

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
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Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
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Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Bobbi Birdi, Dentistry  
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Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Jessica Heath, WCVM  
Katie Kirkness, VPRA

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Heather Polanik, Education

## **Absent**

Rick Bowes, Education  
Todd Knihnitski, Education  
Trina Raven, ISC

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to amend the agenda in that item 10.1 moved to 9.1.

**MOTION USC01:** Gardiner/Villeneuve

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that the reason for this is to get the boards and committees up and running.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

**MOTION USC02:** Villeneuve/Gardiner

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Alston-O'Connor announced that St. Thomas More is holding their Autumn Nocturne on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Bessborough Hotel. Tickets are now available.

President Gardiner welcomed everyone. He announced that the VP (Academic Affairs) position is open. Damian the Hypnotist will be at Louis' on September 18<sup>th</sup> as well as on October 30<sup>th</sup> Kashmir is playing at Louis'.

Councilor Brost announced that Medicine is currently holding their Miles for Smiles Annual charity. The charity raises money for the Children's Health Foundation. Will be attending a hockey tournament in Calgary with all western medical colleges.

Councilor Galbraith announced that E-Plant is in the bowl on Friday with Hell Dance that evening.

Councilor de Jong announced there would also be a \$5 beer night at the Pat prior to Hell Dance.

VP MacDonald announced that the Ultimate Power Duo would be at Louis' on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Chadwick announced the Fall Mixer. On September 28<sup>th</sup> Agriculture is holding a blood drive in Education lounge.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor introduced herself.

Councilor Hauser thanked everyone for coming out to the LB5Q. She announced the rabbit drop fundraiser that would be taking place.

Councilor Kirkness announced that VPRA would be having Extreme Bowling on Wednesday night and then on Friday is the Res Dance.

Councilor Funk announced that Physical Therapy is busy with Shinearama, which is a nation wide fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis.

Councilor Birdi announced the Fall Mixer, which would be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bessborough.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 USSU General Manager – Sandra Duncan**

Move to extend speaking rights.

**MOTION USC03:** Gardiner/Villeneuve

Carried.

Sandra Duncan noted that she wanted to come out and get a chance to meet everyone. She announced that she started the General Manager position on March 15, 2004. She reviewed her position profile. She noted that she is available for anyone to stop in and talk with her. She is looking forward to a productive and efficient year.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

The minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were approved as circulated.

**6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

Councilor Heath reviewed the minutes from August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Councilor Kowalsky also reviewed the minutes from August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

VP MacDonald asked if students regularly access my.usask or if PAWS was the default.

Councilor Wudel noted that PAWS is the default browser on most of the colleges' computers as well as professors are encouraged to use PAWS to make announcements.

President Gardiner noted that this is something that could be discussed later.

VP MacDonald noted that he mentioned it now as it was brought up before and Sharla Daviduik was to look into it being hosted by PAWS. This is something that should be looked into for next election.

The minutes from August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were approved as circulated.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

Move to table the Summer 2004 minutes until September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

**MOTION USC04:** Gardiner/Villeneuve Carried.

President Gardiner noted the reason for tabling the minutes is that Councilors will then have a chance to review the minutes.

**9. Business**

**9.1 Appointments to Boards and Committees**

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC05:** Gardiner/de Jong Carried.

**Academic Affairs Board**

The following Councilors were appointed to the Academic Affairs Board: Councilor Wudel, Councilor Quintin and Councilor de Jong.

**Student Issues Board**

The following Councilors were appointed to the Student Issues Board: Councilor Kirkness, Councilor Galbraith and Councilor Alston-O'Connor.

**Code of Ethics Committee**

The following Councilors were appointed to the Code of Ethics Committee: Councilor Brost, Councilor Chadwick and Councilor Leisle.

Move to approve the results from the standing boards.

**MOTION USC10:** Gardiner/de Jong Carried.

**Adhoc External Affairs Board**

The following Councilors were appointed to the AdHoc External Affairs Board: Councilor Ansaldo, Councilor Kowalsky and Councilor Bartsch.

Move to establish an Adhoc External Affairs Board and ratify the appointed Councilors.

**MOTION USC11:** Gardiner/Stranden Carried.

**Health and Dental Plan Committee**

The following Councilors were appointed to the Health and Dental Plan Committee: Councilor Birdi and Councilor Brost.

Move to establish a Health and Dental Plan Committee and ratify the appointed Councilors.

**MOTION USC12:** Gardiner/MacDonald Carried.

**Environmental Responsibility Committee**

The following Councilors were appointed to the Environmental Responsibility Committee: Councilor Ansaldo and Councilor Robin.

Move to establish an Environmental Responsibility Committee and ratify the appointed Councilors.

**MOTION USC13:** Gardiner/Alston-O'Connor Carried.

**Elections Board**

The following Councilors were appointed to the Elections Board: Councilor

**Operations & Finance Board**

The following Councilors were appointed to the Operations & Finance Board:

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC06:** Gardiner/de Jong Carried.

Move to table elections for Operations & Finance Board until September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

**MOTION USC07:** Gardiner/Stranden Carried.

Move ???

**MOTION USC08:** Gardiner/MacDonald

Move to group all motions together to ratify Councilors.

**MOTION USC09:** Brost/Galbraith

Carried.

**10. New Business**

**10.2 Accountability Reports**

President Gardiner noted that the Accountability Reports are available for viewing and discussion to take place at the next Council meeting.

**10.3 Tuition Freeze Campaign**

President Gardiner noted that the Executive Project Proposal and Post-Secondary Education in Saskatchewan documents are available for viewing for the Tuition Freeze Campaign with discussion to take place at the next Council meeting.

**11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Councilor Brost asked if President MacKinnon plans on attending USC this semester. He expressed his concern with the tuition increase over the summer with Medicine being the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> highest tuition increase with Medicine's tuition now being \$11,036 in tuition. This is the highest tuition out of all the Western Colleges.

\*\*\*unsure if part of meeting was not recorded

President Gardiner stated that President MacKinnon would be invited but has not been as of yet.

Councilor Leisle thanked the Councilors for voting for him to sit on Operations and Finance Board. He asked VP MacDonald how many class credits were taken over the summer as well as Term 1 and Term 2 and what office hours have been kept up-to-date.

VP MacDonald stated that he took 3 class credits in the summer and currently enrolled in 12 class credits in Term 1 and unsure for Term 2. His office hours are currently not established.

Councilor Kowalsky asked in regards to parking passes and night passes.

VP Stranden noted that there is a day parking pass (price depends on electrified or non-electrified) as well as an evening parking pass, which is \$15.

Councilor Brost asked for comment on the issue surrounding Browsers with an employee being fired after initiating the unionization of Browsers.

President Gardiner stated that he is unsure what can be said because it is a public forum but he expressed the same opinion and it was done without the knowledge of the Executive. When he did find out about the employee being fired he went directly to the

General Manager and the student that was fired was not given their job back. It was not his decision.

Councilor Leisle referred to the Executive Office Hours Policy in that the Executive will set their office hours according to USSU standard business operating hours, which is 8:30-4:30 Monday to Friday. He asked why VP MacDonald's office hours are still up in the air. He also referred to Bylaw #1, Article 10.3, which refers to the minimum and maximum of class credits to be taken by Executive members and that VP MacDonald is exceeding the limit.

VP MacDonald stated that ??? and that he would do the standard business operating hours.

Councilor Galbraith noted that with the microphones all conversations can be heard over and above the designated speaker and is hard to hear what is going on. He suggested to write down what needs to be said on a piece of paper.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC14:** Gardiner/Brost

Carried.

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### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

President Gardiner introduced Darcy Diachinsky, ISC MSC. He noted that there were 2 posters for pick up regarding VP Academic Affairs by-election and Studentcare.

Councilor Leisle announced that the Arts & Science Students' Union would be holding a Toga Pub Crawl on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Brost announced that the annual charity event Miles for Smiles is being held on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor reminded Council of St. Thomas More's Autumn Nocturne on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilor Wudel announced that Pharmacy & Nutrition is holding their bush party on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Council Address**

Move to consider informal.

**MOTION USC15:** ???/Kirkness

Carried.

**5.1 Elections Board Address**

Trent Evanisky is the ACRO for the upcoming by-election and he introduced Sharla Daviduik, General Manager's designate. He handed out the schedule for the polling stations. The forums will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup> (Lower Place), 4<sup>th</sup> (Engineering students' lounge) and 5<sup>th</sup> (Commerce students' lounge) at 11:30a.m.

**5.2 Student Satisfaction Inventory Study – Carisa Polischuck**

Carisa explained that the purpose of the survey was to improve student satisfaction and improve student retention on campus. The data will be used for planning purposes. The target population was undergraduate students including Unclassified Studies. The survey was a pre-existing survey and was originally based out of the United States and redeveloped for Canadian institutions. The results were reviewed and the Executive Summary is attached to minutes.

??? asked if it was the first survey of this type that was ever done.

Carisa said yes it was the first large one.

??? asked why it was the first time it was done.

Carisa said that she is unsure as to why it hasn't be done in the past. The university is starting to realize that there needs to be more assessment done on campus from the students. Assessment is very important.

Councilor Kirkness asked for a breakdown of the results from just the Residence's students.

Carisa noted that it is available in a breakdown per college.

??? asked if Administration is going to act on the results.

Carisa stated that she is unsure of what is being done but it is a constant issue.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC16:** Villeneuve/Leisle

Carried.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Brost noted that under Questions and Comments there was nothing recorded about college of Medicine being on probation. Amend the minutes to add under Item 11, Questions and Comments, “The College of Medicine is the only college in Canada that is on probation at the moment”.

Minutes from September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were approved as amended.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Gardiner welcomed any questions.

Councilor Brost asked to have a more detailed explanation of what the Executive have done.

President Gardiner noted that the new General Manager records the minutes and he will ask for more clarity and more information.

Councilor Villeneuve referred to the September 15<sup>th</sup> minutes and that he would like to see the “letter of concern to VP MacDonald” as it appears that it was not part of the in camera discussion.

President Gardiner noted that the letter was to be included in the in camera discussion and cannot be shared.

Councilor de Jong asked for clarification on what credit card policy is being referred to.

VP MacDonald noted that it is regarding credit card promoting in the USSU’s buildings.

President Gardiner reminded Council to not talk and quietly turn pages when there is a recognized member speaking.

The minutes from the summer and September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004, were approved as amended.

### **6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

Councilor Heath reviewed the minutes.

Councilor Kowalsky noted that the Elections Board has signed a contract for 2 years with my.usask.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1 Appointments to Boards and Committees**

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC17:** Villeneuve/Leisle

Carried.

### **Operations and Finance Board**

The following Councilors were appointed to the Operations and Finance Board: Councilor Bartsch, Councilor de Jong, Councilor Hauser and Councilor Villeneuve.

### **Adhoc External Affairs Board**

The following Councilor was appointed to the Adhoc External Affairs Board to fill the opening spot due to a resignation: Councilor Leisle.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC18:** MacDonald/Galbraith

Carried.

### **8.2 Accountability Reports**

Councilor Brost encouraged all Executive members to get their Accountability Reports into the document for Council to review. He understands that things come up and is unsure as to why VP MacDonald did not have his Accountability Report included.

VP MacDonald noted that the report came out when he was on holidays.

Councilor Brost noted that he was not making an attack just saying that if the document is there it would be great to have it all together.

Councilor Leisle asked what photography class VP MacDonald is taking and what days he was on holidays.

VP MacDonald noted that he is unsure of the class code but it is a 100 level. He was on holidays from August 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that the Accountability Report is very distasteful and incomplete with not having VP MacDonald's report included. The Executive must be accountable to all students and not just MSC's.

VP MacDonald noted that it is a very valid point.

President Gardiner apologized for the reports only being printed one sided.

Move to approve the Executive Summer Accountability Report from 2004-2005.

**MOTION USC19:** Wudel/Chadwick

Carried.

### **8.3 Tuition Freeze Campaign**

President Gardiner noted that the campaign came out of the Executive's summer meetings and it is an urgent issue that a stance needs to be taken on. This campaign is in conjunction with the University of Regina Students' Union and the U of S Graduate Students' Association. The cost to the USSU is very little which is \$2000. This is the most important thing that the organization has done in a while. He urged council to pass the proposal and the details would be worked out by the External Affairs Board along with the other campaign partners.

Councilor Brost asked for President Gardiner to talk about his July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with Minister of Learning.

President Gardiner noted that the first time it was ever mentioned by any provincial representative was at the Scholarship, Loans and Bursary Committee meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Minister of Learning talked of his dissatisfaction with the action taken by the U of S and the U of R in regulating tuition. At that time the URSU, the U of S Graduate Students' Association and the USSU met with the Minister of Learning on July 20<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting post-secondary facts were presented and said that the only thing that would be supported is a 2-year freeze. At this point the Minister of Learning is not ready to support a 2-year fully funded freeze which is why it is important to push it and show him that there are 35,000 students that want this. For the Arts & Science students it would save \$150 and for the Commerce students it would save them \$3000 over two years.

Move to approve the Tuition Freeze Campaign proposal.

**MOTION USC20:** Gardiner/de Jong

Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that it will affect the students in the 2-year plan but whom will it affect after that. The University of Manitoba had a tuition freeze and after that there was a 100% tuition increase and the University of Victoria had a tuition freeze and then programs were cut. The tuition freeze is not the answer to the tuition problem. He is strongly against the tuition freeze. It will have a negative effect on the students of the future.

Councilor Hauser spoke in agreement with Councilor Villeneuve as the students of Commerce are against the tuition freeze.

President Gardiner noted that the tuition freeze at the University of Victoria was not fully funded and the government did not fund it at all. The two cases do not apply to what could happen at the U of S. The reason for a 2-year tuition freeze proposal was because this is what Ontario has done and theirs was fully funded so the universities are not being starved. He urged Councilors to rethink their positions on the freeze as it is not going to hurt students in the future.

Councilor Heath noted that the tuition freeze at the University of Victoria was 6 years long and was not government funded.

VP MacDonald stated that he is unsure as to where he stands on this issue. He would like to know what would happen after the two years of a fully funded tuition freeze. He noted that it would not be the Arts & Science programs that would be cut but it would the professional colleges.

