	P											
Hitchings, Scott	P	P											
Kincaid, Claire	P	P											
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	P											
Kirkland, Warren	P	P											
Kleisinger, Amanda	P	P											
Laroque, Brent	P	P											
Loor, Roger	P	P											
McCullough, Daniel	P	P											
Miller, Kevin	P	R											
Miller, Sarah	P	R											
Nystuen, Reid	P	P											
Steffen, Alexander	P	P											
Stoicheff, Chris	P	R											
Wood, Sarah	P	P											
Woynarski, Blair	P	R											
A&S	P	P											
Ind. SA	P	P											

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University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday November 19, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – November 12, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – November 16, 2009**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – November 18, 2009**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report – November 6, 2009**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report – November 3, 2009**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 Executive Summer Accountabilities**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, November 12, 2009

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brooklyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Blair Woynarski, Associated Residence
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Reid Nystuen, ESB

Guests:

Various – refer to AGM attendance

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add 3.1 Address by ASSU President Salmers – Future MSC Elections and 6.1 Councilor Removal.

USCMotion110: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion111: Councilor Cleaveley/Councilor Steffen Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Steffen introduced Katie Salmers, the President of the ASSU. She will be providing a presentation later in this meeting.

Councilor Laroque sent regrets for Councilor Forbes.

President Kirkland sent regrets for Councilors Nystuen and Woynarski.

3. Council Address

3.1 Address by ASSU President Salmers – Future MSC Elections

Member Salmers stated that she came to talk to Council in response to the unpleasantness last week. She added that she would like to discuss not the election but the way that the USSU Executive handled the matter. She stated that she found it inappropriate and unacceptable and she hopes that these matters will not be handled this way in the future. Member Salmers indicated that there is not a problem with complaints. She would just prefer that those who have concerns to talk to her, and that Facebook was not an appropriate way to hear about what happened.

There will be a call for nominations for MSC for the ASSU next week, from November 16th to 20th. She asked Council to tell anyone that could be interested about this, and to direct them to the ASSU office to receive an elections package, and that packages had been sent out. There will be more information at the ASSU office and on the website. She welcomed questions.

Councilor Loor asked how the packages had been sent out.

President Kirkland stated that the elections packages had been sent out to the USC mailing list.

Councilor Loor asked Member Salmers how she would properly advertise the election this time around, through the announcements on PAWS, through Arts and Science, or through email lists? How will people be informed that nominations are open and an election will be held?

Member Salmers stated that advertising will be done with posters, plasma screen televisions, PAWS announcements, email announcements, personal connections, talking to classes with permission of professors, and as told to *the Sheaf*, the use of obnoxious advertising to get the word out there. She expressed her appreciation for help in this matter.

Chair Leisle reminded everyone to be recognized by the Chair before speaking.

President Kirkland stated that the actions of the Executive and Council were never meant as scorn to Member Salmers. We were only concerned about having a free, fair, and open election. That was our primary concern. As for immediate contact, he stated that he got to work at 7:30 and had meetings all day, and after Council had made its decision, it was approximately 8:30 pm, and a call was received at 9:30. He stated that he had planned on contacting Member Salmers during business hours the next day, as he also has working hours. He apologized and stated that plans do not always match.

Chair Leisle thanked Member Salmers for coming to the meeting.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – November 5, 2009

VP McCullough stated that under section 6, Motion 102 should read Councilor Cleaveley as the member who seconded the motion.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – November 9, 2009

Councilor Loor asked for VP Fawcett to clarify The Age of Stupid.

VP Fawcett stated that The Age of Stupid is a new documentary from the UK about the idea of sustainability and takes place in the future. He stated he was approached by a graduate student in regards to having a showing, but we don't normally sponsor graduate student events. However, as sustainability falls under his portfolio, he stated that he felt it was a great idea and took it on as a project. He asked Councilor Loor if there were any specific questions about it. Essentially we sponsor the advertising, and FMD is taking over all of the costs. It is \$350 to get the license. The University is paying for it and we basically have to put up posters.

Councilor Loor asked VP Stoicheff in regard to the Saskatchewan Student Coalition (noting First Nations University as a new member) where we are headed in terms of recruitment, and enrolment, are we just going to have equal assessment of fees and funds to be able to coordinate with a student coalition.

VP Stoicheff stated that in terms of recruitment, we are still looking at SIIT and Regina and Moose Jaw SIAST. He stated that he met with both of them and we are always eager to get them on board. We will be actively doing that over the next year. In terms of fees and what we can all contribute, that is something we can work out, but so far, we have been all sharing costs and will continue to do that.

Councilor Steffen asked VP Stoicheff regarding U-PASS. He asked what is specifically being looked at and mentioned a survey.

VP Stoicheff stated that it is the "U-PASS and You" campaign. He stated that he basically wants to make sure that students know that if they have a comment that is positive or negative about their experience with the U-PASS agreement, and that students can come to him and talk about it. This would also create a list of issues to take to the city.

4.9 Operations and Finance Board – November 5, 2009

VP Hitchings stated that by passing these minutes, we are passing the motion to amend the Campus Groups Policy to put in a section that legitimizes the authority of the Operations and Finance Board to de-ratify groups. We ratify groups, but did not have the power to de-ratify them.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion112: Councilor Steffen/VP McCullough

Carried

6. Business

6.1 Councilor Removal

President Kirkland stated that in accordance with our Bylaw and past constitution, if a Councilor misses a certain number of meetings (in this case, three out of the last five), that Councilor is up for recommendation for removal. We appreciate that the reason Councilor Woynarski is up for removal is in regard to extracurricular activities. Specifically, he is participating in a Greystone play, however we still feel that it is important for students to have representation on our board of directors, both in regards to advocating on behalf of them on issues of the University, but also to make changes to the USSU. Councilor Woynarski has noted that if he remains on Council, he will be missing the next three meetings, so there is concern.

Councilor Steffen asked if he has talked to Councilor Woynarski about this.

President Kirkland stated that Councilor Woynarski reminded him that the motion for impeachment would need to come forward. He stated that he contacted the Councilor and asked if he would like anyone to speak on his behalf or provide a statement to Council, but Councilor Woynarski declined.

Motion to remove Councilor Woynarski

USCMotion113: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Steffen referred to the Executive minutes and the “Better Good” Bunnyhugs. He asked what the status was on this.

VP Hitchings stated that they have been ordered and when the names and logos are on them, they will be given to Council.

Councilor Loor sent invitations to anyone that was interested to come to the Health Sciences Student Association Medical Mania, which is being held tomorrow and Saturday night at the Broadway Theatre. Doors open at 7:00 and the show starts at 7:30. It is a fun variety act and is put on by the Colleges of Physiotherapy, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy and Nutrition, Medicine, Nursing and Dentistry. The cost is \$15 and tickets can be purchased at the USSU Information Centre or at the Broadway Theatre.

Councilor Chimanga referred to the current issue of H1N1 and regarding the option of podcasts in classrooms. He stated that he was sick, and others that were as well missed out (on a lot of classes and services). He asked if there is anything being done in this area.

President Kirkland stated that the issue of H1N1 and missed class has come up in a number of meetings of committees he sits on. In terms of podcasts, the idea has been around for a while, but professors need to be educated and IT needs to be brought up to speed. The University feels that podcasting is a good idea; it is just up to the professor to determine if they will participate, and further, there is also a need to provide information on what the options are.

VP Fawcett invited everyone to The Age of Stupid, which is a documentary. It is happening November 23 at 1:30 pm in Arts 241, and it is free. Normally, everyone would have to pay, but members of the USSU have the costs covered.

Councilor Loor noted that there are a lot of empty and close to empty vending machines around campus and asked if anything is happening in that respect.

President Kirkland stated that it has been brought to his attention, and it will be brought forward to the Cold Beverage Steering Committee. If there are specifics, that would make it easier. However, the general shortage has been noticed.

VP McCullough stated that all of the colleges should be congratulated for the number of nominations for Teaching Excellence Awards. We had over 75 come in. He also asked for volunteers to conduct surveys in those 75 classrooms. If anyone would like to help, he encouraged them to contact him.

Councilor Steffen encouraged everyone to come to the Canada West final on Saturday, and also noted that the ASSU still has Fair Trade coffee. He encouraged people to come for coffee. The cost is 1.00 or if you need a paper cup it is 1.25.

VP Fawcett asked what the reasoning was to move the coffee into the lounge. He noted that sales were probably a lot higher when they were in the hallway.

Councilor Steffen noted that in the change to the new office this is not possible, as FMD will not allow the coffee to be in that hallway as it poses a risk to passersby. He noted that right now, there is a lot of advertising about it. It is good coffee, and he stated that it is better and cheaper than Tim Horton's.

President Kirkland encouraged everyone to go to the game and support Louis'.

Councilor Kleisinger asked if Councilors can do TEA surveys in their own colleges.

VP McCullough stated that it can be done, and to contact him to set something up.

Member Theede stated that there would be a Redeye coming out in the next four weeks or so. He noted that they do have their own regulations; they want to know where copies are wanted and where they are not wanted. Any questions can be directed to Brent, Jordan, or himself at redeye.sess@usask.ca and requested that President Kirkland continue the meeting with an Australian accent.

Councilor Miller – Law invited everyone to Amigos tonight where the Law School band, “The Dissent”. It is \$10, but the money goes to charity.

Councilor Cleaveley stated that the Kin Classic Hockey game is on November 20. It is a fundraiser for PAL and she encouraged everyone to come out and also participate in the 50/50. She also noted that there will be a Kinesiology clothing drive and there will be a box in the lounge.

9. Other Business

VP Stoicheff noted that First Nations University Student Association joined the Saskatchewan Student Coalition, and there will be meetings with SIIT and Gabriel Dumont Institute to get them on board as well. The first meeting with the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and the Saskatchewan Student Coalition will be held tomorrow in Regina.

Also MP Brad Trost has recently circulated a petition to cut all funds to the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and we at the USSU, as strong supporters of gender equality of women’s reproductive rights and sexual health, believe this is not the thing to do and are circulating a petition in opposition, that funding should be continued. He encouraged everyone to sign it and there will be people sitting in the tunnel for the next couple weeks.

Councilor Gavelis asked about the sign in sheet.

President Kirkland stated that we will use the AGM sign in sheet.

President Kirkland invited everyone to read their blogs.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

USCMotion114: Councilor Dancey/Councilor Miller – Law Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday November 16, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Meeting with Saskatoon Transit regarding new U-PASS stickers
- Financial Review
- Managers' Meeting
- Remembrance Day
- Site Meeting
- Tenant Meeting
- HR Team Meeting
- Annual General Meeting
- USC
- USSU/U of S Cost Sharing Meeting
- Meeting re: Reconfiguration of Communications

President Kirkland

- Meeting with Student Counseling
- Executive Meeting
- Meeting with City Transit
- Financial Reviews of the USSU
- Executive Photos
- Communications Meeting regarding ASSU
- Campus Club Plasma's Meeting
- Econ 800
- Econ 275
- Remembrance Day Ceremony at CUC
- Remembrance Day Ceremony on Campus
- Hosting Remembrance Day reception in Browsers
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Board Meeting
- Site Meeting

- Operations and Finance Board Meeting
- University Students Council
- SCSS Meeting
- Blog Review and Postings
- Preparation for University Council

VP Fawcett

- Meeting with Angie Larson from City Transit
- Executive meeting
- Financial review
- Executive photos
- Academic Day Off (Nov. 10)
- Remembrance Day
- Native Studies 264
- Student Council/AGM
- Researched bottled water
- Planned for Age of Stupid film showing
- Meeting with Vicki Herman of Student Health and Counseling
- Academic Day Off (Nov. 16)

VP Hitchings

- CAMPUS GROUP PLASMA SCREEN USAGE MEETING
- MEETING WITH GM COTTRELL RE: IT
- CLASS
- MEETING WITH STUDENT RE: INSURANCE AND FUNDING
- REMEMBRANCE DAY
- USSU COMMUNICATIONS MEETING
- PLACE RIEL SITE MEETING
- CLASS
- MEETING W/ STUDENT RE: SETTING UP CAMPUS GROUP
- PREPARATION FOR AGM
- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' COUNCIL
- INVESTIGATED THE OPERATIONS OF THE UNION; SPECIFICALLY ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE HOW PROFITABLE LOUIS SHOWS ARE AND WHETHER OR NOT MOST PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE ARE STUDENTS
- TRIED TO GO ON VACATION
- CLASS
- CLASS

VP McCullough

- Financial Review
- Executive Photos
- Blog
- Academic Grievance
- Work for AGM

- Class
- Co-ordinating DISorientation
- Remembrance Day Holiday
- Preparing for AGM
- Class
- Preparing for TLCC
- Organizing Academic Affairs Board Meeting w/ CSSO
- Discussion w/ Janna Wong re: Learning Commons Management Board Committees
- Teaching and Learning Committee of Council Meeting
- AGM
- ULC
- Preparing for Meetings
- Academic Affairs Board Meeting
- Research Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee Meeting
- Executive Meeting
- Executive Outreach w/ Pride Centre @ WCVM
- Sick
- Signing TEA Nomination Letters
- Student drop-in for advice
- Blog
- Class
- Accountabilities
- H1N1 Vaccination
- Meeting with CSSO for TEA Surveys

VP Stoicheff

- Prepared Saskatchewan Student Coalition Lobbying Document
- Prepared Media Release for Meeting with Minister Norris
- Class
- Hosted USSU Radio Show on CFCR
- Attended USSU Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Completed Executive Blog
- Attended Planned Parenthood Petition Signing event in arts tunnel
- Attended USC and AGM
- Meeting with Katie Honey VP External (URSU)
- Meeting with Jon Elder (President of SIAST Kelsey and Woodland Campuses Students' Association)
- Meeting with Heather George-Official liaison between the University's and the Government of Saskatchewan
- Meeting with Laura Buckley-Ministerial Assistant to the Hon. Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour
- Exec Meeting
- Attended USSU outreach event in Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- Attended class presentation by Minister Rob Norris in Edward's School of Business

- Class

4. **Business**

4.1 Teaching Excellence Awards – Executive Sponsorship

Motion to Provide Executive Support for the Teaching Excellence Awards by Providing \$250 to Cover Costs to Hire Student Crew Members to Conduct Surveys (proposal included below):

EXEC069 VP McCullough/President Kirkland

Carried

4.2 Executive Outreach

The Executive will continue its initiative of outreach to the various regional colleges in the new term, following President Kirkland’s meeting with the Regional Arts and Science Committee. The Executive outreach to Yorkton this semester was well received.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am

University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Executive Sponsorship Proposal

Members of the University community are to fill out an Executive Sponsorship Proposal and submit it to the Students' Union President before any project funding will be considered. The Executive Committee will review all applications on a case by case basis. All cases will be treated separately.

Proposals should be submitted to the Students' Union at least two weeks in advance of the date of the project.

Event/Project

What is the title/name of your event/project?

Teaching Excellence Awards Surveys

When and where will your event/project be held?

Various classrooms around campus

Who can we contact regarding this proposal? (Please include name, title, department, phone number and email)

Daniel McCullough.
VP Academic Affairs
Executive
966-6968
vpacademic@ussu.ca

Please provide a brief description of your event/project.

The Teaching Excellence Awards have received a record number of nominations and the Academic Affairs Board does not have the human resources to conduct all the of the surveys in all of the classes. As such, \$250 is being requested to pay student crew workers to conduct these surveys.

Who will this event/project primarily target? Is there a secondary target group?

The event will target the students in classes with nominated professors and hopefully bring wider knowledge about the TEA's to students.

Why is this event/project important and necessary for students? What history/background is there of this topic on campus?

The Teaching Excellence Awards are in their 18th year as a USSU tradition. It provides an important feedback system for students celebrate professors who are leading teachers on campus.

Is this event/project addressing any issues or currently unmet needs?

Funding for this project will allow the Teaching Excellence Awards to be conducted as usual and allow the USSU to look at this impressive student feedback as something to be excited about rather than a problem to be addressed.

Key Considerations

Please provide a detailed budget of your event/project. (Please include a list of all revenues and expenses. Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

Expenses

\$250.00 – Funding for Student Crew to conduct 15 min surveys in classrooms

What is the desired amount of cash/credit/facilities that is requested from the USSU?

\$250.00

How will USSU sponsorship impact your event/project?

USSU sponsorship will allow the Academic Advocacy office to continue functioning at full capacity, rather than becoming bogged down in the unexpected workload created by the large number of nominations received and without the budget line for the Teaching Excellence Awards going over budget in the 2009-2010 budget year.

Please describe the manner in which the contribution of the Students' Union will be recognized at your event/project.

As the Teaching Excellence Awards are already a USSU project, the funding will be of direct benefit to furthering a USSU event.

External Affairs Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th, 2009

Present: Chris Stoicheff, Roger Loore, Jenna Dunn, Reid Nystuen, Shona den Brok, Dale Richardson

Regrets: Warren Kirkland, Mitchell Anderson

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Business

3.1 First Nations University of Canada Students' Association has joined the SSC
Current Members now include:

VP Stoicheff informed the committee that FNU Students' Association has joined the SSC.

USSU
URSU
SIAST SA (Kelsey and Woodland)
FNUC SA (Regina)

3.2 Government Lobbying Update
-Meeting with DM of Advanced Ed.

VP Stoicheff gave a brief description of the SSC's upcoming lobbying campaign.

SSC-Meeting with Minister Norris on November 19th
-SSC Press Release

VP Stoicheff provided a draft of the SSC's press release for November 19th.

3.3 PSSSP Awareness Campaign-January?

VP Stoicheff provided a summary of the PSSSP and his plans to create awareness around the issue of funding for First Nations students in Saskatchewan.

Councilor Loore asked for clarification on the 2% cap on the PSSSP funding that has been implemented by the federal government since 1996.

VP Stoicheff said that because of the changing demographics in Saskatchewan and the growing Aboriginal population, the 2% cap is not enough funds to ensure greater accessibility in the post-secondary education system.

Councilor Loore asked if there was the opportunity to work with other provinces and student unions across the country to create awareness around this issue.

VP Stoicheff said that the SSC will be working with provincial lobby groups across the country on this issue in the months to come.

Councilor Nystuen asked about the funding for the program and how First Nation bands in the province administered it.

VP Stoicheff said this was a good question and that the federal government provides the money to First Nation bands that then make the decisions around how much money to spend, who to spend it on and when to spend it.

- Colleges
- Political Campus Groups
- USC
- Exec
- SSC
- Make it a Week?
- Government Involvement
- Opposition Involvement
- FSIN-Guy Lonechild
- Aboriginal Student Centre
- Press Conference with Speakers?
- Rally?
- Pamphlets, Posters, Petition, Buttons?

3.4 U-Pass and You Campaign

- Posters in Place Riel

VP Stoicheff introduced Jason Ventnor (USSU Marketing and Communications Manager). VP Stoicheff gave a brief description on the plan for posters in Place Riel alerting students about who they can contact regarding their U-Pass experience.

3.5 Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House

- January
- SUNTEP
- ITEP

-ASC and ISC

VP Stoicheff described his plan to hold another Coffee House focused on creating a more welcoming campus for Aboriginal students. The Coffee House will take place in January.

Councilor Loore asked about the turnout for the last event.

VP Stoicheff said that he hopes to engage more students by working again with VP Fawcett and more closely with groups such as SUNTEP, ITEP and the Aboriginal Student centre.

3.6 Planned Parenthood Petition

VP Stoicheff gave a brief description of the petition and the reasons for this initiative.

Councilor Loore asked if VP Stoicheff could clarify what the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) does.

VP Stoicheff said that it's an international organization with member associations (Canada being one of them) and it promotes education, access to birth control, safe abortions, and HIV-prevention in countries around the world.

VP Stoicheff described his intention to contact MP Martha Hall Findlay about speaking about the USSU's petitions in support of the International Planned Parenthood Federation in the House of Commons.

-December 31st is when the contract is up for renewal

-Petition in the Arts Tunnel from November 16th-27th

-Petition in the Women's Centre

4. Questions and Comments

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Student Affairs Board Minutes

Date: November 06, 2009 @ 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Daniel McCullough
Ben Fawcett
Blair Woynarski
Brooke Kirkham
Sarah Wood

Regrets:

Alyssa Anderson
Teri Rothenburger

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum reached

3. Business

3.1 Childcare survey

VP Fawcett asked the board to brainstorm some ideas for questions to be asked in a survey for students regarding childcare. The purpose of the survey would be to gauge the most prevalent issues regarding childcare among students and to use said data in attempting to lobby for increased childcare spaces on campus.

It was noted that we should try to find out what student-parents are doing right now i.e. are they using licensed childcare and where are they going to find it?

We should try to find out how many student-parents there are currently on campus and the ages of their children.

We should ask students and ourselves if the USSU childcare services should be strictly reserved for children of students.

It was suggested that we include scenario-based questions and questions with written-response answers to get individual feedback.

We should ask if non-parent students support more childcare spaces on campus. We should also ask if student-parents who use our services if they are adequate for their children.

We should ask what student-parents expect or would want from childcare services.

Someone asked the question if there is an option to have part time childcare spaces located on campus? VP Fawcett said he would look into it.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Sustainability Board Minutes
Date: November 03 @ 4:00 p.m.

Present:
Amanda Kleisinger
Ben Fawcett
Jenna Dunn
Blair Woynarski

Regrets:
Sarah Begbie
Brooke Knutson
Scott Hitchings

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum reached

3. Business

3.1 Undergraduate Forum

VP Fawcett stated that the USSU offered a presentation to the Undergraduate Forum body, which meets twice a year to talk about some issues that are of concern to students. The presentation was compiled by Fawcett and VP McCullough and delivered by VP McCullough. It was generally well received by the University and many questions were asked; however, the University is already taking the initiative on many ideas presented.

3.2 Green Gifts

It was asked if the USSU could run a list of ideas for alternative gifts on plasma screens and have a table in the tunnel in order to present such ideas. It was agreed that we could do that and that we should hold Green Gifts the week prior to the beginning of final exams.

3.3 Anti-Idling Campaign

It was suggested that if we do an anti-car idling campaign we should include multiple facts about car usage in the winter. It was also asked if the university has a similar program and if we could make pins again to promote this cause.

Also, it was suggested and agreed upon that the USSU Sustainability Board initiate a branding campaign so that all of its individual campaigns may be easily noticeable and tied together.

3.4 Disposable coffee cups

It was suggested that we partner with Facilities Management Division because they have many facts and ideas about how to reduce coffee cup usage on campus. Margret Asmuss from FMD should be contacted regarding this.

3.5 Cigarette butts

We should follow up with the university and ask about making signs and enforcing bylaws about smoking distances areas/distances.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Presentation by Andrew Nikiforuk

Woynarski suggested that the USSU host a lecture by Andrew Nikiforuk about the Tar Sands in northern Alberta and Saskatchewan. It was noted that many students are unaware of certain issues even though we always hear about the tar sands in the media. It was agreed that this could be beneficial for students and that it should be looked into for next term.

5. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Student Affairs Board – March 4, 2009

Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs USSU--Summer Accountability Report May 2nd-
August 31st



Major Initiatives Undertaken and Completed:

-Met with the Hon. Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour on first official day as VP External Affairs and met at least twice more during the summer months.

-Evaluated the USSU's relationship with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)

-Represented student concerns and interests at the municipal level by attending by-weekly city council meetings.

-Met with city councilors in preparation for the upcoming civic election in October, 2009.

-Worked with USSU solicitor Greg Whalen to move forward on the USSU's relationship with the CFS.

-Made contact with numerous Community Based Organizations (CBO's), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and the general non-profit sector in order to establish greater partnership within the community. The Office of the Treaty Commissioner, Wanuskewin Heritage Park, READ Saskatoon, Habitat for Humanity Saskatoon, Saskatoon Open Door Society.

-Met with the Dean's of various colleges on campus to better understand tuition strategies going forward.

-Attended two-day *Spring Into Action Conference* on increasing Aboriginal engagement in education June 8th-9th.

- June 10th, attended economic specialist Richard Florida's Talent Strategy Symposium in Regina on attracting and engaging youth, talent and creating more tolerant communities.

-Met with the NDP's official opposition critic on Advanced Education, Cam Broten twice. The second meeting was with newly elected leader of the NDP Dwaine Lingenfelter.

-Met with Ryan Meili, candidate for leader of the provincial New Democratic Party (NDP).

-Travelled to Ottawa to lobby the federal government June 17th-19th. Saved student money by staying in a jail hostel!

-Met with Senator Robert Peterson, Senator Lilian Dyck, MP Ralph Goodale, MP Mike Savage and a senior advisor to opposition leader Michael Ignatieff on Post-Secondary.

-Met with Glennie Graham Senior Director of the Canada Student Loans Program in Ottawa.

-Met with Alaine Brandon, Chief of Staff to Minister of Human Resources and Economic Development Canada in Ottawa.

-Met with MP Martha Hall Findlay in Ottawa.

-Attended to Edge Conference in Halifax June 20th-23rd. Established better relationships with SIAST (Kelsey and Woodland Campuses) and numerous other student unions across the country.

-Strengthened our relationship with various student unions and associations in Saskatchewan including the University of Regina Students' Union, SIAST (Wascana and Palliser Campuses) and First Nations University of Canada Students' Association.

-Established the Saskatchewan Student Coalition to unite the voice of undergraduate students in the province of Saskatchewan and to create more lobbying power at all orders of government.

-Finalized the evaluation of the USSU's relationship in the CFS and presented the Executive's proposal to USC.

-Toured the Student Loans and Financial Department of the Government of Saskatchewan in Regina.

-Re-established the USSU CFCR Radio Show 90.5 FM on Tuesday nights from 7-7:30. The show was established to create awareness of student events and initiatives in Saskatoon.

-Met with every candidate for the Saskatoon-Riversdale by-election.

-Organized a candidate's forum on campus for the Saskatoon-Riversdale by-election.

-Met with numerous city councilors throughout the summer about implementing a bus shelter outside of Place Riel.

-Met with the National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA). Established a stronger relationship with CASA and will be sitting on a number of CASA committees on PSE.

-Met with the National Director and Treasurer of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) in Ottawa.

-Presented to the summer university transition program for Aboriginal students at the U of S.

-Met with the Hon. Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour on August 7th.

-Met with the City of Saskatoon about the new U-Pass agreement and general operation of the service.

-Helped the U of S JDC West competition bid by asking the Government of Saskatchewan for a letter of support from the Premier of Saskatchewan and a video endorsement from the Hon. Rob Norris.

-Organized an Aboriginal Coffee House Forum on creating a more inclusive campus for Aboriginal students at the U of S.

-Partnered with the U of S to bring keynote speaker Sir Ken Robinson to campus for a talk on creativity and education.

-Attended Pride Parade float organized by the USSU's Pride Centre in June.

-Throughout the summer, wrote weekly blogs and accountability reports so that students are better informed about what we do on their behalf.

-Started working on the USSU's Government Lobbying Document: "Creating a more inclusive and high-quality campus."

-Met with MP Brad Trost (Saskatoon-Humboldt)



VP Stoicheff's Summer Report:

Between the months of May and August, I was primarily focused on strengthening relationships, fostering student engagement and creating a more inclusive campus for all students at the University of Saskatchewan. Strengthening relationships with all orders of government, working more closely with community based organizations and uniting common goals with other student unions and associations in Saskatchewan and Canada has been a major priority for me during my first few months as VP External.

Evaluating our union's role in the Canadian Federation of Students has consumed too much of our time over the last few years. Therefore, I am committed to finally bringing closure to this issue for the benefit of us all. Furthermore, the establishment of the Saskatchewan Student Coalition will ensure that student concerns, issues and initiatives are well understood by the provincial government. This organization has the opportunity to shape the post-secondary education system in Saskatchewan.

By working with other student unions and associations in Saskatchewan we can play a leadership role in the development of more high-quality and inclusive Saskatchewan campuses. We can also look forward to being stronger advocates of community involvement through the establishment of experiential learning programs with partners in the community.

Fostering student engagement has been a main priority and will remain so over the coming months. Over the summer, attempts were made to engage students by organizing the only candidates forum in Saskatoon for the Saskatoon-Riversdale

by-election. As well, work is already underway to bring advanced polls to campus for the civic election. Furthermore, a mayoral candidates forum and a “meet and greet your candidate for city council” event will be organized. Creating a more inclusive campus for Aboriginal students is also a major priority and VP Fawcett and I will be working closely with the Aboriginal Student Centre to offer by-monthly coffee houses focused on creating a more welcoming campus for Aboriginal students.

Making real progress on issues such as student loans interest rate reductions, long-term tuition management strategies, eliminating the 2% cap on the post-secondary student support program (PSSSP) and establishing a Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund will continue to direct me in my endeavors over the next few months.

It is an honor to be your representative to all orders of government. I will always appreciate the opportunity to discuss any concerns or ideas you may have as we build a stronger and more diverse campus community together.

Daniel McCullough: VP Academic Affairs

2009-2010

Summer Accountabilities

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 08:30-16:30

*Along with varying evenings and weekends as necessary

Daily Activities:

- E-mail/Telephone Correspondence
- General Daily Issues
- Research
- Student Drop-ins
- Consultations with Executive
- Committee Preparation
- Report Writing
- Meetings with Staff
- Academic Grievance work with CSSO

Portfolio Duties:

As Vice-President Academic Affairs, I am responsible for all student academic issues including computing, all affairs regarding University Council and I have shared responsibility of the Confidential Student Support Officer.

To this effect I sit on University Council and several Council committees that deal specifically with academic issues such as the Academic Programs Committee, the Academic Support Committee and the Research Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee. The CSSO and I also make up the Academic Advocacy Office and together we have handled over 30 Academic Grievances this summer.

I am also responsible for liaising with the University Learning Centre on Academic Issues and have sat on a number of their advisory boards as well as am helping plan the joint venture: Academic Integrity Awareness Week. I also liaise with University advancement on DISorientation and have been working with them on the DISorientation Naming Contest.

Finally, I sit on any hiring committees for Senior University Administrator Review and Search Committees. As such, I have been attending periodic meetings for the Vice President Research Search Committee.

Vice President Academic Affairs Report: May 2009

Executive Orientation: I was introduced to the Operations, Services that the USSU runs and the people behind them. Individual meetings between the Managers of the operations and the Executive allowed greater understanding of the way these businesses and services were run. The Centre Co-ordinators also briefed the executive on the services they run and the importance of these services to the student body.

Staff Retreat: Three days of team building, vision seminars and fun in weather that ran the gamut from sunny to snowy. I left with a feeling of camaraderie and goals for the year to come.

Campaign Goal - Earlier Exam Schedule: I spoke with Registrar Russ Isinger at the beginning of May and was informed that the software that is used to generate and earlier exam schedule is unable to provide a system where the exams schedule is known at the time of enrollment. Such a system is possible, such as at other universities, but the onus would then be on the student to plan their own exam schedule and avoid conflicts. The current software is also leased on a five-year contract and could not be gotten out of before then without severe financial penalty to the University. In the mean time the only way to make the date earlier would be to move up the add/drop class deadline as the amount of time between that deadline and when the exam schedule is posted is all necessary for the data entry to the program and correcting any conflicts.

University Council and Committees: In May, I attended University Council with the new USSU executive where President Kirkland introduced us to the Council. I also sat on the various Council Committee meetings through out the month and voted on new programs for the 2009-2010 Academic Year.

Vice President Academic Affairs Report: June 2009

Open Access as a Part of Cost-Effective Learning Materials: After the Canadian Learning Commons Conference with Dr. Richard Baraniuk, it struck me that one possible solution to some of the problems brought up in the BeBookSmart Campaign might find solutions in the education of students and faculty on Open Access Learning Materials. This initiative found support amongst Dr. Vicki Williamson, Dean of the Library and the E-texts Sub-committee of the Academic Programs Committee on the University side so I began constructing a presentation on Open Access to educate the other USSU Executive Members on Open Access.

Talent Symposium w/ Dr. Richard Florida - Regina: The Executive took part in the 2009 Provincial Talent Symposium. Dr. Richard Florida spoke on growing the "Creative Class" as a means of increasing the attractiveness of cities in Saskatchewan and commented that the youth of the crowd he was speaking to was pleasantly surprising.

The Student EDGE Conference - Halifax: A brilliant opportunity to network with other Student Union/Association Executives from across the country was dampened only by the rain. It was noted that the USSU Executive represented, by quite a bit, the largest cadre of students of any of the attendees. This caused some problems in discussions about how to operate as the suggestions of many of the other Executives were not necessarily applicable. The opportunity did allow me to gain insight into academic policies at other institutions, and to share solutions to problems that the UofS and USSU have overcome. It was an excellent opportunity, though I'm not sure that the cost to benefit ratio would make this conference a must for next year's executive.

University Council and Committees: Committees wrapped up in the first two weeks of June as they scurried to have all business completed before the final University Council of the year. Despite it was a highly productive year with the Academic Programs Committee dealing with a record number of course changes. One Course change in linguistics did spark some debate as infighting in the Linguistics department spilled into council. This led to me voicing concerns about such dispute being bad for students. The Academic Support Committee also expressed concern to Council about the 5% annual increase to the library acquisitions budget.

Library Budget and Hours Changes: Dean Vicki Williamson's office contacted me to discuss the proposed cuts to library hours and the budget cuts that made it necessary. President Kirkland and VP Stoicheff also attended the meeting at my invitation. She lamented that it was a choice between cutting hours and cutting journal subscriptions, which may still be a concern as the usual 5% annual increase to the acquisitions budget, designed to combat inflation, had been rescinded due to the budget cuts. This could mean that rising costs will inhibit the ability of the library to maintain all subscriptions.

Vice President Academic Affairs Report: July 2009

Open Access as a Part of Cost-Effective Learning Materials: Met with Acting Vice-President Research Karen Chad, who was hoping to bring Open Access to the fore in meetings with the Associate Deans of Research. She asked me to submit my presentation to her after the Executive saw it and after appropriate editing. The Open Access presentation became a major project for the month of July.

DISorientation: Meetings with Andrea Eccleston of the Alumni Association began in July and planning for the DISorientation Renaming Contest was completed.

Vice President Academic Affairs Report: August 2009

DISorientation: Advertising was produced for the DISorientation Renaming Contest by the USSU and the website ad linked to the contest page for the Alumni Association. Budgeting concerns were alleviated and all proceeded as planned. Contest will run until October 9th.

Open Access as a Part of Cost-Effective Learning Materials: I completed the Open Access Presentation and gave the presentation to the executive. The discussion afterwards led towards the possibility of a Student Statement on Open Access, a need to balance education on Open Access advantages with education on advantages of the current subscription model, and a go ahead to dig further into the issue as the executive agreed it is a student-relevant issue.

Welcome Week Preparations: August was full of day-to-day preparations for welcome week and planning the event on the part of all the executive. Specifics included Survival Calendar finalizing, event planning and understanding where to be at what time. I was peripherally involved in this throughout August.

Day-to-Day Activities

May 2009

Friday the 1st:

New Exec Orientation
Exec Meeting with Caroline Cottrell re: constitution, bylaws and policies.
Research, Scholarly and Artistic Works (RSAW) Committee Meeting
Meeting with Minister Norris

Monday the 4th

USSU Retreat

Tuesday the 5th

USSU Retreat

Wednesday the 6th

USSU Retreat

Thursday the 7th

E-mail
Working with CSSO on grievances
Bylaw and Policy review

Friday the 8th

Bylaw and Policy review
Academic Grievance
E-mail

Monday the 11th

New Exec Orientation
Reading for University Council Committees

Tuesday the 12th

Admin Team meeting
Contacted Todd Anderson of U of A Bookstore Re: CRAM 2009
Exec Meeting with Lea Pennock and Nancy Hopkins
Trans Rights Rally Planning Event

Wednesday the 13th

Briefing on Browsers
Briefing on Place Riel
Reviewed Strategic Plan 09/10
Working on goals for the year.

Thursday the 14th

Meeting with Caroline Cottrell re: Academic Affairs Office name.
Meeting with Olivia and Tony re: ads in survival calendar
Volunteered in Centres making buttons

Friday the 15th

Exec Meeting and CFS Briefing

Monday the 18th

Victoria Day

Tuesday the 19th

Meeting with Brea Lowenberger re: Learning Communities
Academic Programs Committee meeting.
Reviewing Draft Policy on Conduct in Research

Wednesday the 20th

Academic Grievance Meeting
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

Thursday the 21st

USSU Communication Meeting
Meeting re: PDA Policy
University Council
Academic Dishonesty Hearing

Friday the 22nd

ULC Advisory Board Committee Meeting
Working on first draft proposal
Working on second draft of proposal

Monday the 25th

Working on second draft of proposal
Exec Meeting
Working on second draft proposal

Tuesday the 26th

Meeting at Help Centre re: Volunteer time
Working on Draft Proposal and reading RSAW Agenda for May 27th

Wednesday the 27th

Reading RSAW Agenda
RSAW Meeting

Thursday the 28th

Working on Draft proposal
Reviewing Council procedure
University Students' Council

Friday May 29th

EDO

June 2009

Monday the 1st

Reading APC Agenda
Meeting with Mark Jagoe

Tuesday the 2nd

Volunteering in Help Centre
SCSS orientation
APC Meeting

Wednesday the 3rd

Exec meeting
Meeting with Councillor Darren Hill
Volunteering at Help Centre
Pictures for Plasmas

Thursday the 4th

Place Riel Design Team Meeting
Draft Proposal meeting.

Friday the 5th

Meeting with Brea Lowenberger re: Sask. Academic Advising Conference
E-texts Subcommittee Meeting

Monday the 8th

Academic Support Committee Meeting
Academic Grievances
Health and Dental Plan Orientation

Tuesday the 9th

Prepared Remarks for Sask. Academic Advising Conference
Academic Programming Committee
Academic Grievances

Wednesday the 10th

Talent Strategy Symposium '09 in Regina

Thursday the 11th

Lunch w/ Corporate admin
Meeting re: Coca-Cola
Exec Meeting

Friday the 12th

Canadian Learning Commons Conference Keynote
Button Making Lunch in Centres
E-Text Sub Committee Meeting with Richard Baraniuk

Saturday the 13th

Picking up truck and supplies for Pride Parade
Pride Parade

Monday the 15th

Meeting with Jeremy Morgan and Chris Stoicheff
Meeting with Vicki Williamson
Meeting with Brooke Dobni

Tuesday the 16th

Reading for Search Committee Meeting
Search Committee Meeting

Wednesday the 17th

RSAW Research Services Review
Technology and Communication meeting
Parking Services and Campus Safety Office Opening
Academic Support Committee Reception

Thursday the 18th

Learning Commons Programming Subgroup Meeting
University Council

Friday the 19th

Traveling to Halifax for Edge Conference

Monday the 22nd

Edge Conference

Tuesday the 23rd

Edge Conference

Wednesday the 24th

Edge Conference

Thursday the 25th

Edge Conference

Friday the 26th

Traveling back form Edge Conference

Monday the 29th

Exec Meeting
Meeting with Alumni Association
Academic Integrity Awareness Week Meeting

Tuesday the 30th

Open Access Education Research
Advertising Bike Tool Rental Service
Meeting re: Events Marketing

July 2009

Wednesday the 1st

Canada Day Holiday

Thursday the 2nd

Open Access Education Research
Residence Floor Plan Input Meeting
Academic Grievances

Friday the 3rd

Regina Trip and URSU meeting.

Monday the 6th

Executive Meeting
Meeting with USSU Centres

Tuesday the 7th

Academic Grievances
Open Access Education Research

Wednesday the 8th

Research on NEPS Program
Met with SIAST VP Kelsey Campus re: NEPS Program
Academic Grievance work

Thursday the 9th

Meeting with Dean of Library Vicki Williamson re: Open Access Education
Meeting with VP Research Karen Chad re: Open Access

Friday the 10th

Meeting with Caroline re: Academic Advocacy Office

Monday the 13th

Executive Meeting
Academic Grievance
Open Access Education
Meeting with Roman Nahachewsky

Tuesday the 14th

Open Access

Wednesday the 15th

Copyright Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday the 16th

Academic Grievance work

Friday the 17th

Academic Grievances
Open Access

Monday the 20th

Executive Meeting

Tuesday the 21st

DegreeWorks Demonstration
Meeting with Andrea Eccleston re: DISOrientation

Wednesday the 22nd

Open Access Presentation Work
Meeting with President Kirkland

Thursday the 23rd

Open Access Presentation Work
Academic Grievance Meeting
Academic Integrity Awareness Week Meeting
USC Meeting Attempt

Friday the 24th

EDO

Monday the 27th

Executive Meeting
Accountability Report

Tuesday the 28th

IT meeting
Childcare Work Bee

Wednesday the 29th

Meeting with Communications Manager
Accountability Report
Volunteering for SCSS poster campaign

Thursday the 30th

Completed Open Access Presentation Work
Dinner with Student Care

Friday the 31st

EDO

August 2009

Monday the 3rd

Civic Holiday

Tuesday the 4th

Vacation

Wednesday the 5th

Vacation

Thursday the 6th

Vacation

Friday the 7th

Vacation

Monday the 10th

Exec Meeting

Catching up on E-Mail and Accountability Report

Gave Open Access Presentation to Exec

Tuesday the 11th

Sheaf Insert Meeting

Centres Barbeque

Wednesday the 12th

Co-ordinated DISorientation Contest Poster Production

Worked on Term 1 E-mail Blurb with CSSO

Thursday the 13th

Co-ordinated DISorientation Contest Poster Production

Friday the 14th

Wrote Sheaf Insert Piece

Completed Job Description Update

Monday the 17th

Updated Open Access Presentation

Volunteered in Centres

Co-ordination DISorientation Contest Poster Production

Research on Declaration of Student Rights

Blog writing

Tuesday the 18th

Executive Meeting
Admin Team
Coordinating DISorientation
Editing Open Access Presentation

Wednesday the 19th

Discussion with CSSO
Filming for MSR
Accountability Report
DISorientation Co-ordination
Updated AAO Webpage

Thursday the 20th

Students' Rights Handbook Updating
DISorientation Posters

Friday the 21st

Students' Rights Handbook Updating
Reading for VP Research Search Committee

Monday the 24th

Executive Meeting
Academic Grievance
Blog and reading for VP Research Search Committee
Undergraduate Forum Executive Meeting
VP Research Search Committee Meeting
Accountability report
Blog Writing and E-mail

Tuesday the 25th

Grievance
Students' Rights Handbook
Students' Rights Handbook
Reading for Academic Support Committee
Accountability Report
VP Research Search Committee Work

Wednesday the 26th

Reading for Academic Support Committee
Academic Grievance
Volunteering in Centres

Thursday the 27th

SEEQ Advisory Committee Meeting
USC

Friday the 28th

Volunteering in Centres
Academic Grievance

Monday the 31st

Residence Move-in
Academic Grievances
Executive Meeting

Scott Hitchings: Vice President Operations & Finance

Summer Accountability

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

*Along with various evenings and weekends as necessary

Daily Activities:

- Responding to emails & telephone calls
- Signing Cheques
- Meetings with campus clubs
- Executive Committee
- General Office organizing
- Project creation
- Input of Campus Groups
- Approval of money transfers
- Meetings with Administrative staff as required

Portfolio Duties:

Over the summer, the majority of my time was spent familiarizing myself with the functions of the VP Operations & Finance. This included frequent, impromptu meetings with operation specific staff, including our Controller Amanda Mitchell, Facilities & Operations Manager Freda Salikin, and our General Manager Caroline Cottrell. Within these meetings arose plans for a more efficient communication between our Governance and Administrative wings of the organization. From Amanda Mitchell, we found that weekly “mentor” meetings should take place to discuss our investments, our budgets, and the moving of money from one account to another. The frequent Louis/Browsers’ Planning Committee Meetings also helped in keeping up to date with what is happening in two of our biggest operations. It was also important to meet about the different retail spaces in Lower Place Riel and familiarize myself with those contracts. From Caroline Cottrell, we worked extremely hard on accelerating the Place Riel Expansion project, which came to fruition early 2009, with construction continuing until late next year. The bi-monthly Place Riel Site Committee meetings are essential in understanding what is happening with the project. These meetings proved to be valuable to my position.