Councilor Leisle spoke in favor of the motion. Fully funded tuition freezes have worked well in other provinces especially in Quebec. It is important to look at BC and learn from their mistakes and that is what is being done; it is not a 6-year non-funded freeze but a 2-year fully funded freeze.

Councilor Brost thanked President Gardiner for his work on the campaign proposal. Students have a concern when it comes to tuition. He noted that all Medicine students that he spoke with about the proposal are in favor because a lot of the medical students cannot handle the tuition increases that have been taking place. Three years ago tuition was \$6,000 and now is close to \$12,000.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that it should not be assumed that Saskatchewan would be as successful with the freeze as the other provinces have been just because of Saskatchewan's financial state.

President Gardiner stated that after the 2-year freeze the plan is to refine and restructure and not necessarily rely on the government.

Councilor Villeneuve apologized for calling anyone selfish. He suggested waiting for a year and waiting for feedback from Ontario after their freeze is done. He noted that he feels rushed and wants more information.

??? noted that it is agreed upon that something does need to be done about the tuition. It is not the right option to just sit back and say it is okay to raise tuition. He stated that he would be supporting the proposal.

Councilor Heath noted that if the province of Saskatchewan wants to go ahead with it then it is an investment in the students. There are not a lot of opportunities for graduates in Saskatchewan.

Councilor Chadwick stated that it is a great way to take a stance and be proactive and may be a great way to attract students to Saskatchewan.

Councilor de Jong reminded Council that Saskatchewan is not Ontario and not going to have the same results as Ontario. It would be good to try it and test it out and if it does not work then change it and try it again. It is better to do something than to not do something. He supports this motion.

President Gardiner noted that all political parties are in agreement with a tuition freeze. He believes that the University of Manitoba is a success story. He noted that enrollment is down at the U of S with the demand for post-secondary graduates is up. The U of S has been ranked the least accessible in post-secondary education in the country and has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest tuition. He apologized for rushing Council but stated that is an urgent matter. The reason for the rush is legislation will be drafted in the next couple weeks. He does not agree that the autonomy of the Board of Governors of the university is being undermined because it is a public institution. They must be held accountable for what they do. He understands that there are differing opinions but hopes that all students can come together and fight.

Councilor Leisle stated that the opportunity should be taken to show the provincial government how to keep students here. Students want to stay in Saskatchewan. This opportunity may not present itself again.

**9. New Business**

**9.1 Capital Request**

VP MacDonald noted that there is a capital request coming from Copy Central for a plotter. The current plotter is old and breaking down and with a new one will be able to do more quicker and make more money. The request is for \$20,444.87 with trading in the old one.

**9.2 Plasma Screen Policy**

President Gardiner noted that the plasma screens are currently designated for only USSU events. It needs to be decided who can advertise on it. He apologizes for not bringing the policy along and will email it out first thing in the morning.

**10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC21:** Villeneuve/Leisle

Carried.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

VP Stranden stated that she has received times for the Academic Affairs Board but still waiting for the Student Issues Board. The Academic Affairs Board will be meeting on Tuesdays from 1p.m. – 2p.m.

Councilor Leisle asked what VP MacDonald's record was for attending operational planning meetings and how he follows general accounting practices (ie. Filling out cheques for campus clubs is it to the club or to individuals).

VP MacDonald noted that a lot of the meetings were put on hold over the summer and all were in the morning and he was in class. He never intends on missing the operational planning meetings. He noted that he follows a binder of general accounting procedures and has learnt a few things from the General Manager. He noted that at other schools it didn't matter who the cheques were made out to. It doesn't make a difference because any one can fake a group and scam the system. The cheques are written directly to the group at the USSU. He addressd Councilor Ansaldo's question that it may be possible to have snacks at the Council meeting it would just cut into the Christmas party.

Councilor de Jong thanked everyone on behalf of Engineering who attended Hell Dance.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that with all the classes that VP MacDonald is and has taken it puts him over his limit for the year. He asked how VP MacDonald feels he is going to

keep up with his office hours. He noted that he wouldn't be offended if Councilor Ansaldo brought his own meal because the Christmas party needs all the money.

Councilor Leisle referred to VP MacDonald's accountability report. He asked if VP MacDonald was not going to his class to be able to put in full days or was he out of the office at those times.

President Gardiner noted that the deadline for the Student-At-Large applications has closed with 30 applicants. The Appointments Board will meet next week to appoint the SAL's to the boards.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

Councilor Kowalsky ???

President Gardiner noted that there are boards with University Council that the USSU appoints SAL's for and there are 3 or 4 as well as the General Academic Assembly.

Councilor Hauser ???

Councilor Leisle asked why VP MacDonald is picking the holidays clause but leaving alone the hours clause under the Executive Office Hours Policy. He asked why VP MacDonald would want to remain as VP (Operations & Finance) if he doesn't feel that the organization is not performing as well as it does or institutionally faulted.

VP MacDonald noted that he would respond to that another time.

Councilor Brost commented on Councilor Leisle's interest in finding something wrong with VP MacDonald. He doesn't believe that it is fair to question at this forum.

Councilor Leisle thanked Councilor Brost for his comment and apologizes if it seems like he is making a direct attack. He noted that he has heard concerns from many people about VP MacDonald's performance and it is Council's job to bring these concerns forward. He again apologized.

VP MacDonald noted that anyone could come and talk to him in his office.

Councilor Heath noted that it doesn't matter how many hours VP MacDonald is putting in the office as long as he is doing a good job.

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### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

Note: Chair Mupanguri noted that MSC's who have questions or concerns about the Elections Board should contact Sharla or Trent. He also reminds Councilors to swipe cards when coming to the meeting because it is the only way to record attendance, if you don't swipe your card you will be recorded as absent. Meeting documents are ready for pick-up at the USSU main office Thursday's at noon, please pick-up before attending meeting.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC22:** Villeneuve/Leisle

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Leisle introduced Jordan Anderson who is one of the candidates running for VP Academic Affairs.

VP Stranden announced that Jerney from the Sheaf will be attending USC to take notes and to report anything that happens in council.

Councilor Galbraith introduced Ashley Forbes who is running for MSC #1 in the College of Engineering. Due to personal reasons Councilor de Jong had to step down as MSC.

President Gardiner introduces Malvina Gersher who is a candidate running for VP Academic Affairs. He encouraged all councilors to attend the three election forums and told councilors to remind everyone in their colleges to vote next Wednesday and Thursday. He passed a sheet around for everyone to indicate whether or not they are available on November 18 at 4 p.m., which is a tentative date for the USSU AGM. This would take the place of council, and will be confirmed next week.

Councilor Kowalsky indicates they will be taking questions from the audience at the forums. PASS has Pool with the Prof Night next Thursday. And on November 2 they will be having pizza, pop, and a speaker in the Arts & Science Students' Lounge, which is an all ages' show.

Councilor Ansaldo indicates that STM is having a Student Auction this Friday at 8 p.m.. If you bring a date you get in for free.

Councilor Hauser indicates that the Commerce Western Business Games Pub Crawl is October 1 and costs \$5 for beer and \$5 for the Pub Crawl. Costumes are encouraged.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Minutes from September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004 were approved as circulated.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

Councilor Villeneuve asked to have one of the VP's who attended the President's Breakfast go over what Peter McKinnon's thoughts were regarding the tuition freeze.

President Gardiner said he is going to have Peter McKinnon speak at a council meeting so everyone can hear his thoughts on the tuition freeze.

### **6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**

President Gardiner stated there are three sets of minutes in the package. The Appointments Board has appointed Chief Returning Officer to oversee the by-election. Instead of President deciding who becomes chair at council we left it to the Appointments Board. Set out protocol by, which we will be selecting Student-At-Large, which we hope to be running by mid-next week.

### **6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

Councilor Kowalsky said there is an article in the Sheaf about the election and he hopes everyone has a chance to read it. They changed the policy on the poster tear down. It used to happen on the last day of campaigning at midnight and it will now happen on the last day of voting. It will occur after the elections announcement at Browsers. ACRO will be coordinating the tear down in preferential order. He listed the 6 candidates running for VP Academic Affairs. Until images are proven to be from public domain we are not going to allow candidates use on his or her pictures on the posters.

**8. Business**

**8.1 Capital Request**

Move to take a 5 minute recess.

**MOTION USC23:** ???/Leisle

Carried.

VP MacDonald introduced the capital request for the HP Design Jet 5500 PS 60" (UV) Plotter. Open for discussion.

President Gardiner states this is the fastest going revenue line in the operation. It has been costing more and more in repairs, and wants to increase the plotter revenue.

VP MacDonald states that this plotter is \$20,000, which is close to our deficit or projected deficit.

Councilor Leisle said that last year they approximately lost \$1,000 in revenue because the plotter was not working properly and not having a plotter that works properly is going to cause Copy Central's revenue to decrease. He encourages everyone to support this request.

Councilor Kowalsky is in favour of this capital request.

Move to approve capital request for HP Design Jet 5500 PS 60" (UV) Plotter (\$20,244.87).

**MOTION USC24:** MacDonald/???

Carried.

**8.2 Plasma Screen Policy**

Councilor Villeneuve questions why this is going through USC and not the Operations and Finance Board. He feels it should be presented more clearly for council.

VP MacDonald said if it was a policy they would discuss it at the Operations & Finance Board first before bringing to council but it isn't in policy form yet; however, they can change it into a policy.

Councilor Alston-O'Conner states plasma screens are only used for USSU events not for student society's use.

Move to send Plasma Screen Policy to Operations & Finance Board.

**MOTION USC25:** Villeneuve/Ansaldo

Carried.

**10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC26:** Villeneuve/Stranden

Carried.

Councilor Kowalsky has a concern with the posters. Some students want to leave posters up permanently and are concerned with the amount of ink and paper use. He wants to see this brought up to the Environmental Board.

VP MacDonald ???

Councilor Heath feels the elections posters only space in the tunnel is ridiculous and is a waste of paper. She is not sure if this should be brought to the Elections Board or to council.

VP Stranden states this space is for the 6 candidates running and so other people don't put up posters. She feels candidates greatly appreciate the space.

Councilor Gailbraith inquires about plasma screens. Can ratified campus clubs/college societies advertise events on the plasma screens?

President Gardiner states plasma screens are currently only being used by the USSU but can be changed with the formalization of this policy.

Councilor Kowalsky would like to see that campus clubs using the plasma screens.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that if the plasma screens should not be available for college societies to use, could the whiteboard in Upper Place Riel be available for only college society space.

VP MacDonald said the executive have discussed allowing the whiteboard to be used only by college societies and said hopefully a decision will be made next week.

Councilor Alston-O'Conner states when making the policy please clearly state the cost, if any, of the plasma screens for college societies/clubs to use if approved.

Councilor Leisle has concerns about the way VP MacDonald is doing his job and feels it is his responsibility as a councilor to bring it forward to council.

VP MacDonald states his door is always open for anyone who has concerns.

President Gardiner states the executive have had problems in the past; however, he feels executive have reached a place where they can all work together and feels they are doing a great job. Councilor Leisle is also doing a good job in making sure the executive are accountable but supports each executive member. He wants to do a lot more political work and advocacy work.

## **12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC27:** Gailbraith/Villeneuve

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 VP (Academic Affairs)**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
  - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Elections Board Minutes and Report – September 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
- 9. New Business**
  - 9.1 Amendment to Bylaw #1**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Richard Bowes, Education  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinski, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Philip Brost, Medicine  
Jamie Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy

Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Daniel Chapman, Engineering  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering

## **Absent**

Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Todd Knihnitski, Education  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Jessica Heath, WCVN

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC28:** Kirkness/Gardiner

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Galbraith introduced Dan Chapman and Ashley Forbes who are both running for the Co-Councilor position for Engineering.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that Kinesiology is having a pub crawl on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Brost noted that Medicine attended Ice Bowl in Calgary on September 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. The women's team won and both men's team got second. He announced that he is now the SMS President, which may result in him having to step down from MSC later this month.

President Gardiner introduced the new VP (Academic Affairs), Malvina Gersher, who will be doing a Council address. He congratulated VP Gersher as well as the other 5 candidates for running a clean campaign. The voter turnout was just under 10%, which is extremely rare for a by-election. He announced that he has tickets for Moses Mayes if anyone is interested in going and to see VP MacDonald to pick up tickets.

Councilor Chatwood announced that Hillbilly Havoc is in the bowl October 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 1:30. Ag Bag Drag is on October 29<sup>th</sup> and the Ag Bag Drag pub crawl is October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Wudel announced that Pharmacy & Nutrition's pub crawl is October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

VP Stranden announced that on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 3:30 in the USSU Boardroom the 2 candidates for the Director of Student Retention, Support and Development will be present and they are looking for student input. Students are welcomed to come.

Councilor Birdi announced that there is a big party planned called ??? on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Leisle announced that Arts & Science is holding a Halloween pub crawl on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Bowes announced that October 15<sup>th</sup> is Edtoberfest.

Councilor Galbraith announced that on October 15<sup>th</sup> Engineering is holding their Toga small town drive.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC29:** Kirkness/Leisle

Carried.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 VP (Academic Affairs)**

VP Gersher announced that she is looking forward to working with everyone and she starts tomorrow. She is ready and excited and hopes to contribute to an already positive and productive year.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC30:** Villeneuve/Kirkness

Carried.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Villeneuve noted that Councilor Bowes was present.

Minutes for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were amended and approved.



#### **6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes for October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

#### **6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes for October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

#### **6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes for September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **9. New Business**

#### **9.1 Amendment to Bylaw #1**

President Gardiner noted that everyone should review the amendment proposal and will then be discussed at the next meeting. There are minor revisions to be done.

### **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC31:** Leisle/Stranden

Carried.

VP Stranden announced that she is forming the Transportation Committee and needs 3 Councilors to sit on the board. It is set to meet once a month but depends on the Transportation survey; if it goes well she is hoping to have a referendum for U-Pass this spring which may mean meeting more than once a month. Anyone who is interested can talk to her after the meeting.

President Gardiner spoke in regards to Hillbilly Havoc and that he was approached by the President of the Agriculture Students' Association to see if he would be interested in forming a USSU team. He needs more members to form a team. He also urged Councilor Brost to wear two hats if he could for the year. Councilor Brost is a tremendous asset to the organization and a great MSC thus far. He hopes Councilor Brost will take that into consideration if it is up to him to make the decision to take on Medicine MSC and Medicine Students' Society President.

Councilor Galbraith noted that Councilor de Jong was on the Operations & Finance Board but since he is no longer with Council there is a vacancy on that board. He asked what would happen with that vacancy.

President Gardiner noted that it is only fair to have the other Engineering Councilor position filled before the decision is made. There is a discrepancy in Education with one Councilor. Both issues will be resolved next week. It is best to wait to have everyone present at Council before a decision is made.

Councilor Bowes noted that Councilor Knihnitski with Education has been kicked off their Council and will not be part of USC. A replacement is being established.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked why there is a ??? ratio with the Operations & Finance Board and why not 5:1 or 4:1.

VP MacDonald noted that it is an ample amount but if it isn't it can be changed.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that the conflict that has arisen on Council should be kept interpersonal and he is tired of seeing it at this venue. It is important to keep the Executive accountable but it should be done personally. It doesn't show a positive light as portrayed in the Sheaf article.

**12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC32:** Brost/???

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 Studentcare.net/works – Kristen Foster**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes – October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
  - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report – October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – October 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
  - 6.9 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
  - 8.1 Amendment to Bylaw #1**
- 9. New Business**
  - 9.1 Roundtable discussion on increasing student involvement in the University community**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004

## **Present**

Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matt Leisle, Arts & Science  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Philip Brost, Medicine  
Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katie Kirkness, VPRA  
Jessica Heath, WCVM

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair

## **Regrets**

Gavin Gardiner, President

## **Absent**

Rick Bowes, Education  
???, Education  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC33:** MacDonald/Brost

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Diachinsky announced that ISC will be having their ??? Beer Nite on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Riley's.

Councilor Galbraith announced that October 15<sup>th</sup> is Toga Small Town Dry and has tickets.

Councilor Robin announced Nursing ??? on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

VP Stranden noted that President Gardiner could not attend the tonight as he was meeting with the Minister of Learning, Andrew Thompson, today in Regina. She thanked Councilor Kirkness and Councilor Diachinsky for volunteering to sit on the Transportation Committee. She noted that she is still looking for a student in Urban Planning & Development. She introduced Kristen Foster with Studentcare.net/works.

Councilor Villeneuve introduced Lonnie Merccredit, President of Education and will be attending in lieu of Rick Bowes and missing co-MSA.

Councilor Wudel announced that Pharmacy & Nutrition is holding a pub crawl on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Nutrition students are having a beer nite to raise money for the trip to Toronto this summer.

Councilor Kowalsky announced that on October 22<sup>nd</sup> the Public Administration Students' Society is having a pub crawl.

VP MacDonald announced that The Plan followed by Moses Mayes is at Louis' tonight.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC34:** Leisle/Villeneuve

Carried.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Studentcare.net/works – Kristen Foster**

Kristen Foster noted that 43% (6,217) of students opt out of the plan this year compared to 13,955 students who are enrolled in the plan. She stated that there was an increase of students who enrolled their families, which was an increase from 66 last year to 113 this year. She noted that there was an article in the Sheaf last week in regards to the Health & Dental Plan Committee. Back in April it was suggested by President Gardiner that a committee be struck before he became President. The idea of having more input into the direction of the long-term strategy of the health & dental plan would be beneficial. The direction currently comes from the USSU Executive. Other institutions look at a more structured committee as well. Just because the health & dental plan was set up this way 3 years ago doesn't mean that it has to be that way in the future. A random survey will be produced on behalf of Studentcare.net/works to get students' feedback and will be a well-developed research survey. The committee may want to communicate to the students how the plan is communicated on campus.

Councilor Brost asked if the survey would be done by students who use the plan or by all students.

Kristen Foster noted that all students would complete the survey including students who opted out.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if there had been any comments made to the USSU on the price increase of the health & dental plan.

Kristen Foster noted that there has been no feedback made through the comment section on the website but the staff have commented that a lot more students seem to be looking at the plan before they opt out. The cost increase has not had a negative effect.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC35:** Leisle/Kirkness

Carried.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

Minutes for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were approved as circulated.

**6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**

VP MacDonald noted that this week meeting was not possible because quorum would not be present.

**6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

VP Stranden noted that the board would be meeting on Tuesdays at 2:30p.m.

**6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were approved as circulated.

**6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes for October 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

**6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes for ???, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

**8. Business**

**8.1 Amendment to Bylaw #1**

Move to approve the proposed amendment to Bylaw #1.

**MOTION USC36:** MacDonald/Leisle

Carried.

**9. New Business**

**9.1 Roundtable discussion on increasing student involvement in the University community**

VP Gersher stated that a committee would be made up of SAL's to meet once a month and discuss why students don't want to get involved. It will be a great chance to network with other reps as well as get some leadership from Executive. There will be more details to follow next week.

**10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC37:** Leisle/Stranden

Carried.

Councilor Galbraith announced that the new co-MSc for Engineering is Ashely Forbes. He asked if she needed to be ratified before granting voting rights.

Councilor Kowalsky asked about Hillbilly Havoc.

Councilor Brost asked why there is no list of MSC's on the USSU website. It is a good method to communicate with MSC's and found that the website was helpful. He referred to A5 in the Sheaf about Positive Spaces for people of all sexual orientations. He is very pleased that this is happening. He encouraged all Councilors to take part in the training and it is important to be accepting of all students on campus and is a good way to show that.

VP Stranden noted that the USSU website is confusing. The opening page is very nice but to find information is difficult. She noted that she would talk with Ian Potter to get the website update and straightened out. She noted that the Positive Spaces is not just a USSU and LGBTA Centre initiative but also a campus wide initiative. There will be a launch in getting the entire university community involved.

Councilor Ansaldo asked what is happening with the STM parking lot.

VP Stranden noted that she has been trying to get a hold of parking but have read that the exit is being changed from in front of Place Riel. She is unsure if it will be both the exit and entrance being moved.

Councilor Anslado noted that he has concerns about there being an automated machine for parking with no daily limit.

VP Stranden noted that she had heard something back in the summer but has not heard anything since. She will also mention this to parking when she discusses with them the entrance/exit changes.

Councilor Chadwick noted that she was not able to make it out to Hillbilly Havoc but heard that it was a success.

VP Stranden noted that she was not able to attend Hillbilly Havoc but heard that there were goats in the bowl.

Councilor Hauser noted that she heard there were goats dressed in Commerce clothes. She asked if President MacKinnon and David Hannah know that USC is pursuing a tuition freeze.

VP Stranden noted that they are aware that the tuition freeze is being pursued.

Councilor Villeneuve announced a BOCP pub crawl between different college lounges.

VP Gersher noted that she spoke a lot with students in regards to Experience US! and a lot of students commented on the Commerce session being fun.

VP MacDonald noted that under Any Other Business a Councilor would be nominated to fill the position on the Operations & Finance Board.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that Councilor Alston-O'Connor is absent and was expressing an interest in being on that board.

Councilor Hauser noted that she would pass on the positive information. She noted that Commerce cannot get approval from the Commerce Dean to have the pub in the Commerce building.

Councilor Kowalsky asked what the scope of Experience US! is.

VP Stranden noted that Jack Mason is looking after the pub crawl. She noted that she was a volunteer with Experience US! and they are expecting around 4,300 high school students. Volunteers arrive around 7:30a.m., with tours and sessions going all day. There is a lunch for everyone with breaks as well. It all takes place in the PAC. Students sign up for different sessions and there are different sessions for each college. There is also a Parent Orientation at this time. It is a lot of fun with good feedback.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that once Commerce is ratified they would fall under the USSU's insurance policy.

Councilor Heath asked more about the pub crawl and how to get involved.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that it would be best to contact Jack Mason and get a lounge license.

VP Gersher stated that she is looking for another Councilor to sit on the Academic Affairs Board. She also noted that there is a need for more students to sit on University Council from Agriculture, Commerce, Dentistry, Education, Kinesiology, Nursing, Pharmacy & Nutrition, Physical Therapy and Veterinary Medicine.

Councilor Brost noted that he sits on University Council and they meet at 2:30p.m. on Thursdays (once a month) and that may be the reason they cannot find students as they are in classes at that time.

VP Gersher noted that she is unsure if the difficulty is in finding students or no one was showing.



Lonnie Mercredi noted that all senior Education students are interning and are unable to run for MSC election. It means they are probably out of town and unable to attend meetings. He noted that he would take care of the co-MSc until another is elected.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that the Education attendance at USC is horrible. Last year the Education MSC's rotated attendance of meeting which under the constitution is grounds for removal from USC. Something needs to be figured out with their Council and it is important to get an Education student to USC even if they are a first year Education student just as he is.

Councilor Hauser asked what time University Council is held and how long does it last.

Councilor Brost noted that they are usually the last Thursday of the month at 2:30p.m. and last about 1.5 hours.

**11. Any Other Business**

Chair Mupanguri noted that it is important to pick up the USC documents on Thursday mornings at the USSU office in order to know what is going on. He also spoke to the point of talking while there is a designated speaker. He would like to see the meetings as formal as possible. It is important that when any comments are being made they need to be addressed through the Chair.

**12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC38:** Leisle/Stranden

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 Gordon Barnhart – University Secretary**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report – October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
  - 6.9 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report**
  - 6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
  - 8.1 Roundtable discussion on increasing student involvement in the University community**
- 9. New Business**
  - 9.1 Board Elections**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvin Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Richard Bowes, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Philip Brost, Medicine  
Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA  
Jessica Heath, WCV

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair

## **Regrets**

Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy

## **Absent**

Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
???, Education

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC39:** Gardiner/Kirkness

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Wudel announced that the Pharmacy & Nutrition pub crawl is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. To win a set of free tickets a trivia question needed to be answered correctly. The question was, "What are both of the names that the Faculty of Nutrition was known by before it came part of the College of Pharmacy". One is Household Sciences and the other ???.

President Gardiner announced on behalf of Dentistry that Halloween Havoc would be held on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Emails can be sent to Councilor Birdi for more information.

VP Stranden announced that Trick'or'Eat would be taking place on October 31<sup>st</sup> and are still in need of volunteers. There will be a college challenge to see what college can get the most volunteers.

Councilor Brost announced that the Medicine pub crawl would be on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

VP MacDonald announced that Councilor Villeneuve sent his regrets.

Councilor Quintin ???

Councilor Leisle announced that Arts & Science is holding a pub crawl on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Heath announced that Vet Med is having Happy Hour at the Vet Med lounge.

Councilor Diachinsky announced that on October 29<sup>th</sup> ISC is holding a pub crawl. On October 16<sup>th</sup> Peter MacKinnon was honored with an award for his dedication to the aboriginal community.

Councilor Ansaldo announced ???

Councilor Hauser announced that Commerce is holding their Small Town pub crawl on October 21<sup>st</sup>. She recommended getting in contact with Sharla Daviduik (USSU Research & Policy Coordinator) for a focus group to discuss events held by the USSU and insurance policies.

VP Gersher noted that the meeting with the Research & Policy Coordinator is only an hour and includes free drinks and food.

VP MacDonald encouraged groups to come to him to have any events posted on the USSU whiteboard in upper Place Riel. He noted that the Operations & Finance Board would review every submission.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC40:** Leisle/Kirkness

Carried.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Gordon Barnhart – University Secretary**

President Gardiner announced that this week is Academic Integrity week and in honor of that Gordon Barnhart has been asked to speak about academic integrity and the U of S's Governance structure.

Gordon Barnhart noted that a website had been established that relates to academic integrity. There are currently 3,000 hits per month on the website. Dalhousie contacted him because they would like to take a look at what the U of S is doing. There are a lot of

universities that are looking at what the U of S is doing in regards to academic integrity. The U of S is one of the leaders in North America in taking a proactive approach. All students are innocent until proven guilty at this institute unlike others in North America. This week there has been seminars, workshops, activities and a keynote speaker (Catriona LeMay Doan). The message they are trying to get across is that this campus is cheating free and does not tolerate cheating. Last year in a 12-month period there were 60 students that were punished. The penalties are getting more serious.

Councilor Wudel asked if plagiarizing in an essay would be a more of a less serious offense compared to cheating on a final exam.

Gordon Barnhart noted that it would possibly be a little less but the penalty is dependant. If it is a 1<sup>st</sup> year student and first offense they would likely only get the mark penalty but if it was a 2<sup>nd</sup> offence it could be suspension and then 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> offense would be expulsion. A panel made up of faculty and students hears the cases. If there is an appeal it then goes to himself and there is another panel that is not related to that college.

??? asked if all cases are handled by this board or within the college.

Gordon Barnhart noted that the first level is handled within the college and then if it is appealed it goes to the university level.

Councilor Brost asked if there are any statistics of students being accused and then let go.

Gordon Barnhart noted that he believes it was 75 students that were accused and 60 were found guilty last year. The numbers are going down.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if those 15 students were found not guilty how was that decided.

Gordon Barnhart noted that it could be that there was not enough evidence to prove that they were guilty.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that it seems like a serious accusation and the profs must have found their work to be plagiarized.

Gordon Barnhart noted that they try very hard to make sure the professors talk about cheating in the classroom.

??? noted that cheating is very high in Computer Science 100. She asked if those 60 people include that class. If she recalls correctly there were between 20 and 30 people who lost their marks at least twice. She asked why nothing is done about cheating at a 100 level.

Gordon Barnhart noted that something should be done about cheating at all levels and he will look into it.

??? asked how does our cases compare to other universities.

Gordon Barnhart noted that we are low compared to other universities. He would like to think that the students at the U of S are pretty honest but doesn't pretend that 60 students are the only ones cheating. It is important to keep a good reputation for the school.

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President Gardiner asked if there is something that can be done by the VP Academic and Academic Advocacy Office to bring the ratio down of international students and academic dishonesty accusations.

Gordon Barnhart noted that there are 2 issues; one being cultural with some students saying that in their culture it is not considered cheating and the other being language. There is a higher percentage of international students being caught. The penalties for them being caught is much more severe. If an international student is suspended they lose their student visa and must go home. It has been discussed to have different penalties for international students but it doesn't seem right. The panel may go easier on an international student if they have a valid explanation of their situation. It is important for the MSC's to raise awareness within the colleges about academic integrity.

??? asked if there are special academic integrity workshops specifically for international students.

Gordon Barnhart noted that he does speak with the international students at Orientation in the fall. It is something that should be reviewed. It is important to get the message out that if you are falling behind it shouldn't resort to cheating. It should resort to getting counseling, tutoring or dropping a class. There are other options instead of cheating.