While the Operations & Finance interacts extensively with our administrative staff over the summer, I additionally had numerous questions from Campus Groups about

ratification, insurance, meeting rooms, and funding. Apart from these questions, there was a lot of interest from Campus Groups to have the USSU become more of a hub of information for these groups. With the help of our Marketing and Communications department, there was considerable effort to revamp our website to be more Club focused. There is also an increased effort on the part of our IT department to move all the ratification and funding request forms online, in order to decrease the amount of paper used by the organization as well as the invention of an online calendar for campus clubs where they can post their events for the campus community to see.

Vice-President (Operations & Finance) Report: May 2009

Executive and Staff Retreat – Jewel of the North

Each May the USSU Staff and new Executive take a few days to go over short-term and long-term plans of the USSU Executive and identify any challenges that may occur. Additionally, it served as a bonding experience for members of the Executive with one another as well as with the rest of the staff.

The first day was meant to be solely the new Executive and Caroline Cottrell, with the purpose being to review all the policies, bylaws, and constitution, in addition to our in depth portfolio profile. For the rest of the retreat, our administrative counterparts as well as the Centre coordinators joined us to participate in team building exercises, such as a march through the vast wilderness and a chance to build a rocketship.

Other

May is a very slow month for the VP Operations & Finance. The majority of my time was spent familiarizing myself with the role of the VP Operations & Finance as well as getting to know the other members of the Executive. There is a lot of information to learn for the complex position that is VP Operations & Finance, not the least of which is trying to comprehend the immensity of the Place Riel Renovation project.

Vice-President (Operations & Finance) Report: June 2009

Other

June is another month that is quite slow for my position. As such most of my time was spent familiarizing myself with the complexities included in the role to which I was elected. The Executive opted to attend a conference in the middle of this month in Halifax, Nova Scotia. “The Edge Conference” was meant to be a conference that brings together student leaders from across the country to discuss issues facing undergraduates. There, we met with the Executive from SIAST and established a good relationship.

Vice-President (Operations & Finance) Report: July 2009

Place Riel Steering Committee

Other

July was a month where things began to pick up a little bit. Campus Club questions about ratification, insurance, and funding began trickling in. Additionally, July was the first opportunity the Executive had to meet with the University of Regina Students Union new Executive. We established a great working relationship with them as a result of a trip to Regina.

Vice-President (Operations & Finance) Report: August 2009

Place Riel Steering Committee

The immensely complex Place Riel Renovations were well underway by this point. All that remains to be done is the management of the project to ensure that it remains on budget and on schedule. This meeting informed me that we were both within budget margins as well as on schedule.

Welcome Week

The USSU Executive was extremely busy planning events for students to make them feel welcome when they return to school in the fall. This included the USSU's Welcome Week in the bowl, which required a number of decisions to be made from Carless Drive-In to on-stage entertainment, and of course the heavily sought after Survival Calendar handout.

Other

I also spent a lot of August preparing for a very busy fall term. This included various meetings with people interested in establishing campus clubs, as well as making preparations for my board, for ratifications, and of course for my classes.

Day-to-Day Activities

May 2007

May 1 – Training/Orientation
- Meeting with Minister Norris

May 4, 5, 6 – Retreat

- May 7 – Review and familiarize myself with USSU policies
- Read through Campus Club information and ratification forms
- May 8 - Read over USSU Policies
- Went to bank in order to acquire signing authority
 - More Campus club information and ratification forms
- May 11 – Deeper Orientation/Learning what administration does
- May 12 – Admin team meeting
- Met with IT to discuss Campus Clubs event calendar/iPhone App
 - Organized office
 - Meeting with Lea Pennock
- May 13 – Meeting Regards Browsers
- Worked on Policy
 - Meeting Regards Place Riel
 - Louis'/Browser's Planning Committee
- May 14 – Signed Checks
- Site Meeting
 - Doctor's Appointment
- May 15 – Exec Meeting
- CFS briefing
 - Worked on Campus Club Policy
- May 19 – Research sustainability options for the USSU
- Organized office
 - Social Committee meeting
 - Work on sustainability initiatives
- May 20 – University of Saskatchewan Operating Budget Announcement
- Signed Checks
 - Organized Logistics for The Student Edge Conference in Halifax
 - Worked on Sustainability Initiatives
- May 21 – Communications Meeting
- Investigated the haz-mat appearance at marquis
 - Saved the day with Chris Stoicheff
 - Contacted Curbside Recycling
 - Hugged a tree
 - Attended University Council
- May 22 - Policy Revision
- Office Organization

- Talked with VP External
- May 25 – attended the Engineering Tractor Pull demonstration
- Exec meeting
 - Researched Dry Goods for Browsers
- May 26 – Meeting with student Re: Campus Club
- Researched Dry Goods for Browsers
 - Worked on Policy Initiatives
 - Went for lunch with VP Student Affairs
- May 27 – Campus Group Ratification Application Form Review
- Worked on making the Campus Group Ratification Application Form (CGRAF) into an online version in order to reduce the amount of paper used by the USSU
 - Meeting with Professor
 - Wrote a little ditty for Señor Stoicheff
 - Was ordered to get back to work from By-The-Books Stoicheff
 - Proofread Minutes
 - Continued work on bringing the Paperless CGRAF (PCGRAF) into existence
- May 28 – Place Riel Site Meeting
- Meeting Re: PCGRAF
 - Exec Meeting
 - Prepare for University Students' Council
 - University Students' Council – Quorum Reached!!
- May 29 – Organized office
- Meeting Re: Campus Club Events Calendar
 - Orientation for the Help Centre
 - Signed the Place Riel Loan agreement

June 2009

- June 1 – Meeting re: Campus clubs
- Looked over campus clubs info from previous years
 - Meeting with Campus Rec
 - Prepared financial accountabilities
 - Reviewed previous Louis'/Browsers planning committee minutes
 - Reviewed Louis'/Browsers Strategic Plan
- June 2 – Student Crisis Support Service (SCSS) Orientation

- Volunteer in the Help Centre
- Daily VP OPFIN duties

June 3 – Executive Meeting

- Reviewed Louis & Browsers SWOT Analysis
- Louis/Browsers Planning Committee
- Executive Photo Session

June 4 – Design Team Meeting

- Help Centre Volunteering
- Reviewed Place Riel Steering Committee Minutes
- Meeting Re: Campus Groups at Live Expo

June 5 – Reviewed SWOT Analyses

- Reviewed which Campus Groups existed last year for Live Expo
- Meeting Re: Campus Groups to Contact for Live Expo
- Researched Insurance Policies Regarding Campus Clubs

June 8 – Coke Inventory

- Meeting Re: Coke on Campus
- Reviewed SWOT Analysis for Safewalk/Student Crew
- Meeting re: Student Health & Dental Plan

June 9 – Integrated Plan Workshop

- Meeting with Student re: Infrastructure Fee

June 10 – Talent Symposium w/ Richard Florida in Regina

June 11 – Place Riel Site Meeting

- Lunch Meeting with Administration
- Tenants Meeting
- Meeting with George Foufas re: Coke

June 12 – Place Riel Construction Site Tour with MLA Cam Broten

- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting

June 15 – Executive Committee Meeting

- Per diem Cheque Requisition
- Financial Accountabilities
- Meeting re: USSU/Campus Club Online Events Calendar
- Meeting re: Integrated Plan implementation

June 16 – Meeting re: Campus Clubs

- Familiarization with current insurance policy

June 17 – Blog Orientation

- Head Lease Agreement
- Bike Tool Advertising
- Attended opening of new Campus Safety Building

June 18 – Dealt with problems surrounding the Head Lease

- Met with MSC Alexander Steffen
- Prepared for University Students' Council

June 19-26 – “The Edge” Student Leadership Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia

June 29 – Exec meeting

- Update Campus Group Data Base
- Meeting Re: Alumni Wall of Gratification
- Contacted members of 08/09 Campus Groups- Re: Live Expo
- Meeting with Saskatchewan New Democrat Party leader Lingenfelter

June 30 – Financial Review Meeting

- Board of College Presidents' Planning Meeting
- Bike Tool Rental Service Advertisement
- Meeting with Marketing and Services Manager

July 2009

July 1 – Canada Day [holiday]

July 2 – Residence Floor Plan Input

- ½ day E.D.O.

July 3 – Tour of Advanced Education Department in Regina

- Meeting with University of Regina Students' Union

July 6 – Executive Meeting

- Meeting with the Centres
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Club

July 7 – Meeting re: Movies for Carless Drive In

- Reviewed Financial Policies
- Reviewed SWOT Analyses

July 8 – Prepared for Louis'/Browsers Planning Committee Meeting

- Louis/Browsers Planning Committee
- Reviewed Policies

July 9 – Place Riel Site Meeting

- Meeting with GM Cottrell re: Expenditure of Money Policy

- Reviewed Expenditure of Money policy

July 10 – E.D.O.

July 13 – Executive Committee Meeting

- Ensured the Expenditure of Money Policy was up to date and relevant

July 14 – Final Loan Rate Negotiations for Place Riel Renovations Loan

- Meeting with Student re: Travel Funding
- Reviewed SWOT Analyses

July 15 – Reviewed Position Profile

- Reviewed Place Riel Committee meetings
- Meeting with IT Re: Online Campus Group Ratification

July 16 – Place Riel Working Group meeting

- USSU Golf Tournament

July 17 – Financial Accountabilities

- Cheque Requisitions
- Prepare for Vacation

July 20-24 - Vacation

July 27 – Executive Committee Meeting

- Review Campus club applications
- Review expenditures
- Cheque Requisitions

July 28 – Meeting with Student Re: Insurance for Campus Group Event

- Volunteer at the USSU Daycare Centre

July 29 – Meeting re: USSU Executive Blog Guidelines & Framework
For Policy

- Social Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Group Ratification

July 30 – Meeting with WUSC co-chair re: Ratification

- Meeting with Student re: Insurance for Campus Group Event
- Meeting with Student Care Insurance providers

July 31 – Meeting with President re: BOCP

- Review Insurance Procedures
- Compose Blog Entry

August 2009

August 3 – Executive Meeting

- Meeting with Student re: Campus Clubs

August 4 – Budget Review

- Prepare Financial Accountabilities
- Review Campus Group Funding Requests

August 5 – Meeting with Student re: Campus Club

- Review Browser's SWOT analysis
- Review Place Riel information
- Review USSU/campus group insurance policies

August 6 – Meeting with Jason Ventnor re: Insurance

- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Meeting with University Arts Curator re: Art in Council Chambers
- Place Riel Appreciation Gala

August 7 – Meeting with CASA national director

- Meeting with Student re: Campus Group Insurance

August 10 - Executive Meeting

- Open Access Presentation
- Meeting with IT re: Campus Clubs Database

August 11 – Meeting re: Sheaf Insert

- Important Meeting re: Orientation

August 12 – meeting with student re: Establishing a campus club

- Preparing insert for the Sheaf

August 13 – Planning for Summercon

- Cheque Requisitions

August 14 – Summercon planning

- Meeting with student re: Joining the U of S/Joining a Campus Club
- Blog Creation

August 17 – Conference Call – re: Institutional Planning for U of S

- Meeting with student re: Campus Groups
- Meeting with student re: Insurance
- Review Clubs for Ratification

August 18 – Executive Committee Meeting

- Admin Team Meeting
- Meeting with Professor

August 19 – meeting with Kyle Gunderson re: Orientation Vlog

- Prepare for Louis/Browsers Planning Committee Meeting
- Louis/Browsers Planning Committee meeting
- Meeting with student re: Campus Clubs

August 20 – Place Riel Site Meeting

- meeting with student re: Funding for Event
- Meeting with student re: Insurance for off-campus event

August 21 – Review Campus Club Ratifications

- meeting re: Campus Club Database/Online Ratification Process
- USSU Staff BBQ

August 24 – Executive Committee Meeting

- Financial Accountabilities
- Assist President Kirkland w/ Preparation for R.A. Orientation

August 25 – Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting

- meeting with student re: Campus Group Ratification (x3)
- Review Campus Groups Policy
- Meeting with Professor

August 26 – Childcare Survey Meeting

- Volunteering for the SCSS: Putting up Posters

August 27 – USSU Communications Meeting

- Meeting with Student re: Campus Clubs
- Preparation for USC
- USC Meeting

August 28 – Meeting with Student

- Meeting with Professor
- Campus Group Policy Revision
- Meeting with Monsieur Kirkland re: Orientation and General Awesomeness

August 31 – Move-in-crew (helping Residence Students move into Voyager Place)

- Executive Committee Meeting

Warren Kirkland, *President*

I. **Summer Report**

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:00am – 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 2009-August 2009

Executive Orientation

The executive had its first Executive Committee meeting in late April. The meeting was informal and no minutes were taken. It was a goals and strategy planning session. Ben, Scott, Chris, Dan and I went on the Executive Retreat from May 4th to the 6th. The first day of the retreat was a transition with the old executive as well as a discussion of the projects from 2008/09 that still needed to be completed. The second day both the new and old staff went through a comprehensive orientation to all the university's and USSU's structures, positions, issues. Retreat also focused on the new

executive review of 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 7th and 8th 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 \$8.2 million over the budget cycle. However, program cuts and restructuring by 2010/11, 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 increase Tuition during the 2009/10 year. The increase was lessened by an agreement between the Province and the University Board of Governors to cap overall increases around 3 percent. This translated to an overall increase of approximately 3.5 percent during the period. Each college saw varying amounts of an increase, with the majority of colleges seeing a 3 percent increase, though with Pharmacy, Nutrition and Law seeing a 7.5 percent increase. Business and Engineering were also notable exceptions, seeing a 4 percent increase.

Convocation

There are few events on campus that bring the entire University together in celebration. Convocation proves to be an excellent example that when we do come together, the celebration is well received. Graduating from University is a fantastic example of a necessary time to come together, and I am happy to report that I attended all six sessions of spring convocation. Congratulations to all of the recent graduates.

Meeting with College Deans and Senior Administrators

With the Board decision to institute budget cuts and increase tuition, each college would be engaging in decisions to individually assess where cuts would be made and tuition strategy recommendations going forward for future years. With that, I made it an early priority to meet with Deans and Senior University Administrators to discuss College and University strategies in these areas. It became apparent early on that this is the first time the USSU executive has made it a priority to network with college deans, as many of them had never met the USSU President.

University Tuition Strategy Steering Committee

Empowered by the University Board of Governors, the TSSC was charged with developing a long-term plan (for approval) for how to assess tuition on a yearly basis. This committee was to develop a document outlining principles by which the Board of Governors is to use to assess tuition. The document, which was approved in early fall of this year, was a high priority for my office. Seventeen committee meetings in total were held to review drafts of the document, with me being the only student voice available for comment.

Meeting with University of Regina Students' Union Executive

In early June 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 administrators of the Provincial Student Loans. 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. The evening was concluded with a rousing game of football by the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Meeting with Members of Parliament in Ottawa.

In late June, Chris and I made the trip to Ottawa to engage in our first discussions with Members of Parliament in Ottawa. It is extremely important for the Students Union to play an active role in raising the profile of Student and University concerns at the Federal level. Two things became immediately clear during conversations: 1) The leadership provided by President MacKinnon over previous years has bolstered incredible respect for the University within the Federal scene. 2) Membership in the CFS would be of detriment to individual meetings and specific initiatives on the Federal level.

Place Riel

With Place Riel already underway at the start of our terms, our main job in the project is construction cost management, loan negotiations, and timeline securing. I am happy to report that all aspects of the project are going well.

The project is divided into two sections, encompassing the Universities and the USSU's commitment to the project. As such, I co-chair the steering committee regarding the project, with Richard Florizone, the VP Finance and Resources for the University. The project is currently within budget, though the completion date has been bumped slightly from initial projections. Current projections are for completion in early January of 2011.

Loan rate negotiations went well, and I must comment the excellent resources Richard has offered us. Marian Van Impe provided exceptional advise and reference in development of loan rates and I am happy to report that our decision to lock in 12 of the 18.5 million dollars was well placed.

Other Meetings

Lea Pennock (University Secretary), Residence Student Life Working Group, Executive Committee, Place Riel Steering Committee, Scholarship and Bursary Committee, Planning and Priorities, Undergraduate Forum, Quality and Accountability Symposium, Housing coordination committee, Vision 2057 Briefing, Club and College Society meetings, Louis Browsers Planning Meeting, Workshop on non-academic discipline, Admin Team, University Budget Briefings, Communications Meetings, Government

Relations Meeting, Wanuskewin Meeting, Executive Photo's, Alumni Association, Student Central Staff meeting, Orientation, Beer night, Gordon Oaks Red-bear Student Centre, Integrated Plan Conference, ULife Coordination, Nuclear Energy Debate, Talent Symposium with Richard Florida, Her Majesty James Pepler, Place Riel Site, USSU Calendar, GSA/USSU coordination meeting, Student questions regarding student loans, SCSS Meetings, SECC consultations, RA training... and many more...

Orientation Planning

Starting in early April, the Universities Marketing and Student Recruitment department began planning meetings for Orientation. I was invited to sit in on the committee meetings and weigh in on decisions. Past orientation relations between the USSU and the University have been mired by hostility over dates and times; due to the relationship between Welcome Week and Orientation. This year, I decided to take a productive approach, being fully involved and offering all of the USSU's resources to help make Orientation a better success. This was well received, and reciprocated during our hosting of Welcome Week.

The Edge Conference

It is commonplace for Student Union executives to attend a conference regarding governance and business strategies. This year, at the recommendation of last year's executive, we chose to attend The Edge Conference, hosted in Halifax. While I can see this conference being of benefit to individuals with little to no business experience, and those unsure of what their goals are for the year, it became quite apparent that this year's executive would gain little from the experience. While there were many different groups attending, my executive clearly demonstrated both an understanding of both business management and future strategies for initiatives and the Union. Where other Union's were stalled by lack of goals, ours were clearly laid out and attainable. I would not recommend attendance of conferences in the future.

Blogs, Twitter and Plasma Screen TV's

In my opinion, the USSU has in past years suffered from problems in brand positioning. It was thus a priority of mine to ensure that the executive began new campaigns to work on that positioning and marketing. This year was the first year the executive has engaged in regular blogging as well as the use of Twitter as a communication strategy. Further to this was a revamp of the use of USSU plasma screen TV's. Specifically, I made it an initiative to ensure that campus clubs, student societies and the University would have the opportunity to post anything of importance on the screens.

Interviews

As the Chief Spokesperson for the USSU, I am charged with the responsibility to make sure the message being communicated is the one intended. Part of this responsibility is working with the media during interviews on any issues pertaining to students. Over the summer I was regularly interviewed regarding housing, tuition increases, Place Riel and countless other topics.

As indicated in weekly accountabilities, there are more things on a weekly basis, and I am happy to entertain any questions regarding accountabilities at a student's convenience.

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Woynarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12										
Chimanga, Freeman	P	P	P										
Cleaveley, Aspen	P	P	P										
Dancey, Kimberley	R	P	P										
Dunn, Jenna	P	P	P										
Fawcett, Ben	R	P	P										
Forbes, Jordan	P	P	R										
Gavelis, Mike	P	R	P										
George, Ashlyn	P	R	P										
Goodwin, Jason	P	P	P										
Hitchings, Scott	P	P	P										
Kincaid, Claire	P	P	P										
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	P	P										
Kirkland, Warren	P	P	P										
Kleisinger, Amanda	P	P	P										
Laroque, Brent	P	P	P										
Loor, Roger	P	P	P										
McCullough, Daniel	P	P	P										
Miller, Kevin	P	R	P										
Miller, Sarah	P	R	P										
Nystuen, Reid	P	P	R										
Steffen, Alexander	P	P	P										
Stoicheff, Chris	P	R	P										
Wood, Sarah	P	P	P										
Woynarski, Blair	P	R	R										
A&S	NYA	NYA	NYA										
Ind. SA	NYA	NYA	NYA										

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University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday December 3, 2009

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Amanda Smytaniuk, Studentcare**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – November 19, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – November 27 and December 1, 2009**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – October 29, 2009**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – November 18, 2009**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Summer Accountabilities**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 Board Elections**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday, November 19, 2009

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Daniel McCullough VP Academic Affairs
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WVCM
Kevin Miller, Law
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Jason Goodwin, Education
Ashlyn George, Education
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Claire Kincaid, Ag & Bioresources
Brooklyn Kirkham, STM
Freeman Chimanga, International
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine

Also Present

Matt Leisle, Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance

Absent

Jenna Dunn, STM
Roger Loor, Pharmacy/Nutrition

Guests

James Pepler, U of S
Tannara Yelland, *The Sheaf*
Sara Waldbillig, Arts & Science

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion115: Councilor Wood/Councilor Miller (Law)

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – November 12, 2009

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – November 16, 2009

4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes – November 18, 2009

4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes – November 6, 2009

4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes – November 3, 2009

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes.

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Summer Accountability Reports

President Kirkland apologized to Council for the late delivery of the summer accountabilities noting that there had been intent to get them presented earlier. He asked MSCs to bring any questions they had to the next meeting of Council, or to phone the Executive member to whom the question pertained.

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

VP Fawcett rose to inform USC that November 25th is Transgender Day of Remembrance in honour of the 117 individuals worldwide who lost their lives in the past year as a result of their gender identity. The event is sponsored by the Pride Centre and will take place at the Francis Morrison Library on 23rd Street from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Councilor Nystuen asked VP Stoicheff if there had been any response from the CFS to the USSU's actions earlier in the fall?

VP Stoicheff indicated that CFS had been totally silent. President Kirkland also spoke to the issue to indicate that we had asked for our name to be removed from CFS's membership via a letter from USSU lawyer Greg Walen to CFS lawyer Todd Burke. He noted that we are still listed on the CFS website, but are also still waiting for a response.

Councilor Miller (Law) asked VP Stoicheff for information on his meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education earlier in the day. VP Stoicheff reported that the meeting between Saskatchewan Student Coalition and Minister Norris and his staff was congenial and productive. A primary discussion revolved around PSSSP and the desire of the provincial government to see an end to federal government caps on this money. SSC also presented a request for Saskatchewan to lower the interest rate on student loans since said rates are the highest in the country. Further, the two sides had some discussion about tuition, scholarships, and bursaries within the context of the Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund.

Councilor Steffen reminded everyone to please buy their Fair Trade coffee from the ASSU and apologized if his message was becoming repetitive, noting that the ASSU needs the revenue for its charity.

9. Any Other Business

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Executive Committee

Minutes for Friday December 1, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell, Jason Ventnor

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Place Riel Finance Meetings (3)
- Staff Meeting
- HR Meetings (3)
- Daycare Board
- Communications Meetings (4)
- Meeting re: childcare application
- U-PASS Meeting
- Louis'/Browsers Planning Meeting
- Media Policy Meeting (2)
- Site Meeting
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- ½ Vacation day
- EDO
- Working on changes to staff appraisal processes
- Planning mid-year retreat

President Kirkland

- Operations and Finance Board Meeting
- Executive Meeting
- Recreation Advisory Committee
- Staff meeting
- Planning and Priorities Committee
- USSU Communications meeting
- Econ 800
- Econ 275
- Executive Undergraduate Forum Meeting
- Meeting regarding IT Support for Exec projects
- Operations and Finance Board Meeting

- AUCC Interview
- Global TV Interview
- Open Studies Faculty Council
- Fee Appeal
- Econ 800
- Econ 275
- Louis Browser's Planning Meeting
- Centre's Meeting
- Student Wise Presentation
- CABIS
- Birthday Party
- Louis Trivia Presentation
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Site Meeting
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- Lunch with Richard Florizone
- Undergraduate Forum
- Meeting with Aboriginal Student Centre
- Meeting with Kara Stonechild

VP Fawcett

- Native Studies 264
- Staff Meeting
- Meeting with Margret Asmuss and Scott Parry re: Age of Stupid
- Louis Riel Day celebration in Education building
- Meeting about Green Fee Project proposal
- Centres Meeting
- Childcare Board Meeting
- Native Studies 264
- Bottled Water meeting
- Students' Council
- Meeting with GM Cottrell re: Childcare application
- Executive Meeting
- Volunteer at Help Centre
- Age of Stupid film screening
- Sustainability Working Group meeting
- Native Studies 264
- Centres Meeting
- Road Map Saskatoon meeting
- Meeting with Studentwise
- Student Advocacy Meeting
- Transgender Day of Remembrance event downtown
- Native Studies 264
- IACC Meeting
- Provost's Advisory Committee on Sexual and Gender Diversity
- Operations and Finance Board Meeting

- Meeting with Aboriginal Students' Centre
- Executive Meeting
- Executive Outreach

VP Hitchings

- Vacation
- Op/Fin Board Meeting
- Executive Meeting
- Meeting w/ Student re: Campus Clubs
- Blog Creation
- Age of Stupid Screening
- E.D.O.
- Louis'/Browsers' Planning Meeting
- Class
- Place Riel Renovation Site Meeting
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- Class
- Op/Fin Board Meeting
- Meeting w/ Aboriginal Students' Centre re: MSC Elections
- Executive Meeting
- Louis' Trivia Night Meeting
- Executive Outreach
- Blog creation re: Being Robbed of the Grey Cup
- Minute Creation
- Database Entry
- Other Daily Operations And Finance Related Duties

VP McCullough

- Signing TEA Nomination Letters
- Student drop-in for advice
- Blog
- Class
- Accountabilities
- H1N1 Vaccination
- Meeting with CSSO for TEA Surveys
- Reviewing University Course Challenge
- Reading for University Council
- Co-ordinating DISorientation
- Two Academic Grievances
- Reading for E-Texts Subcommittee of Academic Support Committee of Council
- E-Texts Subcommittee Meeting
- Co-ordinating DISorientation
- Class
- Reading for University Council
- Reading for USC

- University Council
- USC
- Co-ordinating TEA Nomination Surveys
- Reading for Academic Dishonesty Case
- Undergraduate Forum Executive Meeting
- Meeting with Student for Academic Dishonesty Case
- Two. Two Academic Grievances. Ha ha ha ha!
- Meeting re: Harassment case against prof.
- Co-ordinating TEA's
- The Age Of Stupid
- Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
- Class
- Reading for Bylaws Committee Meeting re: Form C
- Bylaws Committee Meeting
- Conducting TEA Surveys
- Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
- CABIS meeting
- Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
- Class
- Academic Grievance
- Joint Meeting of APC, ASC and TLCC
- Undergraduate Forum Meeting
- Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
- Meeting w/ Greg Fowler
- Exec Meeting
- RSAW Meeting
- Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
- Executive Outreach
- 1/2 Day EDO
- Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
- Meeting w/ Executive
- Academic Grievance work

VP Stoicheff

- Class
- USSU Staff Meeting
- Finalized Summer Accountabilities
- U-Pass and You Campaign
- Attended Louis Riel Day Event on Campus
- Hosted USSU CFCR Radio Show
- Chaired External Affairs Board Meeting
- Attended Food Centre Outreach
- Attended Women's Centre Coffee House
- IPPF Petitioning in Arts Tunnel
- Attended Legislative Assembly-Government of Saskatchewan for Question

Period

- Completed Sask Student Coalition Press Release on Meeting with Minister Norris
- Met with the Hon. Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour
- Met with Kyle Addison, President University of Regina Students' Union
- Met with Katie Honey, Vice-President University of Regina Students' Union
- Met with Jon Elder President of SIAST (Kelsey and Woodland Campuses) SA
- Met with Diane Adams President of First Nations University Students' Association
- Executive Blog
- Childcare Meeting with VP Fawcett and GM Cottrell
- Executive Meeting
- Class
- Wrote PSSSP Awareness Letter
- Attended U-Pass Meeting
- Attended Age of Stupid Screening Event
- Class
- Purchased Thank You Gift for Professor Ken Pontikas
- Media Relations Policy Meeting
- Conducted Teaching Excellence Award Survey
- Hosted USSU CFCR Radio Show
- Attended Pride Centre-Transgender Day of Remembrance Event
- Exec Blog
- Attended Road Map Saskatoon Committee Meeting
- Attended Student Wise Presentation
- USSU Staff Birthday Party
- Launched U-Pass and You Campaign
- IPPF petitioning in Tunnel
- Met with Doug Thorpe, Head of the English Department
- Meeting with USSU Financial Manager Freda Salikin
- Sheaf Interview
- Attended Meeting with the Aboriginal Student Centre
- Attended Chillin for Charity Event
- Executive Meeting
- Class
- Meeting with Kara Stonechild, University Liaison, Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, Government of Saskatchewan
- Attended STMSU Event in STM
- Contacted NDP Member of Parliament, Megan Leslie about reading IPPF Petition to the House of Commons
- Contacted Liberal Member of Parliament, Annita Neville about reading IPPF Petition to the House of Commons
- Contacted Independent Member of Parliament, Andre Arthur about reading IPPF Petition to the House of Commons

4. **Business**

4.1 Media Policy

Based on the following principles, GM Cottrell presented new language for the media policy. Section A under Procedures read “The President shall be chief spokesperson for the USSU and may delegate or refer the media inquiry to the Vice-President most closely related to the issue or activity.”

The proposed change will read “The President shall be the chief spokesperson for the USSU but will delegate to individual Vice-Presidents the ability to speak on initiatives which are in addition to their portfolio duties or relevant to their portfolios. In all instances the guiding principle will be ensuring that USSU members are appropriately and relevantly represented in the media by their Executive and that the person best suited to provide the representation will speak on the members’ behalf.”

Motion to amend the Media Relations Policy as noted above.

EXEC072: VP Stoicheff/VP Fawcett

Carried

4.2 Support for Student Travel

President Kirkland reported that he has been asked by a student to provide travel support for conference attendance. However, since the USSU already gives a grant to the University of Saskatchewan President’s Office the USSU’s normal practice is not to fund individual requests.

Motion to provide individual funding for travel support.

EXEC073: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Defeated

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Executive Committee

Minutes for Friday November 27, 2009

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

To be provided with the next meeting minutes.

4. **Business**

4.1 Media Policy

The Executive met in a special session to discuss the Media Policy as it currently exists. VP Stoicheff articulated his concerns about the way in which it has been interpreted by President Kirkland and to the clause which states "The President shall be the chief spokesperson for the USSU and may delegate or refer the media inquiry to the Vice-President most closely related to the issue or activity." VP Stoicheff proposed an amendment to the policy which reads: *"The Executive member most closely related to the issue or activity shall be the chief spokesperson for the USSU on that particular inquiry. All media inquiries must be discussed with the President prior to the interview unless the President is absent for more than 4 hours."*

EXEC070: VP Stoicheff/President Kirkland

Tabled

VP Stoicheff noted that such a change would ensure greater clarity on the process and would allow individual Executive members to speak on issues about which they have expertise. He further noted that all Executive members are elected to represent students and feels that they can do that most effectively by being allowed to speak to the media about their initiatives and issues concerning their portfolio. Moreover, VP Stoicheff believes that the USSU Executive is a team in which the President is simply a first among equals. Since all members of the Executive are elected representatives for students, the President should delegate to Executive members when the issue relates to their portfolio or initiative.

President Kirkland articulated his concern about a number of things. First of

all, everyone speaking as they saw fit would negate the ability of the President to present a clear, coherent and consistent message on behalf of the organization as a whole. He believes the USSU Executive is a team, with every member working to the same end and so it is important to present one message and have one face attached to that message. According to the policy, that is a key role for the President and he made the Executive aware that a change to the policy would also require a change to the Bylaw, under the information about the Presidential portfolio. President Kirkland also noted that he does not see any particular initiative as singular. Rather, all are the work of the team since all are dependent on the will of the others to make their initiatives a reality. He made it clear that he saw USSU members as shareholders in the corporation who need to have their interests represented and he believes this can best be accomplished with one voice speaking for them through the USSU in order to keep the message(s) straight.

VP Fawcett suggested that both President Kirkland and VP Stoicheff are right – they just have different points of view. He believes that the President should be chief spokesperson for the USSU, but that individual VPs should be empowered by the President to speak on matters about which they have specialized knowledge so that they don't feel detached from those initiatives.

VP McCullough noted that he did not feel detached from his initiatives and has no problem with President Kirkland being the media spokesperson since he has other avenues through which to discuss his initiatives. He believes the President should speak on all issues unless he chooses to delegate, as per the current policy.

VP Stoicheff reiterated his point that all members of the Executive are elected representatives. In his opinion, the USSU is a representative governing body rather than a corporation. Moreover, students will be better served when the VP most knowledgeable about the issue is able to address the media.

President Kirkland reiterated his point about the Executive being a team and his belief in the need to have a “face” for the organization.

Motion to suspend the current media policy until such time as a new policy is written based on the following principles:

- 1. “Portfolio” should be included in the terms**
- 2. Individual VPs should be allowed to speak on their own initiatives**
- 3. Individual Executive members may delegate to the President**
- 4. Media relations will be handled on the basis of relevance and convenience.**

EXEC071: VP Stoicheff/VP Hitchings

Carried 3/2

President Kirkland asked to have his objection noted

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Academic Affairs Board
Minutes for Thursday October 29, 2009

Present: Daniel McCullough, Steven Ofukany, Brookelyn Kirkham, Chelsea Tomcala

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was not present

3. **Roundtable Discussion**

SAL Tomcala noted that it would be important to look at the balance between research and education priorities and ensure that the importance of students is enhanced.

The other present members agreed that this is an issue that needs further examination.

4. **Business**

4.1 Teaching Excellence Awards

Chair McCullough commented that there have been limited nominations for the Teaching Excellence Awards and more promotion will be needed. He added that we would likely need to be in the Tunnel next week to promote this.

SAL Tomcala asked if the nomination forms are available online.

Chair McCullough stated that they are online. He noted that as they are due on November 6, a push for nominations will be necessary and a poll will be sent out to determine times to sit at a promotion table.

CSSO Ofukany asked when we would be in the Tunnel.

Chair McCullough stated that he would need to book the table, but it would likely be from Tuesday to Friday.

4.2 H1N1

There was a discussion regarding the impact of the H1N1 pandemic on the University.

SAL Tomcala noted that there is going to be an immunization clinic soon, and added that it is important for those that are sick to stay home.

There was also discussion regarding online affidavits for influenza related absences and pandemic planning.

5. **Academic Advocacy Office Update**

CSSO Ofukany provided the following update. Since the last meeting, there have been cases in regard to fee issues and exam regulations.

Our running total of grievances filed:

- 13 grievances (complaints, seeking advice, etc.)
- 15 appeals (Form A, Form B, Fee Appeals, appeal letters)
- 5 faculty actions
- 1 academic dishonesty allegation

This brings our current total to **34** cases for this academic year.

He noted that the current cases involved examination regulations (midterm regulations are not in place like final exam regulations are), and fee issues.

SAL Tomcala asked for clarification on the “five day rule” regarding posting of grades.

Chair McCullough clarified that the actual regulation is that the marks need to be submitted to the Dean five days after the examination, but there is no specific regulation on when they will be submitted to students.

SAL Tomcala stated that there should be more regulation in this area.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Monday, November 23rd, 2009

Present: Scott Hitchings, Benjamin Fawcett, Reid Nystuen, Alecia Nagy
Alexander Steffen, Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio)

Regrets: Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio), Kim Dancey, Jordan Forbes, Matthew Bennett.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 8:00 A.M.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

No Presentations we presented.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were a non-issue

6. Business

A. Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the following groups:

- i. University of Saskatchewan Students for Life
- ii. Movie Kids
- iii. Saskatoon Nursing Students' Society
- iv. Anatomy & Cell Biology Students' Society (ABSS)
- v. Northern Administration Students' Association

OFB Motion18 Hitchings/Fawcett Carried.

B. Funding Requests

The Board considered funding requests from the following groups:

- i. ICVF
- ii. ChESS
- iii. Cuts for A Cure

The Board considered the funding requests. Cuts for a cure was granted \$170. ChESS was granted credit at XL. ICVF was unable to receive funding due to the fact that the funds would be used to attend a conference, which violates the campus groups policy.



Tuition Reimbursement Policy

1. Preamble

It is important that the Executive of the Union maintain their status as Undergraduate Students through the entirety of their term. Similarly, any monetary issues that may arise should not be an impediment to the Executive being enrolled in any courses. As such tuition reimbursement is an essential element to enable enrollment in the mandatory credit units.

2. Procedures

- i. The USSU will provide a cheque for each Executive at the beginning of each term in the amount necessary to cover their tuition, fees, and textbook costs.
- ii. Each executive member must first provide receipts for textbooks and proof of tuition and fees assessment in order to receive a cheque each term.

Contact Information:	Vice President Operations & Finance 966-6967
Policy Authority	Operations and Finance Board

<u>Approvals</u>	<u>Board/Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Motion</u>
Created	Operations and Finance Board	11/05/2009	OFB23

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday January 14, 2010

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – December 3, 2009**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – January 11, 2010**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – December 2009, January 8, 2010**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday December 3, 2009

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Reid Nystuen, ESB
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Jason Goodwin, Education
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs

Guests:

Ashleigh Mattern, *the Sheaf*

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add 2.1 Appointment of Arts and Science Councilor.

USCMotion118: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion119: Councilor Forbes/VP Fawcett Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

2.1 Appointment of Arts and Science Councilor

Motion to appoint the new Arts and Science Councilor, Keith Flysak.

USCMotion120: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

President Kirkland thanked the ASSU for running another election and noted that everything seemed to go well this time. He congratulated Councilor Flysak.

Councilor Steffen introduced the democratically elected Keith Flysak.

3. Council Address

3.1 Studentcare – Amanda Smytaniuk

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion121: VP Fawcett/President Kirkland Carried

Ms. Smytaniuk introduced herself once again as the Prairie Program Manager for Studentcare, which is the company that manages the Student Health and Dental Plan. If anyone has questions or issues they are to be directed to VP Fawcett and these issues are forwarded on to Ms. Smytaniuk. At the beginning of September, there was a change of coverage period, which is the time in which students are able to opt out of the Health and Dental Plan, or enroll if they are not assessed for it already. After that period is over, Studentcare reports to this Council in regard to what trends are being seen and how many students are in the Plan. At this time of the year, communications shift to ensure that students get their claims in and are provided with more information. She provided a report of the current data. A few new opportunities were presented this year by the USSU Executive to get more information out about Studentcare. There was a table set up in Residences, and they were also able to sponsor “Green Yourself Week”. More of these types of events are being sought out. This is needed because we do not want people feeling that they have been tricked into having the Health and Dental plan, and we want to make sure that those students that are enrolled know how to use it. Ideas for communicating to students were welcomed.

She noted a few key points:

- Over 13,000 students on campus were eligible for the Plan.
- Nearly 6,000 students opted out
- According to the report 3,174 students chose a permanent opt out, but 1,809 of those were students from this year. We carry over the permanent opt outs every year. They still do count as eligible students.
- Students have the option to opt out of health or dental and keep the other coverage if they have sufficient coverage elsewhere
- Students can also opt out of health and dental and keep travel coverage
- A goal is to have the plan structured as a “pick and choose” model
- Over 60% of students uploaded their coverage online
- 95% of students used the internet to opt out
- 5% of students had difficulties or issues and came into the office

Ms. Smytaniuk noted that there are two distinct sides to Studentcare. Member Services is composed of the on-campus offices, call centre, and the Plan Managers. The report details that most students either come into the office or contact the call centre. There is a noted decrease in students coming into the office, due to the current locations which is a bit more difficult to find. She noted that a “case” is not someone coming in to ask questions, but is when action is required for a student. Most of those cases are resolved within one phone call. The remainder require

follow-up with the insurance company or the students have extenuating circumstances and require a special opt out.

When students contact Studentcare, all of their interactions are tracked. This protects both the student and Studentcare. This allows further assistance to the students.

Councilor George noted that it has come to her attention in the College of Education that in the first term of the second year internship, all interns are automatically opted out of the Health and Dental Plan. She stated that she knows there is still the option to opt in, but regardless of where interns go, they still may need health and dental care. She asked why interns are automatically opted out.

Ms. Smytaniuk stated that it is one of the fundamental policy decisions of the plan. Most plans operate this way and there is still the option to opt in. It can change and that is something that has to go through the proper channels, but the only thing to be of caution is to gauge what the need is because if the fee is assessed to students that are off campus and if they are not aware of their options, that can create a greater problem. To rectify this, perhaps a communication piece could be made for that group of students. If there is a need for this, then it should be taken to the USSU.

Councilor George stated that when it comes to health and dental coverage, regardless of where you are, you need access. It has come up at Council meetings that a lot of people do not have coverage, but are unaware.

Ms. Smytaniuk stated that if it is an issue that has been brought up, it would probably be an issue for more than one. The complaints could be greater if students who did not need it were still getting assessed for it. We do want those who need coverage to have it. If moving to assessing these students is something that the USSU and Council would like to do, then it would have to be done. This does tend to be the best model. We will need to look at how many students need the plan compared to those who do not. We can figure out an option that will work. The difficulty lies in the fact that Studentcare does not have access to email addresses. If we had that access, various groups of students could be targeted.

Councilor Loor asked about the blackout period and students having difficulty claiming for prescriptions.

Ms. Smytaniuk stated that those who are having difficulties are likely those that do not have coverage.

Councilor Loor stated that the provider was contacted and they stated that it was still blacked out. He asked when the blackout period is over.

Ms. Smytaniuk replied that it is typically over at the end of October.

Chair Leisle thanked Ms. Smytaniuk for her address.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion122: Councilor Loor/Councilor Steffen

Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – November 19, 2009

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – November 27 and December 1, 2009

Councilor Steffen asked for clarification on the Media Policy. He stated that he noticed there was a lot of conversation regarding this and requested more information about what the argument is regarding.

President Kirkland stated that there is no argument, just a debate as to how we want to approach media relations and the decision was to enable individual Executive members to speak on more specific issues that they are more educated about. Essentially this is a differentiated model. This includes all issues in their portfolio.

Councilor Nystuen asked if there is a circumstance of an Executive with more fractured views on different opinions, how does a decentralized Media Relations Policy affect the organization and having different opinions going to the media.

President Kirkland stated that every Executive member is required to speak on views of the organization. In speaking in the future with a fractured Executive and they speak out of turn, the Executive can appoint someone to speak on their behalf to ensure that the message is clear. As well, the Executive member who spoke out of turn would be reprimanded under the Code of Ethics.

4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes – October 29, 2009

4.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes – November 18 and November 26, 2009

Councilor Loor asked for clarification regarding the changes to the Tuition Reimbursement Policy. Is it that they are going from a set budgeted amount of money to a free open policy where the Executive can freely bill the students.

VP Hitchings stated that the Tuition Reimbursement Policy did not exist before. There was money in the budget for tuition to be reimbursed, but there was no policy deciding about how to disperse the money. The amount is currently \$1,300. There should be no amount due to different rates of tuition across campus. However, the second provision in the policy is that receipts must be provided and only the amount of fees will be paid. In addition, only two classes per term can be taken. The number was taken out to provide for fluctuations in tuition. It is not that we can take additional money.

Councilor Loor asked, in terms of the policy that is being replaced, is it that books and fees are incorporated in the fees, or is this something that is being added.

VP Hitchings stated that there was no policy before and this is being included.

President Kirkland stated that this is already in the budget and each year if Council wants to make changes that will be done when the budget comes to Council for approval.

Councilor Loor asked if an Executive steps down and their tuition has already been paid, what will happen? Are they responsible to return the funds to the USSU?

President Kirkland stated that there is one budget line for all of the tuition reimbursement. He asked for clarification.

Councilor Loor asked if someone stepped down in September, it would be a lucrative way of paying a high tuition price and this is concerning.

President Kirkland stated that there is a maximum number of classes that can be taken. There was no policy in place and this policy improves accountability to Council. Certainly the possibility still exists.

Motion to grant speaking rights to GM Cottrell.

USCMotion123: VP Hitchings/Councilor Forbes Carried

GM Cottrell stated that Executive members are on payroll and they would be treated the same as staff members. There would be adjustments upon termination. This would not likely be a concern.

Councilor Loor asked if the two-class rule is in the bylaw.

Chair Leisle confirmed that it is.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes.

USCMotion124: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Nystuen Carried

6. Business

6.1 Summer Accountabilities

VP Fawcett stated that a member of Council was lost and he sat on the Sustainability Board and the Student Affairs Board.

Motion to move to Business.

USCMotion125: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

President Kirkland stated that they were sent out a few weeks ago. He apologized they were not out sooner and welcomed questions.

Motion to accept the Summer Accountabilities.

USCMotion126: President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff

Carried

President Kirkland stated that the Fall Accountabilities will be available in January.

Motion to open nominations for the Sustainability Board.