Councilor Quintin asked if there are multiple formats of works cited on the website.

Gordon Barnhart stated that there are at least 4 different thoughts and the website doesn't get into all of that. It does talk about how to do footnotes and why they should be done. Formats are available at college offices.

Gordon Barnhart noted that he would be speaking on governance as well. The U of S is a tri-cameral university in the sense of governance. The Board of Governors is made up of 12 people. They meet 9 times per year and make major decisions on the financial side. The U of S has a gross budget of half a billion dollars a year. The second body is University Council that meets 10 times a year and is made up of about 104 people. University Council discusses the academic side of the university. The third body is the Senate and they do not have a lot of power but represent every profession in the province. Senate is the public telling the university how they are doing and the university tells them what they are doing and Senate then spreads the word.

Gordon Barnhart spoke about non-academic discipline. Non-academic discipline is threatening, harassing or stalking people.  
Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC41:** Kirkness/Galbraith

Carried.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Brost noted that Councilor Alston-O'Connor should be under regrets as he was supposed to pass her regrets on to Council but did not.

VP Gersher noted that under section 9.1 it should read "to discuss what students should do to get involved".

The minutes for October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were approved as amended.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes for October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were approved as circulated.

### **6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**

VP MacDonald amended the minutes such that President Gardiner was not there but VP Stranden was.

The minutes for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were reviewed and approved as amended.

### **6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**

VP MacDonald noted that the meeting would be taking place every other week.

## **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Report**

Move to ratify Ashely Forbes as the second MSC for Engineering.

**MOTION USC42:** Galbraith/Gardiner

Carried.

Councilor Forbes noted that it has been great so far and looks forward to working with everyone.

Move to ratify Darcy Diachinsky, MSC for the Indigenous Students' Council (ISC), Katharine Kirkness, MSC for VPRA, and Richard Bowes, MSC for Education.

**MOTION USC43:** Gardiner/Leisle

Carried.

Councilor Diachinsky noted that he is happy to be working with all the Councilors and looks forward to a great year.

## 8. Business

### 8.1 Roundtable discussion on increasing student involvement in the University community

President Gardiner noted that the purpose is to set up coordination between all the students who are representatives on different university bodies, which is about 65 students, and currently there is no coordination between these 65 people. There is no background given on what their role is. There are 3 recommendations to make the student voice effective.

1. *To create a committee that is comprised of all the student representatives on university governance bodies.* There is currently no reporting structure. This committee would educate students on the roll that committee has and what their role on the committee is.
2. *It is important to meet before the committee to figure out a strategy to vote.*
3. *To have a formal recording structure.* It is important to have what is happening on the committees and to communicate to the students on campus.

President Gardiner noted that there is a Board of College Presidents (BOCP), which every college president belongs to. BOCP coordinates social activities and discusses issues specific to the colleges. What is being recommend is to also have a Board of College Vice-President Academics to have communication among the VP Academics of each college. It is important to increase the number of student representatives on University Council where there is often only 1 student representative thrown in with many professors which is intimidating. It would be great to have 2 representatives on the Council but only one vote. It would give creditability if the USSU ever wanted to lobby for more student representation on Council committees. He welcomed any comments and feedback.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC44:** Gardiner/Leisle

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that this is a great idea. A motion is not necessary unless a formal board is being made.

VP Gersher noted that it is really great to be able to sit on the boards. It is important to use the power that the students have. It would be good to have this networking group so the students can get together and share opinions and for it to happen every year and not finish at the end of the term. This may then require a motion. It makes a lot of sense to



have a Board of College Vice-President Academics to discuss issues among other colleges and share ideas.

President Gardiner asked if this plan would get students more involved. The details would have to get worked out. Will this communicate the information from the university administration to the students.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that it is a great idea for those who are going to meetings but it will not do much for getting information out to the other thousands of students. It will make those who are attending have a feeling of cause. The USSU would have to promote the student voice.

Councilor Brost noted that he does think it is better than doing nothing. It will depend on the quality of student representatives. All that can be done is to create the committee and hope that it will attract the type of students that is wanted to represent. If the committees are being created it should be formal so that it is the same from year to year but wonders how structured it should be. It should be noted that the purpose of this committee does not overlap with the purpose of USC, BOCP or any other communication avenues.

VP MacDonald ???

VP Gersher stated that each of the ideas is one aspect of many. The first role would be to give strength in the involvement of the students who are already committed, the second one would be to get a whole new area of students and the third one would be to increase the amount of representation already.

Councilor Heath noted that her college does not really consider themselves part of the U of S. They may not have any urge to communicate outside of WCVM and is unsure if any other colleges feel that way but could see why maybe they would. It would be great to have someone come up with an initiative to get students within their own colleges to come out and interact. She has encouraged many students in WCVM to become SAL's or join University Council but say they are busy. Getting the students out is the big issue.

President Gardiner noted that it is important to have the Sheaf at all the meetings. The Sheaf is definitely a great voice and would help getting the information out to the majority of students.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC45:** Forbes/Ansaldo

Carried.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 Board Elections**

President Gardiner noted that there should be an Education MSC later this week. He suggested waiting until next week to fill the vacancies on the committees.

VP MacDonald asked if it would be possible to do the Operations & Finance Board. He would expect that the new Education MSC would not be available due to interning.

President Gardiner noted that the Councilors who are not in attendance thought that it would be happening next week and is reluctant to go ahead with it tonight.

**10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC46:** Quintin/MacDonald

Carried.

President Gardiner reminded Council that the computer is back up and running and reminded everyone to swipe their card. He congratulated Ashley Forbes the new Engineering MSC. He met with the Minister of Learning in Regina last Thursday and it was interesting. There were a few topics that were talked about with the majority of it on the regulation of tuition in Saskatchewan but one thing talked about before that was that the Minister of Learning is attending a conference on October 28<sup>th</sup> and is looking at the privatization of public post-secondary education. There was concern expressed as to why the Minister was attending such a conference and not only going but also being a keynote speaker. The Minister stated that the information may be accessible after the speech was made. President Gardiner noted that it is something that concerns him as well as the other students present at the meeting. It is important to have a response ready. The Minister also said that tuition freezes do not work but there is still a lot of debate about it. The regulation of tuition will be pushed off until next spring. The Minister would like to see a cap of around 5%. There is a difference of opinion between the students that attending the meeting and the Minister on that point. One issue that was mentioned by the Minister was the fact that young people are leaving Saskatchewan. The government is wanting to continue to provide tax incentives for students who stay in the province. The second issue is the outlook in labor development in the province by 2017 and that there would be about 50,000 people shortage in skilled labor (trades, technical). There is a need to shift focus from university education to skilled labor education. The Minister expressed concern that tuition regulation was not publicly supported. Post-secondary education does not seem to be a huge priority for the Minister. The Minister indicated that he would like to come to USC to address Council.

Councilor Ansaldo asked ???

Councilor Brost spoke to the \$585,000 that is being allotted to scholarships. He noted that the money is for transfer students, exchange students and entering students. He stated that he is very happy to see that the U of S is doing their best in recruiting students with the averages of 85%-89.9% but is not happy about the U of S not doing anything to increase their retention of students on campus. He referred to the letter written to the Sheaf regarding ratifying clubs and the difficulty a particular club had. He asked VP MacDonald to respond to the letter. He also asked when the ratification of the new Medicine MSC would take place. He will not be able to continue as MSC with school and being President of the Medical Students' Society. He will be on Council until mid-

November. He also spoke in regards to tuition and with the University having their 3 year plan in place until 2007. Would the medical students be expecting a 12.5% increase over the next 2 years.

VP MacDonald noted that he talked with the Sheaf and there was no contact information for the person who wrote the letter. It cannot be dealt with until the group contacts him and the reason the group is in the situation that they are in is because they have never contacted him or the front desk. They had stopped into the office to ask some general questions about ratification and were disappointed with there being a \$100 fee but were going to try and raise the funds. He hasn't heard from them since. He asked why PAWS is not being used for the Student Issues survey. They will give survey access for free and it is better.

VP Stranden noted that she would talk to the Research & Policy Coordinator about not using PAWS. With a paper copy survey you get a good basis of information from each college.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked how many students were in attendance at the meeting with the Minister of Learning and where were they from. She asked if there is tuition freeze support from elsewhere in the province or is just the U of S.

President Gardiner stated that the tuition freeze is not a campaign ran just by the USSU. The USSU is the 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest partner in the campaign. The U of R is involved and the GSA and the Saskatchewan component of the Canadian Federation of Students. The only university students that are not involved is the First Nations University of Canada. They are interested in joining but the level of organization is fairly low and has not had time for discussion on the issue. Right now there are about 35,000 students on board and short 5,000.

Councilor Ansaldo asked about the Transportation Committee.

VP Stranden noted that the Transportation Committee has not met yet. She is waiting until all committee members have joined. The transportation meeting noted in the Executive Minutes was a discussion about transportation within Saskatoon and how it affects the university directly. The Transportation Committee will be meeting in November.

VP Gersher noted that she would be meeting with Lynette Lang who is involved with the course calendar. Any ideas for improvements for the calendar could be passed on to her and she will bring them up with Lynette.

Councilor Forbes announced that on October 22<sup>nd</sup> there is a beer night hosted by ??? club.

VP Gersher announced that there is a fundraiser on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Amigos for ??? conference in November.

Councilor Brost noted that he would appreciate more comprehensive information on the Executive Committee minutes.

Councilor Heath asked for more information about the conference that VP Gerhser mentioned.

VP Gersher noted that more information about the conference should be coming out soon. The conference is either the last weekend or the second last weekend of November.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if the minutes could be posted on the website right after for students to check what is new.

President Gardiner agreed with Councilor Ansaldo. He noted that the U of R has reports from each and every college to Council as well as reports from the Executive. He noted that Councilors should send an email to Chair Mupanguri about what they would like to see at Council; a verbal report at Council, postings to the internet or any other ideas.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that she would appreciate if the Executive would give a short report of what they have done during the week.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

VP Stranden noted that she does not have any problem giving a review at the meeting. The reason for the roundtable at the Executive meetings is to keep the other Executive members up to speed with what the others are doing.

## **11. Any Other Business**

Move to add to New Business for next week a response to the Minister of Learning's attendance at the conference in King City, Ontario.

**MOTION USC47:** Gardiner/Wudel

Carried.

Chair Mupanguri noted that the email to him is not necessary and the general consensus is that Executive will provide Council with more information in the minutes.

## **12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC48:** Forbes/Bowes

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
  - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004**
  - 6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
  - 8.1 Board Elections**
  - 8.2 Response to the Minister of Learning's attendance at the conference in Ontario**
- 9. New Business**
  - 9.1 External Lobbying Options**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Richard Bowes, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Philip Brost, Medicine  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA  
Jessica Heath, WCVM

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair

## **Regrets**

Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy

## **Absent**

Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
???, Education

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC49:** Leisle/Stranden

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

VP Stranden announced that Trick'or'Eat is on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Last year there were 40 volunteers and this year there are over 100. Hoping to double last year's 3 tones of food that was collected. Anybody who is interested in signing up can contact Melissa Cotton, Volunteer Centre Director.

Councilor Chadwick announced that Ag Bag Drag is on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that Kinesiology is having a pub crawl on November 5<sup>th</sup> and the campus pub pubcrawl is October 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 4p.m. at Louis'.

Councilor Ansaldo announced that an American Election event is being held by PASS at Louis' is on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

VP Gersher announced that nominations for the Teaching Excellence Awards are open from November 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> and from the 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> the evaluations will take place. She noted if any 6-credit classes are nominated they would be evaluated in Term 2.

President Gardiner announced that he has tickets for Kashmir for Saturday night. The Annual General Meeting will be taking place on November 18<sup>th</sup> in the STM Theatre at 4p.m. There is currently one constitutional change. Any proposed amendments to the constitution are due by November 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30p.m. There will be no USC meeting on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Birdi announced that Halloween Havoc is on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Brost apologized for being late. He announced that tonight first year medical students are holding their Date Auction to raise money for the Christmas Party. He noted that he would be leaving USC early to attend.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Leisle reminded everyone to speak up as there are a lot of question marks in the minutes. This will result in more accurate minutes.

Councilor Ansaldo spoke in regards to questions and comments and would do his best to figure it out.

Councilor Diachinsky spoke to introductions and announcements and that it should read that President MacKinnon was honored with a ?war bonnet and not an award.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that in the Council Address she asked if all cases are handled by this board or within the college.

The minutes for October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004, were approved as amended.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Gardiner asked what the solution was going to be to get a better understanding as to what happens at the roundtable at Executive Committee minutes. He noted that the Board of Governors Retreat is a roundtable with the senior administration. Any problems should be passed on to him before November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Mupanguri noted that the consensus was that the Executive would provide verbal minutes.

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

VP Gerhser reviewed the minutes for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that the minutes are much more detailed than the other board meetings and are very well written.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that he has a copy of the Where We Stand document from last year.

### **6.4 Operations and Finance Board Minutes and Report**

VP MacDonald reviewed the minutes for October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

### **6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

VP Stranden reviewed the minutes for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Councilor Villeneuve asked why there are not beds in their washrooms.

Councilor Wudel noted that the beds in the washrooms are intended for women to breastfeed.

### **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

President Gardiner reviewed the minutes for October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004. He noted that he spelt Councilor Kowalsky's name wrong throughout the minutes.

## **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

Chair Mupanguri spoke to the issue of the Executive Committee minutes. They would either be presented verbally at USC or in a web format. The consensus was that the Executive Committee minutes would be presented verbally at USC. He asked if there is any problem with the final consensus. The final decision was that the minutes would be presented verbally at each USC.

Councilor Brost noted that the verbal presentation is good but would still like the paper copy to have to take back to each Council.

VP Stranden noted that Questions and Comments is only for 30 minutes and if there is other discussion to take place that time may be exhausted and Councilors would not have the chance to speak.

VP MacDonald noted that it would make more sense to give the Executive reports under item 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes.

Chair Mupanguri clarified that the Executive would read their minutes out and make any comments as seen fit.



President Gardiner suggested that the Executive clarify the roundtable of what has been done during the last week under item 6.2.

Councilor Ansaldo asked about the internet idea.

President Gardiner noted that there is some empty space on the website and if Council would like a short version of the roundtable it could be posted there.

VP MacDonald ???

President Gardiner noted that the USC minutes are on line and if a verbal report is given it would be recorded in the minutes of USC. He asked if this would be sufficient.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1 Board Elections**

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC50:** Gardiner/???

Carried.

### **Environmental Board**

The following Councilor was appointed to the Environmental Board: Councilor Heath.

### **Academic Affairs Board**

The following Councilor was appointed to the Academic Affairs Board: Councilor Diachinsky.

### **Operations & Finance Board**

The following Councilor was appointed to the Operations & Finance Board: Councilor Alston-O'Connor.

### **Elections Board**

The following Councilor was appointed to the Elections Board: Councilor Forbes.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC51:** Leisle/Gardiner

Carried.

### **8.2 Response to the Minister of Learning's attendance at the conference in Ontario**

Move to table until next week.

**MOTION USC52:** Gardiner/Kirkness

Carried.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 External Lobbying Options**

President Gardiner noted that this was a recommendation from the External Affairs Board. There are three recommendations.

**10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC53:** Leisle/Forbes

Carried.

Councilor Leisle asked if tickets were available ahead of time for the Halloween Havoc.

Councilor Birdi noted that tickets cannot be bought at the door. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if the External Affairs Board would be passing a motion or making a recommendation to USC for the external lobbying. He would like to know more about it to be able to take back to his Council before making a decision.

President Gardiner noted that the evaluation process is open but right now the recommendations will be voted on in Council next week. The first recommendation is status quo, the second and third recommendations are new. But it is important to do both in order to have a fair evaluation process. The guidelines of the evaluation process have to be determined by USC and the External Affairs Board.

Councilor Forbes thanked Councilor Brost for nominating her. She spoke to VP MacDonald's letter in the Sheaf. She noted that she understood that the last week's letter towards him was not very nice but VP MacDonald's response was not professional. It reflects poorly on the USSU and on himself. Everything should be kept professional.

VP Stranden asked Councilor Birdi if the people who purchase tickets in advance get the drink special.

Councilor Birdi noted that you buy tickets and from 8-10 it is free beer and then after that it is \$2.25 highballs all night and tickets must be purchased in advance.

Councilor Bowes asked VP Gersher if there could be more than one representative for University Council from each college. He noted that after 10p.m. students must go to Commerce to use the photocopiers.

VP Gersher noted that as far as she was aware it was only one representative from each college but currently trying to increase it to two representatives which may take some time.

VP MacDonald noted that he would speak with Pam Barker, Copy Central Site Manager, regarding the photocopiers. It may have been a security issue.

Councilor Brost commended who ever wrote the External Lobbying proposal. There always seems to be a push for one or the other and it is good to examine both options. He noted that he went to the USSU website to look at contacts and the contact information is old. The new MSC's and College Presidents should be updated.

President Gardiner noted that the MSC information should be updated on the website. He will pass the information on about the College Presidents to Ian Potter, Communications Coordinator.

Councilor Birdi asked who would handle getting an ATM in Health Science.

Councilor Wudel asked if President Gardiner could repeat what he had said about the Board of Governors Retreat.

President Gardiner noted that at the Board of Governors Retreat he would like to discuss national norms tuition policy and discuss a motion made at University Council that gave university administration power to recommend who the Board of Governors reps would be from University Senate. He also has a meeting set up with two Board of Governors members. He noted that he had a spontaneous meeting with the Minister of Learning last week.

**\*\*\*out of camera discussion**

President Gardiner met with the opposition of post-secondary education critic. He attended a seminar with VP Academic on professor evaluations. Worked a lot on the Tuition Freeze campaign with the short deadline.

VP Gersher noted that University Council is being held on November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>. Sharla Daviduik has asked all students societies to attend the focus groups to discuss things happening in the colleges and thoughts and concerns with the USSU. She asked if there were any comments on the USC package pick up time on Wednesdays. She noted that she is going to Ottawa this weekend. The people sending her have encouraged her to gather questions for the government to answer. She spoke with Rob Norris, Coordinator of Global Relations, and wants to meet with her to discuss if there is something that can be done together for issues relating to international students and plagiarism.

VP MacDonald spoke to the university's budget as per a request from the provincial government for funding for the next year. In this proposal there is a projected 4% increase to student fees and only requesting a 2.5% increase from the government. It is being reviewed, as it may have been a mistake. He noted that the university keeps getting capital grants to put up new buildings but there is never operating grants.

VP Gersher noted that she sits on the Planning Committee and the fee increase is something that is discussed every week. During the meetings there are professors who speak up on behalf of students. The reason the university is asking the government for such a small increase is because when they expect too much they don't get it. She inquired if any funds were being put towards educating students on their options once they graduate. The board thought it was a great idea and would like to consider how it could be done.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that no one was informed with the St. Thomas More Students' Union about the changes to the parking lot in front of their building.

VP Stranden noted that she has been trying to get a hold of parking. She talked to the people working in the parking office. Those people were informed at the end of August that they were losing their jobs. She has not had confirmation from parking officials as of yet. If the jobs are being cut there will be 24-hour gates at the exit. The construction is at a stand still because of the weather. She is unsure as to what the plans are. There has been no contact with the USSU about the changes.

Councilor Ansaldo asked what the university's problem is. He would like to see something happen as student governance was not informed.

VP Stranden noted that once she has the information she would be meeting with the Student Issues Board to figure something out as it does directly affect students. Students have been kept out of the loop.

Councilor Kirkness noted that after 6p.m. there are only about 20 cars in the new parkade. She asked if it would be possible to have a 2-hour all night parking at the new parkade for employees and patrons of Louis'.

VP Stranden noted that she was not aware that the vacancy rate was so low. Administration informed the Executive that during the day vacancy is 60%. She will look into it.

Councilor Ansaldo inquired into the price increase of exams at the Copy Central exam file.

President Gardiner noted that he is currently compiling a list of grievances. It is not the only complaint in relation to the operations.

VP Stranden noted that she has been planning with the Campus Chaplains a Remembrance Day Service. Administration is footing the bill this year rather than the USSU. The service will be at Sask Place and then return to the Memorial Gates. There will be a presentation at the gates. At 12:45 there will be tea at Browsers. Everyone is encouraged to come. The posters are being finalized. She noted that an interview was done with Shaw Cable in respect to Trick'or'Eat and would be interviewed by Global as well. She did an interview with the Sheaf in regards to Residence. The VPRA President was elected but then was kicked out of Residence.

VP MacDonald reminded Council that there are tickets for Kashmir at Louis'.

Councilor Bowes noted that the Education Students' Society and the Economics Students' Society have the same acronym ESS. He asked if the two could co-exist as the ESS. ??? has been elected as the Education Students' Society MSC. He would be in attendance at the next Council meeting.

VP Gersher asked again about the Wednesday pick up of the USC packages.

Councilor Leisle noted that he enjoys the Wednesday pick up and has heard other Councilors said the same. He would like to see it continue.

Councilor Heath noted that Wednesday pick up is good.

Councilor Hauser noted that she likes the Wednesday pick up.

President Gardiner noted that the Wednesday pick up is good if it is the general consensus.

**11. Any Other Business**

President Gardiner noted that he would like to add to new business this week to discuss next week is the USSU's relationship with PAWS. Councilor Ansaldo had emailed himself as well as VP Gersher about this.

**12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC54:** Brost/Galbraith

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Rick Bowes, Education  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Philip Brost, Medicine  
Jamie Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More

Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA  
Jessica Heath, WCV

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Thomas Linner, Arts & Science  
Robin Mowat, Arts & Science  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine

## **Regrets**

Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC

## **Absent**

Vacant, Education

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to amend the agenda to have item 9.2 under New Business into 8.3 Business. The Bylaw needs to be ratified by the Council before the AGM.

**USC MOTION55:** Gardiner/Leisle

Carried.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Galbraith sent regrets on behalf of Councilor Forbes.

President Gardiner announced that on November 17<sup>th</sup> the USSU would be holding a town hall meeting at Place Riel Theatre with the help of the External Affairs board. So far there is 2 out of the 5 speakers lined up. Posters will be ready for tomorrow. He also

announced that the AGM would be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 4p.m. in the STM auditorium. There will be no Council meeting that evening.

Councilor Villeneuve reminded Council that November 5<sup>th</sup> is the Kinesiology pub crawl. He thanked everyone who came out on the ??? pub crawl.

Councilor Kowalsky apologized for not being able to attend Council for the last few weeks and if anyone wants to know why they can talk to him afterwards. He thanked everyone who attended the Political Studies election night. He stated that he would like to see everyone in attendance at the town hall meeting. On November 19<sup>th</sup> the ASSU is holding a formal at the Radisson.

Councilor Brost introduced the new Medicine MSC, Melissa Gieni. He noted that this would be his last meeting.

VP Gersher noted that the conference she attended in Ottawa was very interesting.

Councilor Funk announced that Physical Therapy is hosting a beer nite on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Leisle introduced Thomas Linner. He sits on the External Affairs Board as one of the Student-at-large's.

VP Stranden noted that there have been over 400 surveys completed on the Transportation Survey. The responses are fairly positive to the U-Pass. There are about 600 more surveys to complete. On November 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a ceremony at the Memorial Gates. Tony Whitworth will speak on the history of the Memorial Gates. Afterwards there will be coffee and snacks served at Browsers.

Councilor Ansaldo announced that on November 10<sup>th</sup> the STMSU is holding their charity auction raising money for the United Way. The event is a date auction.

Councilor Wudel announced that she is organizing a book drive campus wide. If anyone is interested in helping out she can be contacted by email. It is an excellent cause to donate the textbooks to universities over seas.

Councilor Birdi congratulated Councilor Leisle for winning the best costume at Halloween Havoc.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

The minutes for October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were approved as circulated.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**



President Gardiner noted that in Questions & Comments each Executive member would give a brief run down of what has happened in the last week.

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

VP Gersher reviewed the minutes from October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that he is concerned with an online textbook exchange that is may affect Browsers services. He suggested that maybe the textbook exchange could be incorporated in with Browsers and still charge a nominal fee. Browsers is losing money already. He does agree with the service but it may end up hurting the operation.

VP MacDonald noted that if the textbook exchange was to take place it could affect Browsers. The people that are currently consigning textbooks are going to continue to do so. There probably is not a risk.

Councilor Heath noted that it is more important to do what is best for the students. If students don't have to pay a fee to exchange their textbooks then that is in their best interest considering tuition hikes.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that currently Browsers is in competition with the tunnel. The tunnel is the same thing as the website so Browsers will not have any new obstacles.

VP Gersher noted that it was suggested to have a Browsers logo on each page. That way if students cannot find what they are looking for on the textbook exchange they can look at Browsers.

Councilor Brost asked what Browsers thinks about the initiative.

VP MacDonald ???

Councilor Kowalsky noted that if it cleans up the tunnel he is in favor of the online version.

Councilor Brost stated that the reason he was asking about Browsers because is unsure whether it is a good idea for the Executive members to nonchalantly not care if one of their operations is going to go under. He personally finds it to be a great idea but finds it disturbing what VP Operations & Finance said.

VP MacDonald apologized for the remark that was not expressed properly.

Councilor Bartsch noted that Commerce has a online textbook exchange format on the website if anyone is wanting to take a look at it. It works well.

### **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

President Gardiner presented the minutes from November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004.

## 8. Business

### 8.1 Response to the Minister of Learning's attendance at the conference in Ontario

President Gardiner noted that the Minister's comments have not been received yet and will table until next meeting.

Move to table until next week.

**USC MOTION56:** Gardiner/Brost

Carried.

### 8.2 External Lobbying Options

President Gardiner noted that in the document there is one motion coming out which is 3 recommendations; first being that the USSU remain in CASA, second being to seek prospective membership in CFS (reason being is to have full access to fully and fairly evaluate) and third being to set up a strong independent provincial lobbying component within the administration of the USSU. With the later recommendation there is no membership needed.

Move to approve the external lobbying options.

Carried.

**USC MOTION57:** Gardiner/Leisle

**\*\*\*Abstention noted by Councilor Villeneuve, Councilor Kirkness, Councilor Bartsch, Councilor Galbraith**

Councilor Villeneuve noted that the wording with the second point "the USSU seek prospective membership". Why does the USSU need to seek prospective membership in order to evaluate the organization. It should be evaluated and then seek prospective membership.

President Gardiner noted that with prospective membership we are bound to a referendum question in the fall. This should not scare councilors off. The reason for taking a prospective membership is to have full access at the CFS Conference. It is essential in order to evaluate the organization. The structure of the organization needs to be seen first hand and make an unbiased decision.

Move to extend speaking rights to Robin Mowat.

**USC MOTION58:** Leisle/Gardiner

Carried.

Robin Mowat noted that according to the constitution it states that all members of the USSU have the right to speak at USC meetings. He stated that he came to the meeting tonight to speak against the motion. He noted that when he ran for President of the USSU he made a promise that he would evaluate the USSU's membership with CASA and he kept that promise. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004, USC approved the final report and recommendations of the AdHoc CASA Assessment Committee of Council. This committee worked for 6 months on the very question that is being asked today. This committee took a comprehensive study survey of every college on campus through MSC's of what each college's priorities for lobbying and purposes for affiliation were. Those numbers were compared to CASA, CFS and non-affiliation and the results were to

remain with CASA. The motion is unnecessary and has unnecessary expenses that come along with it. The strong provincial lobbying component of the motion is worthy, which has been lacking. He would recommend hiring a provincial lobbyist to go door to door with MLA's. The money will be there. This is not in the best interest of the USSU.

Councilor Ansaldo spoke against Robin Mowat's comments. The question being asked is whether we can go forward and objectively view equally the CFS and CASA. It is important to be at CFS in person to properly evaluate.

Thomas Linner spoke against Robin Mowat's comments and urged councilors to vote for the motion. The important thing about this is to take CASA, CFS and provincial lobbying organization and evaluate them equally. It currently is not a debate between CASA and CFS. Council has to be able to see the differences.

Move to extend speaking rights to President Gardiner.

**USC MOTION59:** Stranden/Ansaldo

Carried.

Councilor Brost spoke in agreement with the motion and addressed Robin Mowat's comment. By voting in favor of the motion it would not be discounting what last year's council did.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that last year's council was not familiar with CASA other than the AdHoc Committee. She is glad to see different options and to look at all three options and see what council thinks is best.