USCMotion127: VP Fawcett/VP Hitchings

Carried

Councilor Loor asked if there is a process in place to replace former Councilor Woyrnarski.

President Kirkland stated that he has sent emails to the Associated Residence Committee on three occasions. There has been a response from the president in addition to numerous interested students in residence. It is being pursued.

Councilor Loor asked that as it is beneficial to have someone on this board, would it be tabled to the new year or go through this now?

Councilor Steffen stated that there would be further elections for boards as some MSCs leave.

Chair Leisle noted that nominations are open for the Sustainability Board, but there is discussion to table this. There would need to be a motion to table, but if not, we will go forward with elections tonight.

VP Hitchings nominated Councilor Dancey.

Councilor Dancey declined.

Councilor Wood nominated Councilor Flysak.

Councilor Flysak declined.

VP Fawcett stated that the Sustainability Board discussed sustainability issues on campus among three Councilors and three Students-at-Large. It is not required of MSCs to sit on these boards, but it is highly encouraged in order to understand how the organization works.

Councilor Loor nominated Councilor Miller – Law.

Councilor Miller declined.

President Kirkland stated that nominations would be open until a nominee accepted.

Councilor Steffen nominated Councilor Flysak.

Councilor Flysak accepted.

Motion to close nominations for the Sustainability Board.

USCMotion128: Councilor Steffen/Councilor Cleaveley Carried

Councilor Flysak was elected to the Sustainability Board.

Motion to open nominations for the Student Affairs Board.

USCMotion129: VP Fawcett/VP Hitchings Carried

VP Fawcett noted that the Student Affairs Board is diverse and will be preparing a Childcare Proposal, in addition to looking at Aboriginal inclusion and engagement. Dedication to this board is greatly appreciate.

Councilor Loor asked when this board has been meeting so far.

VP Fawcett stated that there have been two meetings thus far. Meetings depend on availability of members.

Councilor Loor nominated himself.

Motion to close nominations for the Students Affairs Board.

USCMotion130: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Steffen Carried

Councilor Loor was elected to the Student Affairs Board.

Motion to open nominations for the Elections Board.

USCMotion131: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

President Kirkland stated that the Elections Board run the USSU elections.

Chair Leisle noted that those elected to the Elections Board must sign a memorandum of understanding that they will not be seeking election for an Executive position in the spring.

Councilor Nystuen nominated Councilor Laroque.

Councilor Laroque accepted.

Motion to close nominations for the Elections Board.

USCMotion132: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Gavelis Carried

Councilor Laroque was elected to the Elections Board.

7. New Business
7.1 Board Elections

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Steffen encouraged everyone to come to the ASSU office for coffee. The support is needed and it is good coffee. It is 1.25 or 1.00 if you bring your own cup.

President Kirkland encouraged all Councilors to remind their council that the USSU runs Browsers, which also serves coffee.

Councilor Steffen noted that the ASSU coffee is for charity and not for the continuation of the Students' Union.

President Kirkland noted that the USSU is a non-profit organization.

Councilor Chimanga asked how information could be put on the plasma screens for International Week in February.

President Kirkland stated that if any Councils or student groups would like to use the plasma screens, then it would be needed to be requested to either VP Hitchings or himself. All graphics need to be 1024 X 768, otherwise it means that staff needs to spend more time editing them. Requests are normally posted in two to three days.

VP Stoicheff stated that the Executive has been busy with the International Planned Parenthood Petition. There have been over 450 signatures across the campus community and it will be read by two members in the House of Commons, in the next two weeks. Also, the Saskatchewan Student Coalition has sent letters to Hon. Brad Wall, Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and Development Canada, and other Ministers in hoping that the 2% cap is removed from the Post-Secondary Student Support Program, which comes from the Federal Government to Aboriginal Bands across Canada.

Councilor Steffen asked VP Stoicheff about the two MPs reading the petition. Who are they and which party do they represent?

VP Stoicheff stated that a bi-partisan approach was needed on this issue. An independent, an NDP and a Liberal were contacted. There will be a member speaking from the NDP and one from the Liberals. Both will address the issue.

Councilor Miller-Law asked if the Executive read in *the Sheaf* about how the University is looking for a 4.5% tuition increase.

President Kirkland stated that they were looking for a 4.5% increase in the tuition portion of their revenues. That is different than what the increase will see. The trend is that more undergraduate and graduate students are to attend. The feeling is that increase will be much less than that. This is being dealt with at the Board of Governors, at a number of steering committees, and we hope, by VP Stoicheff.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion133: Councilor Nystuen/Councilor Forbes

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday January 11, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough,
Caroline Cottrell, Jason Ventnor
Regrets: Chris Stoicheff

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 a.m.

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Many meetings re. Place Riel
- Managers' Meetings
- Managers' Retreat
- Executive Retreat
- Meetings and letter writing re. daycare expansion
- Revising staff appraisal system
- U-Pass and Transit meetings
- Preliminary meetings on budget/student fees
- Database meetings
- Meetings re. audio-visual requirements in new USC Chamber
- Meetings with various staff members

President Kirkland

- Media Policy Review
- Econ 800
- Econ 275
- Planning and Priorities
- Meeting regarding Transit Accident
- USSU Communications Meeting
- Wayfinding Study Committee
- Undergraduate forum executive meeting
- Lunch with Richard Florizone
- Graduate School Applications
- Blog Review and Postings
- Staff meetings
- Breakfast with President MacKinnon
- Financial Accountabilities

- Planning and Priorities
- Staff Meeting
- Site Meeting
- UN Human Rights Day
- ADO
- Executive meeting
- Board of Governors
- Board of Governors sub-committees
- Christmas Breakfast
- Admin Team
- Place-Riel Steering Committee meeting
- Executive bonding time
- University Council
- Discussion with GM Regarding Retreat
- Executive Retreat
- SCSS meeting
- Site Meeting
- Executive meeting
- Meeting regarding tuition policy
- BoG Chair Meeting
- Kin 121
- Planning and Priorities Meeting
- Meeting re. Databases
- Scholarship and Awards Committee
- Site Meeting
- Study Abroad Returning Info Session
- USSU IT Stuff

VP Fawcett

- Media Policy meeting
- Meeting regarding transit accident
- Meeting with Lori Misichnick regarding childcare
- Transportation Committee Meeting
- Student Council
- Breakfast with President Mackinnon and other admin
- Green Career Fair meeting
- College Quarter Site Plan meeting
- Financials meeting
- Staff meeting
- Sweat Ceremony Information Session
- Centres Meeting
- ADO
- ADO
- Meeting regarding international certificate transcript
- Final Exam
- Aboriginal Engagement and Inclusion Committee meeting

- Sustainability Working Group meeting
- College Quarter Steering Committee meeting
- Childcare proposal planning
- White Ribbon Campaign research
- Term 2 planning
- Executive Retreat
- Meeting with Saskatoon Sexual Assault and Information Centre
- WINTER BREAK
- Reception coverage
- College Quarter Steering Committee meeting
- EDO
- Road Map Forum Committee meeting
- HIST 290
- Study Abroad Return Info Session
- Op/Fin Board meeting

VP Hitchings

- Meeting w/ GM. Marketing & Services Manager & Executive re: Media Policy
- Class
- Meeting re: Bunny Hugs
- Meeting w/ Controller Amanda Mitchell
- More running around for Council Bunnyhugs
- Class
- Academic Days Off (Studying & Writing Finals)
- Executive Meeting
- Preparing for next term re: Campus Clubs
- Attempting to reach campus clubs
- Meeting
- Meeting w/ the better good
- Reviewing Place Riel Renovation information
- USSU Christmas Breakfast (I won ferraro rochers.. yes.)
- Place Riel Renovation Steering Committee Meeting
- Place Riel Renovation Site Meeting
- Executive mini-retreat/bonding time
- USSU Birthday Cake
- EDO (2)
- Executive Retreat
- Vacation
- Executive Meeting
- Meeting re: Tuition Policy
- Covered Reception whilst Barb was engaged in UPASS opt outs
- Class
- Meeting with student re: Starting a campus club
- Meeting with Prairie Party Planners re: Liquor License
- Meeting w student group re: Funding Request
- Review Information of Place Riel water fountains

- Meeting re: Database & Online Campus Group Ratification
- Meeting re: Budget
- Meeting w/ GM Cottrell & Marketing Manager Ventnor in regards to the Place Riel site meeting that I had missed while in class
- Meeting w/ Prairie Party Planners re: Liquor License & Ratification
- Class
- Operations & Finance Board Meeting
- Meeting w/ Prairie Party Planners re: Ratification & Liquor License
- Ratified Campus Group Database Entry
- Bid Farewell to my Friend who moved to London, England (1/2 day EDO)
- Meeting re: Audio/Video Equipment for the new Council chambers
- Executive meeting
- Op/Fin Board Minute Preparation
- Blog Creation
- Class
- Aided Vice-President McCullough in performing a TEA survey
- Place Riel Renovations Finance Working Group Meeting
- Created these accountabilities
- Each and Every Day I performed other daily Operations & Finance duties

VP McCullough

- Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
- Meeting w/ Executive
- Academic Grievance Work
- Academic Program Committee Meeting
- Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
- Meeting w/ Executive
- Academic Grievance Work
- Sick Days (2 1/2)
- Academic Grievance
- Academic Support Committee Meeting
- Breakfast w/ President MacKinnon and Exec Committee
- Academic Grievance
- Meeting w/ Jon Elder
- Financials Review
- Staff Meeting
- Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
- ADO (2)
- Final exam
- Sick Days (4)
- Catching up on E-mail
- Tabulating TEA Scores
- Academic Grievance
- Meeting w/ Caroline and Olivia re: Term 2 Events
- Meeting w/ Greg Fowler
- Executive Retreat

- Vacation
- Catching up on E-mail and Voicemail
- Q & A session with Mike Wesch
- Meeting with Executive re: Place Riel Renovation
- Executive Meeting
- Mike Wesch Presentation in Arts 241

VP Stoicheff

- Contacted MP Megan Leslie
- Contacted MP Anita Neville
- USSU Media Policy Review
- USSU/CFCR Radio Show
- USSU Blog
- Exec Outreach-Safewalk
- Mailed IPPF petition to MP's
- Meeting with Saskatoon Transit and Campus Safety
- Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce-Government Affairs Committee Meeting
- Attended Political Studies Meet the Profs Event
- USSU Communications meeting
- Childcare meeting with Lori Mishichnik (Government of Saskatchewan)
- Transportation Committee Meeting
- Class
- University Students' Council
- Attended Aboriginal Student Centre Christmas Event
- Networked with Jack Layton at an NDP event
- Attended USSU Women's Centre day of remembrance
- Meeting with Professor Gerald Langner
- Breakfast Meeting with President Peter MacKinnon
- Vice-President Richard Florizone and University Secretary Lea Pennock
- Meeting with Jon Elder, President of SIAST Student's Association
- USSU/CFCR Radio Show
- Attended USSU Financials (Oct)
- USSU Blog
- USSU Staff Meeting
- Attended and Organized Aboriginal Sweat ceremony Info Session
- Worked on Tuition media Release
- Attended University Dispute Resolution Committee Meeting
- Attended City Council Meeting
- USSU/CFCR Radio Show
- Created and Attended Aboriginal Inclusion and Engagement Committee
- Met with Cam Broten (Advanced Education Critic) (New Democratic Party)
- Attended Executive Retreat
- Hosted Ussu/CFCR radio Show
- Composed Letter to Minister Krawetz (Childcare)
- Composed letter to Minister Norris (Childcare)
- PSSSP Awareness Campaign Planning

- Class
- Chaired External Affairs Board Meeting
- Attended Road Map Saskatoon Forum Planning Committee
- Discussion with Katie Honey-VP External URSU
- Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee Meeting
- Class
- Meeting with Student Leon Thompson
- Class
- Hosted USSU/CFCR Radio Show
- Sheaf Interview about new “Go-Pass” Sticker

4. **Business**

4.1 Fall Accountabilities

President Kirkland reminded the Executive that their fall accountabilities are due and need to get completed in order to be submitted in a timely fashion to USC.

4.2 Rally Against Proroguing

VP Hitchings asked if the USSU was going to be formally involved in the rally against Parliament being prorogued? The consensus was not to have formal involvement, but rather to expect each Executive member to act on their own should they so choose.

4.3 Senior Citizens

Each year a number of senior citizens take classes at the University of Saskatchewan. The USSU has received a request to remit their student fees and to opt them out of U-PASS. It is not possible for them to be opted out of U-PASS unless they qualify since this is part of a legal agreement with City Transit. Nor is the Executive willing to opt them out of student fees since it would be very difficult to justify treating one group of undergraduate students differently from another regardless of their age.

4.4 Communications Update

Jason Ventnor, Marketing and Communications Manager, provided an update on communications. He and Scott Henderson from IT are working on a program which will enable the use of an online form to make communications requests. Shortly, Communications will begin to do surveying – one survey will be on operations while the other will be oriented to student needs and satisfaction. Jason Ventnor asked all Executive members to submit their questions to him as soon as possible. The website has been revised and updated and seems to be working well. The next step is renewplacieriel.ca. Also, weekly communications meetings are going to be revised to do more than discuss the back page of *the Sheaf*.

4.5 Overview and Assessment of Executive Portfolios

President Kirkland would like to do a review of all Executive portfolios and bring his findings and recommendations to the Executive shortly. Any proposed changes would then be referred to USC.

Motion to Review Executive Portfolios, Review Findings and Recommendations, and Refer Proposed Changes to USC:

EXEC074: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

4.6 ASSU Election

The Executive discussed what they could accommodate to promote the ASSU Election. At this point they are able to assist with plasma ads.

Motion to Provide Plasma Advertisements for the ASSU Election:

EXEC075: Hitchings/McCullough Carried

4.7 International Week

VP Fawcett would like to assist with the promotion of International Week and proposed to sponsor Buzzboard posters.

Motion to Provide Buzzboard Advertisements in Promotion of International Week:

EXEC076: VP Fawcett/President Kirkland Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for December 2009

Present: Scott Hitchings, Benjamin Fawcett, Reid Nystuen, Alecia Nagy
Alexander Steffen, Kim Dancey, Jordan Forbes, Matthew Bennett, Warren
Kirkland (Ex-Officio), Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio)

Regrets:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at various times throughout the month of December.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

No Presentations were presented.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was loose. The meeting was held via email due to the unavailability of members as a result of finals. The agenda was adopted.

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were a non-issue.

6. Business

A. Funding Requests

The Board considered funding requests from the following groups:

- i. SMSS
- ii. Pandora Women's Ultimate
- iii. Table Tennis Club

The Board considered the funding requests. The SMSS was looking for \$499 in order to hold a Christmas party; Pandora Women's Ultimate was looking for \$500 for a fundraising event; the Table Tennis Club wanted \$290 for a table tennis tournament.

Motion to grant funding to the SMSS; Pandora; and TTC.

OFB Motion22

Hitchings/Fawcett

Carried.

7. New Business

No New Business

8. Questions & Comments

Councillor Nystuen remarked that he was uncomfortable with processing the requests due to the fact that he had not seen the request forms; Councillor Steffen made a similar remark. However, Councillor Steffen made the effort to walk to the USSU offices and look at the requests while Councillor Nystuen made no such effort.

9. Next Meeting

The Next Meeting was decidedly established to be held in the new year.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn.

OFB Motion23

Hitchings/Fawcett

Carried.

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Friday, January 8th, 2010

Present: Scott Hitchings, Benjamin Fawcett, Kim Dancey,
Alexander Steffen, Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio), Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio)

Regrets: Matthew Bennett, Jordan Forbes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

No Presentations were presented.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were a non-issue

6. Business

A. Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the following groups:

- i. Anamus
- ii. African Students' Association
- iii. Prairie Party Planners
- iv. Le Cercle Francais
- v. Associated Residence Committee

Motion to Conditionally Ratify the following group pending payment of fees:

- i. Invisible Children

OFB Motion24

Hitchings/Steffen

Carried.

B. Funding Requests

The Board considered funding requests from the following groups:

- i. Anatomy & Cell Biology Students' Association

The Board considered the funding request. The ABSS was hoping for \$290 in funding in order to hold a research night where upper-year students gather in order to discuss various research findings in the field.

- Motion to grant \$290 to ABSS for Research Night Event
OFB Motion25 Hitchings/Steffen Carried.
7. **New Business**
No New Business
8. **Questions & Comments**
No Questions were asked; no comments were made.
9. **Next Meeting**
The meeting time will be decided upon at a later date.
10. **Adjournment**
Motion to Adjourn
OFB Motion26 Hitchings/Dancey Carried.

Background

The Bylaws Committee of University Council is charged to oversee the development of new committees and the functioning of existing committees at the direction of University Council. With the progress towards the goals of the Universities Second Integrated Plan, and the identified target of Aboriginal Engagement within that document, the Bylaws Committee of Council was asked to consider how best to work towards this objective.

The Bylaws Committee quickly narrowed its scope to how best to integrate aboriginal engagement into the business of council. Two main ideas were discussed: the development of a new Committee of Council with a mandate of aboriginal engagement, or for aboriginal representation on all Committees of Council.

As is common in the formation of its decisions, the Bylaws Committee put out a request for input among all the committees of council and the campus community. The formal request is attached with this document. The USSU was approached by the University Secretary – Dr. Lea Pennock – in regards to a submission of the organizations' perspective on how Council would be best served. As the USSU executive – notably President Kirkland and Vice-President McCullough – are involved in a number of Council Committees and Sub-Committees, there would be a fair amount of discussion and information regarding the appropriate course of action provided. Vice-President Hitchings, while not directly involved with University Council, asked to draft a response to the Request for Input due to a sincere interest in seeing the goal of aboriginal engagement forwarded.

Attached are both the original Request for Input and discussion the Bylaws Committee submitted to the campus community and committees of Council, as well as the response submitted by Vice-President Hitchings. It should be noted that while Vice-President Hitchings submitted the letter, a considerable amount of input from the President, VP McCullough, University Committees, and the Aboriginal Community was taken into account.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
BYLAWS COMMITTEE
REQUEST FOR INPUT

PRESENTED BY: Linda Ferguson
Chair, bylaws committee

DATE OF MEETING: January 21, 2010

SUBJECT: **Aboriginal representation on Council committees**

COUNCIL ACTION: For input only

BACKGROUND:

At its May and June meetings last year, the coordinating committee considered the question of how to increase aboriginal representation on Council committees, and invited the Special Advisor on Aboriginal Initiatives to present to the committee in order to gather information and develop this as an item for discussion. Subsequently, the committee carried a motion requesting that the bylaws committee bring forward a *Request for Input* to Council for discussion on the subject.

The bylaws committee therefore seeks the advice and guidance of Council regarding how Council could increase aboriginal representation on its committees and in its activities. Specifically, feedback is sought with respect to the merits and disadvantages of establishing a council committee dedicated to aboriginal affairs.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

The bylaws committee's consideration of the request to establish a committee dedicated to consideration of aboriginal issues and affairs elicited a wide range of views from members. These are provided below only as a starting point for discussion.

Although in the past there have been individuals on council committees identified with Aboriginal issues, they have been a singular voice on a committee. A committee dedicated to aboriginal affairs would have a visible presence with the ability to identify policy gaps and develop approaches to address challenges related to Aboriginal matters and initiatives. The committee would have a visible presence and serve as a focal point for other committees to refer issues to. This would be more effective than having one aboriginal member on each committee or including the mandate for consideration of aboriginal concerns within the existing mandate of other council committees. Such a committee would also be able to focus on the cross-cutting nature of aboriginal issues.

Significantly, the committee would advance the institutional imperative within the *Second Integrated Plan* to engage more fully with aboriginal peoples. This proposal would not preclude any aboriginal faculty member from serving on any Council committee.

Although the committee need not be exclusively comprised of aboriginal members, a potential drawback is the perception of segregating the university's aboriginal faculty on a separate committee. There are a total of 16 self-declared aboriginal faculty members at the university. Given the call for representation from these individuals on other committees, a consideration is the availability of these faculty members given the demand for their perspectives across campus. Another potential concern is that the establishment of a committee dedicated to aboriginal affairs could potentially be viewed as absolving other council committees of consideration of issues related to aboriginal students and programs.

Further comments may be forwarded to linda.ferguson@usask.ca by February 12, 2010.



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Date: January 11, 2010

To: Linda Ferguson
Chair, bylaws committee
From: Scott Hitchings
Vice-President Operations and Finance
University of Saskatchewan Students' Union
CC: Warren Kirkland
President
University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

Re: Aboriginal Representation on Council Committees

Hi Linda,

I would first like to congratulate the Bylaws Committee and University Council for consideration of this extremely important topic. The USSU has made it a priority to pursue initiatives relating to aboriginal student inclusion on campus, and the committees' review of how to better entrench the aboriginal agenda into the University governance system is fantastic.

It should also be commented that the discussions so far at the various committees of council about the appropriate course of action have been spot on. They have evaluated the merits and weaknesses of each argument based on a very appropriate question: what is the best way to ensure the success of aboriginal engagement as outlined in the second integrated plan?

From the documents provided to each committee, I feel it is appropriate to add emphasis and a student perspective on a number of points. Certainly the arguments have been well laid out, though I feel some highlighting would be prudent.

The proposal considers two options: inclusion of aboriginal members on each committee of Council; or the development of an independent committee charged to oversee aboriginal engagement. After consultation with many members of the campus community and the USSU executive, I would like to stress the

importance of engaging in the first, rather than second option: aboriginal members on each committee of Council.

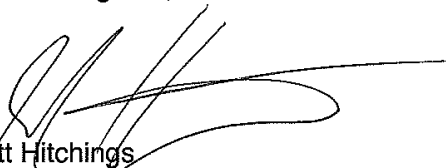
Aboriginal engagement is a topic that requires careful consideration with every initiative the University undertakes. As was appropriately mentioned at each committee, the development of a specialized committee presents the appearance that aboriginal engagement is the duty of that singular committee, rather the mandate of all. This approach would also tend to develop a polarized segregation of initiatives which has been seen in the past.

Further complications may be seen in the excessive workload that would be presented to a specialized committee. In order to ensure an aboriginal perspective on the important issues that are presented to each committee of Council, every committee of council would need to regularly consult this aboriginal engagement committee with 'Requests for Input.' This would serve only to inundate a committee and add inefficiencies to the decision making process.

More efficiently, representation on each committee enables an important perspective on every initiative that comes forward to the committees. The discussion summary provided identifies the potential difficulties faced by a singular voice on each committee. I would caution against weighing this difficulty with heavy merit, as the Students' Union regularly provides a single voice on issues of importance with great success.

This debate is certainly not one that can be easily concluded, though I would caution that the potential problems and damage of a specialized committee outweigh the potential benefits. I would instead advocate, on behalf of students, for the same conclusion presented by the Planning and Priorities Committee: that University and aboriginal engagement initiatives would be best served with individual representation on every committee of Council.

With kind regards,



Scott Hitchings
Vice-President Operations and Finance
University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday January 21, 2010

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – January 14, 2010**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – January 18, 2010**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – November 13, 2009**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – January 18, 2010**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Board Elections**
 - 6.2 Term Accountabilities**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 BOCP**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday January 14, 2010

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alex Steffen, Arts and Science
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition

Also Present

James Pepler, USC Chair Designate
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Guests:

Katie Salmers
Alecia Nagy

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion134: President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Hitchings announced that over the Christmas break, VP McCullough got engaged.

Councilor Steffen introduced Katie Salmers, ASSU President.

Councilor Dancey introduced Alecia Nagy, a current nominee for MSC for ESB, as Councilor Nystuen will be leaving.

President Kirkland also announced the resignation of Councilor Nystuen.

3. Council Address

3.1 Front Door Concept – VP Hitchings

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion135: VP Hitchings/President Kirkland

Carried

VP Hitchings noted that there were diagrams and budget handouts for this project. He stated that this presentation is about the “Front Door” concept. As Place Riel is being renovated, there is a need to rejuvenate the front of the facility.

He noted that there are a few guiding themes in this project: safety (to avoid being hit by a bus), sustainability, and aesthetic appeal. One of the major changes is to provide raised walkways made of stone to provide designated areas to cross the bus mall. These walkways will slow buses down and encourage students to cross in that area. There will also be bus shelters, which will be heated by solar powered panels in the winter. In addition, there will be trees, gardens, and mulch put in to make the space look better. The entire project had a budget of \$250,000, and the project has grown to be \$713,000. However, the costs would be split between the USSU and Saskatoon Transit. This planning is at the preliminary stages and there is still the opportunity for a large amount of input.

Councilor George mentioned the area for students to cross the bus mall. She asked if students will actually use that crosswalk or will they still walk across any point of the bus mall.

VP Hitchings stated that the hope would be that they would walk across at the point, as it would be the safest point to cross. Buses will be able to gain speed in other areas, but will have to slow down there.

President Kirkland added clarification that it is a raised crosswalk, and not a speed bump. He added that the architect had discussed traffic walkways, and in his professional opinion, this presented the best option.

Councilor Loor asked for clarification on if there would be no wall between the parking lot and the roadway.

VP Hitchings noted that the copy of the plan brought tonight is the same as the ASSU viewed for input.

Councilor Loor expressed his concern about a potential steel fence in this area and safety concerns.

President Kirkland noted that the plans have since changed. Discussions have moved to use recycled tindlestone from the building taken down for the new Academic Health Sciences Building to build a rather attractive accent wall, rather than a steel fence.

Councilor Loor clarified that there would still be an obstruction there.

Councilor Kleisinger asked for clarification on the jurisdiction of the parking lot and if it is regulated by STM. She asked if there is only one accessible parking spot available.

President Kirkland stated that there is another one on the other side, and likely more by the doors of STM.

Councilor commented that if there is a stone wall, then for those who use a wheelchair, they would have to go to the end of the wall and all of the way back. A ramp going the other way would be helpful.

President Kirkland stated that he believes that there is a ramp on either end, and there should be three accessible parking spots.

Councilor Miller – Law asked for clarification on how tall an accent wall is.

President Kirkland stated that it is tentatively set at four feet tall.

Councilor Laroque stated that a speed bump is great because the buses have a long distance to speed up and can get up to high speeds. This presents some danger. He questioned the heating of the shelters with solar power and the planting of trees in front of the building, as people will still crowd inside Place Riel and trees will block the building.

GM Cottrell stated that a commitment has been made to replace the trees that were removed for the renovations. Part of that commitment may be incorporated into this plan. For every tree removed, two will be planted in its place. Work is being done on this for this project, and also possibly with the Meewasin Valley Authority to plant some trees there.

Councilor Steffen asked what kind of trees would be planted.

VP Hitchings stated that deciduous trees would be planted.

Councilor Steffen asked if any specific types of deciduous trees would be planted.

President Kirkland stated that the final decision rests with FMD.

Councilor Steffen expressed his concern about some trees that are planted and do not grow very well.

VP Fawcett asked what the proposed timeline would be on this project.

VP Hitchings stated that it would likely be finished in synchronization with the new building.

Councilor Kirkham stated that when President Kirkland visited STMSU, there were a number of concerns raised. One was about the wall that would potentially block traffic to STM. She asked where these students would go.

VP Hitchings stated that they would likely have to go on either side of the wall.

President Kirkland stated that the architect had discussed the idea of controlling traffic flow. The idea is to walk along the accent wall and to STM on the crosswalk, and to keep student traffic out of the parking lot for fear of traffic accidents.

Councilor Kirkham also expressed her concern with lighting, as there are issues with people with vision problems and buses coming through them.

VP Hitchings asked if she meant lighting for the whole area. He noted that it hadn't been brought up yet.

Councilor Goodwin asked what the plan is for rerouting buses while this is being done.

VP Hitchings speculated that it would be the same arrangements as when the bus mall was resurfaced, with buses being rerouted for College Drive.

Councilor Kincaid commented on how the project sidewalk seems much wider at the crosswalks.

President Kirkland stated that the road narrows to account for the increase in grade. The sidewalk does become wider, but as an effect of the grade and the raised crosswalk.

Councilor Kincaid stated that it would then be a lot narrower. Would there be danger for the buses to pass each other?

President Kirkland stated that only one bus would be able to pass through there at a time. Buses need to slow down and pay more attention.

VP McCullough asked, given the timeline, if a lot of these renovations would be done in the summer when it would be the least hindering to students?

VP Hitchings stated that it would likely be done then.

President Kirkland emphasized that it is still a tentative plan. A lot is dependent on funding. The University has promised \$250,000, with hopes of Saskatoon Transit matching these funds. If no funding comes from the city, the plan will be reduced in scale considerably. One of the intents of VP Hitchings is to continue to follow

up and push as he has over the last month, with FMD, the University, and with the City.

Councilor Chimanga asked if the loop in front of Browsers would be affected.

VP Hitchings stated that it would be unchanged.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion135: VP Fawcett/VP Stoicheff Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – December 3, 2009

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – January 11, 2010

4.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes – December 2009 and January 8, 2010

Councilor Loor asked if new clubs are eligible to apply for funding once they are ratified.

VP Hitchings replied that yes they are

Councilor Miller – Law commented that Prairie Party Planners is on there. He stated that he believes this is a business and asked if businesses can get funding.

VP Hitchings stated that they are a ratified campus group and there may be a business of the same name.

President Kirkland stated that they are a member of a non-profit organization. He noted that financials are monitored and there is no dividend paid to the members.

Councilor Miller – Law commented that they were listed as hosting the Mock Wedding.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes.

USCMotion136: Councilor Steffen/Councilor Loor Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 MSC Elections

VP Hitchings noted that there are a number of elections going on – in the ASSU and in ESB. There is also work with the Indigenous Students' Council to set up at the Aboriginal Student Centre. There have been meetings over the past month, and there was a meeting with the ASC last week to go over the structure of the elections and other information. The call for nominations will be next week and the elections will be in the week after that. The elections will be on Wednesday and Thursday to

allow the person elected to have a short celebration and then be able to come to Council for their first meeting.

7.2 Letters to Bylaws Committee of Council

VP Hitchings stated that this is in regard to part of the University's Integrated Plan in order to improve Aboriginal engagement on Council. University Council, as one of the governing bodies of the University wanted to see how they could have more Aboriginal engagement on their committees. Their Bylaws committee was looking at either introducing a new committee in regard to Aboriginal engagement or encouraging engagement on each committee. USC was included in their request for input. He stated that he drafted a letter to have the second option and have engagement on each board.

Motion that the second option be considered – recommending that Aboriginal representation is included on all Committees of University Council be endorsed.

USCMotion137: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

Councilor Loor asked if application for these individual positions would be requested instead of having a specific committee for Aboriginal student representation.

President Kirkland stated that it would not just be Aboriginal students. University Council is one of three bodies of the university. Currently, there is no Aboriginal representation on specific boards for Aboriginal engagement, or for individual representation on committees. The Second Integrated Plan identifies Aboriginal engagement as a priority. University Council wanted to see how they could ingrain the Aboriginal agenda into all of its business. The Bylaws Committee looks at the formation of new committees and the governance of existing committees. They wanted to ingrain that agenda into all of its business. From there, they have input on making the decision between having a new committee and incorporating Aboriginal representation on existing committees. The best option, as recommended by VP Hitchings is to recommend the latter option.

7.3 Term Accountabilities

President Kirkland stated that barring any natural disaster; term accountabilities for last term will be in next week.

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Forbes stated that Cameco Spectrum 2010 is currently in progress. He encouraged everyone to attend. There are many interesting exhibits. It is \$10 for Jay Ingram on Saturday at 7, and during the day it is \$4 for students.

VP Hitchings noted that there has been concern over the Tuition Reimbursement Policy. He noted that changes will be made at the Operations and Finance Board Meeting next week and a resolution will be brought to Council.

VP McCullough noted that Teaching Excellence Award nominations open January 25 and close on February 5 for Term 2 classes. If you want to nominate a professor, contact VP McCullough and the Academic Affairs Board will be conducting surveys.

Councilor Steffen reminded everyone that the coffee station is moving locations and he encouraged everyone to come and have some fair trade coffee. He noted that the profits do not go to Browsers.

VP Fawcett stated that himself and VP Stoicheff started a new committee last term, which is similar to the one President Kirkland was talking about at the University level. He stated that the USSU could do more to work towards Aboriginal inclusion on campus, to ensure that those students succeed. He asked for interested individuals to come and sit on the committee. He also noted that there would be an event, likely on the last day of Council elections. Both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students will meet at the Aboriginal Student Centre to discuss how they feel Aboriginal students are included on campus. Perspectives will be shared on this issue, and the direction of the committee will be built on those perspectives. The committee is University wide and we have student members from SUNTEP and ITEP and some people who work in SESD. They are trying to get someone from Administration. They are trying to get as many people as possible to get many perspectives.

Councilor Chimanga noted that International Week would be held February 1-5. He encouraged everyone to come out and learn about the various cultures of our students. He joked that it would definitely cut down on travel costs to take in this event.

Councilor Laroque stated that he was reading in *the Sheaf* that Browsers was eventually phasing out books. He asked for comment on this.

President Kirkland stated that the USSU reviews all practices of every one of its businesses and services. There have been declining book sales, and the best use of the space is being considered. The revenue from the books is a driving source and no time soon will you see the books removed as it is still a service to students and generates quite a bit of profit.

Councilor Miller – Law stated that an old time variety show called Legal Follies will be happen on February 5 and 6. The cost will be \$10. Saturday always sells out. It will be at the Broadway Theatre. He noted that he would likely be in some form of leotard, reprising his role from last year.

Councilor Loor asked VP Hitchings to elaborate on the concerns about the tuition policy that have been voiced.

VP Hitchings replied that there is concern that the policy is too open-ended and it will pay for tuition for five classes. It is misinterpreted and needs rewording. There will be tuition reimbursed up to what is in the budget.

9. Other Business

9.1 Board Elections

President Kirkland stated that as several Councilors are leaving, there would be board elections for the various boards with openings.

Councilor Steffen stated that he would be in Sweden next week. He stated that the reason he wanted to be an MSC was due to the good job that VP Hitchings had done last year. He then ran in an election and due to Gillian Paton being admitted into Medicine, was the sole MSC for a large portion of the year. He also noted the short summer meetings. Councilor Steffen added that he loved the food at meetings, and hoped that food would be available more often in the future. Also, he enjoyed the long meetings, the USC social, voting against the credit card issue. He stated that his leaving is bittersweet and he will send some gifts. He stated that he would be back in student politics. He respectfully resigned.

President Kirkland thanked Councilor Steffen for his speech. He also noted that starting next week, all audio files will be available online in order to be more accountable. The audio will be posted after the minutes are approved. In the future, the hope is that the audio will be linked to specific sections of the documents.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion138: Councilor Loor/Councilor Forbes

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday January 18, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Numerous Place Riel renovation meetings
- Executive Meeting
- Staff meetings
- Meetings with senior managers re. performance reviews
- Doing performance reviews
- Handling U-Pass issues – X many
- GSA Opening
- Daycare Board meeting
- Financial accountability meeting
- Meetings re. budget

President Kirkland

- Staff Meeting
- Planning and Priorities Committee
- Executive Meeting
- Mike Wesch Presentation
- Council Chamber Audio/Video discussion
- Meeting regarding Browsers Sheaf Article
- Institutional Positional Symposium
- Place Riel Video Filming
- Financials for November
- Residence and Food Services fee setting meeting
- University Students' Council
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- Graduate Students' Association Commons Opening
- Snelgrove Gallery Show
- Meeting regarding Executive Tuition Policy
- Executive Photo Shoot

- Plasma Television strategy review
- Meeting with Chancellor Vera Pezer
- University Board of Governors meeting downtown
- Blog Review and Postings

VP Fawcett

- Composed statement of purpose for Aboriginal Student Engagement and Inclusion Board
- Aboriginal Student Engagement and Inclusion Board meeting
- HIST 290
- Student Affairs Board Meeting
- Meeting regarding water fountains/bottle fillers in Place Riel
- Sustainability Board Meeting
- Completed and sent letters to the Provincial government to lobby for childcare funding
- Daycare Board Meeting
- HIST 290
- Student Council
- Academic Affairs Board Meeting
- Executive Meeting
- Operations and Finance Board Meeting
- Childcare Centre webpage revisions

VP Hitchings

- Aided Vice-President McCullough in performing a TEA survey
- Place Riel Renovations Finance Working Group Meeting
- Created these accountabilities
- Class
- Place Riel Finance Working Group Meeting
- Meeting w/ Student re: group funding
- Meeting re: Water fountains in Place Riel
- Sustainability Board Meeting
- Daycare Board Meeting
- Institutional Positioning Meeting
- Financial Accountabilities for November
- Class
- USC
- Place Riel Renovations Steering Committee Meeting
- ½ day EDO
- Executive Meeting
- Meeting w/ Student re: Campus Group Funding Req.
- Operations & Finance Board Meeting
- Each and Every Day I performed other daily Operations & Finance duties.

VP McCullough

- Mike Wesch Presentation in Arts 241

Executive Committee Meeting – January 18, 2010

- Administering TEA Survey
- Class
- Academic Programs Committee Meeting
- Student Affairs Board Meeting
- Preparation for Academic Affairs Board Meeting
- Class
- Blog
- Academic Grievance
- Research Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee meeting
- Class
- USC
- Academic Grievances (three)
- Class
- Academic Affairs Board meeting
- GSA Commons Grand Opening
- Academic Grievance
- Executive Meeting
- Blog
- Class
- Accountability Report
- Term Accountabilities

VP Stoicheff

- Sick Day
- Hosted USSU/CFCR Radio Show
- PSSSP Campaign Document and Information for Website
- USSU Staff Meeting
- Meeting with Derek Robinson-Human Resources, University of Saskatchewan
- Attended Jack Layton Event on Campus
- University Students' Council
- Meeting with Katie Honey-University of Regina Students' Union VP External
- Saskatchewan Student Coalition meeting with Minister Rob Norris (Advanced Education, Employment and Labour)
- Meeting with Laura Buckley-Ministerial Assistant-Government of Saskatchewan
- Meeting with Heather George-University Liaison Officer-Government of Saskatchewan
- Executive Meeting
- Haiti Fundraising Campaign
- "Help Haiti" Benefit Concert Planning
- Completed USSU Exec-2009 Fall Accountability Report

4. **Business**

4.1 TEA Tree Planting

VP McCullough brought forward information about planting a tree or two to compensate for the very large amount of paper which was/will be used to do

the Teaching Excellence evaluations. There are a number of issues around tree planting because of the need to ensure replacement of trees removed for the construction of Place Riel, President Kirkland noted, and suggested that these additional trees might be considered in that context and in the context of the Wayfinding Committee. GM Cottrell let the Executive know that there have been various conversations with Facilities Management (Grounds Division) about where to plant trees, including some conversation about creating a "USSU forest", somewhere on campus.

Motion to use Executive sponsorship to pay for two trees to be planted to compensate for the paper used for TEA evaluations.

EXECMotion077: VP McCullough/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.2 Tuition Policy

The Executive continued to discuss the Tuition Policy, which has been referred to the Operations and Finance Board. VP Stoicheff noted that he will not accept any money for textbooks or fees and feels the policy should be scrapped. VP Fawcett suggested that it is the principle rather than the money that is problematic for USSU members. He believes they do not feel it is appropriate to pay for the Executives' tuition, fees and books. Both VP Stoicheff and VP Fawcett felt any additional remuneration should be subsumed into the Executive Salary Line in the budget. President Kirkland encouraged everyone to wait for the Operations and Finance Board to do their job.

4.3 Surveys

The Executive was reminded that Jason Ventnor, Marketing and Communications Manager would like their questions for the survey as soon as possible. The USSU will be surveying students about operations and services in the near future. A prize will be awarded and the results will be available at www.ussu.ca when they are compiled.

4.4 Benefit Concert for Haiti

VP Stoicheff is working with Jason Ventnor and Jason Kovitch, Food and Beverage Manager, to put together a benefit concert for the Haitian earthquake victims. Any money raised will go to Haitian Relief at the Canadian Red Cross.

4.5 International Week

VP Fawcett has been approached by the ISC to have posters created for the Carnival of Solidarity and he would like to provide Executive sponsorship to make this happen. He will also be approaching the Executive to provide sponsorship for finger food at the Carnival. He will bring back exact information at the next meeting.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Academic Affairs Board

Minutes for Friday November 13, 2009

Present: Daniel McCullough, Steven Ofukany, Brookelyn Kirkham, Alyssa Anderson, Claire Kincaid

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was not present

3. **Roundtable Discussion**

MSC Kirkham commented that there are issues with book prices. She also brought forward the issue of the Course Tools in PAWS not showing up until right before the new term.

Chair McCullough asked what advantages would having the Course Tools posted earlier be.

MSC Kirkham stated that it would be beneficial to have it up earlier in order to be able to see your classmates, syllabus, and other information well in advance.

MSC Kincaid noted the developments on campus and the excitement for research, but cautioned that instructors need to be chosen wisely.

Chair McCullough stated that at the Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching Effectiveness, there is a learning charter and they also give workshops for professors.

MSC Kincaid asked if these workshops were mandatory.

Chair McCullough replied that they are self-motivated workshops.

4. **Minutes**

Motion to approve the October 29, 2009 Academic Affairs Board

Minutes:

AABMotion02: SAL Luhning/MSC Kincaid

Carried

5. **Business**

There was a brief discussion regarding tenure for professors and how they must teach for a number of years to achieve this.

SAL Luhning asked for clarification on this issue of going into classrooms in regard to programs such as TEA and potentially disrupting learning.

Chair McCullough noted that there classes cannot be disrupted for campaigns or referenda, but some projects can be done during class time with approval.

It was also noted that the nominations for Teaching Excellence Awards had closed on November 6, and work was being done on starting surveying shortly.

6. **Academic Advocacy Office Update**

There were three additional cases from the previous meetings. Two of these were basic appeals and the third required a bit more involvement and coordination with administrators from one our certificate programs through the CCDE.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Friday, January 18th, 2010

Present: Scott Hitchings, Benjamin Fawcett, Kim Dancey,
Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio), Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio)

Regrets: Matthew Bennett, Jordan Forbes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

No Presentations were presented.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were a non-issue

6. Business

A. Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the following groups:

- i. Aboriginal Business Student Society

OFB Motion27 Hitchings/Dancey Carried.

B. Funding Requests

The Board considered funding requests from the following groups:

- i. Visual Arts Students' Union

The Board considered the funding request. VASU was hoping to get the funding in order to hold a drawing competition.

Motion to grant \$500 to ABSS for Research Night Event

OFB Motion28 Hitchings/Nagy Carried.

C. Policy Changes

- i. Tution Reimbursement Policy

The board considered possible changes to the policy and decided on going one of two routes, depending on the views shared by council. One option is to make

changes to the policy which more clearly outlining how the money is spent; the other option is to eliminate the policy altogether and not put the “tuition” line into next year’s budget. No decision was made, as the matter was still being considered by the board.

7. New Business

No New Business

8. Questions & Comments

No Questions were asked; no comments were made.

9. Next Meeting

The meeting time will be decided upon at a later date.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

OFB Motion29 Hitchings/Dancey Carried.

Daniel McCullough: VP Academic Affairs

2009-2010

Fall Accountabilities

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 08:30-16:30

*Along with varying evenings and weekends as necessary

Class(es):

BIOC 430 TR 10:00-11:20

Daily Activities:

- E-mail/Telephone Correspondence
- General Daily Issues
- Research
- Student Drop-ins
- Consultations with Executive
- Committee Preparation
- Report Writing
- Meetings with Staff
- Academic Grievance work with CSSO

Portfolio Duties:

As Vice-President Academic Affairs, I am responsible for all student academic issues including computing, all affairs regarding University Council and I have shared responsibility of the Confidential Student Support Officer.

To this effect I sit on University Council and several Council committees that deal specifically with academic issues such as the Academic Programs Committee, the Academic Support Committee The Teaching and Learning Committee and the Research Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee. The CSSO and I also make up the Academic Advocacy Office and together we have handled 36 Academic Grievances this last term, totaling sixty-two for the year.

The Teaching Excellence Awards are a major part of my portfolio and provided quick, steep learning curve. This was overcome though with help from the CSSO and Academic Affairs Board who put in many volunteer hours to make sure that everything came together on time.

Relatedly, my portfolio includes me as chair of the Academic Affairs Board and Vice-Chair of the Student Affairs Board. Both met several times throughout the term, though the Academic Affairs Board found most of their time consumed by our first experience with the TEA's, something I would like to remedy this term.

Work on the ill-fated DISorientation Renaming Contest was also undertaken as part of the VP Academic portfolio to co-ordinate DISorientation.

Vice President Academic Affairs Report: September 2009

Welcome Week: The dominate item in September for all Executive Members was welcome week. Aside from announcing bands and getting our faces and names out to the new and returning student body, I spent the majority of the three main days handing out Survival Calendars to undergraduate students and getting a bad t-shirt tan.

DISorientation: Throughout September plans were made with University Advancement for the rebranding of DISorientation through the "DISorientation Renaming Contest. I consulted with University advancement and the USSU assisted with advertising with posters on the buzzboards and plasma TV's.

University Council and Committees: Council Orientation took place early in September and the various Committees had their preliminary meetings. New members were brought up to speed on any continuing projects.

Vice President Academic Affairs Report: October 2009

Conversation and Presentation with Sir Ken Robinson: A highlight of October was the chance to meet with Sir Ken Robinson, a leading expert in Education and Creativity on October 1st. As the USSU representative I was treated to a one hour coffee discussion with Sir Ken and a number of University administrators about how to save and grow creativity in a University setting. This was followed by his presentation in Convocation Hall. Both were a learning experience and a real treat.

Campaign Goal Update - Reducing Cost of Academic Materials: Starting in October and continuing through to present I have been working with the E-Texts Subcommittee of Council to bring a document to council on how e-textbooks and other technology, combined with Open-Access Publishing. Work on this is ongoing.'

Academic Integrity Awareness Week: During Academic Integrity Awareness Week the CSSO and ran the Burst the Bubble on Academic Dishonesty Campaign to educate students on the University's Academic Dishonesty Policy, (now the Academic Misconduct Guidelines).

DISorientation Renaming Contest: The DISorientation renaming contest opened. And submissions were sent in. The top three were selected by consensus of the USSU and University Advancement.

Teaching Excellence Awards Nominations: Nominations Forms were available from October 26th until November 6th.

Vice President Academic Affairs Report: November 2009

Disorientation Renaming Contest: Voting on the three top picks began and ran into a hitch when it was realized that students could vote more than once. One submission had received nearly forty votes in less than five minutes, but there was no way to see if it was the same person voting or simply a coincidence. The USSU requested University Advancement to make it so each NSID could only vote once, which they did, but the old votes were not thrown out and the event was not re-advertised. When the USSU was alerted of this we asked that the contest be rerun in a way that was above suspicion and reproach. University Advancement decided to scrap the contest, and wait to rebrand after the University's Institutional Positioning took place in January 2010.

Annual General Meeting: In the weeks leading up to the AGM I was involved in going over the Constitution and Bylaws and reviewing the Bylaw that was to be put forward at the AGM. The passing of the Bylaw went without incident and the USSU is now on legally sound ground.

Teaching Excellence Awards: Nominations Forms were available from October 26th until November 6th. On November 3rd and 4th, members of the Academic Affairs Board, the CSSO and I sat in the tunnel and handed out and collected nominations forms. This led to a Term 1 record of 68 unique nominations with 60 professors responding to the nomination and being surveyed. Surveys began the week of November 22nd and continued in to December and January. The help of the CSSO and The Academic Affairs Board membership, as well as some MSC volunteers, was absolutely indispensable during this time.

Vice President Academic Affairs Report: December 2009

Teaching Excellence Awards: Nominations Surveys were conducted during the first week of December. As it was the last week of classes we had to cram any Term 1 only classes that had not yet been surveyed into this week. The CSSO and I spent almost all our time this week conducting surveys.

Illness: Despite receiving a vaccination for H1N1, I spent over seven days away from work ill with what was starting to look like mono. The doctor assured me it wasn't and I am happy to report that I was able to catch up and begin preparing for TEA's and other Term 2 projects before Christmas Break

Executive Retreat: The Executive Committee spent December 22nd cloistered away reviewing policy and direction for the rest of the year. It was a positive experience in which goals were set and some misgivings were forgotten.

Day-to-Day Activities

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday the 1st

Student Central Greeting
Handing out Survival Calendars
Pick up Soccer in the Bowl
Live Expo
Accountability Report

Wednesday the 2nd

Pranking the Sheaf
Academic Grievances
Updating OA Presentation
Sweltering in Office
Accountability Report

Thursday the 3rd

Response to SPARC re: OA
Class
Summer Term Accountability
Student Drop-in

Friday the 4th

Meeting with Campus Safety

Monday the 7th

Labour Day

Tuesday the 8th

Alumni Pancake Breakfast
Class
University Council Orientation

Wednesday the 9th

Transporting Survival Calendars
Handing out Survival Calendars

Thursday the 10th

Executive Meeting
Class
Handing out Survival Calendars
Stage Announcement

Friday the 11th

Handing out Survival Calendars
Stage Announcement
Accountability Report
Monday the 14th

Executive Meeting
Blog
Academic Support Committee Meeting

Tuesday the 15th

Academic Grievance
Accountability Report
Class
Academic Grievance
Planning Satellite Campus Outreach

Wednesday the 16th

Campus Career Expo

Thursday the 17th

Communication Meeting
Class
Teacher Learner Commitment Team Meeting
University Council
USC

Friday the 18th
EDO

Monday the 21st

Executive Meeting
Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House
Pride Centre Open House
Academic Integrity Week Planning

Tuesday the 22nd

Class
Academic Integrity Week Planning
Alternative Dispute Resolution Process Orientation

Wednesday the 23rd

Sick Day

Thursday the 24th

Half Sick Day
Pride Centre Art/Poetry Sharing
Undergraduate Forum
USC Meeting

Friday the 25th

Sick Day

Monday the 28th

Executive Meeting
Academic Integrity Awareness Week Planning
University Learning Centre Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday the 29th

Breakfast Meeting with President's Executive Committee
Class
Academic Integrity Awareness Week Proposal
Executive Outreach Planning

Wednesday the 30th

Executive Outreach Planning
Academic Integrity Awareness Week Proposal
Learning Commons Grand Opening

OCTOBER

Thursday the 1st

Communications Meeting
Class
Executive Outreach Planning
Conversation with Sir Ken Robinson
USC Meeting
Sir Ken Robinson Lecture

Friday the 2nd

Best Practices Guideline for OH&S During Pandemic Influenza Announcement
Meeting with Zena Charowsky

Monday the 5th

Sick Day

Tuesday the 6th

Sick Day

Wednesday the 7th

Event Setup
Burst the Bubble on Academic Dishonesty Event for AIAW
Event Tear Down

Thursday the 8th

Communications Meeting
Class
Undergraduate Forum Executive Committee Meeting
Teaching & Learning Committee
USC

Friday the 9th

1/2 day EDO (Morning)
Teaching Excellence Awards Planning
RSAW Meeting

Monday the 12th

Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday the 13th

Exec Meeting
Class
Blog
DISorientation Contest Work
Setting Meeting for Academic Affairs Board

Wednesday the 14th

Student Advocacy Network

Thursday the 15th

Class
Academic Affairs Board Meeting
University Council
DISorientation Contest Work
USC

Friday the 16th

Preparations and Readings for VP Research Search Committee Interviews
RSAW Meeting

For the Benefit of Councillor Alexander Steffen

Note: some times may be approximations

Monday the 19th

08:30-09:30 Checked E-mail. E-mail Dialogue w/ SMSS President Lei Xia
09:30-09:40 Checked long-distance bill for personal calls
09:40-10:00 Discussion w/ Pres. Kirkland re: Undergraduate Forum
10:00-10:10 Bathroom Break
10:10-10:15 Got Coffee
10:15-10:44 Discussion w/ VP Fawcett re: presentation for Undergraduate Forum
10:44-11:05 DISorientation Co-ordinating
11:05-11:07 Ate a cupcake that CSSO Baked
11:07-11:15 Stared out window
11:15-12:00 Talked to staff to ensure no loose ends left dangling while away
13:30-22:00 VP Research Search Committee - CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday the 20th

08:30-21:30 VP Research Search Committee - CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS
14:00-14:10 Blog

Wednesday the 21st

08:30-16:00 VP Research Search Committee - CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS

Thursday the 22nd

08:30-13:00 1/2 day ADO
10:00-11:20 Class (Midterm)
13:00-13:45 Catch-up E-mail from VP Research Search Committee Interviews
13:45-13:55 Co-ordinating DISorientation (Advertising)
13:55-14:55 Reading For TLCC Meeting
14:55-15:00 Walking to TLCC Meeting
15:00-16:30 Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting
18:00-19:30 USC
20:00-20:45 Student Affairs Board Meeting
20:45-20:50 Updating Accountability Report

Friday the 23rd

08:50-09:20 Reading E-mail
09:20-09:30 Reading Web comics
09:30-09:35 Getting Coffee
09:35-09:36 Checked E-mail
09:36-09:57 Read Executive Blogs
09:57-10:10 Worked out availability for Academic Affairs Board Meetings
10:10-10:20 Got more Coffee
10:20-11:20 Reviewed Presentation to give at Parkland College
11:20-23:45 Executive Outreach Trip to Parkland College in Yorkton, SK

Saturday the 24th

15:00-15:55 Meeting with VP Fawcett to work on Undergraduate Forum Presentation

Monday the 26th

Executive Meeting
Preparing for and Sitting at Executive Outreach Table
Blog

Tuesday the 27th

Meeting w/ Student for Academic Advice
Class
Meeting with Premier Brad Wall
Working on Sustainability Presentation for Undergrad Forum w/ VP Fawcett
Reviewing Constitution and Bylaws
Meeting w/ Executive to discuss constitutional changes for AGM

Wednesday the 28th

Helping w/ setup for Ally Promo Week
Blood Donation
Academic Grievance
Discussion w/ President Kirkland about updating tutor registry and exam file
E-mail Dialogue w/ Registrar re: Academic Grievance

Thursday the 29th

Co-ordinating DISorientation
Class
Attempt at Academic Affairs Board Meeting (Quorum not met)
Undergraduate Forum
USC

Friday the 30th

1/2 Day EDO
Co-ordinating DISorientation

NOVEMBER

Monday the 2nd

Co-ordinating DISorientation
Discussion of Constitutional Amendments
Preparing for TEA Tunnel Sitting
Editing Students' Rights Handbook
Academic Support Committee Meeting

Tuesday the 3rd

Survey Meeting
Class
Co-ordinating DISorientation
TEA Tunnel Sitting
Academic Programs Committee

Wednesday the 4th

Buying Candy for TEA Tunnel Sitting
TEA Tunnel Sitting
Preparing OA Presentation for E-Texts Subcommittee of ASC
Reading for E-Texts Subcommittee meeting
E-texts Sub Committee Meeting

Thursday the 5th

Class
Academic Grievance
E-mail Dialogue with Academic Affairs Board
Learning Commons Management Board
Addressing Students Concerns re: ASSU Election
USC

Friday the 6th

Meeting w/ Executive Committee and USSU Lawyer
Gathering Final TEA Nominations
SEEQ Advisory Committee Meeting
Student Affairs Board Meeting

Monday the 9th

Academic Grievance
Executive Meeting
Financial Review
Executive Photos
Blog

Tuesday the 10th

Academic Grievance
Work for AGM
Class
Co-ordinating DISorientation

Wednesday the 11th

Remembrance Day Holiday

Thursday the 12th

Preparing for AGM
Class
Preparing for TLCC
Organizing Academic Affairs Board Meeting w/ CSSO
Discussion w/ Janna Wong re: Learning Commons Management Board Committees
Teaching and Learning Committee of Council Meeting
AGM
ULC

Friday the 13th

Preparing for Meetings
Academic Affairs Board Meeting
Research Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee Meeting

Monday the 16th

Executive Meeting
Executive Outreach w/ Pride Centre @ WCVM
Went home feeling sick around 14:45

Tuesday the 17th

Signing TEA Nomination Letters
Student drop-in for advice
Blog
Class
Accountabilities
H1N1 Vaccination
Meeting with CSSO for TEA Surveys
Reviewing University Course Challenge

Wednesday the 18th

Reading for University Council
Co-ordinating DISorientation
Two Academic Grievances
Reading for E-Texts Subcommittee of Academic Support Committee of Council
E-Texts Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday the 19th

Co-ordinating DISorientation
Class
Reading for University Council
Reading for USC
University Council
USC

Friday the 20th

Co-ordinating TEA Nomination Surveys
Reading for Academic Dishonesty Case
Undergraduate Forum Executive Meeting
Meeting with Student for Academic Dishonesty Case
Monday the 23rd

Two. Two Academic Grievances. Ha ha ha ha!
Meeting re: Harassment case against prof.
Co-ordinating TEA's
The Age Of Stupid

Tuesday the 24th

Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
Class
Reading for Bylaws Committee Meeting re: Form C
Bylaws Committee Meeting
Conducting TEA Surveys

Wednesday the 25th

Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
CABIS meeting
Transgender Day of Remembrance

Thursday the 26th

Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
Class
Academic Grievance
Joint Meeting of APC, ASC and TLCC
Undergraduate Forum Meeting

Friday the 27th

Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
Meeting w/ Greg Fowler
Exec Meeting
RSAW Meeting

Monday the 30th

Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
Executive Outreach
1/2 Day EDO

DECEMBER

Tuesday the 1st

Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
Meeting w/ Executive
Academic Grievance Work
Academic Program Committee Meeting

Wednesday the 2nd

Co-ordinating TEA Surveys
Meeting w/ Executive
Academic Grievance Work
1/2 Sick Day

Thursday the 3rd

Sick Day

Friday the 4th

Sick Day

Monday the 7th

Academic Grievance
Academic Support Committee Meeting

Tuesday the 8th

Breakfast w/ President MacKinnon and Exec Committee
Academic Grievance
Tabulating TEA Survey scores
Meeting w/ Jon Elder

Wednesday the 9th

Financials Review
Staff Meeting
Tabulating TEA Scores

Thursday the 10th

Tabulating TEA Scores
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

Friday the 11th

ADO

Monday the 14th

ADO
Final exam

Tuesday the 15th

Sick Day

Wednesday the 16th

Sick Day

Thursday the 17th

Sick Day

Friday the 18th

Sick Day

Monday the 21st

Catching up on E-mail

Tabulating TEA Scores

Academic Grievance

Meeting w/ Caroline and Olivia re: Term 2 Events

Meeting w/ Greg Fowler

Tuesday the 22nd

Executive Retreat

Wednesday the 23rd

EDO

Thursday the 24th through January 3rd

OFFICES CLOSED

Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs USSU--Fall Accountability Report September 1st-
December 24th, 2009.



Major Initiatives Undertaken and Completed:

- Assisted new students move into campus residence during first week of school-
“Residence Move-In Crew Event”
- Created and hosted the USSU/CFCR Radio Show on Tuesday Nights-to engage the community in issues relating to students.
- Delivered presentation to University Students’ Council on the Canadian Federation of Students and the USSU.
- In collaboration with the USSU executive, created a statement against Brad Trost’s comments regarding Pride Parade’s.
- Established stronger relationships with other Student Unions in Saskatchewan
- Created the Saskatchewan Student Coalition-An organization that includes First nations University of Canada, University of Regina Students’ Union, SIAST (Kelsey and Woodland Campuses) and the USSU.
- Made Contact and established good relations with the Canadian Alliance of Students’ Association (CASA). Met with CASA’s national President.
- Attended City Council Meetings on regular basis.
- Organized and moderated the Riversdale Constituency Candidates Forum in Place Riel.
- Attended the TMSS Conference in Tisdale-Spoke to high school students about the opportunities to get involved at the University of Saskatchewan.
- Attended Queerapalooza (Pride Centre) events
- Hosted and organized the “Aboriginal Inclusion Coffee House” in Louis’
- Chaired External Affairs Board Meetings
- Invited the Hon. Rob Norris, Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour to speak at University Student’s Council.
- Established a good relationship with the Aboriginal Student Centre
- Successfully lobbied the municipal government for polls on campus for the Municipal Election.
- Attended Take Back the Night (USSU Women’s Centre Event)

- Met with all candidates for Mayor
- Met with USSU Solicitor Greg Whalen
- Organized “Meet Your Candidate for City Council Event” in Browser’s
- Organized “Mayoral Candidates Forum” in Neatby-Timlin Lecture Theatre.
- Organized the “Let’s Get out and Vote Campaign”.
- Spoke to prospective U of S Students at the Lieutenant Governor’s Conference.
- Met with U.S Ambassador to Canada-David Jacobson
- Attended Government of Saskatchewan’s Throne Speech in Regina at the Legislature.
- Presented the 2009/10 USSU and Saskatchewan Student Coalition Government Lobbying Documents to Council.
- Represents the USSU on CASA’s National Aboriginal Policy Committee
- Successfully Lobbied the Government of Saskatchewan to reenact the “The Scholarship, Loans and Bursary Committee”.
- Chaired a meeting between the USSU executive and the Hon. Brad Wall, Premier of Saskatchewan on the U of S campus. First time the Premier has met with the USSU since his election.
- Organized numerous meetings between the Saskatchewan Student Coalition (SSC) and Government of Saskatchewan officials and the Minister of Advanced Education.
- Launched the “U-Pass and You” Campaign to get feedback from students on their U-Pass experience.
- Developed and circulated a petition in support of continued government funding for the International Planned Parenthood Federation. Sent petitions to be read in the House of Commons.
- Met with Government officials (Ministry of Education) concerning the need for increased childcare space on campus.
- Met with NDP Advanced Education Critic Cam Broten (Official Opposition) on behalf of the Saskatchewan Student Coalition.

-Made contact with Aboriginal groups about the USSU executive taking part in an Aboriginal Sweat ceremony in second semester.



VP Stoicheff's Fall 2009 Report:

Between the months of September and December, I remained focused on strengthening relationships, fostering student engagement and creating a more inclusive campus for all students at the University of Saskatchewan. I pursued a number of initiatives to engage students in the municipal election, lobbied all orders of government extensively on affordability and accessibility issues affecting students while strengthening relationships with other student unions by forming the Saskatchewan Student Coalition (SSC).

I began the fall term by evaluating our union's role in the Canadian Federation of Students. After my presentation on behalf of the executive; this issue was resolved by University Students' Council. Furthermore, the establishment of the Saskatchewan Student Coalition will ensure that student concerns, issues and initiatives are well understood by the provincial government. This organization has

the opportunity to shape the post-secondary education system in Saskatchewan for the benefit of all students in our province.

By working with other student unions and associations in Saskatchewan we can play a leadership role in the development of more high-quality and inclusive Saskatchewan campuses. We can also look forward to being stronger advocates of community involvement through the establishment of experiential learning programs with partners in the community. In October, I released the Saskatchewan Student Coalition's Government Lobbying Document to USC. This document pays specific attention to accessibility and affordability issues such as the implementation of a Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund, reduced interest rates on student loans, a long-term tuition management strategy and increased childcare spaces on our campus among other issues. These issues will guide the SSC as it approaches all orders of government.

For this first time since the last Provincial election, our executive had the opportunity to meet with the Premier of Saskatchewan, the Hon. Brad Wall. We were able to discuss affordability and accessibility issues and give support to the University's innovation and arts agenda.

Fostering student engagement has been a main priority and will remain so over the coming months. In the fall, attempts were made to engage students by organizing a "Meet Your Candidate for City Council Event" in Browser's and Mayoral Candidates Forum on campus. As well, students were given the opportunity to vote right here on campus for an entire week through advanced polls for the first time. Creating a more inclusive campus for Aboriginal students is also a major priority

and VP Fawcett and I will be continue working closely with the Aboriginal Student Centre to offer by-monthly coffee houses focused on creating a more welcoming campus for Aboriginal students.

Making real progress on issues such as student loans interest rate reductions, long-term tuition management strategies, eliminating the 2% cap on the post-secondary student support program (PSSSP) and establishing a Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund will continue to direct me in my endeavors over the next few months.

Our executive also supported government funding for the International Planned Parenthood Federation. The IPPF supports gender equality, and the promotion of safe-sex, particularly in developing nations. It also works to prevent genital mutilation and the spread of HIV/AIDS. Considering the USSU Women's Centre is a pro-choice organization, we believed it was appropriate to circulate a petition in support of this organization and the initiatives it undertakes to help women around the world.

It is an honor to be your representative to all orders of government. I will always appreciate the opportunity to discuss any concerns or ideas you may have as we build a stronger and more diverse campus community together.

Scott Hitchings: Vice-President Operations & Finance

Term 1 Accountability

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

*Along with various evenings and weekends as necessary

Daily Activities:

- Responding to emails & telephone calls
- Signing Cheques
- Meetings with campus clubs
- Executive Committee
- General Office organizing
- Project creation
- Input of Campus Groups
- Approval of money transfers
- Meetings with Administrative staff as required

Portfolio Duties:

Throughout the summer months, the role of the Vice-President Operations & Finance is to become aware of the financial, administrative, and governing factors for which the position is responsible. The task of term one is putting these to the test. The first and most important duty is that of the Operations & Finance Board. This board is responsible for a multitude of factors, not the least of which is approving funding requests and ratification for Campus Groups. Since the Campus Clubs Policy changed last year to increase funding request amounts from \$300 to \$1000 per year, it was the first year that this was in practice. It also stipulated that amounts over and above \$300 were subject to a presentation, which really had no format. It was the board's position to evaluate these in our pre-determined format, granting clubs funding only based around their ability to meet our requirements. In addition to ratifying and evaluating funding requests, the Operations & Finance Board also must review the monthly financial statements to ensure that the USSU is running efficiently and effectively.

With students on campus, it was important that the Executive be readily available to meet and answer student questions. For my role, this was primarily focused around campus club questions. This was part of my election promise of being accountable and professional. They came to me or emailed me and received very timely responses to help

them in facilitating their success of their group.

USC also started meeting weekly in September, in which my role was to convey a seemingly infinite amount of information each week with regards to the finances, and, most importantly, information about the Place Riel Expansion.

Finally, the Vice-President Operations & Finance sits on the hiring committee for many administrative positions. Again, due to a high turnover during the 1st term, I sat on the hiring committee for a new Food & Beverage Manager, Facilities & Events Assistant, and Information Center Supervisor.

Vice-President Operations & Finance Report: September 2009

Welcome Week

As with every year, the USSU puts on a Welcome Week bash filled with local bands, beer gardens, and the handing out of the Survival Calendars. In addition to helping out in the Bowl during the week, there was an overwhelming amount of questions relating to what the USSU does, Campus Club questions, and just generally helping students get adjusted to campus.

Place Riel Expansion/Renovation

This has been occupying an incredibly large amount of my time throughout the 1st term. In September, we had many meetings with our architect for the Place Riel project. The month was also filled with site meetings, setting up the Place Riel Student Advisory Committee, which is comprised of 10 SAL's who will be primarily driving the remaining decisions behind this project, as well as Steering Committee Meetings.

Other

Various meetings with our IT department got the wheels going on the online campus group ratification and funding request database. It will come to fruition before the end of my first term, and will eliminate a substantial amount of paper waste that comes into the USSU.

Vice-President Operations & Finance Report: October 2009

Boards

In early October our boards were struck and started meeting weekly. This occupied a lot of timing, organizing members of the board, passing information onto them, typing up minutes, and through their decisions, executing the given plan.

Place Riel Expansion/Renovation

More Site Meetings, steering committee meetings, finance team meetings, etc... A lot of time and effort was put into the Presentation made to Council bringing them up to date with the project. I also spent some of my time improvising a marketing video with President/Crocodile Hunter Kirkland.

Vice-President Operations & Finance Report: November 2009

AGM

The AGM this year entailed a complete overhaul of the USSU Bylaws and Constitution. Much time was dedicated to ensuring the bylaws, constitution, and policies were in line and blend together well.

Place Riel Expansion/Renovation

November saw another fun filled month full of news about the project as well as slight decisions to be made and new ideas to come up with for marketing videos. Most of the news can be summed in a neat sentence: c'est bon!

Vice-President (Operations & Finance) Report: December 2009

Place Riel Expansion/Renovation

December was a pretty laid back month for the project. Everything was going well and so the Steering Committee Meeting consisted of a budget update (everything is going well) and schedule update (everything is going well) and not much more. The Campus Computer store is set to open in January with the Campus Cove to follow shortly thereafter: a nice little new years gift from us to you. Really from you to you though, so congratulations you!

Finals

I studied hard and wrote my two finals early in the month, and didn't really get back to work until the middle of a cold cold December.

Other

Prepared for next term and mentally got ready for the budgetary process to begin. Thus is the time when decisions are made and changes are realized. Voila.

Day-to-day activities

September 1 – Orientation

September 2 – Orientation

- Mugging Students
- Purchasing Fabric for Toga Party
- ISO Meeting re: Campus Clubs integration
- Coke inventory

September 3 – USSU communications meeting

- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Class
- Meeting with Jew Students' Association
- Meeting with Student re: Campus Club Ratification Process
- Class
- Meeting with Katherine Guenther re: Saxon's Softball

September 4 – student central greeting

- Meeting with Campus Safety

September 8 – Welcome Week Planning

- Meeting with Student re: Campus Club Ratification
- Meeting with JSA re: event insurance/funding
- Class

September 9 – Welcome Week Activities

- Class
- Executive meeting

September 10 - Communications Meeting

- Welcome Week Activities
- Class

September 11 – Welcome Week Activities

September 14 – Executive Committee Meeting

- Meeting with Campus Clubs re: Ratification
- Meeting with student re: SAL application (x4)
- Wrote my Blog
- Meeting with Teri Rothenberger re: SAL Application

September 15 – Meeting with campus club re: Ratification

- Staff Meeting
- Meeting with Student re: SAL application
- Meeting with Campus Club re: Insurance
- Meeting with MSC Steffen re: Council

September 16 – Campus Career Expo

- Meeting with Chinese Students' and Scholars Association re: Ratification
- Class

September 17 – USSU Communications Meeting

- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Meeting with Golden Key Club re: Ratification
- Class
- Meeting with MSC Steffen

September 18 – Meeting with student re: Establishing a Campus Club

- Meeting with Ore Gangue re: New Constitution
- Meeting with Nyestuen re: LB5Q Attendance Numbers

September 21 – Executive Meeting

- Meeting with JSA re: Event funding
- Meeting with Katie Buck re: Establishing a Campus Club
- Queerapalooza “Stitch & Bitch Event”

September 22 – Meeting with Gill Patton re: SAL Position

- Meeting with Philip Hitchings re: APALA Ratification
- Meeting with Chinese Students and Scholars Association re: Ratification
- Executive meeting
- Class

September 23 – Appointments Board Meeting

- Review Campus Club Information
- Class
- Meeting w/ PASS re: Ratification

September 24 – USSU Communications Meeting

- Prepare for University Students Council
- Meeting with PASS re: Ratification
- Class
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- University Students' Council

September 25 – Acquiring Bunnyhugs from The Better Good for Council

- Meeting with Student re: Establishing a Campus Club
- Meeting with Gill Patton re: Campus Club Event Funding
- Meeting with Warren Kirkland re: Place Riel

September 28 – Executive Meeting

- Executive Outreach Project
- Meeting with ASSU re: Office Space

October 2009

10/19/2009 – Executive Meeting

10/19/2009 – Mentorship Meeting

10/19/2009 – Meeting w/ Student re: Insurance

10/19/2009 – Meeting w/ Student re: Establishing a Campus Club

10/19/2009 – Operations & Finance Board Minute Revision

10/20/2009 – Meeting w/ Professor

10/20/2009 – Meeting w/ MSC Steffen

10/20/2009 – Class

10/20/2009 – Operations & Finance Board Agenda Setting

10/20/2009 – Meeting w/ MSC Nystuen re: the colourful language of last weeks' minutes possibly reflecting badly on him.

10/20/2009 – Sustainability Board Meeting

10/21/2009 – Financial Accountabilities Meeting for August

10/21/2009 – Wrote Section VI of Campus Clubs Policy

10/21/2009 – Class

10/21/2009 – Assisted VP Fawcett with Green Yourself Week Presentation

10/22/2009 – USSU Communications Meeting

10/22/2009 – Review Section VI of Campus Groups Policy w/ Executive

10/22/2009 – Class

10/22/2009 – Operations & Finance Board Meeting

10/22/2009 – University Students' Council

10/23/2009 – Worked on Blog

10/23/2009 – Meeting w/ Student re: Funding Request

10/23/2009 – Meeting w/ Student re: Insurance/Group Ratification

10/23/2009 – Entered Ratified Groups into The Database

10/26/2009 – Executive Meeting

10/26/2009 – Executive Outreach

10/26/2009 – Social Committee Meeting

10/26/2009 – Meeting w/ Professor

10/27/2009 – Campus Groups Blog

10/27/2009 – Meeting with Premier Brad Wall

10/27/2009 – Class

10/27/2009 – AGM Bylaws/Constitution Meeting

10/28/2009 – Place Riel Student Centre Renovation Finance and Operating Cost Working Group

10/28/2009 – Class

10/29/2009 – Place Riel Renovation Site Meeting
10/29/2009 – Place Riel Renovation Steering Committee Meeting
10/29/2009 – Class
10/29/2009 – Op/Fin Board Meeting
10/29/2009 – University Students’ Council
10/30/2009 – Meeting re: Campus Club Integration
10/30/2009 – Campus Group Plasma Screen Entries
10/30/2009 – Meeting w/ Professor
10/30/2009 – Meeting w/ Communications Manager Tony Bassett
10/30/2009 – Set Criteria for Place Riel Renovations Student Advisory Committee

November 2009

11/02/2009 – Meeting w/ USSU Controller
11/03/2009 – Browser’s Meeting
11/03/2009 - Class
11/10/2009 – CAMPUS GROUP PLASMA SCREEN USAGE MEETING
 - MEETING WITH GM COTTRELL RE: IT
 - CLASS
 - MEETING WITH STUDENT RE: INSURANCE AND FUNDING
11/11/2009 - REMEMBRANCE DAY
11/12/2009 – USSU COMMUNICATIONS MEETING
 - PLACE RIEL SITE MEETING
 - CLASS
 - MEETING W/ STUDENT RE: SETTING UP CAMPUS GROUP
 - PREPARATION FOR AGM
 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 - UNIVERSITY STUDENTS’ COUNCIL
11/13/2009 – INVESTIGATED THE OPERATIONS OF THE UNION;
 SPECIFICALLY ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE HOW PROFITABLE
 LOUIS SHOWS ARE AND WHETHER OR NOT MOST PEOPLE IN
 ATTENDANCE ARE STUDENTS
11/14/2009 –VACATION
11/15/2009 –VACATION
 - CLASS
11/16/2009 –VACATION
 - CLASS

11/17 - 20/2009 - Vacation
11/23/2009 - Op/Fin Board Meeting
 - Executive Meeting
 - Meeting w/ Student re: Campus Clubs
 - Blog Creation
 - Age of Stupid Screening
11/24/2009 – E.D.O.

- 11/25/2009 – Louis'/Browsers' Planning Meeting
 - Class
- 11/26/2009 – Place Riel Renovation Site Meeting
 - Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
 - Class
 - Op/Fin Board Meeting
- 11/27/2009 – Meeting w/ Aboriginal Students' Centre re: MSC Elections
 - Executive Meeting
 - Louis' Trivia Night Meeting
- 11/30/2009 - Executive Outreach
 - Blog creation re: Being Robbed of the Grey Cup
 - Minute Creation
 - Database Entry
 - Other Daily Operations And Finance Related Duties

December accountabilities;

Dec 1 - Meeting w/ GM. Marketing & Services Manager & Executive re: Media Policy

- Class
- Meeting re: Bunny Hugs
- Dec 2 - Meeting w/ Controller Amanda Mitchell
 - More running around for Council Bunnyhugs
 - Class
- Dec 3-11 - Academic Days Off (Studying & Writing Finals)
- Dec 14 - Executive Meeting
 - Preparing for next term re: Campus Clubs
 - Attempting to reach campus clubs
 - Meeting
- Dec 15 - Meeting w/ the better good
 - Reviewing Place Riel Renovation information
- Dec 16 - USSU Christmas Breakfast (I won ferraro rochers.. yes.)
 - Place Riel Renovation Steering Committee Meeting
- Dec 17 - Place Riel Renovation Site Meeting
 - Executive mini-retreat/bonding time
 - USSU Birthday Cake
- Dec 18 - EDO
- Dec 21 - EDO
- Dec 22 - Executive Retreat
- Dec 23-24 - Vacation

Ben Fawcett: VP Student Affairs

2009-2010

Autumn Term Accountabilities

General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

*Along with various evenings and weekends as necessary

Daily Activities:

- Various Committees and Boards
- Organizing and planning new and ongoing projects/campaigns
- Email/Telephone correspondence
- Conversations with students
- Follow current events on and off campus
- Research for various long-term initiatives

Portfolio Duties:

As an elected member of the USSU, my job is to always strive to affect positive changes in the lives of undergraduate students. Under the title of Vice President of Student Affairs, my responsibilities and objectives are extremely diverse and fall primarily within the non-academic realm of students' lives. The categories within which these responsibilities fall include, but are not limited to, student housing, sustainability, USSU Centres, childcare, equity, safety, disabilities and accessibility, the Student Care Health and Dental Plan, internationalization on campus, and parking.

VP Student Affairs Autumn Term Report

Orientation and Welcome Week:

Orientation took place over the first two days of September. The USSU executive handed out swag to students and acted as a body of information for first year students throughout the two days. It was a fun time! Welcome week took place during the second week of classes this year and, since it is an integral annual event for the USSU, all

executive members took part in making the week a success. We volunteered under the sponsor tent to hand out USSU survival guides and announced bands throughout the week. It was also extremely fun.

College Quarter Student Residence Project

I sit on the College Quarter Steering Committee and Site Plan Committee as a source of student input. I worked throughout the autumn term with architects and University staff in order to develop a plan that will benefit students. The new residences will help ease the burden of finding housing for 400 more students and will provide comfortable, attractive living quarters as well.

Aboriginal Inclusion and Engagement

The USSU Executive has made it a priority this year to better engage our Aboriginal student-members and to work towards making this campus a more welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for students of Aboriginal descent. We believe that, I doing so, we can aid the University's work in improving its recruitment and retention rates among Aboriginal students. VP Stoicheff and I held a coffee house in September in order to gain perspectives on various issues surrounding these topics. Furthermore, we created a new University-wide committee with the purpose of developing initiatives, strategies, and planning events that will hopefully contribute to a more inclusive campus.

Student Care Conference in Montreal

Our Health and Dental Plan providers, Student Care, invited my counterparts from other key universities across Canada and myself to a conference in Montreal in order to test and provide input on a new web design called SHERPA. SHERPA is a new program/website that will be used to streamline information for student unions and associations across the country. This will ultimately make Student Care a more sustainable business and will allow its member unions to tap into a wealth of information and best practices from across Canada.

Hike Bike and Roll Challenge

In October I partnered with Student Health to organize Hike Bike and Roll – a one-week challenge for students to commit to using human powered vehicles rather than single-occupancy motor vehicles for transportation purposes. We sold abandoned bikes to students for very cheap prices and we had different bike shops from around the city offer free tune-ups throughout the week. Not many people attended because of the cold weather/snow, but it was a great benefit to those who did.

Green Yourself Week

In October I held Green Yourself Week – five days of events geared toward building awareness and a sense of environmental and social responsibility among students, faculty and staff on campus. The University's Office of Sustainability and other University branches helped organize some of the week's events. We held everything from debates in the Library Commons to an eco-fair in the Arts tunnel to keynote lectures to forum discussions on a multitude of topics. The week was a great success and, judging by feedback from those who attended the various events, it was substantially beneficial and offered a wealth of information.

Day-To-Day Activities

Sept 01 – Orientation

Sept 02 – Orientation

- International students meeting

Sept 03 – USSU Communications meeting

- Meeting regarding Student Crisis Support Service

Sept 04 – Lunch meeting with Campus Safety

Sept 08 – Welcome Week volunteering

- Meeting with Erica Lee (ASC Student Ambassador) regarding Indigenous Students' Council
- NS 264

Sept 09 – Meeting with Centre Coordinators regarding SCSS

Sept 10 – Welcome Week volunteering

- NS 264
- Student Council

Sept 11 – Welcome Week volunteering

Sept 14 – Executive meeting

Sept 15 – NS 264

- Staff meeting
- College Quarter Steering Committee

Sept 16 – Campus Career Expo

- Sustainability Working Group meeting

Sept 17 – NS 264

- Meeting with Lynn Earl from Disabilities Services
- Meeting with Daren Mclean from Deezine Inc.
- Meeting regarding accessibility in the College Quarter residences
- Meeting with Rita Mireles from Student Health
- Student Council

Sept 18 – partial EDO

- Centres Meeting

Sept 21 – Executive meeting

- Meeting with Shannon Dyck about bottled water
- Queerapalooza – Stitch and Bitch
- Aboriginal Engagement and Inclusion Coffee House

Sept 22 – NS 264

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Team Non Academic Student Discipline Training

Sept 23 – Meeting with Walter Linklater of the Aboriginal Students' Centre

Sept 24 – NS 264

- Student Council

Sept 25 – Meeting with Kathleen Makela of the Aboriginal Students' Centre

- VOTR training

Sept 28 – Executive meeting

- Meeting with Gord Androsoff from Roadmap Saskatoon
- Meeting with Margret Asmuss from the Office of Sustainability

Sept 29 – Breakfast with the President

- NS 264
- Provost's Advisory Committee on Sexual and Gender Diversity

Sept 30 – Meeting with Amber Burton

- Meeting regarding SCSS position
- Centres meeting

Oct 01 – NS 264

- Student Council
- Sir Ken Robinson lecture

Oct 02 – Meeting with Aboriginal Students' Centre

- Meeting with Gord Androsoff from Roadmap Saskatoon
- Meeting with Zena Charowsky about USSU Constitution

Oct 05 – Executive Meeting

- Bike roundup at campus safety compound
- Hike Bike and Roll

Oct 06 – NS 264

- Bottled water meeting
- Hike Bike and Roll

Oct 07 – Hike Bike and Roll

- Childcare Board meeting

Oct 08 – NS 264

- Hike Bike and Roll
- International Student Office meeting
- Student Council

Oct 09 – Hike Bike and Roll

Oct 12 – Thanksgiving

Oct 13 – Oct 14 – Vacation

Oct 15 – EDO

Oct 16 – Experience Us!

Oct 19 – Executive meeting

- Green Yourself Week debate
- Green Yourself Week Ron Dembo lecture

Oct 20 – NS 264

- Green Yourself Week debate
- Sustainability Board Meeting

Oct 21 – Financial Review from Aug 2009

- George Bush talk
- International Activities of Council Committee
- Green Yourself Week Faith and Ecology forum

Oct 22 – NS 264

- Green Yourself Week debate
- Op/Fin Board meeting
- Student Council
- Student Affairs Board meeting

Oct 23 – Green Yourself Week debate

- Green Yourself Week Climate Change forum
- Oct 24 – Compiling sustainability presentation for Undergraduate Forum
- Oct 26 – Executive meeting
 - Sustainability Working Group meeting
- Oct 27 – NS 264
 - Meeting with Premier Brad Wall
 - Provost’s Advisory Committee on Sexual and Gender Diversity
- Oct 28 – Oct 30 – Montreal Student Care Conference

- Nov 02 – Executive Meeting
 - Housing meeting with students
- Nov 03 – NS 264
 - Bottled Water meeting
 - Sustainability Board meeting
- Nov 04 – International Student Office meeting
- Nov 05 – NS 264
 - Op/Fin Board meeting
 - Student Council
- Nov 06 – Meeting with lawyer about constitution
 - Student Affairs Board meeting
- Nov 09 – Meeting with Angie Larson from Saskatoon Transit
 - Executive meeting
 - Doctor’s appointment
 - Financial Review (Sept)
 - Executive photos
- Nov 10 – NS 264
 - Roadmap Forum planning meeting
- Nov 12 – NS 264
 - Op/Fin Board meeting
 - Student Council
- Nov 13 – Meeting with Scott Parry about film screening
 - Meeting regarding SCSS
- Nov 16 – Executive Meeting
 - Help Centre volunteering
- Nov 17 – NS 264
 - Staff meeting
 - Meeting regarding film screening of The Age of Stupid

- Louis' Riel Day at Education building
- Nov 18 – NS 264
- Meeting regarding potential green fee project
 - Centres meeting
 - Childcare Board meeting
- Nov 19 – NS 264
- Bottled water meeting
 - Op/Fin Board meeting
 - Student Council
- Nov 20 – Meeting regarding childcare application
- Nov 23 – Op/Fin Board meeting
- Executive Meeting
 - Help Centre volunteering
 - Age of Stupid film screening
- Nov 24 – NS 264
- International Relations talk
- Nov 25 – Centres Meeting
- Road Map forum planning meeting
 - Student Wise presentation
 - Student Advocacy Network meeting
 - Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Nov 26 – NS 264
- International Activities of Council Committee
 - Provost's Advisory Committee on Sexual and Gender Diversity
 - Op/Fin Board meeting
 - Student Council
- Nov 27 – Meeting with Aboriginal Students' Centre
- Executive meeting
- Nov 30 – Executive meeting
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- Dec 01 – NS 264
- Media Policy meeting
- Dec 02 – Meeting regarding transit incident outside of MUB building
- Dec 03 – NS 264
- Meeting with Lori Misichnick regarding childcare expansion
 - Transportation Committee meeting
 - Student Council
- Dec 04 – Beers with Jack Layton

Dec 08 – Breakfast with the President

- Green Career Fair meeting
- College Quarter Site Plan meeting

Dec 09 – Financial meeting (Oct)

- Staff meeting
- Sweat Ceremony information session

Dec 10 – Centres meeting

- Human Rights Day

Dec 14 – ADO

Dec 15 – ADO

Dec 16 – Final Exam

- Aboriginal Student Engagement and Inclusion Committee meeting
- Sustainability Working Group meeting

Dec 17 – College Quarter Steering Committee meeting

- Executive bonding time

Dec 21 – Executive meeting

Dec 22 – Executive retreat

- Doctors appointment

Dec 23 – Meeting regarding SCSS with Saskatoon Sexual Assault Centre

Dec 24 – EDO

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wojnarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Dec. 3	Jan. 14						
Chimanga, Freeman	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Cleaveley, Aspen	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Dancey, Kimberley	R	P	P	P	P	P						
Dunn, Jenna	P	P	P	A	P	P						
Fawcett, Ben	R	P	P	P	P	P						
Forbes, Jordan	P	P	R	P	P	P						
Gavelis, Mike	P	R	P	P	P	P						
George, Ashlyn	P	R	P	P	P	P						
Goodwin, Jason	P	P	P	P	R	P						
Hitchings, Scott	P	P	P	R	P	P						
Kincaid, Claire	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Kirkland, Warren	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Kleisinger, Amanda	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Laroque, Brent	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Loor, Roger	P	P	P	A	P	P						
McCullough, Daniel	P	P	P	P	R	P						
Miller, Kevin	P	R	P	P	P	P						
Miller, Sarah	P	R	P	P	P	R						
Nystuen, Reid	P	P	R	P	P	P						
Steffen, Alexander	P	P	P	P	P	P	resigned					
Stoicheff, Chris	P	R	P	P	P	P						
Wood, Sarah	P	P	P	P	P	R						
Blair Woynarski	P	R	R	no longer on USC								
Keith Flysak	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P						
Associated Residence				NYA	NYA	NYA						
Ind. SA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA						

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday January 28, 2010

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 University Operations Forecasts**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – January 21, 2010**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents – January 26, 2010**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – January 25, 2010**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report – January 12, 2010**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report – January 13, 2010**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday January 21, 2010

Present

Warren Kirkland, President (Chair)
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alecia Nagy, ESB
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Leon Thompson, Arts and Science
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Ashlyn George, Education

Guests:

Rory McLean, *the Sheaf*
Katie Salmers

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion139: VP Hitchings/Councilor Forbes Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

Motion to accept Councilor Nagy from Edwards School of Business and Councilor Thompson from Arts and Science as members of USC.

USCMotion140: VP McCullough/VP Hitchings Carried

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – January 14, 2010

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – January 18, 2010

4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes – November 13, 2009

Councilor Kincaid commented that she was at the meeting on November 13.

4.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes – January 18, 2010

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

VP Hitchings noted that a decision cannot be made regarding the Tuition Reimbursement Policy until the two vacant seats have been filled on the Operations and Finance Board.