Councilor Heath stated that it is not necessarily a bad thing to have to have a referendum. It is a good opportunity for students to become interested in what organizations we are involved in and what the potential benefits are. She noted that this council is strong and if the motion passes it is because council believes in it.

Councilor Kirkness asked for council to look at what the recommendation actually says. If CFS is chosen then a referendum must take place and students decide what organization is to be chosen. And then what happens is council is bound by the referendum by students who really do not understand the situation. She feels that it is a good idea to look into both options but what is being said is that a referendum will take place and students are not going to be educated on the decision.

VP MacDonald noted that being bound by the referendum results is what democracy is about. You end up with what was voted for. There are a lot of resources to properly educating students. The ability is there to inform students.

Councilor Leisle expressed his disappointment of Councilor Kirkness's lack of trust with council and lack of faith with the students. It is a tough decision. The point of the recommendations is to inform the students. It would be reckless to go to the students with no information and ask them to vote. In this situation as much information as possible is being compiled and then going to the students.

Councilor Kowalsky noted that councils change every year. One council may have a completely different vision than the year before or the year to come. CASA is making it a little more stringent where you must go through a prospective membership phase on the way in and the way out. He believes that there are four options; CASA, CFS, neither or could be with both. It needs to be approached objectively and with an open mind. He would like to see the report from last year.

Robin Mowat noted that it is important to have strong provincial lobbying. The motion as it stands has other effects. The report has not been seen from last year. All of the information that is needed to vote on the motion is not present.

Thomas Linner noted that Robin Mowat has raised a good point on the CASA report. It is important to see that report but it is part of a process with this motion passing.

VP MacDonald noted that he read the report from last year and stated that there wasn't much to it. It didn't in any way address the effects in any way. The survey did not provide any information at all. It is important to learn about CFS and won't be able to without going there.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that the motion is to gain information. He would like to see the report from last year and believes that last year's CASA committee looked into CASA and looked at CFS indirectly through paper trails.

Councilor Leisle noted that this motion cannot be tabled because this is the last council meeting before the conferences. It has to be passed now or the conference will be missed.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that the Grad Students' Association is currently with CFS and the information could be gotten from them rather than becoming prospective members. Is it so closed to actually become members of the CFS to research it. There are other avenues to research CFS. The USSU was a member in 1995 and there would be some sort of documentation noting what the organization is like. He asked if it would cost anything to become prospective members. He does not believe that the USSU must be a part of CFS to research it.

President Gardiner spoke to the issue of going into the membership of CFS blind. It is a trial membership and there is a referendum question at the end. It does not mean that the Council has to endorse that referendum. Council needs to do their jobs in educating the students. The prospective membership fee works out to about \$5000; however, the fee is waived for most of the big schools that take prospective memberships. Five thousand dollars is a small price to pay in terms of national lobby group.

Councilor Kirkness noted that if the USSU becomes a prospective member and then to get out of CFS another referendum would have to take place. She asked how quick the process is. She stated that councils are asking questions about this topic and there is no

information to take back to them. The USSU must join an organization and have a mandatory referendum and then if the decision is to become part of CFS another referendum would then take place to get out. A decision is being made for this year as well as for the next ten years. The motion is not informing students on campus it is telling them that the USSU needs to be part of something that the organization knows nothing about. She noted that Council needs more information about the CFS and is not informed fully enough to make this decision.

Move to extend speaking rights to all Councilors 2 more times.

**USC MOTION60:** Stranden/Kowalsky

Carried.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that it feels like the USSU is getting caught up in a web of the unknown. For the \$5000 and 2 referendums Council will know for sure how the organizations are comparable. Right now there is \$40,000 spent on CASA fees.

President Gardiner noted that what is being done is to go and shed light on what the organizations are all about. The External Affairs Board has copies of the constitution of CFS. Copies are not be had by anyone who does not have membership within CFS. Upon becoming a prospective member the constitution would be made available to Council and the decision can then be made. Whether USSU goes with CFS or with CASA the organization will be fighting a referendum campaign in March, which is not a bad thing. There is no way to have all the information. Information cannot be gained from groups who have a vested interest and telling their side of the story.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

Councilor Kowalsky stated that President Gardiner has received verbal consent that CFS would let the USSU attend the conference for free as prospective members. He noted that he is trying to stay impartial.

Councilor Birdi noted that there would be other conference.

Councilor Villeneuve asked what kind of organization makes it illegal to view their constitution unless you are a part of their organization. He is sure that he could go to any campus societies and look at their constitution. What kind of organization is so closed that outside possible members cannot look at their constitution without being legal. He stated that he is against the document but not against its intent behind the document. All students need to be informed and it is the Councilors responsibility. There will be other conferences and this is not the last conference. This is something that needs some thought. The document's intent is right but should not be voted for until being properly informed. He is uniformed about CFS.

President Gardiner stated that the reason the motion is coming up at this meeting is because it is 3 weeks before the last meeting for the academic year. It is the last chance to evaluate the conference up front and in person. The information can only be received by going to the CFS conference and figure out what the information is and make that

decision. It is not a decision on which one to endorse but a decision to go out and get the information and make a recommendation to Council and lobby strong on the recommendation.

Councilor Leisle asked Council if any one Councilor can name 3 other members of CASA besides the USSU as well who the Executive Director of CASA. No one knows everything there is to know about CASA but yet prospective membership of CFS cannot be looked at because there is no information. Council is here to open the doors to get the information about CFS.

Robin Mowat noted that CFS is a good organization for members who want to be a part of the CFS. It is perfectly fine that the USSU wants to find out more information about the organization. It is strange that the CFS's constitution is not a public document. Any member who is wanting to join CASA can make no commitment and attend the conferences and talk to anyone and have access to whatever documents. Council should be careful about getting involved with an organization who does not have a publicly available constitution. CFS would spend thousands of dollars sending people here, putting up posters, going around talking to students and convincing students to vote for CFS membership. If the USSU decides to not go with CFS the USSU will be outnumbered by the thousands of dollars being spent by CFS and having people lobbying the students to vote for it. There are organizations all over Canada voted to leave CFS and currently enrolled within lawsuits with CFS over their membership status. He wanted to ensure that everyone was informed about the consequences of the decision tonight.

Councilor Brost noted that last week there was a chat about this and none of the concerns came up. There should not be a rushed feeling going voting on the motion as there has been lots of discussion on the issue. He reminded Council that it is the evaluation of CFS that is being voted on tonight and to evaluate the best way the USSU knows how. This is the first Executive and Council in at least 4 years to actually consider joining the CFS. From his understanding CFS and CASA are on different ends of the political spectrum. There is nothing wrong with evaluating membership with CFS, which is exactly what is being voted on.

VP MacDonald noted that it is not an issue with extra conference expenses such as hotels. The Executive are not going to the conference blinded but to go and do research. He agreed that CFS has a huge budget. Every campus building has control of what posters go up in the buildings. This is not something that should be afraid of.

Councilor Heath stated that Robin Mowat has little or no faith in the intelligence of Council. She has faith in the student body in making the right decision. The students will get to make the choice in a referendum of what is best for them. It is up to the students to decide. By evaluating the CFS it may be able to be found out why the constitution is so private. It is the only way to get an accurate evaluation.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that Robin Mowat is not at Council to undermine Council's intelligence but came as a source of information. He stated that the External Affairs Board is not as informed as they feel they are informed. He guaranteed that Robin Mowat knows a lot more about both CASA and CFS than everyone at Council.

Move to call the question.

**USC MOTION61:** Villeneuve/Ansaldo

Carried.

### **8.3 Bylaw #3**

President Gardiner noted that this is a constitutional amendment that was discussed in the summer. It is very passive and just clarifying the Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee. It states that any member of Student Council who are running for Executive positions are in conflict of interest.

Move to approve the amendments made to Bylaw #3 as presented.

**USC MOTION62:** Gardiner/???

Carried.

Councilor Ansaldo asked about section 2.5. He asked who is in permission to give ???

VP MacDonald noted that the motion has no purpose and should be done at the Annual General Meeting.

President Gardiner noted that the only amendment to the bylaw is in section 2.03 #1. The reason this does not have to be brought to Council but it does give it more weight at the Annual General Meeting.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor reiterated Councilor Ansaldo's question.

President Gardiner noted that it is not related specifically to the amendment.

Robin Mowat noted that last year it was if you sent regrets to Council it was good enough. He also noted that if Council amends a bylaw it takes effective immediately and then ratified at the AGM.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 USSU's relationship with PAWS**

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the organization is missing an opportunity to improve information to PAWS. They do offer instructional courses. There is a window for the USSU but is currently being used for Louis'. There is no information on the USSU and would like to see that changed.

## **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION63:** Leisle/Heath

Carried.

Councilor Leisle thanked Councilor Birdi for getting him Halloween Havoc tickets. It was a great event.

Councilor Heath noted that it is really hot in the room.

Chair Mupanguri noted that there is a problem hearing the tape if the air conditioner is running.

Robin Mowat congratulated Council on a great debate. He encourages all Councilors to become informed of what is going on and get a copy of last year's plan of report and recommendations. He noted that it may be possible to have a CFS delegation to come and present to Council and properly inform them as CASA does.

Councilor Villeneuve congratulated Council on a great debate as well. He noted that he received an email and reviewed it to Council regarding the campus wide pub crawl. He stated that the email made him mad because what is happening is the identity of university students is being taken away. E-plant is gone and planning on taking away other alcohol events. Alcohol does not make their identity. What will happen next? The U of S is all about the national norm. In the email it says that the U of S wants to be like other universities. The U of S is not just another university and will not survive without the identity that is currently held. The enrollment of first years has decreased this year and will most likely decrease next year. What is being done in other universities will not work in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan is a unique and small province of community. Administration wants to take away a part of what is bringing the university community together. The U of S is about the people and Administration has lost touch with the students and has forgotten that students pay **36% (is this number right??)** of the operating budget. All students should take back their campus and fight this.

Councilor Brost noted that he respects Councilor Villeneuve very much but did not appreciate him accusing Councilors of not listening of what was being discussed. It is not fair to accuse people of not listening when they are on the other side of the spectrum of an issue. There is always two sides to an issue. Every opinion counts. It is not a personal attack. He stated that he has a letter of resignation as it is his last meeting. He read the letter of resignation.

Chair Mupanguri stated that it is unfortunate that Councilor Brost will be leaving Council as he has always been competent in a debate, always considerate and clear.

Councilor Kowalsky noted that the kegs at Louis' cost \$260. At the Sutherland the Political Studies group charged people \$5/person and cleared \$800. They paid \$150 for 2 kegs. He is unsure as to why kegs of beer cost 4 times more at Louis' than the Sutherland or the Pat. The prices should be more competitive and would then attract more students and turn a bigger profit.



President Gardiner noted that there are guidelines that need to be followed at Council as the meeting is under Roberts Rules.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that what the Sutherland and the Pat are doing at charging that little for kegs is not actually legal. The difference is that Louis' is on campus. Until last year the University held the liquor license for Louis'. Louis' cannot match those prices as it is illegal and may end up losing the bar.

VP MacDonald spoke in agreement with Councilor Villeneuve. Students do not go to Louis'. Student groups have signed on with other bars. If students want Louis' to be more student focused, student groups should be signing with Louis'. He would also like to receive a copy of the mail that was sent by David Hannah in regards to the campus pub crawl.

Move to close questions and comments.

**USC MOTION64:** MacDonald/Kowalsky

President Gardiner noted that the campus pub crawl issue is something that the Council will have to discuss. He will send the email from David Hannah to all Councilors and add to New Business on the next agenda.

VP Stranden announced that with Trick or Eat there was over 4 tones of food raised. It was the most amazing thing she has ever seen in her life.

President Gardiner asked if he could pass Councilor Villeneuve's written comments onto the Senior Administration. It is something that they need to hear. He asked Councilor Ansaldo for a written framework for the discussion that will take place at the next meeting. A few principles need to be set aside and what is being looked for in a lobby group. He is looking for feedback once he has sent around by email. He thanked Councilor Brost for his great work with Council.

## **12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION65:** Leisle/Heath

Carried.



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# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Rick Bowes, Education  
Gerald Schiltroth, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering

Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine  
Jamie Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to amend the agenda to read under Business 8.2, Full Disclosure of the CFS Conference.

**USC MOTION66:** Villeneuve/

Died.

Move to amend the agenda to read under New Business 9.4, Rescind USC Motion57.

**USC MOTION67:** Villeneuve/???

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that everything would be fully disclosed to Council regarding the CFS Conference. Everything will be disclosed at the first meeting back in January. The deadline for the reports to go the External Affairs Board is December 17<sup>th</sup>. His report will focus on the structures of the organizations but if any members feel they would like to report in any way they are free to ask. There will be a written and verbal report.

Councilor Villeneuve asked to have the motion removed to have added under Business 8.2, Full Disclosure of the CFS Conference.

President Gardiner spoke in regards to having USC Motion57 rescinded. The motion was to seek membership within the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and that motion has followed through. The USSU is now a prospective member in the CFS and have been ratified as such. The policy cannot be rescinded according to their constitution. It can still be debated but may get result in trouble.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that he has two options. He can rescind the motion, get into a lot of trouble and back out of the CFS or use number 36 of Roberts Rules of Order and make the motion null by mis-information and by going against the USSU's constitution. The constitution article 11 states that in order to hold a referendum there needs to be 2/3's for at Council and cannot be forced into any referendum by any organization. He does not want to be bound to a referendum.

President Gardiner noted that the motion was passed at the last meeting with 2/3's vote. It does not violate Robert's Rules of Order. He would like to see what the reports entail and see what the options are.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that she looks forward to what the External Affairs Board has to say.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

**USC MOTION68:** Gersher/Kirkness

Carried.

#### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Kowalsky congratulated Councilor Leisle for becoming President of the Arts & Science Students' Union. He thanked VP Stranden for assisting in the set up of the freedom in Ukraine rally. There are candles burning at the Ukraine statue, which is between the Arts building and the main library. Anyone is welcome to drop off a candle. He noted that there is currently a crisis in the Ukraine. Tomorrow night there is a benefit concert. Admission is a donation of your own choice. On January 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a perogy feed to coincide with the Ukrainian Alternative. He encourages all to wear orange and eat orange foods.