Motion to charge the Operations and Finance Board with the task of reviewing Executive compensation and report on this for the budget.

USCMotion141: VP Hitchings/Councilor Laroque Carried

Councilor Loor stated that if the exact structure is clarified as listed in the Bylaw, and caps are designated, that it seems reasonable to have the policy.

6. Business

6.1 Board Elections

Motion to open nominations for two positions on the Operations and Finance Board.

USCMotion142: VP Hitchings/Councilor Loor Carried

Councilor Loor nominated Councilor Miller-Law. He accepted the nomination.

Councilor Dancey nominated Councilor Nagy. She accepted the nomination.

Motion to close nominations for the Operations and Finance Board.

USCMotion143: VP Stoicheff/VP McCullough Carried

Motion to open nominations for the External Affairs Board.

USCMotion144: VP Stoicheff/Councilor Forbes Carried

Motion to table the External Affairs Board Election.

USCMotion145: Councilor Loor/VP Stoicheff Carried

6.2 Term Accountabilities

President Kirkland noted that the Accountability Reports have been forwarded out and the Executive is open to any questions.

7. New Business

7.1 BOCB

President Kirkland thanked Councilor Thompson for the reminder on the policy of monthly BOCB meetings. Four meetings have been scheduled for this semester. He apologized to BOCB and to USC and noted that he had requested a verbal warning from the General Manager, as per the CEDC regulations. It was given.

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Miller – Law noted that the Minutes and Reports had not yet been approved.

Motion to adopt the minutes and reports as amended.

USCMotion146: Councilor Miller – Law/VP McCullough Carried

Councilor Miller stated that Symposium was held last week and students from the four Veterinary Medicine colleges in Canada attended. There were three days of lectures, labs, and social events. The visitors were impressed with WCVM and the University of Saskatchewan and it was a good opportunity to enhance the reputation of the University at a national level.

VP Stoicheff provided an update on the Saskatchewan Student Coalition. Next week, the Post-Secondary Student Support Program Awareness Campaign is starting. Also, he has been working with VP Fawcett on lobbying in regards to childcare. Currently, there are 66 childcare spaces offered by the USSU childcare service. Currently, there is a waiting list of over 450 students for this service. The government has been approached about this. Another interesting statistic is that an unsubsidized childcare cost for an infant is \$775 per month. This is an extremely high cost and is an accessibility issue for students. Letters have been written to Minister Krawetz and Minister Norris, and he also stated that he has met with Minister Norris on this issue. This is an issue that affects universities and colleges across Saskatchewan, and the SSC is interested in working on this issue. Hopefully there can be a meeting with Minister Krawetz before the budget.

The USSU Executive will be hosting a charity benefit concert at Louis' on February 27, with proceeds going to the Canadian Red Cross. Hopefully this event can raise four or five thousand dollars.

VP Stoicheff gave a brief introduction on what the PSSP is. There is information posted on the website and there is also a petition to sign. Letters have been sent to Minister Chuck Strahl (Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs), Minister Norris, Minister Hutchinson, and to Premier Brad Wall for support on this issue. It is a myth that all Aboriginal Students have their education paid for. The government only pays for some status First Nations and Inuit people as defined by the Indian Act. Since 1996, there has been a 2% cap on funding increases to this program. The lack of an accessible post-secondary program for Aboriginal people is a concern for all orders of government. Since then, there have been dramatic increases in the costs of education and also in the number of Aboriginal people eligible to attend post-secondary education. Also, there has been a significant increase in the cost of housing. This program is to alleviate costs for tuition, fees, books, travel, supplies, housing, and other expenses. He welcomed any questions in regard to this campaign.

Councilor Cleaveley asked for clarification on when the Teaching Excellence nominations would be open.

VP McCullough replied that the nominations would be open from January 25 to February 5.

Councilor Cleaveley asked why the nomination period is so early.

VP McCullough stated that the nomination period is earlier this term due to the Experience in Excellence Awards ceremony being held in March.

(inaudible)

Member McLean asked for clarification on the missed BOCP meetings.

President Kirkland replied that the reason there were not as many meetings was due to not being aware of that particular section of the Bylaw. In speaking with VP Ring and President Steeves from last year, they had suggested that BOCP meet when there is business to discuss. Some of the issues that have been discussed by both himself and VP Hitchings were related to infrastructure for the student society. Last year, there were six meetings scheduled and not all of those times did they meet successfully. In the year before, there were five or six meetings. He expressed his apologies.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion147: Councilor Forbes/VP McCullough

Carried

Board of College Presidents

Minutes for January 26th, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Scott Hitchings, Ben Fawcett, Pamela Aube, Katie Salmers, Alistair Smith, Matthew Tumbach, Gabe Yuen, Noelle Tourney, Kaitlyn McMillan, Lei Xia (Designate)

Regrets: Katelyn McAuliffe, Freeman Chimanga, Riley Zielke, Troy Baril, Nicole Marshall, Graeme Lackie, Ian Farthing, Desiree Nelson, Trevor Hook

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:42pm.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Questions Regarding Executive compensation and USSU Budget.

President's agreed that a review of executive compensation is appropriate, and that more information should be posted online about the budget and executive compensation in general.

3.2 USSU Housing Strategy

Initial discussions surrounding the strategy were discussed, and unanimous support that the strategy should be pursued for further information. A presentation will be held next month regarding financials for discussion and recommendation to University Students' Council

3.3 USSU Microbrew Pub

Initial discussions were held regarding the development of a microbrew pub and off-sale to be owned and operated by the USSU. Unanimous support to pursue further information for presentation and recommendation.

4. Board Roundtables

5. Adjournment

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Monday, January 25th, 2010

Present: Scott Hitchings, Benjamin Fawcett, Kim Dancey, Alecia Nagy, Adebola Akanni, Kevin Miller, Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio)

Regrets: Matthew Bennett, Jordan Forbes, Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

The Board was privy to a presentation made by the Muslim Students' Association regarding a funding request for \$1000 for the Islam Awareness Week. It is an event whose goal is to remove misconceptions which surround Islam and promote awareness of what Islam is.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were a non-issue

6. Business

A. Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the following groups:

- i. Campus Association for Baha'i Students

OFB Motion30

Hitchings/Dancey

Carried.

B. Funding Requests

The Board considered funding requests from the following groups:

- i. Muslim Students' Association
- ii. Microbiology & Immunology Students Association
- iii. International Studies Students Association

The Board considered the funding requests. The board decided to give the MSA funding for their Islam Awareness week. MISA was looking for funding in order to hold a "research night" where students would be able to meet with other students and get to know the people in their department better. ISSA was looking for funding in order to hold the Carnival of Solidarity.

Motion to grant \$1000 to MSA
OFB Motion31 Hitchings/Nagy Carried.

Motion to grant \$369.20 to MISA
OFB Motion32 Hitchings/Nagy Carried.

Motion to grant \$250 to ISSA
OFB Motion33 Hitchings/Nagy Carried.

C. Policy Changes

i. Tuition Remuneration Policy

The Board considered the two options it had laid out in the previous meeting, which were to either amend the policy or to strike it down altogether. The decision was reached that the proper course of action would not be to follow one or the other, but to do both. That is, to amend the policy for the time being in order to ensure that a policy still exists while the line still exists and then to eliminate the policy and the line in the budgetary process for the upcoming year. This would solve a number of issues that the policy has fleshed out as well as address concerns of students.

Motion that the Tuition Remuneration Policy be adopted as amended, with the provision that the Operations and Finance Board eliminate both the policy and the line when developing the 2010-2011 budget.

OFB Motion34 Hitchings/Fawcett Carried.

7. New Business

No New Business

8. Questions & Comments

No Questions were asked; no comments were made.

9. Next Meeting

The meeting time was decided to be next Monday, February 1, 2010 at 4 PM.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

OFB Motion35 Hitchings/Dancey Carried.



Tuition Remuneration Policy

1. Preamble

It is important that the Executive of the Union maintain their status as Undergraduate Students through the entirety of their term. The Union bylaw requires that Executive members be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) credit units and a maximum of twelve (12) credit units during their term in office. Similarly, any financial issues should not impede an Executive member from being enrolled in the required courses. Thus, tuition remuneration is an essential element to enable enrollment in the mandatory credit units.

2. Procedures

- i. The USSU will remunerate each executive in the amount necessary to cover their minimum required tuition, fees, and textbook costs to a maximum of \$1320, as indicated in the budget.
- ii. Each executive member must first provide receipts for textbooks and proof of tuition and fee assessment in order to be remunerated.
- iii. Remuneration will be completed via payroll.

Contact Information:	Vice-President Operations & Finance 966-6967		
Policy Authority	Operations and Finance Board		
<u>Approvals</u>	<u>Board/Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Motion</u>
Created	Operations and Finance Board	11/05/2009	OFB23
Amended	Operations and Finance Board	01/25/2010	OFB34

Student Affairs Board Minutes
Date: January 12, 2009 @ 4:30 p.m.

Present:
Daniel McCullough
Ben Fawcett
Alyssa Anderson
Brooke Kirkham
Sarah Wood

Regrets:
Blair Woynarski
Teri Rothenburger
Roger Loor

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum reached

3. Business

3.1 Update on childcare - survey

Fawcett stated that the USSU would not be putting out a survey about childcare to students; rather, it will be including just a few questions regarding childcare in its annual survey. He also mentioned that several steps have been taken in the process of acquiring new childcare spaces near campus.

3.2 Aboriginal Student Engagement and Inclusion Committee

Fawcett informed the board that he and VP Stoicheff had struck a new committee in term one to better engage Aboriginal students and to make the campus a more inclusive atmosphere. He mentioned that if anyone was interested in sitting on the board or attending upcoming events to send him an email.

3.3 White Ribbon Campaign

The board was asked if it wanted to organize a White Ribbon Campaign to end violence against women in March. The board agreed that it would be beneficial to students and that we should focus on that for the next month. The board was asked to think of some creative ideas for an event to coincide with the campaign.

3.4 Housing Rights

It was recognized by the board that many students are not aware of their own rights and responsibilities as renters and that some sort of information would be beneficial to them. It was suggested that housing rights be included in the student rights handbook provided

by the USSU. Also, presentations should be given at the beginning of each school year to new students. Fawcett would look into both options.

4. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Sustainability Board Minutes

Date: January 13, 2010

Present:
Amanda Kleisinger
Ben Fawcett
Jenna Dunn
Keith Flysak
Scott Hitchings
Sarah Begbie
Brooke Knutson

Regrets:
None!!!!

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 12:30 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum reached

3. Business

3.1 USSU Sustainability Board Branding Campaign

The board was asked to think of some creative slogans for campaign branding to coincide with informational materials and logos that we will be directing toward students. Board members are to bring their ideas to next meeting.

3.2 Resources for individual campaigns

The board was asked to volunteer to gather informational resources for the various campaigns we are planning on undertaking. Flysak volunteered for the anti-idling campaign, Dunn volunteered to research disposable cups, Begbie volunteered for bottled water, Fawcett and Hitchings volunteered for cigarette butt disposal and Knutson volunteered for general recycling. In the mean time, the USSU's graphic designer will work on logos.

It was commented that we should lobby for anti-idling signs around campus in major vehicle hubs (such as parking lots). It was also noted that we should try to get our message across to faculty and staff as well as students.

Various recycling issues were brought forward such as the use of plastic bags in recycle bins, the U of S residence recycling program, tin can recycling (especially in Vet Med), paper towel composting, etc. Fawcett will direct these concerns toward the University and the staff who are involved in developing its new recycling program. Landscaping chemicals and pesticides were also questioned.

3.3. USSU Sustainability Audit

Fawcett and Hitchings explained that they would like to work on developing a policy for the USSU to undergo an independent sustainability audit every 4 or 5 years. The board agreed it was a good idea. Hitchings and Fawcett will present the policy at a future Sustainability Board meeting.

4. Any Other Business

5. Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Student Affairs Board – March 4, 2009

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wojnarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

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2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Dec. 3	Jan. 14	Jan. 21					
Chimanga, Freeman	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Cleaveley, Aspen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Dancey, Kimberley	R	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Dunn, Jenna	P	P	P	A	P	P	P					
Fawcett, Ben	R	P	P	P	P	P	R					
Forbes, Jordan	P	P	R	P	P	P	P					
Gavelis, Mike	P	R	P	P	P	P	P					
George, Ashlyn	P	R	P	P	P	P	R					
Goodwin, Jason	P	P	P	P	R	P	P					
Hitchings, Scott	P	P	P	R	P	P	P					
Kincaid, Claire	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Kirkland, Warren	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Kleisinger, Amanda	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Laroque, Brent	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
Loor, Roger	P	P	P	A	P	P	P					
McCullough, Daniel	P	P	P	P	R	P	P					
Miller, Kevin	P	R	P	P	P	P	P					
Miller, Sarah	P	R	P	P	P	R	P					
Nystuen, Reid	P	P	R	P	P	P	resigned					
Steffen, Alexander	P	P	P	P	P	P	resigned					
Stoicheff, Chris	P	R	P	P	P	P	P					
Wood, Sarah	P	P	P	P	P	R	P					
Wojnarski, Blair	P	R	R	no longer on USC								
Flysak, Keith	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	R					
Thompson, Leon	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	R					
Nagy, Alecia	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P					
Associated Residence				NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA					
Ind. SA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA					

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University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday February 4, 2010

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 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – January 29, 2010**
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 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
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 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
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- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
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 - 7.1 Fee Strategy Document**
 - 7.2 USSU Microbrewery**
 - 7.3 USSU Housing Strategy**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday January 28, 2010

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Alecia Nagy, ESB
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Kevin Miller, Law
Leon Thompson, Arts and Science
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Kimberley Dancey, ESB

Guests:

Rory McLean, *the Sheaf*
Ashleigh Mattern, *the Sheaf*
Sarah Waldbillig
Galen Richardson
Katie Salmers
Stefan Montalbetti

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes from January 13, 2010 and 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes from January 12, 2010.

USCMotion148: VP Fawcett/VP Hitchings Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion149: VP Fawcett/Councilor Loor Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

Motion to recognize the new Member of Student Council from the Indigenous Students' Council, Scott Sokwaypnaee.

USCMotion150: President Kirkland/Councilor Thompson Carried

Councilor Loor asked if this means the Indigenous Students' Council has officially assembled.

President Kirkland replied that the elections concluded today and he noted that the USSU would be working closely with them to ensure success.

Councilor Flysak introduced Leon Thompson, the second MSC for Arts and Science, and Katie Salmers, ASSU President.

Chair Leisle apologized for missing the last two meetings. The first meeting was missed due to his brother's wedding and the second was missed due to traffic from the accident on Circle Drive.

3. Council Address

3.1 University Operations Forecasts

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion151: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

President Kirkland stated that an ongoing initiative was to have the meeting minutes online, claiming that the USSU IT staff had requested that the microphones be tested (however they had not). To do this, the Executive, accompanied by James Pepler sang a re-mastered version of "When the Lion Sleeps Tonight".

President Kirkland then began his presentation, stating that his presentation would essentially be a "Student's Guide to Understanding and Planning for the University's Operating Budget.

He provided some background information and context. He started by saying that there is a global downturn and decreases of GDP around the world. However, Saskatchewan has been less affected, especially in the context of Canada. Resource based royalties have decreased as Saskatchewan has a resource-based economy and relies heavily on potash. Previously, 20% of the government budget came from resource royalties, and that amount has decreased by 95%. As a response to this, the province has been forced to keep spending increases to 0%. The University has asked for an increase in their operating grant, which means that if the government was to meet this funding increase, and then they would have to make cuts in other areas.

The Second Integrated Plan is the current four-year vision of what the university should become, and there is a set of goals that would need to be met to achieve this vision. Specifically, the major focus is enhancing the student experience. Some of the goals in this category are: diversity in the student body, teaching-learning experience, Aboriginal Student Engagement, Campus Environment, and many others. This is a strategy to ensure that students are satisfied so they can be retained.

The Operating Forecast presents the hopes of the University for the next fiscal year. However, this is contingent on many factors. After approval by the Board of

Governors, the forecast was sent to the government in order to allow them to have dialogues about how the grant should increase and how other areas should increase.

There were three main points to the document:

- A 5.2% increase in the Operating Grant
- Increase of \$10 Million in the Annual Capital Allowance
- Increase of 4.5% in tuition revenue

The revenues in the budget include:

- Grants and contracts from the Government of Saskatchewan represent \$445 Million of the \$786 Million budgeted. If this is not increased, it will have a large impact on the University.
- Student fees provide \$90 Million to the budget, which is about 23% of the budget. The University would like to stay in a range of 22-25%.

The University has stated that if the 5.2% increase is received, then services will be able to be provided as normal. The increase would result in a \$16 Million increase in resources. However, with the zero spending policy of the government, the \$16 Million would need to be taken away from something else. This is definitely a tough sell and is something we need to be concerned about.

An increase of significantly less than this will result in cuts. Over the past year, the University has seen a decrease of \$10 Million in operations spending. For example, library hours have been reduced significantly as a result of permanent budget cuts. These cuts impact students. However, talks with Richard Florizone, VP Finance and Resources suggest there may be an option of shifting money due to time variances if the increase falls somewhere around 4.9 or 5%. However, this puts significant pressure on the University with time sensitive issues.

There has been definite uncertainty about the Government's ability to fund. With essentially 20% of their budget disappearing and the necessity to have zero spending increases in the budget, there is large debate on campus that 5.2% is tangible and reachable. However, the funding increase request is significantly smaller than other institutions. The University of Regina is asking for 9.2%. The responses from the Government have been less than optimistic about that request. Post-secondary education is a priority, but there are limitations to what can be made available.

The University has several billion dollars worth of assets around campus and they do depreciate over time. Currently, there is about \$700 Million worth of deferred maintenance. The current agreement with the province is that they will contribute to maintaining buildings, and also to put money towards the construction of new buildings. An increase of \$10 Million in the capital allowance has been requested to deal with this.

In terms of tuition revenues, there is a projected increase of 4.5%. President Kirkland clarified that tuition revenue is quite different from what students will see. Including graduate students, there are currently 19,272 students on campus and those students all pay tuition at different rates. The total bulk fund needs to increase by 4.5%, and enrolment numbers significantly affects this. If the student population were to decrease to 14,000 students, for example, then tuition costs would rise significantly. The University has planned and is hoping that tuition numbers increase, and there is a large focus on having more graduate students at the institution. There is also significant discussion about the model of graduate student rates and changes that need to be made. There is currently a flat rate in place of around \$1000. The rate that is charged affects the number of students that come to the institution. There is a greater focus on recruiting more international students due the decline of the secondary schools in Saskatchewan. However, as we have low rates, the education being offered is viewed to be of lower quality. With an increase to tuition rates, more students will attend, and this will take some of the burden off of undergraduate students.

President Kirkland provided an excerpt from the Operations Forecast.

For 2010-11, we project continued growth in graduate student enrolment together with stabilization of undergraduate enrolment and of credit-units taught. This projection is supported by the university's most recent census data for 2009-10, which indicates an 8.9 per cent increase in graduate student enrolment and a 1.19 per cent increase in undergraduate student enrolment.

President Kirkland noted that the primary and secondary education enrolment has declined significantly, and this potentially affects the number of students coming to the U of S. The Board of Governors has noted that they do not understand why different colleges are increasing tuition by different amounts. Some of the colleges with higher increases were Law at 7%, Pharmacy and Nutrition at 7%, Edwards School of Business at 4%, and Engineering by 4%. The Board of Governors would express interest in setting a document in place to define the principles of setting tuition rates. There were three main principles: 1) accessibility and affordability, 2) comparable to other medical doctoral institutions in Canada, 3) enabling quality. In the past, individual colleges have put forward proposals on how tuition should be assessed and there have been discussions based on that. There would also be additional discussions with the stakeholders and the deans. Those colleges that experience different levels of tuition increases experience those increases due to past agreements between college societies and the deans. Dean Cotter from the College of Law stated that he had spoken with the college society prior to the tuition freeze. They had discussed that if tuition was significantly higher, then they would be better able to enable quality. These agreements are being used as leverage.

If there is disagreement that for example, Law, should increase by 7% (although the original request was 15%), then the student society should discuss that with the

dean. The University prefers smaller incremental increases as opposed to larger, one-time increments.

President Kirkland also noted that he is the only student representative on the Board of Governors and is on that committee when tuition is decided. He encouraged the Councilors to provide input.

Member Salmers asked if increased tuition rates for graduate students would result in those students leaving.

President Kirkland stated that ultimately the USSU does not represent graduate students, but the concern is reasonable.

Councilor Nagy noted the different increases for Edwards. She asked if she would go back to her student society and take this issue to the dean.

President Kirkland replied that the likelihood of Edwards having different increases is large. Edwards is a college that said during the last tuition cycle that they have a strategic plan as to where things can go. There was no formal agreement with students. Students have a lot of power in this and if you were to go see the dean to discuss appropriate rates of tuition, then the concerns must be dealt with. The dean makes formal requests to Senior Administration.

A Councilor asked what the cuts would be if the budget increase is not met.

President Kirkland replied that in his personal opinion, that with the \$10 Million dollar cut that the University made, all departments saw cuts in some areas. It is reasonable to see similar cuts if the funding is not sufficient.

VP McCullough commented that the 9.2% increase that the University of Regina asked for should be compared to their overall budget.

President Kirkland noted that is important to consider, but a 9.2% in any fiscal year is significant. This amount has not been seen at the University of Saskatchewan in a long time.

Councilor Wood asked if the University asks for an increase in their budget every year.

President Kirkland replied that the amount varies but was 7.2% last year. Last year was interesting due to coming off of a tuition freeze and a deal to keep tuition increases reasonable in exchange for the large increase.

VP Hitchings asked if the 5.2% is received, would this just keep the status quo or would things such as library hours be improved.

President Kirkland replied that the library hour cuts were permanent as part of the \$10 Million permanent decrease. Library hours would likely not be restored, but the USSU has been working hard with the library to provide safe study hours, in addition to trying to expand this program to the Health Sciences Library.

A Councilor asked for clarification on the source of the \$10 Million cut, and if it was internal.

President Kirkland replied that the University saw significant decreases in their investment portfolio, and they realized that if they were to have a \$10 Million operational cut, then the University would be in a much better financial position.

Councilor Loor noted the \$21 Million loss on investments. He requested clarification if that is for investments they are paying on or returning on.

President Kirkland replied that the decrease is likely due to the University's investment portfolio declining, lower amounts available for pension liabilities, and a smaller endowment for the University.

Mr. Pepler commented that if worse comes to worse, there will be cuts and the student voice is important as the college can receive input on where the cuts should go.

President Kirkland reiterated Mr. Pepler's point that students can be involved in determining where cuts will be placed in their college.

(inaudible)

President Kirkland noted that the budget would be available in early March. In that announcement, there will be the increase or the decrease to the University Operating Grant. There will not be action taken until May and he noted that he would state what the student role should be at that time.

Councilor Nagy asked if the Capital Allowance is included in the 5.2%.

President Kirkland replied that it is a separate ask and noted that \$700 Million needs to be spent in order to maintain the buildings in a satisfactory condition. A \$10 Million increase is needed to meet this goal, noting the current university projects, and the heating upgrades for Intervac.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion152: Councilor Forbes/VP Hitchings

Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – January 21, 2010

President Kirkland noted that Galen Richardson should be added under guests.

4.5 Board of College Presidents Minutes – January 26, 2010

4.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes – January 25, 2010

Member Richardson commented on the amended Tuition Reimbursement Policy and the removal of the budget line. He asked how it could be ensured that this budget line is removed.

President Kirkland stated that it is the position of the Operations and Finance Board that it be done. If the Operations and Finance Board were to come to Council and present the Budget and the budget line is still there, then they would be in violation of what they said they would do, and there would be negative implications for doing that.

Member Richardson stated that he wanted to ensure that this line is removed and there was not a way of keeping it.

President Kirkland commented that there is the possibility that during the budget discussion at Council, a Councilor could move to have it added, and there would need to be a vote to have it added, and the budget would have to pass to have it added. There is still a possibility, but typically the recommendations of the Operations and Finance Board are taken with some weight. This Council has said that they would do a full review of Executive compensation and this would fall under that category. Council still can go against the recommendations of the Operations and Finance Board.

Member Richardson clarified that the only time this item can be added is at the budget.

VP Hitchings stated that the budget would come out in early March and he invited Member Richardson to come to the budget discussion meetings at Council.

4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes – January 12, 2010

VP Fawcett reminded Council about the White Ribbon Campaign to end violence against women. There is discussion in this set of minutes and there will be more discussion next week. He stated he would be sending out an email, and asked Councilors to take the information back to their Councils and find volunteers, preferably male, as it sends a strong message. It will happen on the second week in March and volunteers are needed to set up tables in the colleges to hand out ribbons and get people engaged in the campaign.

4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes – January 13, 2010

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes.

USCMotion153: VP Hitchings/VP Fawcett

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Councilor Loor asked President Kirkland if there had been any updates on the credit card policy for tuition payments.

President Kirkland replied that there has been difficulty setting up the meetings to discuss it and it has to go before the Board of Governors in May. A meeting has been set up for February 3 and there will be a meeting with the GSA, Marion Van Impe, and Laura Kennedy. He noted that he would report back on what happens at this meeting.

Councilor Loor asked if it is not being discussed until May, will there be no changes until September?

President Kirkland replied that it is contingent on the Board of Governors agreeing on the decision and passing the motions. September would be the likely implementation date.

VP McCullough reminded Councilors that the Teaching Excellence Award Nominations period is on right now and nominations will also be passed out and collected in the Tunnel on Monday and Tuesday of next week. He also encouraged Councilors to contact him if they would like nomination forms to take back to their colleges.

Councilor Laroque asked for an update on the bunnyhugs.

President Kirkland stated that bamboo cotton had been chosen as it is more sustainable. The Better Good was chosen as a store but they were not reliable in terms of being open and getting orders in. The bunnyhugs are currently being sent off to be printed.

VP Fawcett reminded Council that, in lieu of former Councilor Steffen being at the meeting, he will remind everyone the ASSU is selling Fair Trade coffee.

Councilor Miller – Law reminded Council to attend Legal Follies on February 5th and 6th.

Councilor Loor noted that next week is Eating Disorders Week and the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition students are putting together a speakers session on Wednesday February 3 from 2:30 to 4:30 in Arts 241. Wendy Laroque, a dietitian with Student Health, Vicki Herman, a psychologist with Student Counseling, and Stella Blackshaw, a psychiatrist and U of S professor, will be speaking. It will be an interesting discussion and he invited Council to attend.

Councilor Miller – Law noted that Legal Follies tickets will be on sale this week and next week in the Law lounge and Saturday usually sells out. There is also an after-party at the Cosmo Seniors Centre for an additional \$10. Tickets are \$15 and they may also be available at Broadway Theatre.

9. Other Business

President Kirkland provided regrets for VP Stoicheff and noted that board elections would happen next week.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion154: Councilor Forbes/VP McCullough

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Friday January 29, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough,
Regrets: Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Operations and Finance Board Meeting
- Staff Performance Reviews (6)
- OH & S Meeting
- Student Relations Committee Meeting
- Site Meeting
- Louis' and Browsers Planning Meeting
- TD/First Nations Bank Finance Meeting
- Meetings with staff and managers
- Normal GM duties
- Transit/U-PASS meeting
- Operations and Finance Board Meeting
- U-PASS troubleshooting
- Compensation Committee Meeting
- Marketing/Communications Meeting
- Financial Review Meeting
- Social Committee Meeting
- IT Meeting

President Kirkland

- to be presented at the next meeting

VP Fawcett

- ½ day sick
- History 290
- Meeting with Amber Burton regarding Environmental Film Festival
- Housing meeting
- Interview with Sheaf
- History 290

- Student Council
- Sustainability Working Group meeting
- Aboriginal Student Engagement and Inclusion Committee meeting
- Op/Fin Board meeting
- Breakfast meeting with PEC and USSU
- History 290
- International Week kickoff reception
- Student Affairs Board meeting
- Meeting regarding International Week
- Sustainability Board meeting
- Meeting regarding SCSS
- History 290
- Interview with Muslim Students' Association
- Student Council

VP Hitchings

- Sick Day (4)
- Snowed In! My car was stuck, buses weren't running and didn't feel like walking in the -30 weather, 40 miles uphill, both ways. So I got to work at 3:30 and then Operations & Finance Board Meeting
- Investigated the cost of Beer at Louis
- Meeting w/ Marketing Services Manager Ventnor re: Bunnyhug
- Cheque Requisition for Funding Requests
- E-mailed campus groups re: ratification
- Updated Campus Group iPhone blog
- Vice-Chaired Board of College Presidents' Meeting
- Prepared Accountabilities
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Budget Preparations (it only takes one line in here, but it is a lot of work)
- Budget Preparations
- Meeting w/ Student re: Campus Group Funding
- Place Riel Renovations Video Creation
- Financial Accountabilities Review for Dec 2009
- Social Committee Meeting
- Class
- USC
- Meeting w/ Student re: Campus Group use of Plasmas
- Meeting w/ student re: Insurance for event off-campus
- Discussion with student re: why executive members deserve to be paid more than a bag of peanuts
- Bunny hug retrieval for new members of council
- Discussion w/ President Kirkland re: Why Ben Fawcett is so tall

VP McCullough

- Blog
- Class

Executive Committee Meeting – January 29, 2010

- Accountability Report
- Term Accountabilities
- Meeting w/ Students
- Preparing for Teaching Excellence Awards
- Working on Be Book Smart Campaign website
- Meeting w/ Greg Fowler
- Employee Review Prep
- University Council Prep
- Setting up Date for OA Presentation to Associate Deans Research
- Class
- University Council
- Academic Misconduct Hearing Prep
- USC
- Preparing Teaching Evaluation Presentation for Undergraduate Forum
- Class
- Practicing Open Access Presentation
- Sick
- Preparing Teaching Evaluation Presentation for Undergraduate Forum
- Class
- Going Over OA Presentation for ADR
- Presentation on Open Access to Associate Deans Research
- Research Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee Meeting
- Class
- Teaching Evaluations Presentation and Undergraduate Forums
- USC
- Academic Grievance
- Class
- Academic Affairs Board Meeting
- Tunnel-sitting for TEA's

VP Stoicheff

- Help Haiti Fundraiser Planning
- Meeting with Katie Honey-Vice-President External URSU
- Executive Meeting
- Hosted USSU/CFCR Radio Show
- Meeting with student Galen Richardson
- Discussion with Kirk Wosminity from the Government of Saskatchewan about establishing the Scholarship, Bursary and Loans Committee
- Developed the Post-Secondary Student Support Program Petition to the federal government
- Completed USSU exec Fall accountability report
- Lunch meeting with James Pepler
- Sheaf Interview about provincial funding for Childcare on campus
- Meeting with Saskatchewan Provincial Liberal leader Ryan Bater on behalf of SSC
- Attended USC

- Began creation of SSC website
- Meeting with student Matt Donlevy
- Attended Aboriginal Inclusion and Engagement Committee Meeting
- Attended Indigenous Student Council Meeting
- PSSSP Awareness Week
- National CASA Policy Conference Call
- ISC Forum
- Meeting with U of S President Peter MacKinnon and the other Vice-Presidents of the University
- Holiday in Halifax

4. **Business**

4.1 Pursuing Information

Motion to Pursue Information for the Renovation of the Memorial Union Building to Include a Microbrewery:

EXEC078: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

Motion to Pursue Information Regarding the Housing Strategy and Report to USC:

EXEC079: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

4.2 Work Requests

President Kirkland reminded the Executive that Communications Work Request forms need to be filled out prior to work being done.

4.3 Environmental Film Festival

A request will be submitted for sponsorship of Browser's coffee for the upcoming Environmental Film Festival.

Motion to Provide Browser's Coffee Sponsorship for the Environmental Film Festival:

EXEC080: VP Fawcett/VP Hitchings Carried

4.4 International Week

Motion to Provide Food Sponsorship for the Carnival of Solidarity:

EXEC081: VP Fawcett/VP Hitchings Carried

4.5 Budget

VP Hitchings noted that he is currently examining the budget to look for ways to improve efficiency in order to reduce student fees.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 pm

Academic Affairs Board

Minutes for Friday January 15, 2010

Present: Daniel McCullough, Ben Fawcett, Steven Ofukany, Brookelyn Kirkham, Claire Kincaid, Sarah Miller, Chelsea Tomcala

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable Discussion**

Motion to amend the agenda to include 5.2 Be Book Smart:

AABMotion03: Chair McCullough/MSC Kirkham Carried

Chair McCullough noted that there is a lack of awareness of appropriate Form A and Form B appeal processes among departments.

Vice Chair Fawcett suggested sending an email to the departments.

Chair McCullough noted that if a student is pursuing a grade appeal with Form A, and if the student is requested to come to the office and pick up their appeal form before the meeting with their professor, they may lose eligibility for Form B.

MSC Kirkham noted a recent issue regarding internships abroad where a GPA is required. She asked what the appropriate measures to take would be, given that we use a percentage system.

Chair McCullough replied that although the Cumulative Weighted Average system is used here, if a CWA, an overall average, and an official transcript is sent, then the receiving school would calculate the GPA.

There was a short discussion on how the prices of used books at the U of S Bookstore still seem overpriced.

Chair McCullough stated that he could write a friendly letter to the Bookstore Manager, Mark Jagoe.

CSSO Ofukany reminded the Board of the upcoming Teaching Excellence Awards Nominations and a schedule to come soon for sitting in the tunnel.

Chair McCullough noted that there are also discussions in progress for various options to plant trees as compensation for the printing of thousands of surveys.

SAL Tomcala noted that some potential issues with the Teaching Excellence nominations is that they are not as accessible to some colleges.

MSC Kincaid also noted that the variance in survey responses due to class size needs to be taken into account.

Chair McCullough also noted that the Academic Dishonesty policies have now been changed, and the new policies fall under a new term called Academic Misconduct. These new policies allow more informal processes to be pursued and provide an avenue of to learn from your mistake, without a record on your transcript. Where deemed to be a serious case, Academic Misconduct will still be listed on your transcript, which has been the past practice.

4. **Minutes**

Motion to approve the November 13, 2009 Academic Affairs Board

Minutes:

AABMotion04: SAL Luhning/MSC Kincaid

Carried

5. **Business**

5.1 Open Access Publications

The concept of Open Access is to encourage reduced costs for students in terms of journal articles and publication subscriptions.

Chair McCullough stated that he would be giving a presentation at the next meeting. He noted that he has already given this presentation to numerous groups. Also included is the Student Statement on the Right to Research, which encourages this initiative.

5.2 Be Book Smart

The Canadian Roundtable on Academic Materials is a national lobby group that is also dedicated to actively improving the cost effectiveness of academic materials.

There will be more lobbying to faculty and to University Council to work more on this issue.

6. **Academic Advocacy Office Update**

CSSO Ofukany provided an update on student requests to the Academic Advocacy Office.

The following is a running total with current additions in parentheses:

- 21 grievances and general information (+1)
- 29 appeals (+6)
- 5 faculty actions (unchanged)
- 2 academic misconduct cases (+1)

In addition there are three ongoing unprofessional conduct cases and two grading appeals in varying stages. The current running total, including cases in progress is **62**.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Monday, February 1, 2010

Present: Scott Hitchings, Benjamin Fawcett, Jordan Forbes, Kim Dancey, Alecia Nagy, Adebola Akanni, Kevin Miller, Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio), Jason Ventnor [in the place of Caroline].

Regrets: Matthew Bennett, Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio).

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

The Board was privy to a presentation made by the African Students' Association, Who were seeking funds in order to hold an "African Night". The event is their Fundraiser/awareness event for the year.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were a non-issue

6. Business

A. Ratifications

Motion to Ratify the following groups:

- i. German Circle

OFB Motion36

Hitchings/Dancey

Carried.

B. Funding Requests

The Board considered funding requests from the following groups:

- i. African Students' Association
- ii. Room for Improvement Youth Development Inc.

The Board considered the funding requests. The Board decided to give \$1000 in funding to the African students' association and \$360 to RIYDI.

Motion to grant \$1000 to AFSA

OFB Motion37

Hitchings/Nagy

Carried.

Motion to grant \$360 to RIYDI

OFB Motion38

Hitchings/Nagy

Carried.

C. Fee Strategy Document

The Board discussed a fee-strategy document put forth by the Vice-President Operations & Finance. What the document consists of are principles upon which to base the decision to set student fees for the next year. The document is attached along with the minutes. The Board decided to send the document to Council for approval, with its approval noted.

7. New Business

No New Business

8. Questions & Comments

A discussion was had surrounding executive compensation and the decisions to be made therein. It was agreed that it could be a contentious issue with a myriad of options available. Suggestions made were to raise the salaries of the executive to the national norm and then institute an increase of whatever the CUPE staff of the USSU will be getting. That way, the issue would be put to rest once and for all.

9. Next Meeting

The meeting time was decided to be next Monday, February 8, 2010 at 4 PM.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

OFB Motion39

Hitchings/Dancey

Carried.

Student Affairs Board Minutes
Date: January 26, 2010 @ 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Blair Woynarski
Ben Fawcett
Teri Rothernburger
Brooke Kirkham
Sarah Wood

Regrets:

Daniel McCullough
Alyssa Anderson
Roger Loor

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum reached

3. Introductions

USSU President Warren Kirkland and USSU Women's Centre Coordinator Linh Le were both present to discuss the White Ribbon Campaign.

4. Business

4.1 White Ribbon Campaign

The board discussed its approach to the White Ribbon Campaign to end violence against women. It was noted that the USSU executive would go around the university and recruit several high-ranking male faculty and employees to be involved in our poster campaign.

The board decided that the campaign should include some stats about violence in Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan specifically to get the message across in a more effective manor. Le said she would provide some stats. It was also suggested that we include handouts in Louis' menus and in tabletop advertisement holders in various food services outlets around campus. Fawcett said he would ask Student Health for access to those holders.

It was suggested that we should contact the Saskatoon Men's Centre and the Saskatoon Sexual Assault and Information Centre regarding possible fundraising and partnership on the campaign. Fawcett said he would look into it.

The board was asked to provide creative ideas in order to engage student during the campaign. Le presented the idea of having a huge banner set up somewhere on campus with the quote "These hands will never be used in violence" placed at

the top. Students will be able to trace, draw or paint their handprint onto the banner. The board unanimously agreed that this was a great idea.

It was suggested that we try to recruit male Huskie athletes to participate in the campaign in order to be more visibly effective. The board agreed that the message would be much stronger if we were able to get some male athletes.

Fawcett said he would ask MSCs at the next Student Council meeting to try to recruit volunteers from their respective colleges to engage students. The board decided it would be best to have tables set up in every college so that none are left out.

It was also suggested that we try to get Jack Layton to speak at the event since he was one of the founding members of the White Ribbon Campaign. VP Stoicheff will work on it. The board also discussed other speaker possibilities and maybe a documentary showing. Members of the board decided that they would pursue faculty members that may potentially want to speak during this campaign. Le would look at Women's and Gender Studies, Kirkham would look at STM, Rothenburger would approach Anthropology and Psychology, Fawcett would ask Political Studies, Wood would pursue Sociology.

4.2 Aboriginal Student Engagement and Inclusion Committee

Fawcett updated the board on the state of the USSU's new Aboriginal Student Engagement and Inclusion Committee. He noted that it would be hosting an event on February 10th and if anyone wishes to attend they're more than welcome. He will provide information via email to the board.

5. New Business

6. Questions, Comments, Announcements

7. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Sustainability Board Minutes

Date: January 27, 2010

Present:
Amanda Kleisinger
Ben Fawcett
Keith Flysak
Scott Hitchings
Sarah Begbie
Brooke Knutson

Regrets:
Jenna Dunn

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum reached

3. Business

3.1 USSU Sustainability Board Branding Campaign

The board discussed some strategies to engage students on our different campaigns. It decided that we should make posters for each campaign with roughly 10 interesting facts that student may not know about a specific sustainability issue. The board members were given the task to compile these facts according to the topic they each chose.

The board was also asked to think of some creative slogans for the branding aspect of each campaign. It was suggested that we put up posters in bathrooms since people tend to actually read them in there.

3.2 Resources for individual campaigns

The board members presented some of their findings from the research they conducted on our specific campaigns. The board will compile all of the information to be used in the campaigns (especially on plasma screens) and to potentially be added to the USSU's website on a new sustainability webpage.

The board was also asked if it would be interested in collaborating with some graduate students on an anti-bottled water campaign during World Water Day in March. The board unanimously agreed.

Some comments were made regarding specific campaigns. First, it was suggested that the USSU sell cheap water bottles and re-usable coffee mugs in Browsers so that students have greater access to such items. It was also noted that we should

ask Tim Horton's head office to switch to a more sustainable way to do "roll up the rim to win" and to switch to compostable coffee cups.

The board was also asked if it wanted to partner with some student groups for their "Mug Run" campaign in March. The Board unanimously agreed.

3.3 USSU sustainability audit

The board was notified that VPs Hitchings and Fawcett are working on a policy for the USSU to undergo sustainability audits roughly every 4 years.

3.4 University's recycling program

The board was notified that the University is looking for students to give input on a new recycling program that is in the works. Knutson said she would be interested in having her name added to their list. Fawcett also said he would be emailing the coordinator of the new program with a list of some student concerns regarding recycling.

4. Any Other Business

5. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Student Affairs Board – March 4, 2009

Fee Strategy Principles

Background

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) 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.

The USSU and the University of Saskatchewan share the vision that Saskatchewan people should have access to affordable and high-quality post-secondary education. The USSU recognizes that in the changing demographics of the University, and in the evolution of services provided, one component supporting that vision is a fee strategy providing consistent principles for multiple cycles of fee rate setting.

Fees are a significant revenue source for the USSU, currently comprising approximately 24.69 per cent of the Students' Union's operating budget. Although the Union has advocated for several different tuition strategies over the last decade, fee increases have been consistent at 5 per cent per year. Tuition and fees are an important consideration for students, as they represent a significant component of the overall cost of a university education. Therefore, it is essential that careful consideration be paid to how fee levels are set.

The fee strategy for the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union is designed to guide the University Students' Council in their regular decision-making processes; it consists of a number of principles consistent with our mission, vision, institutional imperatives and goals. These principles do not specify a strict quantitative formula for deriving fee rates. Instead, they identify the type of information that should be obtained and taken into consideration in the course of establishing fee rates.

The following principles are presented in no particular order and are equally weighted during decision-making.

Principles

I. Accessibility and Affordability

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union will set fees with an understanding of the total cost to attend the institution, taking into consideration the level of fees along with available resources such as financial aid programs and scholarships. Particular attention needs to be paid to student enrollment trends, the University Enrollment Action Plan, and credit unit attendance trends.

The following are important considerations in this regard:

- Percentage of total costs to students that fees play in attending post-secondary institutions.
- Comparable rates of increases in tuition and other associated fees.
- Lobbying initiatives planned in the near future.
- Direct financial resources available to students, including financial aid.
- Total direct costs to students, including the total cost of USSU fees.

II. Sustainability

Fee increases are regularly attributed to specific projects and initiatives. In the past these initiatives have added a significant financial burden to students while enabling promising services.

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union must pay particular attention to the sustainability of fees and increases assigned to specific initiatives. Precisely, forethought must be given to past and future trends for fees needed to sustain these initiatives and the impact of financial viability on the organization as a whole.

III. Enabling Quality

The Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience. We recognize the uniqueness and importance of the services we provide to the University environment. University Students' Council is responsible to the students of the University for ensuring the USSU is appropriately resourced to carry out its mission.

In terms of service quality, the setting of fees must take into account varying costs of offering individual programs. The USSU offers a wide array of services and programs, each of which with an associated range of costs. In order to maintain quality some programs inherently cost more to offer than others.

Conclusion

Fees are an important consideration for both the Union and the students. This fee strategy will guide the setting of fee levels to ensure that the needs of both are balanced in a consistent and sustainable manner. Taken together, these principles will guide the USSU towards fee levels and structures that contribute to a persuasive value proposition to students: a high-quality and sustainable provision of services that remains affordable.

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Woynarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Dec. 3	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28				
Chimanga, Freeman	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R				
Cleaveley, Aspen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Dancey, Kimberley	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	R				
Dunn, Jenna	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P				
Fawcett, Ben	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P				
Forbes, Jordan	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P				
Gavelis, Mike	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R				
George, Ashlyn	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P				
Goodwin, Jason	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R				
Hitchings, Scott	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P				
Kincaid, Claire	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Kirkland, Warren	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Kleisinger, Amanda	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Laroque, Brent	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Loor, Roger	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P				
McCullough, Daniel	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P				
Miller, Kevin	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Miller, Sarah	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	P				
Nystuen, Reid	P	P	R	P	P	P	resigned					
Steffen, Alexander	P	P	P	P	P	P	resigned					
Stoicheff, Chris	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R				
Wood, Sarah	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P				
Wojnarski, Blair	P	R	R	no longer on USC								
Flysak, Keith	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	R	P				
Thompson, Leon	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	R	P				
Nagy, Alecia	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P				
Associated Residence				NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA				
Ind. SA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA				

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday February 11, 2010

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Studentcare – Amanda Smytaniuk**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – February 4, 2010**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – February 8, 2010**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – February 1, 2010**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 7.1 USSU Microbrewery**
 - 7.2 USSU Housing Strategy**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday February 4, 2010

Present

Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alecia Nagy, ESB
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jason Goodwin, Education
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Leon Thompson, Arts and Science
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM
Scott Sokwaypnaee, ISC

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair

Regrets

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Guest

James Pepler
Bola Akanni

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for January 29, 2010 to 4.2.

USCMotion155: VP Hitchings/VP McCullough Carried

Motion to add 9.1 External Affairs Board Nominations.

USCMotion156: VP Stoicheff/VP McCullough Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion157: Councilor Wood/Councilor Miller-Law Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Hitchings sent regrets on behalf of President Kirkland, VP Fawcett and Councilor Forbes.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – January 28, 2010

Councilor Nagy noted that at the end of the Council Address it should read: “return to formality”.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – January 29, 2010

4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – January 15, 2010

4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – February 1, 2010

4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report – January 26, 2010

4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report – January 27, 2010

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion158: Councilor Loo/VP McCullough Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Fee Strategy Document

VP Hitchings stated that the document is meant to guide how fees are assessed. The document is based on the principles of accessibility, affordability, sustainability of the organization, and enabling quality.

Motion to consider the Fee Strategy as provided.

USCMotion159: VP Hitchings/ Councilor Wood Carried

Motion to approve the Fee Strategy document.

USCMotion160: VP Hitchings/Councilor Miller – Law Carried

7.2 USSU Microbrewery

7.3 USSU Housing Strategy

VP Hitchings stated that these two items will be discussed next week when President Kirkland returns.

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Member Pepler noted that there was a new Councilor at the table.

Councilor Sokwaypnaee introduced himself as the MSC for Indigenous Students’ Council.

VP McCullough noted that the exam schedule was posted as of this Tuesday.

Councilor Flysak noted that the ASSU is selling fair trade coffee and he encouraged everyone to come.

Councilor Miller – Law invited everyone to Legal Follies at Broadway Theatre tomorrow at 7:30 (doors opening at 6:30) or Saturday at the same time. Saturday usually sells out and tickets should be bought beforehand.

Councilor Dancey noted that she was at the last meeting.

Member Pepler noted that on February 8 at 11:00 am in Marquis Hall, there will be an unveiling for new undergraduate residences. He noted that students should be attending as it is for them. Also, there will be important government figures there and free refreshments.

VP McCullough reminded everyone that tomorrow is the last day for Teaching Excellence Award nominations and forms will need to be handed in to the USSU Main Office before 4:30 pm.

9. Other Business

9.1 External Affairs Board Nominations

Motion to open nominations for the External Affairs Board.

USCMotion161: VP Stoicheff/VP Hitchings Carried

Councilor Thompson was nominated by VP Stoicheff. He accepted.

Motion to close nominations for the External Affairs Board.

USCMotion162: VP Hitchings/Councilor Loor Carried

Councilor Thompson was elected to the External Affairs Board.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion163: VP McCullough/Councilor Gavelis Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Monday February 8, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Compensation Meeting
- Professional Development (2 afternoons)
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- Staff performance reviews
- Cold Beverage Steering Committee Meeting
- Place Riel Site Meeting
- Place Riel Tenant Meeting
- Alumni Gala
- Budgets/SWOTS/Action Plans

President Kirkland

- Meeting regarding Database development
- Meeting regarding SCSS
- Meeting and Lunch with TD Canada Trust
- Indigenous Students' Council Forumx3
- Pandemic De-briefing
- Breakfast with President Peter MacKinnon and Executive
- Board of College Presidents' Meeting
- Executive Meeting
- Planning and Priorities
- Place Riel Video filming
- Financial Review for December
- Undergraduate Forum
- ISC election results
- Meeting with Nick Fraser – GSA president
- Alumni Association Dinner
- Meeting regarding Microbrewery
- Meeting regarding USSU housing strategy

- Blog review and postings
- Executive Meeting
- Compensation Committee meeting
- Operations and Finance Board meeting
- Place Riel Steering Committee Meeting
- Moral Boosting Policy Meeting
- Cold Beverage Steering Committee Meeting
- Centres Meeting
- Planning and Priorities
- Indigenous Students' Council
- Site Meeting
- Coffee with Richard Florizone regarding new USSU Initiatives
- Alumni Association meet and greet
- Blog Review and Postings
- Wayfinding Steering Committee
- Meeting regarding Campus Club Integration to website
- Economic Internship Program – Speaking
- CABIS Meeting

VP Fawcett

- Lunch meeting about International Week
- Transportation Committee meeting
- College Quarter Steering Committee meeting
- International Week Welcome Reception
- History 290
- Centres meeting
- History 290
- Student Council
- Executive meeting
- College Quarter ceremony
- Op/Fin Board
- Childcare Review meeting with Dave Hannah and Ernie Barber

VP Hitchings

- Budget Preparations
- Place Riel Renovations Steering Committee Meeting
- Meeting w/ Professor
- Budget Preparations
- Meeting w/ Vice-President of APALA re: Group Funding
- Meeting w/ ISC Executive
- Review executive compensation
- Place Riel Renovations Site Meeting
- Budget Preparations
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- Van usage re: Bunnyhugs
- Meeting w/ VP Stoicheff
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Attended the unveiling of the new Residence Plans
- Budget Preparations
- Operations & Finance Board Meeting
- Reviewed Place Riel Renovations Documents
- Budgetary Preparations
- Meeting w/ Student re: Insurance for Events
- Each and Every Day I performed other daily Operations & Finance duties.

VP McCullough

- Preparing Teaching Evaluation Presentation for Undergraduate Forum
- Class
- Going Over OA Presentation for ADR
- Presentation on Open Access to Associate Deans Research
- Research Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee Meeting
- Class
- Teaching Evaluations Presentation and Undergraduate Forums
- USC
- Academic Grievance
- Class
- Academic Affairs Board Meeting
- Tunnel-sitting for TEA's
- Academic Support Committee Meeting
- Blog
- Tunnel Sitting for TEA's
- Working on Academic Advising Week
- Class
- CABIS meeting
- Working on Subcommittee report on Enviro. Biol. Major for APC
- E-Texts Subcommittee Meeting
- ADO
- Class
- USC
- Undergraduate Forum Executive Meeting
- Class

VP Stoicheff

- to be presented at a later date

4. **Business**

4.1 Help Haiti Funds

Motion to Provide Sponsorship for 50 Posters for the Buzzboards and Tunnel for the Help Haiti Project:

EXECMotion082: VP Stoicheff/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.2 Responsible Gambling

Student Health will be having a table with information about responsible gambling.

Motion to Sponsor a Table for Student Health to Promote Responsible Gambling:

EXECMotion083: VP Fawcett/VP Stoicheff

Carried

4.3 Student Crisis Support Service

To support providing more points of contact for students seeking peer support, all USSU Centres and the VP Student Affairs will receive additional peer support and referral training. Also, strong relationships will be established with these points of contact and with the Saskatoon Sexual Assault Centre and the newly created U of S Crisis Response Coordinator. The new U of S Crisis Response Coordinator will be the new official liaison for providing services to students in times of crisis and will work with Student Health and Counseling. This coordinator will also have a minimum of ten years of experience in this area and will possess a master's degree. As a result of this new position, and the enhancement of peer support services at the USSU, the Student Crisis Support Service will be expanded. The USSU will be expanding their points of service for peer support and more professional services will be available through the creation of a full-time position by the University.

4.4 Disorientation

VP McCullough put forward the recommendation to eliminate the budget line and rework the relationship with Advancement. The service is not being used enough by undergraduate students to be cost-effective.

GM Cottrell noted that the program is being reworked, but in the future, funding could be given through Executive sponsorship.

4.5 We Are All Treaty People

VP Stoicheff stated that given the current frustration at First Nations University, there should be an awareness campaign using the "We are all treaty people" slogan to highlight how we all benefit from the treaties.

President Kirkland noted that this slogan has been previously used in *the Sheaf* and perhaps we should use a different slogan.

VP Stoicheff replied that the current slogan is endorsed by the Office of the Treaty Commissioner.

VP Fawcett suggested that there could be an event to coincide with the campaign, such as a guest speaker.

VP Stoicheff stated that he would contact the Office of the Treaty Commissioner and set something up.

Motion to Provide 50 Posters for a “We Are All Treaty People”

Campaign:

EXECMotion084: VP Stoicheff/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.6 Infrastructure Fee Increase

GM Cottrell posed the question of how infrastructure fees would increase in time.

President Kirkland asked what the current CPI is.

GM Cottrell stated that it is currently at 1.1%. She noted that a decision is not needed now, but will need consideration by Executive and USC. Currently, infrastructure money is going to Place Riel, but future renovations and maintenance in other USSU facilities, such as the MUB will require funds. Moreover, past Executives have indicated a desire to increase the fee by CPI so that all students pay the same relative amount now and twenty years from now.

4.7 Environmental Film Festival

Motion to Provide Sponsorship for Browsers and Finger Food for the Environmental Film Festival:

EXECMotion085: VP Fawcett/VP Hitchings

Carried

VP Hitchings asked when the other USC social will be held and where.

President Kirkland stated that it would be in early April at Louis’.

4.8 Executive Portfolios

President Kirkland led a discussion on the configuration of the Executive with particular reference to the role of President. This discussion will be ongoing to determine if the Executive wishes to propose changes to that role via an amendment to the bylaw. Concern exists over the roles and responsibilities of the President as well as the potential for the President to manipulate the democratic process.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Monday, February 1, 2010

Present: Scott Hitchings, Benjamin Fawcett, Jordan Forbes, Kim Dancey, Alecia Nagy, Adebola Akanni, Kevin Miller, Matthew Bennett, Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio), Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio).

Regrets:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

The Board was privy to a presentation made by the U of S Debate Society; Room Improvement Youth Development Inc.; & IEEE Student Branch.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were a non-issue

6. Business

A. Funding Requests

The Board considered funding requests from the following groups:

- i. U of S Debate Society
- ii. Room for Improvement Youth Development Inc.
- iii. IEEE Student Branch
- iv. PASS

The Board considered the funding requests. The Board decided to give \$750 in funding to the U of S Debate Society in order to hold a conference; \$640 to RFIYD in order for them to hold a “Eat, Dance, Live” fundraising event; \$1000 to IEEE Student Branch in order to hold the High Voltage Classic – a street hockey fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald Foundation; and \$498 to PASS for a fundraising event.

Motion to grant \$750 to U of S Debate Society

OFB Motion40 Hitchings/Forbes

Carried.

Motion to grant \$640 to RIYDI

OFB Motion41 Hitchings/Forbes

Carried.

Motion to grant \$1000 to IEEE Student Branch
OFB Motion42 Hitchings/Forbes Carried.

Motion to grant \$498 to PASS
OFB Motion43 Hitchings/Forbes Carried.

C. Student Fee Setting

Vice-President Hitchings proposed the idea to the board that the USSU cease to continue its tradition of raising the USSU Fee by 5% year after year. In place of a 5% increase in the USSU Fee, Vice-President Hitchings put forth the notion of decreasing the USSU Fee by 3%.

GM Cottrell posited that she was steadfastly against any reduction in the USSU Fee as a result of the fact that she feels it may put the Place Riel Renovation Project in jeopardy.

Vice President Hitchings noted his disagreement with this statement, as the Place Riel Renovation Project is wholly and completely funded through the USSU Infrastructure Fee. The USSU Fee generates revenue for the USSU Operating budget, which would be able to absorb a decrease of \$26,185 (the amount that a 3% decrease would involve). He felt this was especially true because of the fact that two senior management positions had been budgeted for in the previous years, which no longer exist and thus no longer need to be budgeted for. Furthermore, the increased revenue that the new place riel tenants will bring in would more than make up for any decrease in revenue from a 3% decrease in USSU Fee.

Vice-President Fawcett suggested that neither an increase nor a decrease was necessary. Rather, we could look at keeping student fees exactly where they are which would kind of be a reduction of 5%.

GM Cottrell noted that a 3% decrease would amount to approximately \$1.77 per student, per year. Her concern was that even if a decrease would pose the absolute slightest risk to the financial viability of the organization would it be worth it for the price of a cup of coffee.

Vice President Hitchings maintained that a 3% decrease in student fees would not put the financial viability of the organization at risk whatsoever.

President Kirkland responded by saying that he agreed with Vice President Hitchings that a decrease in the USSU Fee by 3% is doable.

A conversation between President Kirkland, Councillor Miller, and GM Cottrell was had about the percentage that the University of Saskatchewan takes from the USSU fee. The Chair of the Board was temporarily out of the room during this conversation.

Member Bennett asked how large the operating deficit for the 2010-2011 year was projected to be.

Vice-President Hitchings responded that a very rough estimate had been done and it was projected to be approximately \$250,000. This is regardless of any decrease or increase in the USSU Fee. He also mentioned that the deficit for this year was projected to be \$510,000 and that we are currently \$130,000 ahead of budget and that the deficit for the 2010-2011 year would likely not be as bad as it is projected to be.

President Kirkland noted that our accountants are very conservative in their estimates, which is superb, and that it is likely that the deficit for the 2010-2011 year likely will not be \$250,000.

Members Nagy & Dancey announced that they would feel more comfortable with making a decision based on numbers, figures, and charts. They asked whether such things were prepared and/or whether they could be provided.

GM Cottrell responded that none were available on hand, but she could invite the USSU Controller & Operations manager to attend the next meeting and they would be able to provide detailed projections, filled with numbers, figures, and charts.

The Board agreed that a decision should be withheld until such a presentation could be made.

GM Cottrell and Vice President Fawcett had to excuse themselves, as they had a different meeting to attend.

Councillor Miller inquired as to whether or not the Executive would be able to receive a pay raise were the Operations & Finance Board to decide that the USSU fee should be lowered by 3%.

Vice-President Hitchings responded that yes, any and all salary issues would continue as normal.

Councillor Dancey asked whether or not Vice-President Hitchings had looked at projections and based his decisions off of those. She clarified by asking whether a reduction in student fees made sense based on those projections.

Vice President Hitchings responded that a reduction in student fees made absolute sense.

President Kirkland responded that he has a degree in economics and in finance and that an increase of 5% year after year made no sense to him.

Councillor Dancey pointed out that she did not ask the President for his opinion; she asked the Vice President of Operations and Finance what he thought about the financial projections for the Union.

Vice President Hitchings responded that he had been in conversation with senior management about the projections and that what stuck out to him was that the Place Riel Renovation project would not be endangered by any reduction in the USSU Operating Budget, and that the increased revenues that will be seen from the tenants of the new Place Riel would more than make up for any reduction in student fees.

President Kirkland noted that the recently opened computer store used to pay ~\$4,000 a month for their old space. They now pay ~\$10,000. This is an increase of over 50%, and that trend is expected to continue with all the other tenants.

Vice President Hitchings then stated that not only will the rent be higher than it was before, but that there would be more tenants in the new Place Riel than there had been in the old one. Thus, the revenue we will be seeing from this will be much higher than it had been before. He then stated that he would be completely in favour of an increase of the USSU Fee of 50% if it was necessary. However, an increase in the USSU Fee is not only not necessary, it is wholly unnecessary. He also felt that the Union should look at changing how it receives its revenues. It should not look to the students for an increase of fees of 5% year after year when it can get the revenue from elsewhere. In this case, the revenue will come from the new Place Riel.

Member Bennett inquired as to how else the USSU could increase its revenue sources.

Vice President Hitchings responded that Member Bennett and all students could drink more at Louis, eat more at Louis' and Browsers, and use USSU operations more altogether. The more revenue they generate, the less the USSU would have to look to students to make up the difference.

This matter was simply for discussion: no decisions were made and the conversation is ongoing.

7. New Business
No New Business

8. Questions & Comments

9. Next Meeting

The meeting time was decided to be Monday, February 22, 2010 at 3 PM.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

OFB Motion44 Hitchings/Dancey Carried.

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Woynarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Dec. 3	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4			
Chimanga, Freeman	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P			
Cleaveley, Aspen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Dancey, Kimberley	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Dunn, Jenna	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P			
Fawcett, Ben	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	R			
Forbes, Jordan	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R			
Gavelis, Mike	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P			
George, Ashlyn	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P			
Goodwin, Jason	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	P			
Hitchings, Scott	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P			
Kincaid, Claire	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Kirkland, Warren	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R			
Kleisinger, Amanda	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Laroque, Brent	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Loor, Roger	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P			
McCullough, Daniel	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P			
Miller, Kevin	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Miller, Sarah	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	P	P			
Nystuen, Reid	P	P	R	P	P	P	resigned					
Steffen, Alexander	P	P	P	P	P	P	resigned					
Stoicheff, Chris	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P			
Wood, Sarah	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P			
Wojnarski, Blair	P	R	R	no longer on USC								
Flysak, Keith	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	R	P	P			
Thompson, Leon	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	R	P	P			
Nagy, Alecia	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	P			
Sokwaypnaee, Scott	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P			
Associated Residence				NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA			

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday February 25, 2010

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Student Fee Presentation – GM Cottrell**
 - 3.2 Saskatchewan Student Coalition Lobby Efforts – VP Stoicheff**
 - 3.3 Database Update – President Kirkland**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – February 11, 2010**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – February 18, 2010**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – February 10, 2010**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – February 22, 2010**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 Board Elections**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday February 11, 2010

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alecia Nagy, ESB
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brooklyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Leon Thompson, Arts and Science
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCV
Scott Sokwaypnae, ISC

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Jenna Dunn, STM
Kevin Miller, Law

Guests:

Rory McLean, *the Sheaf*
James Pepler
Amanda Smytaniuk

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion164: Councilor Loor/Councilor Laroque

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Fawcett introduced Amanda Smytaniuk, the Prairie Studentcare Representative.

President Kirkland introduced James Pepler.

VP Hitchings introduced Rory McLean from *the Sheaf*.

3. Council Address

3.1 Studentcare – Amanda Smytaniuk

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion165: VP Hitchings/VP McCullough Carried

Ms. Smytaniuk noted that there were two sheets floating around. One of these is a student survey, which is being used to gather feedback regarding Studentcare and its services. This information is helpful for making decisions in terms of plan renewal. She noted that the other sheet is a summation of estimates to determine the rates that the insurance company will be setting for the coming year. She noted that there are limitations to estimates due to several months being left for this claim period.

The document provided listed claims for the past six years. A ratio is taken and the report provided includes all claims to February 1. The ratios are used for estimation of future claims and coverage cost rates.

Ms. Smytaniuk stated that based on the numbers and estimates available, a premium reduction of just under fourteen dollars is estimated. However, this does not directly relate to the fees that are charged to students. The fee that students pay tends to float around the premium cost. In some years, the fee is higher than the premiums and this is used to generate reserve funds. In other years, the fee is lower than the premium (a subsidy). She noted that in the current situation, there would be two options that the USSU could consider. One would be to decrease the fee, and the other one would be to increase benefits.

She noted that the survey results will identify plan usage and will indicate student needs. The results of this survey will be presented to Council before a decision is made.

Ms. Smytaniuk noted that in comparison to other plans, the USSU plan is well positioned. It is also one of the higher priced plans and she stated that there would be the ability to make adjustments once student needs are known.

VP Fawcett asked if a split option is being recommended, that being that the USSU could reduce the fee slightly in addition to adding some coverage in areas of need?

Ms. Smytaniuk replied that a \$14 premium decrease is substantial, and that amount could be split in any way that is appropriate.

Councilor Loor asked for clarification on a subsidy situation.

Ms. Smytaniuk noted that this happens in a situation where fees are frozen and each student is subsidized a small portion of their student fees to keep up with cost fluctuations.

She also provided some information regarding the Continuum program at the request of VP Fawcett. The Continuum Program aims to provide the same health

and dental coverage for students once they graduate as they have received as an undergraduate student. Continuum provides coverage on a monthly basis with opt out at any time. This service is available for graduates who do not find employment immediately, or do not have health and dental benefits. There is no medical examination to apply for this coverage.

Councilor Loor asked if the plan is declining, does this mean that students are not using it?

Ms. Smytaniuk replied that there is a decline in student enrolment and a decline in per capita use. This trend is being seen across the country.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion166: VP McCullough/Councilor Loor Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 University Students' Council Minutes – February 4, 2010

Councilor Nagy noted that Bola Akanni should be added under guests.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – February 8, 2010

4.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes – February 8, 2010

5. Motions arising from Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion167: VP Hitchings/VP Fawcett Carried

6. Business

6.1 USSU Microbrewery

Motion that the USSU develop a comprehensive plan for the building and operation of a microbrewery for presentation and consideration of the USC for no later than the end of fall 2010.

USCMotion168: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

President Kirkland noted that at this stage, there would be a process of information gathering for presentation to USC and if the operation would not be financially viable, then the plan would become moot. In terms of these plans, there are three main points to consider. Renovation of the Memorial Union Building will be needed, due to depreciation on capital assets. Part of the information searching would be to determine if a microbrewery would provide the revenues needed to cover the renovation of the building. Secondly, programs in biology, chemistry, and chemical engineering could be enhanced, as these courses do tend to have some discussion of the brewing process. There are several universities in the United States that have microbreweries at their university, and this allows the universities to offer brew master courses. Lastly, this would enhance student life and assist the coffers of the USSU. He noted that student life would be enhanced, as students would be able to go to a Huskie game and drink Huskie beer.

Councilor Loor asked what the cost to students would be for seeking this information.

President Kirkland stated that USSU staff would be working on this. It would be the cost of their time.

Councilor Loor asked if we would not be having outside consultation for the proposal.

President Kirkland stated that at this time, work will be done internally, and if the project would be feasible, and Council approves, then there would be outside work done.

VP Hitchings asked what the projected revenues would be.

President Kirkland stated that it would be difficult to determine. Many of the microbreweries mentioned do generate a considerable income, however. A soft estimate of the renovations to the MUB would be \$12 Million. The idea would be that the microbrewery and the associated businesses would generate the revenues and provide additional funds to the USSU.

Councilor Kincaid asked what area of the MUB the microbrewery would occupy.

President Kirkland noted that the changes are very tentative, but one possibility is to rework Louis' and the patio to accommodate a microbrewery. If nothing is changed, the current set up of the MUB would only see normal renovations.

Councilor Nagy asked if the microbrewery plan does not go through, would there still be a plan in place to renovate the MUB and where would the funds come from to pay for it?

President Kirkland replied that the renovations of the MUB are an ongoing debate. Renovations will be needed, and there are a few capital funding requests in place this year to provide stopgap solutions in some areas. If the microbrewery plan did not go through, then the infrastructure fee or other sources of income would need to be increased.

Councilor Thompson asked what the construction of a microbrewery would do to the property values in the area.

President Kirkland noted that it could have a number of effects.

Councilor Flysak asked if the sponsorship for the Huskies by Great Western Brewery has been considered.

President Kirkland stated that Great Western Brewery provides around \$30,000 per year to Huskie Athletics. The idea would be that with the proceeds, the sponsorship for the Huskies could be matched or increased. There would need to be discussions with Huskie Athletics and GW to find optimal solutions for everyone. GW is an important partner and we do not want to cut them out.

Councilor Loor asked for clarification on if there would be an off-sale.

President Kirkland stated that there is the potential for an off-sale, and in that case, age restrictions would be strictly adhered to. He noted that, according to Campus Safety, Louis' is one of the best bars for checking identifications and refusing entry of minors. This would be continued to any additional operations.

Councilor Wood asked where the initial financing would come from, given that the University Operating forecast did not look promising.

President Kirkland stated that the money would not be coming from the University, as it is a USSU initiative. Hypothetically, there could be some support from the University, but more likely, it would be financed via a business loan much similar to Place Riel. The annual revenues would pay down the interest and revenue from the loan.

Councilor Thompson asked if the beer would be sold in SLGA stores.

President Kirkland stated that it is still to be determined.

6.2 USSU Housing Strategy

Motion that the USSU develop a comprehensive housing strategy for presentation to Council no later than fall 2010.

USCMotion169: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

President Kirkland stated that the plan would be to purchase housing along Cumberland Avenue if financially feasible. Also, this housing could be designated to specific groups that need it most, or alternatively, specific college societies could arrange to rent the house.

Councilor Loor asked President Kirkland if this is a project that he would take under his portfolio.

President Kirkland replied that it would be either be done by April or transitioned to the new President and done by fall, in collaboration with the General Manager.

Councilor Thompson asked if this would be a fraternity/sorority style of set-up.

President Kirkland stated that it would not be operated as a fraternity or sorority, but rather as college society housing, or housing for groups such as northern

Aboriginal students. It is something that the University cannot provide, but the Housing Strategy may be able to work it out.

Councilor Nagy asked if this would be meant for an additional revenue stream, to provide for more affordable housing, or something else.

President Kirkland stated that the idea would be to make it revenue neutral or provide a small amount of additional revenue. It should not be something that puts us in a deficit situation, but it is meant rather to enhance the student experience.

VP Fawcett noted that one aspect is that students tend to have a desire to live communally with other students going through the same situation they are, such as moving to the city from a small town or reserve.

Councilor Kleisinger asked if there would be a focus of providing housing to those that are in need.

President Kirkland stated that it is certainly something that can be looked at.

Councilor Kleisinger also asked how need would be determined.

President Kirkland stated that his original intent was to look at an option that was revenue neutral and wasn't a cost to the USSU. If the housing was subsidized, the funds would need to come from the USSU operating budget.

Councilor Kincaid asked how this project would be related to the University.

President Kirkland replied that the project would not be at all related to the University, but maintenance and living standards would need to be considered if this was a USSU operation.

Councilor Chimanga asked for a timeline and how the housing would be determined and allocated.

President Kirkland replied that it would require discussions with the Board of College Presidents and the Executive. International students could be a target market.

Councilor Gavelis expressed his concern for community reaction and potential zoning issues.

President Kirkland stated that it would certainly be something to look at. In addition, the houses would need to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Councilor Kleisinger asked about liability for these rentals and how often would there be turnover on places to purchase on Cumberland Avenue.

President Kirkland stated that liability is always a concern. Liability, insurance, and the contract that would exist with people in the house would need to be taken into account. This would be developed as part of the plan. In terms of turnover, it could be articulated that perhaps Cumberland Avenue may not be the sole street chosen. It could be on interior streets in the neighborhood as well, and this would need to be articulated in the plan.

Councilor Nagy asked if this would be taking anything away from the University Residences, as students tend to go there to be part of a new, shared experience.

President Kirkland stated that it is a concern, and in initial talks with VP Finance and Resources, Richard Florizone, that he articulated that the more housing there is, the better it is.

Councilor Kleisinger asked if any other Canadian universities have programs like these in place.

President Kirkland replied that he was not aware of any other universities doing this, but there are some universities that have fraternities in place. However, this project would not take on that role.

Councilor Laroque asked where the responsibility would lie for collecting rent, doing repairs, and who would they call if they had issues. Would a new administrative job need to be created?

President Kirkland stated that this would need to be done in more detail, but stated that his initial thoughts are that there are a number of positions with the USSU that could look at it. If a large number of houses are bought, then someone could be hired for repairs and management of those facilities. Certainly, it would depend on the number of houses, the rent charged, and the rent students are willing to pay.

Councilor Kleisinger asked how the plan could work for those that are in need.

President Kirkland stated that as the plan develops, it could be examined. He noted that at this point, the purpose is to gather information and not provide targets as of yet.

Councilor Kincaid asked if this was to provide revenues like student fees.

President Kirkland stated that the idea is for it to be cost neutral. There would be a mortgage, and the rent would go to paying down the interest and principal on that mortgage. Overall, the project would be cost neutral and provide a significant amount of equity.

Councilor Loor stated that it is an excellent idea, but reserve funds need to be considered in case there are issues.

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

VP Fawcett stated that a plan had been sent out outlining the White Ribbon Campaign, and in the email, it was requested that the information be taken back to specific student societies to garner interest and encourage involvement. He encouraged more involvement and support for this initiative.

Councilor Cleaveley stated that she didn't think that she got the email.

President Kirkland stated he would check the USC mailing list.

VP McCullough stated that he would be meeting with Dean Vicki Williamson of the library regarding library hours. He welcomed input to take to that meeting.

Councilor Flysak noted that the ASSU is selling fair trade coffee and the proceeds go to charitable causes.

Councilor Loor announced that the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition is holding their annual hockey trip. It is open to any college or any students that would like to attend. The trip will be to an Edmonton Oilers game. The cost is \$195 which includes accommodation, tickets, and the bus. The bus will leave March 5 at 9 am and will return on the Sunday. There will also be the opportunity to go to West Edmonton Mall. For those that are interested, he asked to leave information with him, or contact Ashley at apc641@mail.usask.ca.

Councilor Nagy noted that the EBSS is holding their annual graduation fundraiser, IPO. It will be held at the Double Deuce on February 26 at 7:00 pm.

Councilor Miller-Nursing added that her college is also going to the same hockey game and has two buses to fill. She noted that their tickets are \$225 due to things getting out of hand last year.

VP Fawcett asked which hotel they would be at.

Councilor Miller-Nursing stated that it would likely be the Best Western.

Councilor Loor stated that Ashley would need to be contacted for details.

9. Other Business

President Kirkland noted that there would not be a meeting next week.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion170: VP McCullough/Councilor Thompson

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Thursday February 18, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough,
Caroline Cottrell, Jason Ventnor
Regrets: Chris Stoicheff

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Childcare Meetings (2)
- College Quarter Announcement
- Operations and Finance Board Meetings (2)
- Managers Meeting
- Alumni Association Strategic Meeting with Provost Fairbairn
- Student Relations Committee Brainstorming Session
- Louis'/Browsers Meeting
- Studentcare Meeting
- Marketing Meeting
- Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Meeting
- Place Riel Finance Working Group Meeting
- Budget Review Meetings (8)
- WUSC Review
- Site Meeting
- Meeting re Internal Signs
- Meeting with Ron Cruikshank
- USSU Bowling Tournament
- Meeting re: Student Fees
- Meetings re: TEA

President Kirkland

- to be presented at a later date

VP Fawcett

- College Quarter unveiling ceremony
- Operations and Finance Board meeting
- Childcare review meeting

- History 290
- Aboriginal student engagement presentation/event at the ASC
- Communications meeting regarding Sustainability Board branding ideas
- History 290
- Student Council
- FAMILY DAY
- EDO
- White Ribbon Campaign planning
- Sustainability Board branding
- Executive meeting

VP Hitchings

- Louis/Browsers Planning Committee Meeting
- Aboriginal Student Engagement
- HR/EDO Policy Change
- Meeting w/ Student re: Campus Group Funding
- Class
- Place Riel Finance Working Group Meeting
- Budget Preparation
- Review Operating Budget
- Place Riel Renovation Site Committee Meeting
- USSU Bowling Extravaganza
- Meeting w/ Senior Managers re: student fees
- Budget preparations
- Review Operating Budget
- Operations & Finance Board Meeting
- Review Operating Budget

VP McCullough

- Exec Meeting
- Student Residence announcement
- ADO
- Class
- CHEM 375 MIDTERM
- CIO Review Committee
- Academic Grievance
- TEA nomination prep
- Lab
- TEA Nomination Letter Prep
- Academic Grievance
- Class
- Library Meeting Prep
- USC
- Meeting w/ Dean Williamson of Library
- Academic Grievance
- Class

- E-Text Subcommittee meeting
- Family day holiday
- EDO
- Working on Students' Rights handbook
- Working on Students' Rights Handbook
- Meeting re: Experience in Excellence Awards Gala
- Staff Bowling

VP Stoicheff

- Conversation with URSU president Kyle Addison regarding FNUC
- Attended Construction of New Student Residence Launch
- Attended Childcare Review Meeting with Childcare Board and Vice-Provost Ernie Barber
- Meeting with Student Mitchell Anderson
- Attended Saskatoon City Council Meeting
- Class
- Hosted USSU Radio Show on CFCR
- External Affairs Board Meeting
- Meeting with Member of Parliament Kelly Block-Saskatoon-Rosetown-Biggar
- Attended Aboriginal Student Engagement and Inclusion Committee Event at the ASC
- Class
- Attended University Students' Council
- Prepared SSC Presentation for Provincial New Democratic Party Caucus
- Discussion with Office of the Treaty Commissioner regarding campaign on "We are ALL Treaty People"
- Holiday 16-18
- Discussion with CASA National Chairperson about upcoming national lobby conference in Ottawa
- Updated Saskatchewan Student Coalition Lobbying Document
- Finalized Saskatchewan Student Coalition Policy Paper on the Post-Secondary Student Support Program

4. **Business**

4.1 Survey Questions

VP Fawcett noted he had submitted suggestions for survey questions.

VP Hitchings asked when the survey would be out.

GM Cottrell stated that it would be out as soon as possible and reporting to Council would be needed.

M/CM Ventnor requested that specific questions be sent to him.

4.2 Academic Advocacy Office as Point of Contact

VP McCullough noted that both himself and the CSSO have been dealing with many issues lately, and proposed that the VP Academic Affairs and the Confidential Student Support Officer should have ASIST training, in addition to the VP Student Affairs. The cost for the training is approximately \$100 per person.

GM Cottrell noted that the budget line would need to be amended.

4.3 White Ribbon Campaign

VP Fawcett provided a proposal for this campaign as seen below.

Motion to Approve the Proposal for the White Ribbon Campaign:

EXEC086: VP Fawcett/VP Hitchings

Carried

4.4 Executive Protocol Policy

President Kirkland stated that he would like to add three points to Executive Protocol to alleviate concerns. He noted that a policy would help make implicit guidelines into something that is specified.

He added the following:

1) The Executive Committee meetings may be called by any member of the USSU Executive Committee; provided:

1. With no less than 24 hours notice to all Executive members
2. At a time of less than 24 hours notice with the unanimous consensus of the Executive Committee.

2) All discussions before the Executive Committee are to be considered agenda items.

3) Vice-Presidents are to be the chief individual responsible for their portfolios, subject to the review and decisions of the Executive Committee and University Students' Council.

There was general agreement on this policy.

Motion to Formulate a Policy to Clearly Define Executive Protocols:

EXEC087: President Kirkland/VP Fawcett

Carried

4.5 University – Major Announcement

Motion to Provide Plasma Sponsorship to Encourage Student Involvement in the Upcoming Major Announcement:

EXEC088: President Kirkland/VP McCullough

Carried

4.6 Election Protocols

There will be a review of elections protocols to follow, in the form of a meeting with Marketing and Communications.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm.

Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs

I. Project

- A.1. Project Name: White Ribbon Campaign
- A.2. Proposed by: Ben Fawcett

II. Analysis

A. Background Information and Need

- A.1. History: Various informational campaigns and initiatives have been organized by the former Victim Advocate and Women's Centre to address the issue of relationship violence in general.
- A.2. Issues: Relationship violence in general, and violence against women specifically, continues to plague societies throughout the world. In Saskatoon and Saskatchewan, the statistics are staggering and need to be continually and consistently addressed.
- A.3. Research:

B. Target Group and Characteristics

- B.1. Primary Target: U of S students.
- B.2. Secondary Target: USSU staff, U of S faculty and staff, Saskatoon community members.

C. Vision and Mission

- C.1. Vision & Mission: The USSU serves as an organization that provides services for all undergraduate students in a variety of situations and circumstances. Particularly, it provides peer support, referral, and information services for survivors of sexual and relationship violence. It is the USSU's mandate to engage and educate its students on certain societal issues that coincide with the services it provides; therefore, an educational campaign to end male violence against women and relationship violence would be invaluable to both the organization and its members.

D. Key Considerations

D.1. Detailed Budget:

- Posters / Advertising (Buzz Boards, external posters, banner): \$150.00
- 2000 white ribbons: \$300.00
- Hand wash station rental: \$162.50
- Paint for banner: \$50.00
- Licensing for documentary: \$100.00 (still pending)
- Gift for speaker: \$50.00 (still pending)

Total: \$812.00

D.2. Other Requirements

- Sufficient space in the Arts Tunnel for large banner and table space
- Poster design and branding
- Tables booked in each college building (will look to go through college societies)
- Use of camera for poster photos
- Large paper for banner

External Affairs Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 10th, 2010

Present: Shona Den Brok, Mitch Anderson, Dale Richardson, Chris Stoicheff, Leon Thompson, Roger Loore, Jenna Dunn

Regrets: Warren Kirkland, Jason Ventnor (ex-officio)

1. Call to Order

2. Call for Quorum

3. Business

3.1 Government Lobbying Update

VP Stoicheff provided a brief summary of the following:

- SSC Meeting with Minister of Advanced Education Employment and Labour Minister Rob Norris-January 15th
- Meeting with Federal MP's-PSSSP- MP Kelly Block and Minister Lynne Yelich
- SSC Meeting with FNMR Opposition Critic-Warren McCall-PSSSP-February
- SSC Meeting with Minister Norris and Ministry Officials-March 5th
- First Nations University of Canada
- Meeting with Liberal Leader Ryan Bater January 20th
- SSC Press Releases on Tuition, Student Loan Interest Rates, Sask Scholarship Fund
- SSC Presentation to NDP Opposition Caucus on February 23rd
- Minister Norris and MLA Broten on USSU Radio Show on CFCR-February?
- Letters to Minister of Education, Advanced Education and Minister of Social Services-Childcare
- Meeting with Minister Krawetz about Childcare-end of February

3.2 PSSSP Awareness Campaign January 25th-29th

- “What’s the 2% Cap” Posters
- Info on Website
- Petition to Eliminate the 2% Cap on PSSSP Funds
- Campaigning in Tunnel
- Letter update

3.3 U-Pass Update

- New Proximity Chip System
- Feedback?

Councilor Jenna Dunn noted that during a stoppage or change in bus service due to the weather it would be better if the University’s crisis management team could email the

appropriate schedule changes rather than simply guide students to the city transit website which was overloaded with too many users.

3.4 Saskatchewan Student Coalition Website

VP Stoicheff explained that the website will be up at the end of February.

3.5 “We are ALL treaty people” campaign

Councilor Leon Thompson asked what kind of a campaign this would be.

VP Stoicheff noted that it would be a poster and plasma screen campaign across campus with information about the treaties and their relevance to all students today.

3.6 First Nations University of Canada Update

VP Stoicheff provided a brief update on the governance and financial status of the First Nations University of Canada.

4. Questions and Comments/Adjournment

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Monday, February 22, 2010

Present: Scott Hitchings, Benjamin Fawcett, Jordan Forbes, Kim Dancey, Alecia Nagy, Adebola Akanni, Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio), Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio), Chris Stoicheff (was bored), Freda Salikin (guest), Jason Ventnor (guest), Amanda Mitchell (guest).

Regrets: Kevin Miller, Matthew Bennett

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

GM Cottrell gave a presentation on student fees.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

5. Adoption of Minutes

Some dates were mixed up from the last minutes.

6. Business

A. Funding Requests

The Board considered funding requests from the following groups:

- i. U of S Table Tennis Club
- ii. U of S Bio Club
- iii. U of S Premedicine Club

The Board considered the funding requests. The Board decided to give \$260 to the Table Tennis Club; \$700 in funding and \$300 in coke to the premedicine club; and \$320 to the Biology Club for the mug run challenge.

Motion to grant \$260 to U of S Table Tennis Club

OFB Motion45 Hitchings/Nagy Carried.

Motion to grant \$1000 to Premedicine Club

OFB Motion46 Hitchings/Nagy Carried.

Motion to grant \$320 to U of S Biology Club

OFB Motion47 Hitchings/Nagy Carried.

C. Student Fee Setting

A discussion was held regarding where we could put student fees for the upcoming year and how this decision would affect the finances of the Union for years to come. The decision was that a 5% increase in fees for the upcoming year would be optimal, with GM Cottrell to give a presentation to council.

Motion to increase student fees by 5%

OFB Motion48 Hitchings/Dancey Carried.

D. Executive compensation

A discussion was held surrounding what an appropriate level of executive compensation might be. The decision was to get the USSU HR team to bring a recommendation to the Operations & Finance Board before a decision is made.

7. New Business

No New Business

8. Questions & Comments

9. Next Meeting

The meeting time was decided to be Monday, March 1, 2010 at 4 PM.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

OFB Motion49 Hitchings/Dancey Carried.

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Woynarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Dec. 3	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Feb. 11		
Chimanga, Freeman	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P		
Cleaveley, Aspen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Dancey, Kimberley	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Dunn, Jenna	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	R		
Fawcett, Ben	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	R	P		
Forbes, Jordan	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P		
Gavelis, Mike	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P		
George, Ashlyn	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P		
Goodwin, Jason	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	P	P		
Hitchings, Scott	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Kincaid, Claire	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Kirkland, Warren	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P		
Kleisinger, Amanda	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Laroque, Brent	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Loor, Roger	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P		
McCullough, Daniel	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P		
Miller, Kevin	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Miller, Sarah	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P		
Nystuen, Reid	P	P	R	P	P	P	resigned					
Steffen, Alexander	P	P	P	P	P	P	resigned					
Stoicheff, Chris	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P		
Wood, Sarah	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P		
Woynarski, Blair	P	R	R	no longer on USC								
Flysak, Keith	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	R	P	P	P		
Thompson, Leon	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	R	P	P	P		
Nagy, Alecia	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P		
Sokwaypnaee, Scott	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P		
Associated Residence				NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA		

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday March 4, 2010

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Dr. Richard Long – Learning Charter**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – February 25, 2010**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – March 2, 2010**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Student Fees**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday February 25, 2010

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alecia Nagy, ESB
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brooklyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Leon Thompson, Arts and Science
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Jordan Forbes, Engineering

Absent

Freeman Chimanga, International
Scott Sokwaypnaee, ISC

Guests:

Tannara Yelland, *the Sheaf*
James Pepler
Gillian Paton

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add 7.2 Student Fees.

USCMotion171: VP Hitchings/President Kirkland Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion172: VP Fawcett/Councilor Loor Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

3. Council Address

3.1 Student Fee Presentation

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion173: President Kirkland/Councilor Loor Carried

GM Cottrell stated she had been asked by the Operations and Finance Board to give them a presentation on the issue of student fees. She noted that an important issue to the USSU is to determine this form of taxation to students, while still keeping tuition levels down.

The USSU is a registered non-profit corporation by the Government of Saskatchewan. Over the past few years, the USSU had done so well financially, that there was a concern that this financial strength may impede our status as a non-profit corporation. However, this is not the case. We do need to keep in mind that we are a non-profit.

The budget is an estimate and is not set in stone. At the USSU, the budget lines are examined at the end of December and the new amounts are determined by the actual amounts used, multiplied by 12 and divided by 8.

GM Cottrell noted that organizational charts are available online. The senior management team consists of:

- Amanda Mitchell – Controller
- Jason Ventnor – Marketing and Communications Manager
- Freda Salikin – Operations and Finance Manager
- Jason Kovitch – Louis' Manager

She noted the conservative practices of budgeting allows the surprises to be positive ones, as in this case, it is more likely that the actual numbers look better than the budgeted ones. In the past several years, a number of things have been cut from the budget – including two senior manager positions and a few other items that were not necessary to follow the USSU Vision. Our budget is based on the philosophy that everything that we do is a service for students. We do have operations that operate as businesses and money is exchanged. It is easier to justify services, such as the Centres, where money does not exchange hands and they are purely services for students. In fact, our operations do not always break even. We think of everything we do as a service. We gain revenues from student fees and revenues from rents, in addition to some revenues from our operations. A student bar, for example, is something that it is hard to imagine not having on campus. Louis' operations are aided by other revenue sources that are coming in.