VP Gersher noted that she had a meeting with Cheryl Sedgwick from Room Scheduling. She asked to announce that with the concern of students that are left handed Facilities has ordered more new tables according to what is needed in Arts, Thorvaldson and St. Thomas More. Ten percent of the desks in a room have to be left-handed. By January half of the order will be in and the remainder will arrive in February. If there are any other issues students can contact Cheryl directly.

Councilor Villeneuve complimented VP Gersher on her new haircut. He announced that ??? is on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that there is an art exhibit display between now and December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Snelgrove Gallery in the Fine Arts Building.

Councilor Hauser announced that between Education & Commerce there will be a Christmas Pub on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

VP Stranden announced that December 6<sup>th</sup> is the memorial for the 14 women that were killed at Ecole Polytechnique in Quebec. There is a breakfast at 7:30a.m. at the Quality Inn. Jane Doe is coming in as a speaker at the breakfast as well as at Law. It is a joint venture with the Women's Coalition in Saskatoon. At 11:30-12:30 there will be a march to get 14 women from the College of Engineering and will all be dressed in black. She is hoping to find a drum as well. There will be pamphlets handed out during the march. The march will end in the Law building where Jane Doe will speak. There will also be a public event in the evening at the Metis Centre which is a joint venture between the Women's Centre, the USSU, CASA and other associations within the city. She thanked all the students who signed her petition on Monday to fight rising bus fares. She was able to get 391 signatures. She presented the petition to City Council. Semester passes will now go up \$11/semester, sale fares going from \$2 to \$2.10 and a monthly bus pass is going from \$54 to \$57. The reason of her defeat was because the mill rate would go up 1% and that was the reasoning why it was defeated.

Councilor Forbes announced that Engineers Without Borders is holding a benefit concert at Amigos on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

VP MacDonald noted that the Women's Centre has petition postcards for the December 6<sup>th</sup> memorial. He asked that everyone sign one and they would then be passed on to Paul Martin.

Councilor Kowalsky spoke in regards to the December 6<sup>th</sup> memorial. It was noted that CASA was in joint venture and he clarified that it is the Coalition Against Sexual Assault and not Canadian Alliance of Students' Association.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that there would be food and wine at the art exhibit.

Move to consider informally.

**USC MOTION69:** Gardiner/Chadwick

Carried.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Kristen Foster – Studentcare.net**

Kristen Foster announced that today she would be presenting the annual claims report and a wrap up of the statistics of the opt-out period and enrollment. She noted that the health & dental plan is the single largest service that the USSU offers in terms of dollar amounts. It involves a lot of complications with administration than is typical of a fleet of photocopiers or a pub. The administration is outsourced to Studentcare and work on the USSU's behalf. Studentcare is the service provider and the broker. The claims period being discussed is the 2003/2004 policy year. The information is used to determine how are students really using the plan. The claims are within 1% of where

they were last year. The plan is used consistently and is quite stable. There is no portion of the health plan going unused and there is no dramatic usage of the plan in one area. There have been a few increases with claims for prescription drugs reimbursements going from \$490,793 and this year about \$515,500. Prescription drugs are one of the largest areas where students claim. The dental plan is very stable with the numbers being almost the same as they were last year in terms of percentage.

There are different costs of the plan and certain costs drive the cost of the plan. There are fixed plan costs such as travel coverage, accidental death and dismemberment. This does not affect the costing of the plan in the future. There are variable plan costs such as an increase in the volume and the price. In a sustainable plan about 88% of the premium is paid back in claims and about 12% are costs to the insurer. Students are getting a good deal and are maximizing their dollar value in the plan. She has a claim per unit chart which is a breakdown of the average dollar amount that every student would be receiving under the plan. For the first time there is a slight dip where things have leveled off. She won't have any more information about the direction of the plan moving in this year until she comes back in January/February. There is a project taken on this year which is to take a random survey of the membership. This is something that Studentcare would like to do on an annual basis. It is valuable to receive feedback and discuss what priorities are to the plan. It is hard to get that kind of feedback unless a survey is done to track. It is a random telephone survey. In January she will be back with a detailed report about what the members are saying about the plan. There are currently 56% (7,697) of the members are enrolled in the plan compared to 7,628 students enrolled last year. There was an increase of family members enrolled in the plan from 81 to 115. It is a sizeable increase which means that communication has made a breakthrough or more students are not covered elsewhere. She welcomes any feedback on where there may be other places to communicate with students about the plan. Planning to have detailed information on the tuition statement the next year.

Councilor Forbes asked how it is kept track of students who opt out and then will not be in attendance the following year.

Kristen Foster noted that there is a bit of a difficulty in getting the information from the Registrar's about how many permanent opt outs remain eligible students. It is a report that the U of S has to run and they are willing to run it but it takes some extra programming. There is a statistical flaw with the percentages presented and it does need to be fixed.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that students do get into a little bubble and forget about the important dates. He asked how many of the 7,697 students would like an appeal process if they did miss the opt out or would like to opt.

Kristen Foster noted that there are some students' associations that have done appeals. She currently sits on an appeal board at UBC and 98% of the appeals are rejected because the student missed the deadline. There is an appeal process and it does come with a lot of responsibility. It is hard to be impartial.

President Gardiner noted that there are about 25 to 30 different criteria as to why you missed the opt out. Of the 30 there is a small percentage that do qualify for an appeal. He received 4 or 5 calls a day in September from parents who didn't get the booklet or who didn't know what was going on.

Kristen Foster noted that the logic behind it is not to be mean. Studentcare wants this to be popular on the campus and sustainable and supported by the members.

??? asked about if a student does a permanent opt out can they get back into the plan.

Kristen Foster noted that you do pay a penalty but then you can rejoin the plan.

??? asked where the best place a student could go to appeal what they received back from a claim.

Kristen Foster stated that she would give her business card and those students could be put in touch with her as she is accountable. The Saskatchewan formulary is used to show what is covered. Some drugs are not covered and are not approved in the province by the provincial formulary. There is a process which would be to go the on campus Studentcare office with an exceptional drug form but if students are not getting that service then she will help.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if there would be a way of figuring out if the dip is related to what was cut last year from the plan.

Kristen Foster noted that last year the fee was increased and no benefits were cut. There will be a broader feedback from the survey.

Move to consider formally.

**USC MOTION70:** Gersher/Diachinsky

Carried.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Villeneuve noted USC MOTION57 he opposed the motion not abstained it along with Councilor Kirkness, Councilor Bartsch and Councilor Galbraith.

The minutes for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004, were approved as amended.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Gardiner noted that the minutes are brief, as the Executive has had a busy month. He was out of the city for 20 days in November. The Board of Governors Retreat was held in the Temple Gardens Spa in Moose Jaw from November 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. It was no different from any other Board of Governors meeting but did provide a bit of dialogue between all board members. Some concerns that he brought to the Board of Governors were the University village project, Senate elections to the Board of



Governors and the funding request of the Provincial government. There was a good debate but nothing was changed. The following week was busy with the Tuition Freeze Townhall which was poorly attended. The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives Report was released which has a lot of pick up and is in the media. He also received a lot of pies. The Annual General Meeting was on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Executive then went to Ottawa for the CASA and CFS Conferences. The reports from those conferences will be fully disclosed on observations and opinions of the two conferences. He attended a meeting in Regina for the Department of Learning Career Development Strategy action plan. Councilor Kirkness attended this meeting with him because they were wanting a first year and she is the youngest Councilor on USC. The Department of Learning is looking at putting in place an action plan to make transition from work and learning much more easy. On November 30<sup>th</sup> the Executive attended the Mid-Year Retreat all day. Under New Business 9.3, Constitutional Changes came out of the Executive Mid-Year Retreat and VP MacDonald will discuss that later. He was also busy with catching up and reading and responding to 273 emails.

VP Stranden noted that November was a busy month. The Student Issues Board was unable to meet in November. She thought Tuesdays would be a good day to meet but didn't work out for November. She is the Vice-Chair of the President's Advisory Committee for the Status of Women which meets once a month and fell on a Tuesday. She was in Ottawa for the CASA and CFS Conferences. On November 30<sup>th</sup> was the Executive Mid-Year Retreat. She attended the Remembrance Day ceremonies which helped plan. It was well attended. She has been helping in planning the December 6<sup>th</sup> memorial with the Women's Centre. She met with Campus Chaplains and planned the Late Night Study Sessions which will be taking place in Sask Hall Conference Room. It may be moved to the sub shop for April studying. She is also on a committee for the Dean of Libraries. They are currently hiring a new Dean of Libraries. The process is very long and interesting and doesn't think that the new Dean will be hired by the time she is done her term. Along with VP Gersher they went around to Medicine and in the tunnel to get the debt cards signed. She did a petition and got almost 400 signatures and presented it to City Council.

VP Gersher noted that she was away for 18 days for the month of November. Her time was spent in meetings when she got back with various members of students, committees and staff. She was working on textbooks and what the process would be to get them online. She met with the Academic Affairs Board a couple times. She assisted with the Tuition Freeze. She met with a student who would like to change the date that a 6-credit class can be dropped without academic penalty. The process has begun and the student is working on a letter writing campaign and will address Council in January. It is not completely impossible. She had an interview with the Sheaf about textbooks. She assisted with the Teaching Excellence Awards.

Councilor Galbraith asked VP MacDonald about the Louis' Planning meeting and the new format and asked for clarification.

VP MacDonald noted that the first week in November was pretty quiet as he was having computer problems and wasn't receiving emails. In August it was suggested that Louis' approached Food Services to be a part of the meal plan. He has spoke with the head of Food Services and within the week work has begun. Hopefully in early next Term Louis' will be a part of the University meal plan. Louis' will also have a permanent special menu that will be cheap specials.

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

VP Gersher reviewed the minutes from November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

### **6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**

VP MacDonald reviewed the minutes for November 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

### **6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

VP Stranden announced that the Christmas Party for the Student Issues Board would be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Kowalsky asked what EU is.

VP MacDonald stated that it is English Undergraduate.

### **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

President Gardiner reviewed the minutes for November ????, 2004. He noted that she spelt Councilor Leisle's and Councilor Kowalsky's names wrong in the minutes a few times.

Councilor Villeneuve asked when the MSC's would get the report from the Executive of what they thought of CASA on CFS conference.

President Gardiner noted that the reports would be emailed to Councilors on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Kowalsky noted that it was Councilor Ansaldo's idea to have a town crier. He is curious about the street team.

President Gardiner noted that a town crier and street team are pretty much the same thing just sounds more current. A street team is something that is being discussed by the Development Coordinator and Communications Coordinator. He is unsure as to why it is not up and running yet. It is a priority and should be up and running in January.

Councilor Wudel stated that she has some concerns about the Town Hall meeting. She asked why it was scheduled for 1p.m. A lot of labs take place at that time.

President Gardiner apologized for the time that the Town Hall meeting took place. It was supposed to happen that the press release on the CCPA study at noon and then the Town Hall meeting directly after but didn't work. The press conference ended up happening

the day before. There was not a lot of consideration for students' schedules. Every first year law student was unable to go because they received their second memo.

VP Gersher noted that as per the Admin Team Minutes Tara Faris, Development Coordinator, was working on drafting the job description, budget and preliminary plans for the Street Team. As of November 10<sup>th</sup> it was fairly close to going.

**7. Motions Arising from Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

**8. Business**

**8.1 Response to the Minister of Learning's attendance at the conference in Ontario**

President Gardiner noted that Council is still in a position where comments are unable to be made. There is not enough information to write a memo to the Minister of Learning. He will still continue working with the people in Regina and the Grad students to get the comments.

??? stated that it is on the website.

Move to table until January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005, meeting.

**USC MOTION71:** Gardiner/Leisle

Carried.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that this was put forth two months ago.

President Gardiner noted that he could tell Council what he knows and then Council can decide to just go on that or write a response to say that it is disappointing that the information is still not received. What he knows is that the Minister of Learning went to King City, Ontario for the conference. He paid \$1000 and talked about how we need to explore the Saskatchewan education curriculum including elementary, secondary and post-secondary. There is a movement across North America to export our education to other countries. As far as he has heard the Minister was also very strong in saying that we should not be afraid of looking at education as a commodity which can be exported. These are comments that he has heard and the sentiments of the speech. He does not have concrete proof as to what was actually said by the Minister of Learning but it does come from people who were in attendance. He suggests that Council write a letter. He will review the website and will write a response to say that we do not approve of ??? of education. It won't be aggressive but to express the disappointment with the Minister. He will email the letter to Council.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that has been quite some time since he went to Ontario. He stated that he would like to find out why the Minister of Learning has not responded to Council. Exporting education is a big issue and should be discussed and has a huge impact on funding for post-secondary.

President Gardiner stated that he would write a response that Council is concerned with the Minister talking about this. He asked for feedback once the email has been sent out.

Move to reconsider tabling until January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**USC MOTION72:** Gardiner/Kirkness Carried.

Move to ???

**USC MOTION73:** ???/???

Move to remove 8.1 from the agenda.

**USC MOTION 74:** Villeneuve/Gardiner Carried.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 USSU's relationship with PAWS**

Councilor Ansaldo stated that he would like to see an evaluation of the further relationship with PAWS.

President Gardiner noted that this came up after a conversation between himself and Councilor Ansaldo. Councilor Ansaldo would like to see an increased relationship between the USSU and PAWS. He is unsure what is specifically wanted by Councilor Ansaldo. President Gardiner suggested to get the USSU Communications department too look at how the relationship between the two can be expanded upon and will bring to the next Council meeting.

VP MacDonald noted that he met with Jonathan Moore-Wright about what PAWS can do for us and what we can do for PAWS. They are willing to do a lot as in posting the elections this year, link to us new initiatives, surveys, polling, etc. There are many things going on and they are willing to work with the USSU if there are any ideas.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

### **9.2 Email from David Hannah RE: pub crawl**

President Gardiner asked if anyone did not receive the email. Those who did not receive the email are to see him after the meeting. Next week there will be a response to the Administration. There is a meeting between the USSU and the Administration. It would be good with Council could have something drafted in the next meeting to take to the meeting.

VP MacDonald asked if there is one more meeting before the break.