The budget needs to be looked at in a holistic manner. Much like Royal Bank, for example, revenues need to be viewed in the context of the whole organization, and the bottom line. From 2006-2009, the bottom line has been positive, but for the next 24 months, the bottom line will likely be significantly lower due to lost rents from the renovations of Place Riel.

Utility costs are very high for this organization. Every year, they have risen dramatically and costs have increased. The cost of goods has risen. Prices at Louis' and Browsers are kept low to keep it affordable to students and this affects the bottom line.

Capital expenditures are also quite high. Capital budgets cover computers, renovations, furniture, etc. The operating budget is the daily operations. We are obliged to keep our spaces in good repair.

Rental income is significant and Freda Salikin has done a wonderful job of coordinating those leases. In 2010/11, there is a budgeted decrease in this area of \$207,000.

Salary increases are provided for union and non-union staff. The union staff increase this year is 3%.

In terms of investments, we have taken a hit like everyone else, even though our investments are quite conservative. Currently, the top interest rate on one part of our investments is 1.7%. We now have an operating reserve for 4.5 months, instead of 6 months. We are legally required to keep an operating reserve.

Enrolment increased this year, surprisingly. If enrolment decreased, the loan would need to be dipped into deeper, or we would have to raise the Student Infrastructure fee. If the microbrewery comes to fruition, then additional money would need to be found.

We have been alerted that utilities are expected to increase again by 7.8% in August. This has not been budgeted yet.

Executive salaries need to be placed at an appropriate level so that in the future, we can tie salaries to normal increases. It is difficult for Executives to give themselves a raise. She stated that Executives are underpaid for what they do.

Fees have been continuously increasing by 5%, with the university receiving 1% of that. President Kirkland has indicated that fees can be increased by \$10 without going to a referendum and has questioned the 5%. After further research, the 5% is what the real increase to tuition is if you were to remove the subsidies. The USSU does not receive a subsidy from the government, which means that we are reliant on other sources of revenue. In real terms, if fees are increased at the suggested level, it could result in a budgeted increase of \$18,000 this year, and over \$500,000 if considered over the term of the building lease.

President Kirkland stated that this would be considered as an annuity calculation.

GM Cottrell stated that a 5% increase is \$2.95 and this would secure the position of the organization. We need to generate revenues to add stability without making compromises to our services or students.

Councilor Kleisinger asked if everyone pays the same fees.

President Kirkland stated that all students taking three or more classes per semester pay the same fees. Part time and summer students pay reduced fees.

GM Cottrell stated that tuition is differentiated, but fees are not.

Councilor Loor noted that this is a manageable increase, but the many other fee increases become difficult for students. He asked if the infrastructure fee would be increased.

GM Cottrell noted that the comparison between fees that you will be paying and the fees your children will be paying, and those will be significantly different. She noted that the increase should be tied to CPI. Also, the MUB needs renovations and we do not have enough reserves to renovate at this time. She stated that the Board of Governors will need to give permission for increases, and all requests need to be to them by the 15th of March, and the budget will not be available until the election. Amanda Smytaniuk will return to present the Studentcare fees next week. As part of the deliberations, there is a projected reduction of Studentcare fees and this will affect those who are paying student fees.

Councilor Loor asked if there are students at satellite campuses that are exempted from the fees.

GM Cottrell stated that affiliated colleges do not pay these fees as they are not USSU members. Business Administrative students and ESL students do not pay these fees, and seniors do not pay tuition but pay the fees.

Councilor Kleisinger asked why the exception is in place for the affiliated colleges, but not for medical interns.

GM Cottrell stated that these students are not USSU members.

GM Cottrell welcomed further questions.

3.2 Saskatchewan Student Coalition Lobbying Efforts

VP Stoicheff provided a PowerPoint presentation on the SSC Lobbying Efforts (see attached file in package).

VP Stoicheff welcomed feedback.

Councilor Nagy noted the six initiatives. She asked if those were listed in priority, with emphasis on the Operating Grant?

VP Stoicheff replied that if we do not receive the operating grant, it will dramatically affect the classroom experience, the University would need to make budget cuts, and tuition will increase significantly, above the 4.5%.

(inaudible)

VP Fawcett stated that we are wary of using the opposition to make a motion. If we were to go to the NDP, it would look more adversarial.

President Kirkland stated that it is a delicate balance. Now, our goal is to garner public support. Using the official opposition would need to be done tactfully.

VP Stoicheff stated that we need to represent students and not be partisan.

Councilor Miller-Law stated that we need to not to look like pushovers and make sure that students are protected. He noted that the opposition has been used before.

VP Stoicheff noted that press releases have been used this year and there will be more effective methods pursued next year as well. This year, the focus has been on student loan interest rates.

3.3 Database Update

President Kirkland stated that databases are used by IT to store information on our database. There are databases being created to handle Campus Group Ratification forms. The process is cumbersome right now. The idea is to have everything online and be more straightforward. This is to reduce paper and have the information more organized. This would speed up turn around times. Campus Group funding request forms would also be put online. Campus groups are allowed to apply for \$1000 for funding. With this change, all funding can be applied for online. In terms of insurance, this would be also put online, as the current process requires a lot of running around. Another form being developed is a “Tell Us About Your Event Form” to potentially work out an iPhone application and an online iCal program to schedule in events. These events can also be searched. The form would have information and an image to coordinate a significant amount of advertising.

Member Yelland asked what events can be uploaded.

President Kirkland stated that events must be related to students and there will be a policy developed to govern this.

A question was asked about how this would be hosted and managed.

President Kirkland stated that the eventual goal is to have this as a channel on PAWS. It is currently under ongoing deliberation.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion174: VP Fawcett/VP McCullough

Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 University Students' Council Minutes – February 11, 2010

Councilor Miller-Law noted that he was not at the meeting.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – February 18, 2010

VP Fawcett noted that the accountability reports have a formatting error with the deletion of President Kirkland's accountabilities.

4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes – February 9, 2010

VP Stoicheff noted that he needs the direction of Council to attend lobbying events. He noted that he has been invited to the CASA conference as an observer in Ottawa on March 6-12.

4.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes – February 2, 2010

5. Motions arising from Minutes and Reports

Motion to direct VP Stoicheff to attend the CASA conference from March 6-12 as a guest and to write a report.

USCMotion175: VP Stoicheff/VP Hitchings Carried

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion176: VP McCullough/Councilor Laroque Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Board Elections

Motion to open nominations for the Elections Board.

USCMotion177: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

President Kirkland noted there is one position and it would require two meetings.

VP McCullough nominated Councilor Flysak. He accepted.

Motion to close nominations for the Elections Board.

USCMotion178: VP Hitchings/Councilor Miller-Law Carried

Councilor Flysak was elected.

7.2 Student Fees

VP Hitchings noted that there will be a motion next week.

Councilor Kleisinger asked if this would be the infrastructure or the USSU fee?

VP Hitchings stated it would be regarding the USSU fee.

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

VP McCullough requested volunteers for Teaching Excellence Surveys. As the ceremony is at the end of the month and we have more surveys than last time.

Councilor Kleisinger asked why there is no abstention vote.

Chair Leisle noted that abstentions are not votes, but if there is a conflict of interest, or would like to have anything noted, please request to have it noted.

President Kirkland stated the White Ribbon Campaign starts March 8 and we are looking for volunteers in colleges to hand out ribbons and information.

Councilor Miller-Nursing stated she still needs a volunteer for the Wednesday.

Councilor Loor noted that the Edmonton Oilers trip is on March 5. The cost is \$195 and the bus leaves at 9:00 am. Tickets are available from Ashley Colson at apc641@mail.usask.ca. Also, March is Nutrition month and the Nutrition students will be having booths for information about "Food from Field to Table". On March 3, the booth will be posted in the Agriculture Building. The first week in March is Pharmacists Awareness Week, and the theme will be "Pharmacists in Action". There will be various booths in the Arts Tunnel next week. On Tuesday, there will be a seminar in Thorv. 105 on "Leaders in Pharmacy" from 1:00-2:00 pm. On Wednesday, there will be seminar on needle exchanges. On Wednesday evening, there will be a Pharmacy and Nutrition information session in Thorv. 110. Donations will be collected at the seminars to help Haiti relief efforts. For each event attended, there will be a ballot given for a prize draw.

President Kirkland noted that elections are coming up and USSU nominations are open. The USSU information is online. Elections for MSCs are also coming up, and election results will not be ratified if the group is not ratified.

Councilor Nagy noted that under the USC mailing list, the Edwards contact information is incorrect. Also, the IPO fundraiser is not at 7, it is at 9:00 pm.

Councilor Dancey noted that MSC elections have been held in ESB and Councilor Nagy and Councilor Nystuen will be MSCs next year.

Councilor Flysak noted that the Mug Run Challenge is on and the ASSU is still selling fair trade coffee.

VP Stoicheff noted that on Saturday, the USSU is hosting a Help Haiti concert. All proceeds go to the Red Cross. Admission is \$10 and doors open at 8:00.

Councilor Kincaid reminded everyone about the Huskie game tonight.

VP Hitchings noted that the bunnyhugs would be available at 1:00 tomorrow.

Member Yelland noted that there is a Sheaf beer night at Winstons in the basement tomorrow. The cost is \$10.

9. Other Business

Member Pepler noted that a national group is coming in to evaluate academic advising and noted that USC members should provide input when they receive an email.

President Kirkland noted that there is a large donation announcement in Convocation Hall tomorrow at 1:30. He encouraged everyone to attend.

VP McCullough noted that Academic Advising Awareness week is next week and representatives from the Academic Advocacy Office will be in the Tunnel to answer questions and promote an academic rights campaign, and the new Student Rights Handbooks.

Councilor Nagy asked how long the announcement tomorrow would take.

President Kirkland estimated that it would be approximately half an hour.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion179: Councilor Loo/VP McCullough Carried

Executive Committee
Minutes for Tuesday March 2, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Chris Stoicheff
Regrets: Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

To be presented next week.

4. **Business**

4.1 Gift Certificates

Motion to provide the History Graduate Students Committee with two fifty dollar gift certificates provided undergraduate students are invited and attend the event. This event has been confirmed.

EXECMotion089: President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff Carried

4.2 Executive Sponsorship – MSR

Motion to provide Executive sponsorship of ten twenty-five dollar gift certificates for Marketing and Student Recruitment initiatives for prizes for March and April:

EXECMotion090: President Kirkland/VP Fawcett Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

SASKATCHEWAN
SSC STUDENT
COALITION

The Saskatchewan Student Coalition (SSC)

- Represents over 30,000 undergraduate, extension and certificate students in Saskatchewan
- Member associations include:
 - The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU)
 - The University of Regina Students' Union (URSU)
 - SIAST Students' Association (Kelsey and Woodland Campuses)
 - The First Nations University of Canada Students' Association (Regina Campus)



Executive Summary

- **1. Ensure an Inclusive Post-Secondary Education for All Learners**
- *Develop a Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund*
- *Work with Students, Government and Institutions to Develop a Long-Term Tuition Assessment Strategy that Maintains and Ensures a Quality, Accessible and Affordable Education for All.*
- *Reduce the Interest Rate on Student Loans in Saskatchewan*
- *Ensure the Provincial Government's Scholarship, Bursary and Loan Committee Remains Active*
- *Work with the SSC to Establish a Plan for Increased Childcare Services on Saskatchewan Campuses*



2. Ensure Inclusive Saskatchewan Campuses for Aboriginal Students

- **Eliminate the 2% Cap on Funding for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program*
- *Establish a New Aboriginal Student Centre at the University of Saskatchewan*
- *Ensure Transition Programs at the College Level are in Place for First Nations and Métis learners.*
- *Ensure that Detailed Exiting Surveys are Being Completed by Post-Secondary Institutions to Improve the Retention and Recruitment Rates of First Nations and Métis Learners.*
- *Ensure the Millennium Aboriginal Access Bursary Remains Active in Saskatchewan*

3. Ensure a High-Quality Post-Secondary Education for All Learners in Saskatchewan

- *Support the Government of Saskatchewan and University of Saskatchewan in their Joint Bid for the Production of Medical Isotopes*
- *Increased Grant Council Funding from Federal Government*
- *Increased Operating Budget for Universities=5.2% for U of S and 9.7% for U of R.*
- *Encourage All Orders of Government Not to Support Canada's "Big 5 Universities" in their Pursuit of a Two-Tiered PSE System in Canada*
- *Create More Experiential Learning Opportunities for Students in Saskatchewan*
- *Ensure Funding for University Research to Enhance Student Learning*



Implement a Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund

- The Saskatchewan Party's 2007 Election Platform promise of "creating a Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund" is a promise that must be kept.
- Students receiving Non-Repayable Financial Assistance are up to five times as likely to complete their degrees.
- In Canada, loans make up approximately 70% of all the financial aid provided to students on the basis of their financial need.

Reduce the Interest Rate on Student Loans in Saskatchewan

- Saskatchewan students are paying the highest interest rate on student loans in Canada at prime+ 2.5%.
- This year, Newfoundland and Labrador eliminated the interest rate on student loans.
- Reducing the interest rate on student loans will reduce defaults and collection costs. It will also help students accumulate less debt while they're pursuing a degree= \$1.7 Million.

Increase Childcare Services on Saskatchewan Campuses

- USSU Childcare has a waiting list of over 460 children=approximately 2-3 years.
- 40 out of 66 spaces are subsidized.
- An additional 40 to 50 childcare spaces funded in partnership with the USSU Childcare Centre, Saskatoon Public School Board and Provincial Government.
- Cost of an unsubsidized Childcare fee is \$775.00 per month for an infant.

Long-Term Tuition Assessment Strategy

- University of Saskatchewan is planning for a 4.5% tuition increase in 2010-11.
- The 4.5% increase in tuition is dependent on a 5.2% increase in the University's operating grant from the Government of Saskatchewan.
- University of Regina has asked for a 9.7% increase to their operating budget. The University of Regina is planning a 5.0% increase in tuition.
- The Saskatchewan Student Coalition is recommending a 5-6% increase for Post-Secondary institutions over 4-5 years.

The Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP)

- It is a myth that all Aboriginal students get their PSE paid for.
- The federal government only provides limited funding for Status First Nations and Inuit people (as defined by the Indian Act) through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP).
- The PSSSP is meant to encourage access to post-secondary education and alleviate the financial barriers faced by Aboriginal students by covering the costs of tuition fees, books, supplies, travel, and living expenses.
- Since 1996, there has been an overall 2% annual spending cap placed on PSSSP funds.

The Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP)

- *SSC Recommends Eliminating the 2% Cap on PSSSP Funds
- Aboriginal people make up 23.3% of Saskatchewan residents aged 10-19.
- Retention rates at the University of Saskatchewan between first and second-year for self-identified Aboriginal students was only 53% in 2008.
- Retention rates are 88% between first and second year for non-Aboriginal students in certain colleges at the U of S.

Summary

- **2010/2011 Provincial Budget Requests:**
- Operating Grants for Universities
- Increased Childcare Spaces at University of Saskatchewan
- Gordon-Oakes/Red Bear Student Centre
- Long-Term Tuition Assessment Strategy
- *Reduction of Interest Rate on Student Loans
- Saskatchewan Scholarship Fund



Lobbying Options for 2010/11 Provincial Budget

- SSC Petitions to be presented daily in the Legislative Assembly on the need for a Sask Scholarship Fund, Student Loan Interest Rate Reduction, Tuition Strategy, new Aboriginal Student Centre, Childcare Spaces--presented by Official Opposition (NDP).
- Motion from Official Opposition in the Legislature (NDP) requesting the reduction of interest rate on student loans to prime.
- SSC Visit to the Legislature with approximately 30 students from across Saskatchewan raising awareness-Continue to Meet with the Minister and his officials about our priorities.
- SSC Press Releases on Requests for Upcoming Provincial Budget

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday March 11, 2010

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – March 4, 2010**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – March 9, 2010**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Student Fees**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday March 4, 2010

Present

Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alecia Nagy, ESB
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Leon Thompson, Arts and Science
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Wood, WCVM
Scott Sokwaypnaee, ISC

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair

Regrets

Warren Kirkland, President
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Guests:

Rory McLean, *the Sheaf*
Matt Donlevy

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion180: VP Fawcett/Councilor Laroque Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP McCullough introduced Dr. Richard Long from Edwards School of Business and Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee of University Council. He is attending this meeting to give a presentation on the Learning Charter.

3. Council Address

3.1 Dr. Richard Long – Learning Charter

Motion to move to informality.

USCMotion181: VP McCullough/Councilor Forbes Carried

Dr. Long stated that the University of Saskatchewan Learning Charter is being developed and he brought some drafts along to share. At the Teaching and

Learning Committee of Council, the goal is to look at ways to enhance the educational experience at the U of S. A year ago, the Teaching and Learning Foundational document was developed and was approved by University Council. This document highlights principles and values that would help to achieve a better learning environment at the U of S.

One of the things that the document recommended was a set of principles and policies on teaching to enhance the learning experience. Out of this came the learning charter and we are the only university in Canada to have one. The core goals are to determine what should be learned during a student's time here, and what the responsibilities are for each person in the learning partnership, which includes instructors, students, administrative bodies, and the rest of the University community.

He stated that the intent of this document is to map out the policy issues and link them together. The linkages are being made to determine what is needed to meet goals. Four areas that are important: knowledge, discovery, integrity, and communication goals. The reason for coming here is to determine what other views are on this issue.

Knowledge goals relate to your discipline and how your discipline relates to others. Discovery goals relate to critical and creative thinking, in addition to problem solving, including analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. Integrity goals relate to moral and ethic responsiveness to issues, and the readiness to contribute to social goals at the local, national, and international levels. Communication goals relate to communicating knowledge and ideas effectively, and in teams and diverse groups, and to be able to share your knowledge for the good of everyone. The hope is that all graduates will seek this goals by the time graduation comes.

In terms of responsibilities and commitments, students are strongly emphasized and are at the top segment, with related parties on either side. Students are expected to work and communicate effectively, with support from faculty and administrative bodies, and the university is expected to provide opportunities, high quality programs, building a positive learning environment, and that students are supported in their success.

Once the charter is passed, it will be used as a communication tool and will be useful to develop and modify University policy to enhance student experience. When new programs are developed and approved, that the approving committee will examine learning goals and ensure that they align with the new programs. Academic units would need to ensure quality. Policies would need to be develop policy to deal with that. All parties will know what is expected and policies will be created to shape that behaviour. The charter is available on the website. He welcomed feedback at learning.charter@usask.ca, and in person.

Councilor Wood expressed her concern about tenured faculty not providing as much feedback as non-tenured professors give. She also noted that giving feedback on tenured professors is just as important as non-tenured professors.

Dr. Long stated that there is a void in this area, and the SEEQ is working to assess faculty in this area, and the University is in the process of developing policy in this area. In ESB, they voted in Spring 2009 and the result is that all ESB classes will be using the online SEEQ. Other units may follow, as there is interest in this. Feedback goes to department head and goes to the faculty. This is a good example of how we can move forward. He noted that perhaps the results of SEEQ information could even be potentially published.

VP McCullough noted that one area of problem with tenured professors is that the USFA agreement allows faculty to opt out of teaching faculty and it is difficult to change the collective agreement. Right now, the main goal is to change the environment for positive improvement from student feedback.

Councilor Loor stated that his college uses the online version of evaluations, and they do close the last day of classes. However, there are problems with exams and afterwards. It however may be helpful on how exams are held.

VP McCullough stated that he has a SEEQ Advisory Committee meeting and will bring that issue up then.

Councilor Nagy stated that she agrees with the learning goals and other items presented, however she asked what would be done to ensure that this is taken into consideration and followed.

Dr. Long stated that learning goals have not been previously defined. The goals would need to be defined and the communication would be needed to identify goals. This should be taken into consideration when designing courses. Hopefully a lot of instructors will take this to heart. For other cases, hopefully the academic units will use these goals in curriculum design in order to adhere to and foster these goals.

VP Fawcett asked in terms of knowledge goals, if there was anything taking in account various worldviews, such as incorporating those that are International students or are Aboriginal, or anything for specific disciplines?

Dr. Long stated that one of the commitments is aimed at encouraging students to understand the pertinent diverse opinions related to certain issues. Instructors would be expected to instruct to incorporate various views. Students would be encouraged to think broadly and suggested that this could be written more broadly.

Councilor Nagy asked if there would be plans to review the charter if it is put into action and does not work.

Dr. Long noted that it is part of the implementation process. Something that will be put into place will be a method to measure progress on this charter. How will we measure this? Modifications can be made to deal with problem issues. The charter would be a living, evolving document.

Councilor Wood asked how the student responsibilities would be regulated. She noted that in WCVM, there is an Honour Code, but how does one regulate the student body.

Dr. Long stated that most students would appreciate an environment like this. He noted that the orientation of student needs to be considered. What behaviours are appropriate? What is expected? Instructors can also model the behaviour and create the culture that encourages engagement. Also, effective teaching is important to achieving effective engagement. An active classroom experience is important.

Member McLean asked what strategies are in place to make students aware of the charter.

Dr. Long replied that feedback is being sought on that issue from the campus community, and through other communications media. It is planned to have a condensed charter to give to every student, in order to ensure that all parties are working to expectations. Students and the USSU are helpful for engagement in this process. Every instructor will have the Learning Charter to outline the expectations.

A Councilor asked who would govern the Charter.

Dr. Long stated that the academic unit would help to regulate, and the Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning will be the official senior administrator of this charter. Other ways of collecting feedback will be developed. This may even involve the faculty association.

VP McCullough stated that this is a foundational document. Policy makers will look to this document when forming and revising policy. This will identify gaps in policy and will better the University at all levels.

Councilor Wood stated she agrees with the interdisciplinary aspect, but there needs to be more of that outside of Health Sciences.

Dr. Long stated that any comments can be sent to himself, or the email address above.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion182: VP McCullough/Councilor Nagy

Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 University Students' Council Minutes – February 25, 2010

Councilor Chimanga stated that he was present.

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – March 2, 2010

5. Motions arising from Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion183: Councilor Nagy/Councilor Loor Carried

6. Business

6.1 Student Fees

Motion to increase the USSU fee by 5%. (tabled)

USCMotion184: VP Hitchings/Councilor Nagy

Councilor Loor noted that the trend that Student Governance debt keeps increasing by \$30,000 each year. Will this trend continue?

VP Hitchings stated that he believes that this increase is due to increases in salaries, but questions about the budget should wait until the budget is released.

Councilor Cleaveley asked if that amounts to 2.95.

VP Hitchings stated that yes it does.

Councilor Loor asked when the budget would be released.

VP Hitchings replied that the Operations and Finance Board would be looking at it on Saturday and it will be given to Council the following Thursday, and voting will be on March 25.

Councilor Loor asked if it would not be prudent to look at the budget first before revisiting fees.

VP Hitchings replied that it would be a decision for Council to make. It is typically done this way because the Board of Governors need to know what our fees will be set at before the budget is given to Council.

VP Stoicheff asked why we are running such a large deficit in comparison to past years.

VP Hitchings replied that it is due to reduced facilities revenue. When Place Riel opens, there will not be a deficit because of more tenants in the space.

Councilor Nagy noted that there are many good reasons for the increase, as noted in the presentation last week. She encouraged everyone to think of last week's presentation when voting on this issue.

VP Stoicheff expressed his concern about not seeing the budget. He stated that if you look at a lot of the businesses that the USSU has are not making money. Is there a plan in place for those businesses so we do not have to keep building in increases.

VP Hitchings stated that is the direction he wants it to and has been working on it this year. He stated that the reasons why these businesses lose money is due to high utility costs. If it were not for high utility costs, these businesses would be making more money. There is potential for plans to be put forward, and he stating he has been talking about that with the managers of our businesses.

VP Stoicheff expressed his concern with increases on infrastructure fees and the U-PASS last year, and that due to a large deficit, we would be increasing the USSU fee by 5%. On one hand, we are going forward to the government stating that tuition is too high, and on the other hand, we are making a willing decision to increase student fees.

VP Hitchings stated that this motion could be voted down and there would be a number of options on the table. By decreasing fees, there would be detrimental consequences, and by keeping fees the same, our deficit would increase by \$18,000. It is a hard argument that others should not be increasing fees when we are increasing our own.

VP Fawcett stated that it is a legitimate argument, but in years such as this, when we have extremely decreased revenues, it may not be a good idea and an increase should probably take place when our revenues are coming in at a much higher level.

Councilor Nagy stated that although we are asking that tuition not be increased, but at the same time, we do not receive subsidies and are a non-profit organization. These businesses provide services and we would not want to make sacrifices to those services over not having a 2.95 increase.

VP Stoicheff stated that if this increase is due to the renovations, should we not have been able to predict that we would be in this situation. It seems that there is no plan and each year, we are reactively increasing fees.

VP McCullough posed the question that at the end of the day, do students care which fee is increasing?

VP Hitchings noted that the infrastructure fee could have been better planned. It pays for the Place Riel Project, whereas the USSU fee pays for the operation of the USSU. We cannot take money from the infrastructure fee for operating costs,

because it is for the project. Those two fees need to remain separate and we need to increase USSU fees to keep the same level of services. The Executive last year felt that there would not be a problem in raising fees 5% on an annual basis, and that was part of their plan. He agreed that a better plan needs to be created.

VP Stoicheff reiterated his point that from a government relations standpoint, tuition and costs present a barrier to post-secondary education. Here we are with the opportunity to reduce costs and we are actually increasing it. He stated that there needs to be a plan to deal with rising fees, to talk about the budget, and this particular fee.

Councilor Loor asked when the tenants will return.

VP Hitchings stated that operations will be up and running by September.

Councilor Loor noted that if those revenues are considered, then the deficit could be lower.

VP Hitchings replied that the projections are quite conservative. This year, we were projected to run a \$510,000 deficit and we are \$130,000 above that budget. There will be some additional facilities revenue next year, but it will not be as much as it could be as they will not be in there as long.

Councilor Miller-Law asked when these numbers are needed and if the Board of Governors need this amount before the budget actually happens?

VP Hitchings stated that the Board of Governors is most comfortable if they have the USSU fees by the middle of March. He stated he is not sure on the flexibility, but he stated that it is his understanding that the student fees are not set until May. He noted that this decision can be tabled for more discussion, and we can check to see if this can be presented with the budget.

VP Stoicheff asked, given the reduced tenant rents, if a presentation could be made on the new tenants and the projected revenue increases.

VP Hitchings noted that the Facilities and Operations Manager, Freda Salikin, is still working out the details of the contracts and he stated that he is not sure how much information he could release. He stated that he could have her come in and give exact projections for a number of years. He stated he has seen those himself, but a presentation could be provided next week.

Councilor Cleaveley asked what the rationale is behind using specifically 5%.

VP Hitchings stated that that is the traditional amount of the increase. We can do a different amount, but a lower amount would work out to a larger deficit.

(inaudible)

VP Hitchings stated that more revenues are needed as we would need less revenues from students. He noted that there is a need for a long-term plan.

Councilor Nagy noted that in the presentation, the 5% is noted in the previous minutes.

Councilor Loor asked if there are more tenants, and how many?

VP Hitchings noted that there would be more tenants, specifically a Mac's and four new tenants. Also, the rent from the two places that are already open is significantly higher. There will be a significant amount of increases in revenue.

VP McCullough noted that in the minutes last week, it was noted that the Board of Governors needs all requests by March 15, and that is why it needs to be submitted before the budget comes out.

VP Stoicheff asked what the projected deficit is for this year.

VP Hitchings replied that the projected deficit is \$446,195.

VP Stoicheff asked that if we had a full complement of tenants, then we would essentially be recovering that amount.

VP Hitchings replied that essentially, yes, we would. When Place Riel re-opens, we expect to not be in a deficit at all.

VP Stoicheff stated that then we would expect that money back, but if we do not recover that, we will continue to run a deficit. The businesses are still losing a lot of money. Is there a way to bring in someone from each of these businesses to present a long term plan.

VP Hitchings stated that a long-term deficit is not planned. The best route would be to bring in our Facilities and Operations Manager.

VP Stoicheff posed the idea of waiting to see the budget and work on a long-term plan from there.

Chair Leisle noted that the motion could be table, but due to time constraints, that would effectively kill the increase for this year.

VP Fawcett asked if the budget relies on the student fee increase.

VP Hitchings replied that yes it does.

Councilor Flysak asked if the student fee could remain the same and the deficit could be paid off with increased tenant revenues.

VP Hitchings replied that student fees could remain the same and the deficit would increase.

Councilor Loor suggested tabling this discussion to next week, and that the Operations and Finance Board should bring back projected numbers of what our tenants would be paying. Understanding of what those numbers will look like is needed.

Motion to table the student fee decision until next week. Carried
USCMotion185: Councilor Loor/Councilor Cleaveley

Councilor Nagy noted that the Operations and Finance Board had discussed this at two meetings. At the original meeting, the intent was to decrease the USSU fee. At the second meeting, the senior management team stated that it would be fiscally irresponsible, as our operating reserves would only retain us for 4.5 months instead of the preferred six months. This is not an arbitrary recommendation, and there has been extensive discussion on this already.

VP Stoicheff noted that a predicted fee increase can be used to estimate the budget, and it should not be done the other way around. He spoke in favour of this motion.

Motion that budget projections be provided for next week's vote. Carried
USCMotion186: VP McCullough/VP Hitchings

Councilor Nagy noted that everyone should read the presentation from last week. Many of the questions that have been asked tonight were answered last week.

7. **New Business**

8. **Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Councilor Forbes noted that Pi Throw starts next week and it is \$10 to send a pie to anyone within Saskatoon city limits. You can order them at pithrow.org or call 966-7700.

Councilor Nagy asked about the White Ribbon campaign and that if we do not have enough volunteers, can a table be set up.

VP Fawcett replied that tables will be set up in Kinesiology, Health Sciences, and in the tunnel, and posters and ribbons are available for those that want to set up a display.

Member McLean asked who designed the bunnyhugs.

VP Hitchings replied that it was our Graphic Designer, Olivia Swerhone-wick.

Councilor Kincaid noted that the annual Bed Push is coming up and Telemiracle hands are being sold and donations are being collected. Also, tickets are on sale for \$13 for (??).

Councilor Flysak reminded everyone about the coffee being sold at the ASSU office.

VP Stoicheff stated that he had three petitions available tonight for the SSC, to be submitted to the Official Opposition. They are in regard to affordable undergraduate tuition costs, a petition for the implementation of the Saskatchewan scholarship fund, and a petition to reduce student loan rates to prime rate. He asked those who were interested to sign.

Councilor Kleisinger asked which petition was signed last week.

VP Stoicheff replied that it was the petition in regard to reducing student loan rates to prime.

Councilor Sokwaypnaee stated ?

VP McCullough noted that this week was Academic Advising Awareness Week and Student Rights Awareness Week. He welcomed anyone with questions to come visit him in the Tunnel, unless he is not doing a TEA survey.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion187: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Miller-Law

Carried

Executive Committee
Minutes for Tuesday March 9, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Jason Ventnor
Regrets: Chris Stoicheff, Daniel McCullough, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

To be provided at a later date

4. **Business**

4.1 Sheaf Conference

A request has been put forward by *the Sheaf* for funding for this conference to cover a meal at Louis'.

Motion to Provide Funding for the Sheaf Conference for a Meal at Louis', in the Amount of \$262.50:

EXECMotion091: VP Hitchings/VP Fawcett Carried

4.2 Cary Primeau – Sponsorship

Cary Primeau has requested sponsorship for a Campus Recreation staff and volunteer wind-up in the form of door prizes, in the amount of \$200.

Motion to Provide Sponsorship for Campus Recreations' Wind-up Event in the Amount of \$200:

EXECMotion092: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

4.3 Executive Protocol Policy

On occasion, the Executive may find it necessary to terminate the General Manager. Such termination must be discussed and agreed upon by the entire Executive Committee.

Motion to Amend the Executive Protocol Policy to Include the Above Statements:

EXECMotion093: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

4.4 University Learning Centre

The University Learning Centre is looking for new ways to use Learning Commons Space to collaborate further with the USSU.

Motion to Direct the President to Determine Appropriate Student Union Involvement Solutions in Learning Commons Space and for a Plan to be Presented to Council No Later Than Fall 2010:

EXECMotion094: VP Hitchings/President Kirkland Carried

4.5 Position Profile Change

GMD Ventnor noted that the change to his profile will be discussed as it is changing to Communications and Services Manager.

4.6 Current Executives – Re-election

GMD Ventnor noted that current Executive members running for re-election will need to maintain office hours and be neutral. Also, those running once again cannot campaign on work time and cannot use office resources. He noted that taking vacation during campaigning is more transparent, but added that Executive members still need to attend meetings.

Motion That Executive Members Take Vacation or Time Off for The Election Period:

EXECMotion095: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am.

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wojnarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

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2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Dec. 3	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 25	Mar. 4
Chimanga, Freeman	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	R	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	R	P
Gavelis, Mike	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	R
George, Ashlyn	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P
Goodwin, Jason	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	P	P	P	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R
Kleisinger, Amanda	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R
Nystuen, Reid	P	P	R	P	P	P	resigned					
Steffen, Alexander	P	P	P	P	P	P	resigned					
Stoicheff, Chris	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wojnarski, Blair	P	R	R	no longer on USC								
Flysak, Keith	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P
Thompson, Leon	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	R	P	P	P	P	P
Nagy, Alecia	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sokwaypnaee, Scott	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	A	P
Associated Residence				NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

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University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday March 18, 2010

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Bottled Water – Shannon Dyck**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – March 11, 2010**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – March 16, 2010**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday March 11, 2010

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alecia Nagy, ESB
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Leon Thompson, Arts and Science
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Scott Sokwaypnaee, ISC

Guests:

Tannara Yelland, *the Sheaf*
Blair Shumlich
James Pepler

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add 3.1 Studentcare Presentation – Student Fees

USCMotion188: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion189: President Kirkland/Councilor Forbes Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Fawcett introduced Kristen Foster, who will be speaking on behalf of Studentcare tonight.

VP Hitchings introduced Matt Bennett, a member of the Operations and Finance Board.

President Kirkland introduced James Pepler.

3. Council Address

3.1 Studentcare Presentation – Student Fees

Motion to go to informality.

USCMotion190: VP Fawcett/Councilor Nagy

Carried

Ms. Foster stated that she is the Western Director of Studentcare, and she manages all of the plans in Western Canada. She stated that tonight the fees would need to be set, as the deadline for approval is quickly approaching. Studentcare needs to look at claims trends in order to make estimates, due to the unconventional time frame of plan renewal.

The formula for estimation is quite simple. The total cost of all of the claims and the administrative costs will equal the premiums that need to be paid next year. Claims are impacted by volume of claims, numbers of students enrolled, and fees that are charged for services. Inflation and cost of administrative expenses, such as cheque processing fees, and other taxes are considered.

This is a unique campus in that enrolment in the plan has decreased slightly and claims are down. Students are likely covered elsewhere, due to the high level of unionization in Saskatchewan. Other provinces are not in this situation. We are looking at the root causes of these decreases and the trends that are resulting to develop long term plans. Claims have been decreasing over the last several years, and this is considered in the long-term plan. The 3-5 year plan is constantly being worked on to ensure long-term sustainability. The fee has stayed the same for the last several years to prevent early decreases. There has been caution in the projections.

However, there is good news. Studentcare does their own analysis to calculate what the insurance rates should be. An active role is taken and this adds stability in this marketplace. Travel and accidental death benefits are fixed costs and this does not affect the cost of the plan, as the risk is spread over the University. As these things do not happen often, we are able to control this cost and balance the risk.

The projected plan premiums are the funds that are paid to the insurance company, and this is usually done through a student fee. It is the responsibility of Council to collect a fee that covers the premiums. Higher fees can be charged to create reserves, and lower fees can be charged in order to subsidize premiums. The University also charges 1% of the fee to process opt outs. The total plan fee this year is \$219.91, which is a substantial decrease from last year and is a result of the factors listed earlier. The possible reduction is \$13.59, with dental rates increasing, and health rates decreasing. She advised that prudent planning should be used, and the fee should be cautiously reduced to prevent a large increase in the future. You want to see something stable for students. Another option is to add new benefits, such as increased vision care. Vision care was indicated as a priority. The fee can either be reduced up to \$13.59, or benefits can be added.

In 2007, a unique feature was negotiated. A proportion of sharing of surplus had been negotiated. In a year where claims are lower and there is a surplus, a portion

of that surplus is due back to the USSU. In 2007-2008, there was a deficit, and in 2008-2009, there was a surplus, of which 30% of nearly \$100,000 was due back to the USSU. If surpluses continue to accrue, the money increases. This amount is dedicated to pay for Health and Dental Services. Reserves can be used to cover additional benefits.

She provided a recommendation to increase vision care from \$75 to \$100. Many members use this service, but this is not so costly that it uses all of the reserves. This would cost \$2.69 per member per year, which would use about 60% of the reserve. Fees could be decreased and this benefit could be added. However, the fee needs to be determined today. Of the \$13.59 fee decrease potential, she recommended not using that in entirety. She welcomed feedback and background information.

VP Fawcett asked that for the potential \$13.59 reduction, what would be a professional recommendation for a reduction?

Ms. Foster replied that \$10 seems appropriate, and noted that a percentage needs to be set aside.

Councilor Nagy asked if the decrease is separate from the surplus.

Ms. Foster replied that the decrease would show up on student fees, whereas the surplus would be used for funding new benefits, or supporting the plan in future years.

President Kirkland asked what the breakdown on Health and Dental fees would be.

Ms. Foster replied that it would not be practical to change the Dental fees. This would help continuity. She also recommended reducing the Health plan fee by approximately 8.78.

Councilor Loor asked who would hold the buffer created by a prudent fee decrease. Is that something that we would keep in our accounts?

Ms. Foster replied that this is a dedicated fee, and the USSU holds control of it.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMotion191: President Kirkland/Councilor Forbes Carried

Motion to add 3.2 Saskatchewan Student Coalition Presentation - Petitions to the agenda.

USCMotion192: President Kirkland/Councilor Forbes Carried

3.2 Saskatchewan Student Coalition Presentation – Petitions

VP Stoicheff stated that he would provide an update on the status of the various petitions he had been passing around in the past few weeks. The official opposition will be reading the petitions for the next 14 days. He provided a video of the petition reading in the Legislature.

Councilor Flysak asked which day this was presented.

VP Stoicheff replied that this happened yesterday.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 University Students' Council Minutes – March 4, 2010

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – March 9, 2010

5. Motions arising from Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes.

USCMotion193: President Kirkland/Councilor Nagy

Carried

6. Business

6.1 Student Fees

VP Hitchings stated that when the building is up and running again, revenues are to increase by \$700,000.

Councilor Loor asked what the revenues will be for the upcoming year.

VP Hitchings stated that the projected revenue is \$90,000.

President Kirkland noted that Councilor George would be voting in favour if she was able to attend.

Councilor Loor asked for clarification on the revenue levels for this year and next year.

President Kirkland replied that the tenants take possession in September and will not pay rent for that month, as it is designated as a “fit out” period, in which they will fit out the space they are renting. They will pay rent in October. There is also a profit sharing agreement with the tenants and we are unsure how that will work out in the first year. There will need to be time to establish business and the above projections are correct.

Councilor Wood spoke in favour of the increase. GM Cottrell presented many reasons for this and this would add stability to the USSU's financial situation. Place Riel and the USSU require investment, and the long-term plan is to ultimately pay off the debt with short-term increases. She noted that this would put the USSU in a good position and would not jeopardize our future.

VP Fawcett spoke in favour of the increase. However, in future years when it is possible, in a non-deficit situation, to make up that money, an increase should be the last thing in our mind.

Councilor Loor stated that in future years, the reserve will need to be replenished and students are already being taxed significantly for that.

President Kirkland clarified that currently there is a budgeted deficit and the reserve funds will decrease. There will be a surplus in the future. This situation was well planned. The plan was that the reserve would be depleted. Two years from now, there will be a surplus and fees could be decreased then. The surplus could also pay down the loan, or build reserves. The prudent thing to do right now is to increase student fees by 5%.

Councilor Loor noted paying down the loan and requested clarification.

President Kirkland replied that the loan is currently \$18.3 Million from TD Canada Trust and First Nations Bank. There is currently a 30-year payback period, but the prudent action would be to pay down the loan.

Councilor Loor noted that the infrastructure fee is in place for that.

President Kirkland stated that there is a 30-year plan in place for infrastructure. An option is available in future years to pay down more to pay less in the long-term.

Councilor Nagy spoke in favour of the motion. At the Operations and Finance Board, the Place Riel project required understanding that student fees would increase this year. Many students are excited for what is coming, and there will always be something to pay into to help the University and the USSU. We need to maintain attractive resources for students and \$2.95 seems appropriate.

Motion to call a question.

USCMotion194: President Kirkland/Councilor Forbes Defeated

VP Stoicheff spoke in favour of the motion and noted that he was impressed with the presentations. He noted his concerns that our businesses are losing money and the deficits are growing. A long-term strategy will be anticipated with the budget, to provide direction for the businesses that our students pay for.

Councilor Flysak noted that we increase the student fee, can that be used on the infrastructure line?

President Kirkland replied that it would not be an option in this year. Student fees go into a general revenue line and if there is a surplus, it can go forward to infrastructure.

Councilor Chimanga spoke in favour of the increase. He noted that increasing fees is an easy way out, but there will need to be long-term management decisions to improve the feasibility of the USSU Operations.

President Kirkland replied that the USSU SWOT analysis is available online and there is a considerable amount of long-term planning that goes into our operations. This is done every year and it identifies our position internally and externally. There is a large amount of consultation to create the plan and flexibility is built in. The strategic directions are particularly important and are examined by committees that meet every three weeks. Once the analyses are done, presentations are done to the Operations and Finance Board. A deficit is being projected for Louis' entertainment due to capital expenses from purchase of sound equipment. It was a threat to us as our costs were inflated to the point that we were not competitive. Most of the deficit is linked to depreciation. The sound system was anticipated in September, but was received in December. To create the budget, actuals are determined for 8 months, then averaged per month and multiplied by 12 to determine the budgeted amount. Starting in January and moving forward, there will be a large increase in events. This is not budgeted. We budget based on actuals and adjust with estimates.

Councilor Loor asked for clarification on consultation with bankers. Is it that increases are necessary due to our financial situation?

President Kirkland stated that he was referring to an internal review by banks. This is done every year. There was a call for expressions for interest to determine which bank the loan would be from. There was a concern that if there was a decrease in enrolment, how would the loan be paid back? The money would need to come elsewhere from the USSU in this case. The prudent thing right now for next year specifically is to raise our fees by 5% as we are already in a deficit and we have depleted a portion of our reserves. The Financial Steering Committee and the Place Riel Committee, both of which are comprised of USSU accounting staff and University accounting staff, have recommended that the financially prudent action is to raise fees by 5% when we are in a deficit situation. President Kirkland stated that in his opinion, there will be a surplus situation for the future. Given the information we have, it is financially prudent to raise fees by 5%.

Councilor Loor stated that in 14 years of these increases, we would be doubling fees, with compounding in consideration. He expressed his concern for the way opinions are being received on this issue.

Motion to increase the USSU fee by 5%.

Carried

USCMotion195: VP Hitchings/Councilor Nagy

Councilor Loor noted his opposition.

Motion to keep the Dental fee the same and decrease the Health fee by \$8.88.

USCMotion196: President Kirkland/VP Fawcett Carried
VP Fawcett stated that the information from Studentcare that was distributed tonight needs to be returned.

Councilor Loor asked when the insurance surplus be directed to something.

VP Fawcett stated this motion is to determine the fee level and another motion can be made to make a decision on the surplus. With the surplus, we have \$4.27 per student and the recommendation that \$2.69 would go to the vision plan.

Councilor Loor stated that we should spend that money on premiums.

VP Fawcett stated that no.

Motion to grant GM Cottrell speaking rights.
USCMotion197: VP Hitchings/Councilor Nagy Carried

GM Cottrell cautioned against spending the money on premiums. We are artificially lowering the fee this year and if we experience a high level of plan usage next year, we will have to increase the fees once again.

Councilor Loor asked if the surpluses sitting in reserve right now could be used for keeping the plan fees manageable.

GM Cottrell replied that at Council in years past, there was an effort to self-insure. However, this could have bankrupted the organization. Two years ago, there was consultation with Studentcare and the Insurance company. This money stays as a pool with Sunlife. It is dedicated to us, but we do not manage it.

Councilor Loor asked if the gap between premiums and the fee is being held in a reserve fund.

GM Cottrell replied no, not with the USSU.

Motion to grant Kristen Foster (Studentcare) speaking rights.
USCMotion198: Councilor Miller-Law/Councilor Forbes Carried

Ms. Foster stated that there is \$4.27 in a deposit fund with the insurer. By not lowering the fee entirely, this gives some cushion and some working room for the USSU by having those funds in reserve, rather than being held by the insurance company. It will come out the same, but the USSU would be holding the money, rather than in a deposit fund.

Councilor Loor stated that then the money could be allocated for student benefits and we could make that decisions.

Councilor Nagy noted that she thought the intention would be to leave a cushion by only using part of the surplus. By decreasing the fee by approximately \$10, we would leave a cushion as well.

Councilor Loor replied that if there are two cushions, then they should be consolidated. There is no point in the insurance company having a reserve fund of our money.

Councilor Nagy noted that this move would decrease the size of the cushion we have and it would need to be something to be considered when we spend the surplus.

Chair Leisle reminded everyone that according to Robert's Rules of Order, Councilors can only speak two times on any one motion.

Member Bennett asked what the interest rate is on the \$30,000 and if there are any transaction costs.

Ms. Foster stated that the money being held in deposit is the property of the insurance company and it does not generate income for us. She stated that there is the potential to take the plan premiums and deduct the entire \$4.27, and then calculate the administrative fee, and assess that fee to students. There would be no cushion. She stated she agrees with the logic and can have the calculations.

Councilor Gavelis asked if he could postpone this motion until next week.

Chair Leisle noted that the motion would die because the fees need to be in tomorrow to the Board of Governors.

Councilor Nagy stated that if we do not use the surplus, we could use it next year. It will still be available to us.

VP Fawcett asked what the potential benefits or downfall to using that entire surplus towards our premiums.

Ms. Foster stated that there is no difference as long as some cushion is retained in reserve funds.

Motion to call a question.

USCMotion199: Councilor Loor/Councilor Gavelis

Carried

7. **New Business**
8. **Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Councilor Nagy stated that the ESB is organizing “5 Days for the Homeless”. It has been around for several years, and five students will be staying on campus in sleeping bags. Donations are being collected for EGADZ in the tunnel.

Councilor Flysak noted that the ASSU needs coffee support, especially with Roll Up the Rim happening right now.

Councilor Kleisinger stated the College of Medicine Health Everywhere club is organizing a fundraising gala for CHEP. This is their only major fundraiser for the year. It will be happening on March 19, and the cost for students is \$35 and \$60 for everyone else. She encouraged everyone to ask their deans, professors, and others to attend this event.

Member Pepler noted that tomorrow, there will be an Academic Advising General Assembly tomorrow. The future of advising will be discussed at this meeting. If you would like to share your perspectives please attend.

Councilor Nagy asked if the USSU budget information can be talked about in college newsletters to increase awareness.

It was agreed that this action would be appropriate.

Councilor Kincaid stated that Cummoniwannalaya tickets are on sale. She also thanked the Executive for getting the Morale Boosting Policy up and running again.

9. Other Business

VP Hitchings stated that there would be another Council social, and he asked if March 25, April 1, or April 8 would work best. VP Hitchings requested Councilors to let him know.

GM Cottrell provided some correspondence that was received in regard to the White Ribbon Campaign.

It reads as follows:

“ Hi Caroline,

I really don't think this is done enough. I have to give thanks and congratulations to the USSU on the White Ribbon Campaign. It is clearly evident that a lot of work has been put into displaying and showing awareness about violence towards women. It is great to see not only students involved, but also leaders of the University, such as college deans, University administration, and department heads. I know the amount of effort that would go in to this and as I walked around campus today, I saw posters everywhere, which showed many individuals in the different departments. The event is truly a success and I believe some recognition should be given. Once again, thank you.

-Ian Farthing, President, Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society

GM Cottrell also stated that she put on her pink safety hard hat, her steel toe boots, and safety glasses on today, and she took our architect, who has now retired, on a behind the scenes tour of Place Riel. She stated she hadn't been in there since November and noted that when this building opens, people will be amazed. It will be sensational.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion200: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Thompson

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Tuesday March 16, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough,
Caroline Cottrell, Jason Ventnor
Regrets: Chris Stoicheff

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am

2. **Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present

3. **Roundtable**

GM Cottrell

- Budget Meetings (25)
- Site Meetings
- Tenant Meetings
- Executive Meetings
- Place Riel Meetings (5)
- Brew Pub Meeting
- USC
- HR Team Meeting
- USSU Bowling Tournament
- Student Fees Meeting
- Conference (1 week)
- Finance Working Group Meeting
- Operations and Finance Board Meeting
- Election Meeting
- Experience in Excellence Award Meetings (3)
- Meeting with Principal Architect
- Front Door Concept Meeting
- Daycare special meeting
- Steering Committee
- Meeting with VP Stoicheff re: budget
- TD/First Nations Bank meeting
- Candidate Meeting

VP Fawcett

- Executive Meeting
- PASGD Meeting
- Op/Fin Board Meeting
- World Water Day meeting

- History 290
- Surgery – day off
- Staff Meeting
- Birthday party
- History 290
- Student Council
- IACC Meeting
- Roadmap Forum Meeting
- Donor Event
- Office of the Treaty Commissioner meeting
- Help Haiti benefit concert
- Executive Meeting
- Aboriginal Achievement Week breakfast
- Grad Residence meeting
- Op/Fin Board
- College Quarter Steering Committee
- Aboriginal Achievement Week luncheon
- History 290
- Meeting with student regarding discipline hearing
- History 290
- Student Council
- Student Affairs Board Meeting
- YWCA Meeting
- Executive Meeting
- Doctor's Appointment
- Op/Fin Board
- White Ribbon Campaign (WRC) tunnel sitting
- History 290
- WRC tunnel sitting
- Sustainability video release
- WRC tunnel sitting
- Student Council
- WRC tunnel sitting
- Childcare meeting
- Op/Fin Board
- EDO

VP Hitchings

- Accountabilities
- Place Riel Renovations Finance Working Group Meeting
- Operations & Finance Board Meeting
- Executive meeting re: Experience in Excellence Awards
- Help Ben with White Ribbon Campaign
- Operations & Finance Board meeting - Budget Review
- Budget meeting w. senior Managers
- Revision of Campus Groups Policy

- Meeting w/ Student re: event insurance
- Meeting w/ student re: Event Funding Procedures
- Class
- University Students' Council
- Budget Revisions
- Campus Group Policy Revision
- Meeting re: Place Riel Front Door Renovation Concept Meeting
- Meeting w/ Student re: Insurance
- Financial Review for January actuals
- Budget meeting
- Place Riel Renovation Steering Committee Meeting
- Operations & Finance Board Meeting
- Meeting w/ TD Bank re: Interest rate setting for the Loan
- Executive Meeting
- Budget Revision
- Meeting w/ Communications & Marketing Manager Jason Ventnor
- 3 Sick Days
- Place Riel Renovations Site Meeting
- Class
- USC
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Meeting w/ student re: student fee
- Meeting w/ student re: campus group funding
- meeting w/ GM Cottrell & Marketing Manager Ventnor
- March 8 - Aiding VP Fawcett with the White Ribbon Campaign
- Place Riel Renovation Finance Working Group
- Operations & Finance Board meeting
- March 9 - Executive Committee Meeting
- Help VP Fawcett with White Ribbon Campaign
- Meeting w/ Student re: campus group funding
- Reviewed Budget
- Set up Budget Walkthrough Meeting

VP McCullough

- Working on Students' Rights Handbook
- Meeting re: Experience in Excellence Awards Gala
- Staff Bowling
- Working on Experience In Excellence Awards Gala
- ADO
- Academic Courses Policy Meeting
- Answering TEA inquiries
- Meeting with Rick Schweir
- Class
- Academic Grievance meeting
- Accountabilities
- Staff Meeting

- Academic Grievance
- TEA Survey prep
- Undergraduate Forum
- Pride Centre Open House
- Preparing for TEA Surveys
- Preparing for Academic Advising Awareness Week
- University Council
- Conducting Teaching Excellence Survey
- Conducting Teaching Excellence Surveys
- Preparing for Academic Advising Awareness Week
- Printing Students' Rights Handbooks
- Getting Academic Rights Posters together
- Conducting Teaching Excellence Surveys
- Tunnel Sitting for Academic Advising Awareness Week
- President's Executive Committee Breakfast
- Conducting Teaching Excellence Surveys
- Tunnel Sitting for Academic Advising Awareness Week
- Conducting Teaching Excellence Surveys
- Tunnel Sitting for Academic Advising Awareness Week
- Class Lab
- Conducting Teaching Excellence Surveys
- Tunnel Sitting for Academic Advising Awareness Week
- USC
- Student Affairs Board Meeting
- Conducting Teaching Excellence Surveys
- Tunnel Sitting for Academic Advising Awareness Week
- Exec Meeting
- Volunteering for Pride Centre Selling Carnival of Sex Tickets
- Volunteering for Pride Centre at Breaking the Silence Conference
- Sick
- Planning for Experience in Excellence Awards
- 1/2 Day sick
- Planning for EIE Awards
- Undergraduate Forum Executive Committee Meeting
- Academic Support Committee
- Planning for EIE Awards
- Meeting about EIE Awards
- Delivering letters for EIE Awards to winners
- Exec Photos
- Working on EIE Awards
- Accountabilities
- Class Lab

VP Stoicheff

Mar 9 – 16

- Attended CASA Lobby Conference in Ottawa

President Kirkland talked about the meeting with TD Canada Trust and the Treasury and Finance Departments of the University of Saskatchewan about the Infrastructure Fee and reminded everyone that any changes to the fee could only be made with the approval of the Board of Governors and only at such time as they were fully satisfied that changing the fee would not put the USSU anywhere close to a default situation. This is based on the agreement between the USSU and the University whereby they provided the necessary backing for the loan.

4.6 Experience in Excellence Awards

Vice President McCullough reminded everyone to book the afternoon of March 28th to attend the Experience in Excellence Awards at 1:00 in Louis'.

4.7 Voting in USC during Elections

Vice President McCullough proposed that those Executive members who are running for re-election should abstain from voting or making motions at USC during the campaign period.

Motion to Agree to the Above Regarding Abstention from Voting for Incumbents During the Election Period:

EXECMotion098: VP McCullough/President Kirkland Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

Operations & Finance Board

Minutes for Wednesday, March 10th, 2010

Present: Scott Hitchings, Benjamin Fawcett, Kim Dancey, Alecia Nagy, Adebola Akanni, Kevin Miller, Matthew Bennett, Jordan Forbes, Warren Kirkland (Ex-Officio) Caroline Cottrell (Ex-Officio), Amanda Mitchell (Accountant), Freda Salikin (Facilities & Operations Manager), Jason Ventnor (Communications & Marketing Manager)

Regrets: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

The Board was presented the draft 2010-2011 budget.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda was adopted

5. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes were a non-issue

6. Business

A. 2010-2011 Budget

The Operations & Finance Board made a few small changes, which were taken into account by Mrs. Mitchell. Overall, the budget was accepted in principle.

Motion to Accept the 2010-2011 Budget as amended and recommend it to Be passed by University Students' Council.

OFB Motion50

Hitchings/Forbes

Passed Unanimously

7. New Business

No New Business

8. Questions & Comments

No Questions were asked; no comments were made.

9. Next Meeting

The meeting time was decided to be next Monday, March 15, 2010 at 4 PM.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

OFB Motion51

Hitchings/Dancey

Carried.

Motion to decrease the salary of the President by \$3,000

OFB Motion 53

Forbes/Nagy

Passed.

8. Questions & Comments

No Questions were asked; no comments were made.

9. Next Meeting

The meeting time was decided to be next Monday, March 22, 2010 at 4 PM.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

OFB Motion54

Hitchings/Dancey

Carried.

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	May. 28	Jun. 18	Jul. 23	Aug. 27	Sep. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Chimanga, Freeman	NYA	NM	NM	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	R	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Gavelis, Mike	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
George, Ashlyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R
Goodwin, Jason	P	NM	NM	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	NYA	NM	NM	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	NM	NM	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Kleisinger, Amanda	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	NYA	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	A	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	NM	NM	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nystuen, Reid	R	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Steffen, Alexander	P	NM	NM	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stoicheff, Chris	P	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	R	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wojnarski, Blair	A	NM	NM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
A&S	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
Ind. SA	NYA	NM	NM	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Dec. 3	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 25	Mar. 4
Chimanga, Freeman	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P
Cleaveley, Aspen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dancey, Kimberley	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dunn, Jenna	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Fawcett, Ben	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	R	P	P	P
Forbes, Jordan	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	R	P
Gavelis, Mike	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	R
George, Ashlyn	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P
Goodwin, Jason	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	P	P	P	P
Hitchings, Scott	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kincaid, Claire	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kirkland, Warren	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R
Kleisinger, Amanda	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Laroque, Brent	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Loor, Roger	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
McCullough, Daniel	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Kevin	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Sarah	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R
Nystuen, Reid	P	P	R	P	P	P	resigned					
Steffen, Alexander	P	P	P	P	P	P	resigned					
Stoicheff, Chris	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P
Wood, Sarah	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wojnarski, Blair	P	R	R	no longer on USC								
Flysak, Keith	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P
Thompson, Leon	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	R	P	P	P	P	P
Nagy, Alecia	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sokwaypnaee, Scott	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	P	P	A	P
Associated Residence				NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

2009-10 USC Attendance

Name	Mar. 11												
Chimanga, Freeman	P												
Cleaveley, Aspen	R												
Dancey, Kimberley	P												
Dunn, Jenna	P												
Fawcett, Ben	P												
Flysak, Keith	P												
Forbes, Jordan	P												
Gavelis, Mike	P												
George, Ashlyn	R												
Goodwin, Jason	P												
Hitchings, Scott	P												
Kincaid, Claire	P												
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P												
Kirkland, Warren	P												
Kleisinger, Amanda	P												
Laroque, Brent	P												
Loor, Roger	P												
McCullough, Daniel	R												
Miller, Kevin	P												
Miller, Sarah	P												
Nagy, Alecia	P												
Sokwaypnaee, Scott	R												
Stoicheff, Chris	P												
Thompson, Leon	P												
Wood, Sarah	P												
Associated Residence	NYA												

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday March 25, 2010

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – March 18, 2010**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Board of College Presidents**
 - 4.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Student Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Sustainability Board Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Budget Discussion and Vote**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
- 10. Adjournment**

University Student Council
Minutes for Thursday March 18, 2010

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alecia Nagy, ESB
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Claire Kincaid, Agric. & Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Leon Thompson, Arts and Science
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM
Also Present
Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Ashlyn George, Education
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Kevin Miller, Law
Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Scott Sokwaypnaee, ISC

Guests:

Rory MacLean, *the Sheaf*
Ryan Hurlburt
Blair Shumlich
Matt Donlevy
Jennifer Bozek
Tyler Webb
Matthew Bennet
Amber Johnson
Lisa Book
Chibeze Ojukwu
Shannon Dyck
Colleen George

Meeting was called to order at 6:01p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to add 7.1 Better than Bottled Campaign.

USCMotion201: President Kirkland/Councilor Laroque Carried

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion202: Councilor Nagy/Councilor Forbes Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Nagy sent regrets for Councilor Dancey. She also introduced Amber Johnson, EBSS President, Matt Bennett, JDC West Co-Chair and Operations Finance Board member, Tyler Webb, VP Human Resources for the JDC Organizing Committee, and Lisa Book, VP Academic for the EBSS and participant in 5 Days for the Homeless.

VP Fawcett introduced Shannon and Colleen from the School of Environment and Sustainability Student Association. They will be giving a presentation tonight on the “Better than Bottles” Campaign.

Councilor Cleaveley stated that Kinesiology held elections for Member of Student Council, and the new MSC for next year will be Jennifer Bozek.

President Kirkland sent regrets for Councilors Kirkham and Chimanga (he would be late). He also apologized for having to leave halfway through the last meeting.

Councilor Kincaid introduced Ryan Hurlburt.

3. Council Address

3.1 Better than Bottled Campaign

Motion to go to informality.

USCMotion203: VP Fawcett/President Kirkland Carried

President Kirkland introduced Shannon Dyck, a former USSU Vice President of Student Affairs, who is currently a graduate student and has created a “Better than Bottled” campaign.

Ms. Dyck then introduced her colleague Colleen who also works on this campaign. They are both involved with the School of Environment and Sustainability Student Association. There has also been support from the GSA and the USSU on this campaign.

She stated that the group she belongs to is an ad-hoc group under the Graduate Students' Association and this group's mission is: “students for better access to free, clean water at the U of S”, and “students against the provision and sale of bottled water on the U of S campus”. In terms of initiatives, this means that work is being done on educational campaigns. There is now a website and work is being done in conjunction with World Water Day, which is on Monday. Several groups will be available to answer questions about water issues. Currently, work is being done on enhancing access and visibility of fountains and looking towards having water filling stations. There are also ongoing discussions with those who have contractual power to determine appropriate options for decreasing the sale of bottled water on campus, which includes the University as well as the USSU. We are also looking into the safety of our water on campus.

The definition of bottled water is water that is in packaged and sealed containers for sale for human consumptions. At the beginning of the year, there was a petition put out. The reason for presenting here tonight is that 421 members of the USSU signed the petition and this would directly affect students. The use of bottled water disregards the availability of public water services. We have excellent public drinking water in Saskatoon and we should support it. The quality of the water in

the city is comparatively better than Dasani, which is a Coke product. The response from Coke has been vague.

The quality of tap water is essentially the same as bottled water, and in most cases, tap water is more heavily regulated than bottled water. Both bottled water and municipally distributed tap water are considered to be safe by Health Canada. For Saskatoon, the tap water meets all provincial and federal guidelines. The city is helpful and transparent on this issue. If anyone has additional questions, the City of Saskatoon website has many answers.

Bottled water results in avoidable resource use and waste. The ecological footprint of bottled water is much more than that of tap water. It takes 1.3 L of tap water to create a litre of bottled water. Bottled water has to be transported, whereas tap water comes from the surrounding municipality. Energy is used in production, packaging, transportation, and sale, in addition to the disposal and recycling stages. Plastic bottles also produce toxic and solid waste. Plastic bottles release highly dangerous contaminants and toxins into the air and water. Particularly, phthalate can be released from the packaging into a water bottle. These also form a significant part of our municipal solid waste. On campus, 13% of bottles on campus that are collected are water bottles. That equates to 80,000 bottles that have to be transported and recycled. Bottled water also adversely affects natural ecosystems in communities. For example, groundwater is destroyed by over-extraction. If water is drawn from aquifers at a higher rate than the rate of replenishment, then the sand in the aquifer will compact and the aquifer will not hold as much water as it did before. The more water taken from one source increases aridity and reduces ground water.

Bottled water is expensive and is a minimum of 240 times more expensive than tap water. This pulls in equity issues. Public and private water issues raise concerns of water affordability. This does not promote fairness and equality. Privatization of water divides those who can pay for water from those who cannot. More information on this will be available on World Water Day. It is also important to consider that bottled water should be reserved for those who need it. Water should be preserved for emergencies or for those areas that do not have tap water that is potable.

Lastly, bottled water is unnecessary on our campus. On March 23, 2009, the University of Winnipeg became the first University to completely end the provision and sale of bottled water campus-wide. Three-quarters of the students voted on this issue and an unprecedented majority of students voted in favour of ending the provision and sale of bottled water on campus.

Support on this matter was requested. Ms. Dyck stated that in some form of motion it would be beneficial to make a statement that “the USSU supports initiatives to work towards increasing access to free and clean public drinking water on campus,

and to decrease the provision and sale of bottled water on campus. The USSU does have certain contractual obligations, but support is appreciated.

Councilor Loor asked for clarification on the bottled water referendum that happened in Manitoba and the voting numbers.

The campaign representative noted that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the voters voted in favour and she can bring more information on how many students voted.

Councilor Nagy asked if there have been thoughts towards the stepping-stones to implementation.

Ms. Dyck replied that the first stage is to have an educational campaign, as there are still many people on campus that drink bottled water and support that choice. We do not want to make a big surprise out of this. This year has been about getting the correct information out and we have been meeting with the University and the USSU to plant the seed that at contract time with Coke to have discussions about removal of the sale of bottled water. We will likely never get bottled water out of the hospital. There are certain ways and certain places to decrease that. If we were to fundraise or get student support, the University could put in more water fountains. The cheapest way is to put signage up now, as it is easier to find a Coke machine than to find a fill station. Proper signage would give the fair option of choice. It would be beneficial to put a water fountain next to a Coke machine.

President Kirkland stated that there will be at least four water fountains in Place Riel that will have water bottle fillers as well.

Ms Dyck stated that in terms of new buildings, she is sure that the University is thinking about this. A lot of universities have stopped putting in water fountains because they have contracts with private bottlers. The University has been supportive and has expressed interest in decreasing bottled water use. If we can get support for new buildings to get an adequate amount of fill stations, which would be great.

Councilor Loor asked if the University of Manitoba's Student Union has been in contact to determine what the response was of removing bottled water from campus.

Ms. Dyck stated that due to the heavy support, it is likely that there is high support. There is some resistance, but it has been relatively supported. We are used to having bottled water on campus, but if you look back ten or fifteen years, bottled water didn't exist to the magnitude that it does today. It requires some effort to get people to the water fountain to fill up.

VP Fawcett clarified that it is the University of Winnipeg, not the University of Manitoba.

Councilor Chimanga asked if this would negatively impact the businesses on campus.

Ms. Dyck stated that there is resistance from Consumer Services and we do not have clout there, but work can be done with the Cold Beverage Steering Committee.

Councilor Thompson asked if we are *exclusively* in a contract with Coke?

President Kirkland replied that yes, we are.

Councilor Thompson asked what the renegotiation schedule looks like.

GM Cottrell stated that we are currently in an extension of the original contract with Coca Cola because the University did not buy enough Coke during the contract. The extension period is up in June and the University will be sending out the request for proposals soon. There will be several options on the table: Coke, Pepsi, all of the above, none of the above, and combinations thereof. Where is the University going to get the better deal? Part of that deal is how we will get the money back to students.

President Kirkland stated that the Cold Beverage Steering Committee has been adamant that getting input from the University is important and is a priority. University Communications is working out the logistics of a focus group. If the University community does not want an exclusive contract, then that is what it will get. There are some requirements though. Consumer Services needs a contract, because it is a matter of buying out or maintaining infrastructure. If you want a full briefing, it would have to be done in camera.

Councilor Gavelis asked if there will be a presentation on the contract, as they are looking for student input.

President Kirkland stated that numerous student groups including this Council will be consulted. They want input from many people and James Pepler can be contacted for more information.

Motion to go back to formality.

USCMotion204: President Kirkland/Councilor Forbes Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 University Students' Council Minutes – March 11, 2010

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – March 16, 2010

Councilor Loor asked about the reference to the infrastructure fee and the context of the conversation.

President Kirkland stated that before the Executive meeting, there was a discussion of interest rates on loans and unrolling the current swap agreement. The University needs to approve fee increases. They can reject fee increases. Would the Board of Governors accept a decrease in the infrastructure fee? We would need to provide evidence that this does not increase our risk of default. A decrease is unlikely. He clarified that they back up our loan and if we default, they are responsible for it.

4.9 Operations and Finance Board Minutes – March 10 and March 15, 2010

5. Motions arising from Minutes and Reports

Motion to adopt the minutes.

USCMotion205: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Thompson Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Better than Bottled Campaign

VP Fawcett stated that, given the information and the presentation provided, moving forward, he would put forward a motion.

Motion that this issue be addressed tonight.

USCMotion206: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

Motion that the USSU supports and pursues initiatives that increase access to free and clean public drinking water on campus, and decrease the sale and provision of bottled water on campus.

USCMotion207: VP Fawcett/President Kirkland Carried

Councilor Loor stated that he would be interested in seeing the turnout to that referendum. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority in favour means nothing without knowing more about the general student body. We should have those numbers.

VP Fawcett stated that this is not something that disallows the USSU from providing or selling bottled water. This is to move forward in endeavours to push in this direction and do what we can to achieve these goals.

Councilor Loor also requested that Ms. Dyck contact the University of Winnipeg Student Union to get more information and their opinion of how it is going.

VP Fawcett stated that there are two other campuses in Canada that have done the same thing with bottled water, and he stated he would seek out more information about those institutions.

Councilor Loor expressed his interest in tabling the motion until next week, or until we get the information as requested.

Motion to table the existing motion.

USCMotion208: Councilor Loor/Councilor Thompson Defeated

VP Fawcett stated that he would not vote in favour of this motion because the original motion is dissimilar to the motions that other campuses have put forward. At those campuses, bottled water has been banned, whereas this is not our intent. He stated that he is unsure how voter turnout information would benefit this discussion.

Councilor Thompson asked which other universities have banned bottled water.

VP Fawcett stated he would have to go back and check.

President Kirkland reiterated that this motion does not ban water; it is to ensure that free and clean public water is available on campus and the sale of bottled water is decreased.

VP McCullough asked VP Fawcett asked how this motion runs contrary to a ban on bottled water.

VP Fawcett replied that it is not legally binding and it involves working towards it and limiting the provision of bottled water, and encouraging free, public water.

Councilor Loor asked if there would be a potential referendum to ban the water.

President Kirkland stated that there is currently insufficient infrastructure on campus to ban bottled water. Our immediate goal is to provide more water fountains.

Councilor Nagy stated that it is a good idea to leave the choice to students and encourages sustainability to reduce bottled water, but student choice still needs to exist.

8. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

President Kirkland stated that the budget was not on the agenda this week and the reason for that is that the opportunity for all students to participate in budget discussions is important and due to elections, we will wait until next week for presentations. For those with questions, please visit the USSU for more information. Next week, there will be a budget walkthrough and it will take a significant amount of time and food will be provided and the budget will be voted on in two weeks time.

VP Fawcett stated that Teaching Excellence Awards recently wrapped up and the Executive made a motion to donate a few trees in the name of the winners and the USSU. Three Scotch pines will be planted on campus and a plaque may be placed there.

VP McCullough stated that the Teaching Excellence Awards used 11,000 sheets of paper and we have been trying to contract Meewasin Valley Authority. However, we were unable to contact them and we were contacted by Grounds to plant these pines. Two will be for the Teaching Excellence Recipients and one will be to replace a tree from the Place Riel renovations.

Councilor Loor asked if the electronic evaluations could be used.

VP McCullough stated that SEEQ is being used in some colleges and departments and we could move to that, but may not have the support of all departments. In terms of response rate, we have seen around a 40% response rate with SEEQ and with the TEAs, we get everyone who shows up to class that day. For a more fair evaluation, the current way of doing this is superior.

Councilor Nagy stated that the 5 Days for the Homeless campaign is on this week. Donations have been collected all week and the event will end tomorrow at 5 pm and we are still accepting donations for youth appropriate clothing, hygiene supplies, non-perishable food items, and monetary donations. You get a wristband with a \$5 donation and with a \$10 donation, you get a wristband and a ticket to the wrap-up event tomorrow night. With \$20, you get a toque and all proceeds go to EGADZ, a local charity for at-risk youth. She commended all of the volunteers for a successful campaign. \$10,000 has been raised already.

President Kirkland stated that the Board of Governors end their meetings with an in camera session to discuss (without the senior board members there) to discuss with the board chair any concerns or comments they have regarding senior managers and administrators. He asked for input on holding an in camera session once a month with the Chair to discuss the Executive and things that need to be done. He stated that there needs to be ways to improve Council and the Executive.

9. Other Business

President Kirkland stated that the Council social is coming up. The budget will be voted on and if it passes, that will be our last meeting. The social will be on April 1, and there will be food and drink provided at Louis'.

VP McCullough stated that the Experience in Excellence gala will be on March 28 at 1:00 pm at Louis'. He invited everyone to attend.

Councilor Nagy asked for clarification on if James Pepler was in charge of the Coke contracts.

President Kirkland stated that he would forward the contact information to the USC list. He is only in charge of coordinating the input sessions. The Cold Beverage Steering Committee is in charge of the contracts.

Councilor Chimanga asked for clarification on the social.

President Kirkland stated that it is on April 1, right after the Council meeting.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion209: Councilor Kincaid/Councilor Cleaveley Carried

2009-10 USC Attendance

Flysak, Keith	P	R										
Forbes, Jordan	P	P										
Gavelis, Mike	P	P										
George, Ashlyn	R	R										
Goodwin, Jason	P	P										
Hitchings, Scott	P	P										
Kincaid, Claire	P	P										
Kirkham, Brookelyn	P	R										
Kirkland, Warren	P	P										
Kleisinger, Amanda	P	P										
Laroque, Brent	P	P										
Loor, Roger	P	P										
McCullough, Daniel	R	P										
Miller, Kevin	P	R										
Miller, Sarah	P	P										
Nagy, Alecia	P	P										
Sokwaypnaee, Scott	R	R										
Stoicheff, Chris	P	P										
Thompson, Leon	P	P										
Wood, Sarah	P	P										
Associated Residence	NYA	NYA										

P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday April 1, 2010

Present

Warren Kirkland, President
Ben Fawcett, VP Student Affairs
Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance
Daniel McCullough, VP Academic Affairs
Chris Stoicheff, VP External Affairs
Alecia Nagy, ESB
Amanda Kleisinger, Medicine
Ashlyn George, Education
Aspen Cleaveley, Kinesiology
Brent Laroque, Engineering
Brookelyn Kirkham, STM
Claire Kincaid, Agriculture and Bioresources
Freeman Chimanga, International
Jason Goodwin, Education
Jenna Dunn, STM
Jordan Forbes, Engineering
Keith Flysak, Arts and Science
Kevin Miller, Law
Leon Thompson, Arts and Science
Mike Gavelis, Dentistry
Roger Loor, Pharmacy and Nutrition
Sarah Miller, Nursing
Sarah Wood, WCVM

Also Present

Matt Leisle, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Kimberley Dancey, ESB
Scott Sokwaypnaee, ISC

Guests:

Rory McLean, *the Sheaf*
James Pepler
Sara Waldbillig

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

1. Agenda

Move to add 3.1 Cold Beverage Steering Committee – James Pepler.

USCMotion217: President Kirkland/VP Fawcett

Carried

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion218: President Kirkland/Councilor Nagy

Carried

2. **Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Nagy sent regrets for Councilor Dancey.

Councilor Thompson introduced Sara Waldbillig, one of the new Members of Student Council for Arts and Science.

3. **Council Address**

3.1 Cold Beverage Steering Committee – James Pepler

President Kirkland introduced James Pepler, who works for a number of departments within the University and will be speaking on behalf of the Cold Beverage Steering Committee tonight. The Cold Beverage Steering Committee is the committee that is charged with overseeing the cold beverage contracts on campus. We currently have a contract with Coca-Cola. Currently, there is a review process underway.

Move to go to informality.

USCMotion219: President Kirkland/Councilor Goodwin

Carried

Mr. Pepler stated that President Kirkland sits on this Committee, in addition to a broad spectrum of others that represent the University community. The University engaged in a contract approximately ten years ago with Coca Cola and now we are at the point where we can start thinking about renegotiating the contract. There are a lot of different ways that we can go about doing this and the University wants to know what students want. The University has made it quite clear that they are not going to make a move on this until they know what students want.

On April 8th and 9th, *On Campus News* and *the Sheaf* will come out with broad spectrum analyses of what the facts are. The University has gone live with a website that will provide more information, including the facts about Coca Cola, the facts about the contract offer, and the different types of contracts the university can go through. He stated that his job is to gather as much student feedback as possible. The Cold Beverage Steering Committee will use this feedback to create a proposal that will be taken to University Council and then to the Board of Governors. He noted that there are time constraints on this, due to the fact that the timing on this coincides with final exams and when Executives are turning over, have already turned over, or are no longer meeting. There are more outlets to get your voices out. This information has been given to BOCPP already.

He provided a handout with some introductory information and discussion questions. He noted that if there are any questions or comments then he can be contacted via the email at the top of the handout. More information can be found on the website, which can be found by going to usask.ca and typing “cold beverage” into the search bar. There will be input from students, staff, faculty, and others, as this contract affects everyone. The

benefits and options listed on the handouts will aid in discussions. Mr. Pepler requested that each Executive fill in the sheets after considering what works best for their college, and respond to either President Kirkland or himself. Student interests will be represented in the best way possible.

President Kirkland stated that if any feels that their voice is not being heard, they should tell them to contact either Mr. Pepler or himself and a meeting will be set up to have a discussion. This will ensure that input will be heard.

Mr. Pepler reiterated that the University is seeking as much feedback from students as possible.

Councilor Loor asked for clarification on which option would be more lucrative.

Mr. Pepler replied that in terms of money, a monopolized contract would bring the most money to students. However, in that case, there would be a compromise of choices.

There was a request for clarification on the timing of this initiative.

Mr. Pepler stated he does not have enough information on the timing, but he noted that the Coca Cola contract has already been extended.

A question was asked in regard to completing the form.

Mr. Pepler noted that the handout just provides some leading questions to build the discussion on. All of the input gathered will be considered.

Councilor Nagy asked if the information is needed before April 8th and 9th.

Mr. Pepler stated that it would be best to wait until then if possible, as there will be more publicized information at that time, and questions regarding that information can be forwarded to Heather Magotiaux in University Advancement.

VP Fawcett expressed thanks for including the bottled water question on the handout.

Councilor Forbes asked when the forms are needed.

Mr. Pepler stated that the information can be handed in at any time, but there will be more information released shortly. He encouraged everyone to do their own research as well.

Councilor Forbes asked for clarification on a deadline.

Mr. Pepler responded that the feedback can be handed in anytime, but by May at the latest.

Councilor Miller-Law cautioned against entering a contract that binds us to selling bottled water for the next ten years.

Move to return to formality.

USCMotion220: Councilor Loor/Councilor Forbes Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 University Students Council Minutes - March 25, 2010

President Kirkland stated that in the previous minutes, the provincial grant was said to have increased by 5.1%, but it was actually 4%. The amount asked for was 5.2%.

VP Stoicheff stated that he meant that it was an overall average of 5.1% for the universities and federated colleges.

4.7 Elections Board Minutes and Reports

5. Motions Arising from Minutes and Reports for Information

Move to adopt the minutes as amended.

USCMotion221: VP Hitchings/VP McCullough Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)

VP McCullough reminded everyone that Karen Chad had come in previously to talk about areas of pre-eminence. Last week, the group came back with their six areas and they would like to narrow that list further. Their six areas of pre-eminence as listed are: Aboriginal, Agriculture, Energy, Infectious Disease, Synchrotron Sciences, and Water. They are asking for feedback on this. What is your top of mind reaction? Is each area credible, relevant, and distinctive? What language captures the scope, breadth, depth, and diversity across the disciplines? Councilors were given the option of providing feedback either now or via email to VP McCullough.

Councilor Flysak noted that there are only four more days to buy coffee from the ASSU.

Councilor Loor thanked the Executive and Councilors for a great year. Pharmacy and Nutrition had a great year. There were a lot of people sent to several conferences this year. Although due to financial difficulties, the group was able to still make some donations.

Councilor Thompson congratulated those who contributed to the Teaching Excellence Awards.

VP Hitchings reminded everyone that after the meeting is over, everyone will be going over to Louis' for drinks and food.

9. Other Business

President Kirkland responded to an article in *the Sheaf* that stated the University does not have a long term vision or plan for tuition. Actually they do have a plan. The reason it is not publicized is that guarantees cannot be made due to the current financial climate. The University does engage in multiple year planning, forecasting, and scenario analysis. They had done five different scenarios and were congratulated by both the Canadian Business Awards and other universities in Canada.

VP McCullough thanked the member from *the Sheaf* for the very good article on Open Access. He encouraged everyone to read him and ask him if they have any questions.

Chair Leisle stated a closing comment is difficult to make this year. He noted the minimal controversy, which speaks volumes to where the Union is at. With renovations, deficits, and decreasing reserves, and other looming questions, things were still calm. Council and the Executive have handled everything well this year. He thanked President Kirkland for allowing him to serve as Chair and also thanked President-elect VP Stoicheff for allowing him to serve as Chair in the future. He thanked everyone for the work put in and for the good questions throughout the year. He expressed his anticipation to work with those that are returning next year, wished the best of luck to those writing final exams, and congratulated those who are graduating this year.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

USCMotion222: Councilor Forbes/Councilor Thompson

Carried

Executive Committee

Minutes for Wednesday March 31, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Daniel McCullough, Caroline Cottrell

Regrets: Scott Hitchings, Chris Stoicheff

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtable**

4. **Business**

4.1 Teaching Excellence Surveys

The Executive discussed the implications of changing the current system of evaluating professors for Teaching Excellence Awards.

VP McCullough stated that a mandated change would not work as well, the responses would not be the same, the data may not be as reliable, and it would not necessarily save time.

VP Fawcett noted that it is not about saving time to switch to a paperless version, it is rather about being more sustainable, noting that 11,000 paper surveys were completed this year. He also noted that the number of responses will decrease, but the quality of responses received may not decrease.

The Executive discussed several strategies and agreed that there is an opportunity to make changes, as long as it is done in an appropriate matter.

4.2 PDA Policy

The Executive discussed potential strategies for changing the policy and gift lines to make them more cost effective and appropriate for Executive roles.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Executive Committee

Minutes for Friday April 23, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings, Caroline Cottrell
Regrets: Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtable**

4. **Business**

4.1 Academic Confidentiality and Appointments Board Policies

President Kirkland noted that these two policies do not have Executive Motion numbers.

Move to adopt the Academic Confidentiality Policy and the Appointments Board Policy.

EXECMotion099: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings Carried

4.2 Media Relations Policy

Move that the Media Relations Policy can only be changed with full consensus from the Executive Committee.

EXECMotion100: President Kirkland/VP Fawcett Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Executive Committee

Minutes for Tuesday April 27, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Scott Hitchings, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell
Guests: Kelsey Topola, Leon Thompson, Blair Shumlich
Regrets: Ben Fawcett

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtable**

4. **Business**

4.1 National Association of Parliamentarians Course

GM Cottrell presented information about the benefits of the new Executive signing up for the National Association of Parliamentarians Course and getting their certification. Brent Thoma, a former USC Chair and President of the SMSS has indicated that he is more than willing to assist when he returns from vacation in early June.

Move to register the new Executive in the National Association of Parliamentarians Course.

EXECMotion101: President Kirkland/VP Stoicheff Carried

4.2 Governance Conference Report

President Kirkland went over his report from attending a governance conference in Florida. The report is attached.

Move to accept President Kirkland's report.

EXECMotion102: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

4.3 Radio Show Policy

VP Stoicheff talked about the policy and noted that CFCR would like to keep the show going 52 weeks a year rather than taking a break over the summer months.

Move to continue the CFCR radio show from the beginning of May rather than September.

EXECMotion103: VP Stoicheff/President Kirkland Carried

4.4 PDA Policy

The Executive had a discussion about how best to deal with PDAs.

Move to buy PDAs from this year's Executive and to buy out their contracts.

EXECMotion104: President Kirkland/VP McCullough Carried

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

This year was the Students' Union's only attendance to an international conference of the Association of Governing Boards in recent memory. Despite that, the conference proved to be a valuable tool both in information to manage and govern the organization. While next years conference is held in late April, and thus likely not to be attended, this year's conference was in March, and was divine.

In accordance with the executive committees request, I am presenting a report on the important aspects of the conference. While there were a number of premier sessions that have provided benefit to the governance of my role on the University Board of Governors, the champion issue that was presented at the conference with notable significance to this years executive - and I speculate future executives - is the role of Board Chair and President relations; the roles and responsibilities of both.

The Students' Union is a complex organization with clearly defined roles, and sometimes-contradictory titles. The Vice-Presidents, where normally hired by the CEO, are elected representatives, and as described by our bylaws and policies, are the chief individuals responsible for the execution and direction of their portfolios - as one would expect from a Vice-President. Unlike a Vice-President though, they have a full voting seat on the Board, which is more characteristic of President - to be explained later.

The conference portrayed the ideal relationship between a President and Board Chair's roles, to ensure both effective Management (President) and Governance (Chair.) The definition and execution of these roles is important, as these relationships lead to either effective and successful organizations, or failing ones.

Management, while typically hired by the Governance side, are responsible to carry out the day-to-day operations of the organization, in accordance with the articulated and agreed upon vision of the Board. While the Board approves the vision that the organization works towards, it is almost unilaterally the recommendation of management to the Board, with the Boards suggestions focusing on scope.

This definition of management fits reasonably well within the USSU context, with the General Manager acting as head of management, and working with the Vice-Presidents as the individuals responsible for their portfolio. Indeed our General Manager does execute the day-to-day operations of the Union in managing staff, strategic vision and goals on a regular basis, while eventually submitting happening to Council (the Board) for approval. For intensive purposes, the definition of President as the head of management within the

USSU would be inappropriate. Instead, the General Manager appropriately acts as President in most respects, with Vice-Presidents reporting on the development of management to the Council (the Board)

Governance, as described by conference officials, was a series of skill and relationship-building encounters to ensure Board members felt reasonably comfortable with information presented by Management, to critique and make recommendations. Further to that was the development of trust within Management that they be able to present all information to the Board, to enable the ability of the Board to make informed decisions.

The role of the Chair within this context is to enable those relationships to occur. The Chair is responsible for coordination with the President to bring forward business, and to ensure that the Board directions are being followed. They are to be able to bring forward Board concerns to the President for information and correction if necessary. They are also responsible to reprimand and evaluate the Presidents' performance on occasion.

Within the USSU, the role of chair as described above, seems to describe that of the USSU President. Indeed the President of the USSU is the Chair of Students' Council. They are ultimately responsible for ensuring Board packages are prepared with coordination of management, and facilitate discussion within the Board to make informed decisions. Where Vice-Presidents are the chief individuals responsible for their portfolio, and thus present their portfolios to Council, the Presidents' role is to facilitate the discussion for decision, and to ensure there is sufficient information for the Board to make decisions.

The President must also routinely evaluate the General Managers performance, and on occasion, deal with complaints and reprimand of the General Manager and Vice-Presidents, as the Chair of the Code of Ethic's and Discipline Committee. With all this in mind, the role of the USSU President is that of a characteristic Board Chair: to enable both the Board and Vice-Presidents; and is not to take unilateral action.

During the conference I wondered if it is possible within the USSU for the President to be the President, as we routinely hire an acting chair of council to manage the meetings of USC. After consultations with many governance and management experts it occurred that this could not take place without sufficiently crippling the organization. In order for the USSU President to be able to effectively manage, the General Managers position would need to be assumed into the role. This is ineffective as, with all the Vice-President positions, the one-year rollover time means little continuity or development of long-term goals.

Further to this ineffectiveness is the crippling of the Vice-Presidents. These positions are elected with the specific mandate of managing their portfolios for the constituency. An empowered USSU President would effectively strip Vice-Presidents of the role they currently have, and lead to greater inefficiencies as a result.

Instead, perhaps the appropriate role of the USSU President is that described in the ideal relationship of a Board Chair. Rather than fight a role that is sensible, empower the USSU President as a Board Chair to establish and develop the potential of Student's Council; a role of Governance. The USSU President is not a role for management, but is the role of Governance.

Executive Committee

Minutes for Friday April 30, 2010

Present: Warren Kirkland, Daniel McCullough, Chris Stoicheff, Caroline Cottrell,
Jason Ventnor

Regrets: Ben Fawcett, Scott Hitchings

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtable**

4. **Business**

4.1 PDAs

The Executive concluded that the best way of continuing with the management of PDAs was to start fresh, and this would not be accomplished with a buyout.

Move to rescind the previous motion (EXECMotion104), and use a system of asset management and lifecycle on cellular contracts and repeal the PDA Policy.

EXECMotion105: President Kirkland/VP Hitchings

Carried

The Executive agreed that this would emphasize that PDAs are for work use, and the devices would be the property of the USSU under this system. PDAs would be treated as another asset. Policy and/or guidelines will follow to define acceptable use and responsibility for the device.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.