President Gardiner stated that it could be decided. There is no schedule for Council and he was going to ask under New Business if Council wanted to have another meeting with final exams. If quorum won't be present then there is not much point in having a meeting. It would be beneficial as there was only one meeting in November. There are

things coming up in the next couple weeks but Council can decide that based on their schedules.

### **9.3 Constitutional Changes**

VP MacDonald noted that at the Executive Mid-Year Retreat there was a lot discussed. One thing that has been coming up is four Executive members do not make a lot of sense as it is hard to vote on issues and is the smallest Executive's across Canada. The new portfolio would be VP External. The Constitutional changes will be presented at the next meeting. Another change was to create another seat on University Students' Council for an international student.

### **9.4 Rescind USC Motion<sup>57</sup>**

Councilor Villeneuve stated that he has met with a few people that went to the conference and there are a few things that he feels that he was not informed on prior to the motion being passed. If the motion is rescinded it would basically take away the ability of the External Affairs Board to do their work. The reason for wanting to rescind the motion is what he found out about the referendum and what is going to happen. With a referendum CFS will create a panel of four people that will run the referendum which goes against the USSU's Constitution. He referred to the Constitution and that before a referendum happens it has to be passed by 2/3 vote. The USSU cannot be forced into a referendum by any outside organization. An outside organization running our election, our referendum for our students seems wrong. The referendum should be unbiased. The intent of the motion is not to question the External Affairs Board and what they are doing. What they are doing is good. The decision should not be made for the organization and should not be forced into a referendum that goes against the Constitution and referendum bylaws.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that the process is a lot more computed than what she expected when she voted yes. Had she known the complications of what would be involved with CFS she would have not voted. She would have liked to see testimonies from schools and more information from other universities.

VP Gersher asked what exactly the motion was.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the best way is to rescind the entire motion of the three recommendations and afterwards make another motion to still have the External Affairs Board research CASA, CFS and the external option. The new motion would be that the USSU study the CFS from the documents received from attending the conference.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if rescinding the motion would still allow Council to review the documents that were received from the conference.

President Gardiner noted that he does not want to debate about this now as it will take place next week. He pointed out that everyone should look at the CFS Constitution is the box in the back. The reality of the motion is it is not legal. The USSU has entered into a contract.

Councilor Heath asked if discussion would take place right now.

Councilor Kirkness asked if the documents could be reviewed first and then decide whether to continue or not with the motion.

VP MacDonald stated that it is important if this is going to be addressed it should be soon. There are time constraints with the election coming up.

Chair Mupanguri asked the External Affairs Board when the information would be ready for presentation to Council.

President Gardiner stated that a timeline was just set out with the reports from the Executive and Councilor Ansaldo would be due and received by Council on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The preliminary results after consultation with college societies would be done at the end of January. The timeline is in the External Affairs Board minutes from December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that this would have to be dealt with at the minimum the first week of January.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that he is doubtful to have his report done by the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the reports have no bearing on the motion.

Councilor Kirkness stated that the reports do have a lot of bearing on the motion. Many members of Council have not heard anything about the conference from any of the Executive. If everyone has different amounts of here say and no facts that it could be talked about forever with not knowing the truth. It is reckless to go ahead with the motion without seeing the reports.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that when he put this under New Business he was assuming there was a meeting the following week. Moving the motion to Business on January 6<sup>th</sup> would be fine for him.

Councilor Kowalsky stated that he has not heard anything about the conferences and he is on the External Affairs Board.

**10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION75:** Heath/Wudel

Carried.

Councilor Heath introduced the new MSC from Education, ????. He is not ratified as of yet.

Councilor Wudel stated that there is a legislation that has come up from the Romanow era that would change how business would treat their part-time workers. The part-time

workers with more seniority will get more hours. This affects students as many students work part-time. Cynthia Berry, previous MSC, would like to see the USSU form a statement regarding the legislation.

Councilor Villeneuve he was going to vote against having a Council meeting next week as he has a lot of finals. He was under the assumption that there was no meeting next week. He congratulated VP Stranden for a job well done at City Council. He urged everyone to order a Good Food Box full of fruit and vegetables.

President Gardiner announced that Corb Lund will be at Louis' December 10<sup>th</sup> and Stabilo will be at Louis' on December 7<sup>th</sup>. He noted that Councilor Wudel's concern can be put under New Business for the next meeting and then Council can decide whether or not Council wants to have a position on that. He stated that after Any Other Business a motion would be made to ratify ??? and Melissa ??? as well as making a motion to have a Council meeting next week. He reminded Council to pick up a copy of the CFS Constitution and Bylaws to be reviewed.

Councilor Forbes stated that there does not seem to be much going on for VP MacDonald according to his Executive Minutes. More needs to be in his Executive Minutes for Council's knowledge. She asked how the white board in upper Place Riel was going and how the application process was going.

VP MacDonald stated students on the Operations & Finance Board primarily use the white board. It is not as prominent as was thought to be. The Engineering application ended up coming in the week of the poster sale it ended up not going up.

Councilor Kowalsky noted that Councilor Forbes looked smashing on the cover of the Sheaf. He asked if the email that was received if it has been resolved as of yet.

President Gardiner stated that it is resolved right now. If nothing else comes about then it never happened.

Councilor Kowalsky asked if there is ???

President Gardiner noted that he spoke with him over the phone and he said that it wasn't him. President Gardiner was unable to attend a meeting with the professor and Security. Someone hacked into his email account and sent the email on behalf of the Professor. Noted that the email list that was used to send out the email was off of the website. If anyone did not get an email from Colin Boyd, Commerce professor's account, see President Gardiner after the meeting.

Councilor Leisle spoke about Students Opposed to the Liberal Arts Decline (SOLD). There will be 18 faculty positions in the college that won't be filled in the next couple of years. It will hurt the Department of Languages & Linguistics. He is meeting with the students on Friday but just wanted to raise some concerns to let everyone know what is happening.

VP Gersher noted that she has met with the group SOLD and have arranged a course of action that needs to be taken now and again in January. She sent her regrets for the next meeting if there was one on December 16<sup>th</sup> as well as for January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Galbraith thanked on behalf of the College of Engineering to everyone who participated in Pie Throw. There was over \$6,000 raised.

## **11. Any Other Business**

Move to ratify ???, Education MSC.

**USC MOTION76:** Kowalsky/Ansaldo

Councilor Heath noted that there are two MSC's who need to be ratified and asked if they could be ratified under one motion.

Move to amend the motion to ratify Gerald Chiltroth, Education MSC and Melissa Gieni, Medicine MSC.

**USC MOTION77:** Villeneuve/Galbraith

Move to have a meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**USC MOTION78:** Gardiner/Leisle

Defeated.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that he does not want a meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>. He has two finals on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

VP Gersher stated that there were a lot of meetings missed in November. It is important to meet however she encouraged it is a busy time with exams.

Councilor Wudel stated that a two hour meeting next week wouldn't be that bad.

Councilor Forbes noted that according to the Constitution it binds Council to meeting at least once a month and that has been for December. It is a busy time with exams.

Move to call the question.

**USC MOTION79:** Gardiner/???

Carried.

## **12. Adjournment**



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Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA  
Jessica Heath, WCVN

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Brett Campbell, Commerce  
Binendra Shakya, Engineering

## **Regrets**

Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)

## **Absent**

Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Rick Bowes, Education

\*\*The meeting was not recorded.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

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Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
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## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

**USC MOTION 80:** Leisle/Kirkness

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements.**

### **5. Council Address**

### **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

#### **6.1 USC Minutes**

#### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

The Executive reviewed the minutes from January 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

#### **6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**

#### **6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

#### **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

President Gardiner reviewed the minutes for January 12th.

#### **7. Motions Arising from Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

#### **8. Business**

##### **8.1 To Endorse the Department of Labour's draft Most Available Hours legislation.**

President Gardiner stated that there are two schools of thought on this draft legislation. The first is that the legislation will reduce the number of part time jobs. The second is that it will substantially improve the conditions of the students who are currently work part time jobs.

Councilor Batsch stated the legislation takes part time jobs away from students. It is unnecessary in todays course of business. It is cumbersome and very costly to enforce. It raises unemployment. It is unprecedented in Canadian legislative history, setting a bad example of blatant and excessive government meddling in the private sector. Makes Saskatchewan look unfriendly for business. It is one more step along the road for Saskatchewan to completely drive business students (as well as old business) away from ever setting up business within this province, choosing rather to locate one block west to a much more favorable business climate. In addition, The Minister of labour was dishonest, and specifically informed the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce on October 20, 2004 that there was no such initiative on the horizon. Does this sound like the sort of initiative we as a student academic body wish to support?

Move to table conceptually.

**USC MOTION 81:** Forbes/Leisle

Carried.

##### **8.2 To amend the Elections Policy.**

Sharla Daviduik introduced three amendments to the elections policy.

Move to adopt.

**USC MOTION 82:** Gardiner/Leisle

Carried.

##### **8.3 Support the University's current alcohol policy (AC 70-06). Recommend that responsibility for alcohol education be added to the policy. Recommend that a clear discipline and appeals process be added.**

Councillor Kirkness stated the situation of alcohol in residences.

Move to adopt.

**USC MOTION 83:** Gardiner/Kirkness

Carried.

#### **8.4 Louis Capital Expenditure**

VP Macdonald presented a proposal to have couches in Louis. The couches would cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Move to adopt

**USC MOTION 84:** Macdonald/Chadwick

Carried.

### **9. New Business**

#### **9.1 Elections Board Appointment.**

There was a resignation on the Elections Board and it needs to be filled by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION85:** Villeneuve/Gersher

Carried.

### **11. Any Other Business**

Move to hold a moment of silence for Nathan Danylczuk .

**USC MOTION86:** Gardiner/Ansaldo

Nathan Danylczuk was a 4<sup>th</sup> year Philosophy student who passed away this week. He was an amazing person who was involved extensively on campus and in the community.

Move to send further alcohol issues to the Student Issues Board.

**USC MOTION87:** Gardiner/Stranden

Carried

Move Accept President Gardiner as the unequivocal winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ugly Christmas sweater competition.

**USC MOTION88:** Gardiner/Leisle

Carried.

Councilor Wudel stated she should be the winner because of her comical Ho Ho Humpties sweatshirt.

### **12. Adjournment**

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## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

## **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

Chair Mupanguri noted that any Councilors who will leave before the meeting is adjourned your name must be submitted to Councilor Leisle before the meeting. He also noted that any cell phones must be shut off during the meeting. If any meeting goes over 1.5 or 2 hours he will call for a recess.

## **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

President Gardiner noted that Kristen Foster with Studentcare is making a council address.

Move to adopt the agenda to add under 5.1 Kristen Foster, Studentcare.

**USC MOTION89:** Gardiner/Gailbraith

Carried.

## **4. Introductions and Announcements**



Councilor Quintin apologized for having to leave the meeting early last week. She announced that Legal Follies is this weekend. Legal Follies has been around for about 30 years and it is a variety talent show.

Councilor Forbes announced that on January 15<sup>th</sup> is the Snow Golf Tournament.

Councilor Diachinsky congratulated the Young Liberals for putting on a wonderful event with a large tournament.

Councilor Chadwick announced that there are 12 agriculture students going to Denver for a conference and currently doing fundraising. On January 17<sup>th</sup> in the Agriculture lounge is Ladies Night. There is a lingerie and sex toy party with 10% of the sales goes towards breast cancer research.

VP Stranden thanked Councilor Villeneuve for his party last Saturday night.

Councilor Schiltroth announced that on February 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Education is holding a Western Conference for student teachers but have been informed that there is a group coming from Zimbabwe as well as other places. Currently looking for ambassadors and guides for the social events and have opened it up to anyone is an MSC. On January 26<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Career Fair from 10a.m.-2:30p.m.

VP MacDonald congratulated President Gardiner for raising \$1400 for cancer.

President Gardiner congratulated Councilor Leisle for being bachelor of the month. He announced that Sandra Duncan, USSU General Manager has been released from her duties. It was a mutual decision by the Executive upon consultation with the staff. It was not working for the organization. It was done now so next year's Executive will have a fully functional staff to support them. In the mean time the duties of the General Manager will be divided amongst himself, Resource Services Manager, Facilities & Operations Manager and Controller. All questions and comments should be held until item 10 of the agenda. It is an HR issue and will disclose as much as possible but there are some things that cannot be released as they are legal issues.

Councilor Hauser announced that ??? is January 21<sup>st</sup>. Etiquette night is on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Odeon.

Move to consider informally.

**USC MOTION90:** ???/Leisle

Carried.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Kristen Foster – Studentcare**

Kristen Foster noted that the presentation this evening is to give a background and the results from the survey that was conducted in December of 2004. The best way to gauge what students' priorities are is by asking. The survey is randomly done. It is accurate

within 7% which is considered a reasonable accuracy. It is important to know how many students are aware of the plan. The first survey done showed that 89% of the students were aware of the plan (2 years ago) and now 95% of the students who responded are aware of the plan. Studentcare may try new communications initiatives this summer. Part of the reason of the survey is to evaluate the services offered by Studentcare. Most students prefer the on campus office rather than calling the toll free number or sending an email. Students were asked if they were satisfied with the level of coverage they have. 79% of students who responded would prefer to keep the plan fee as close to the current fee as possible knowing that it may mean a decrease in coverage. This is important to keep in mind at the renewal time. It was asked if students support the plan and 97% of the respondents support the continuation of the plan. Things that she needs to look at are the communications and renewal period looking at options other than increasing the fee. The claims at this time last year were much higher which is a good thing because last year there was increase as the claims went over. So far this year the plan is in balance.

President Gardiner thanked Kristen Foster and it is really helpful.

Move to consider formally.

**USC MOTION91:** Bowes/Leisle

Carried.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Unfortunately again there were technical problems last week but President Gardiner did prepare some minutes.

Councilor Leisle noted that the date should read January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 not December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004. He also noted that there was a spelling mistake in a name to be corrected.

President Gardiner noted that the attendance is incorrect as well and all Councilors were in attendance.

The minutes from January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were approved as amended.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Gardiner noted that this last week has been the busiest week of the year for him. He's been busy with budget planning. CASA and CFS were on campus. He attended the SOLD rally. Attended the President's Breakfast and President MacKinnon expressed his concerns about President Gardiner's comments regarding the university's direction. The General Manager was released and it has been chaotic with figuring out the hiring process and making sure everything was followed legally. He expressed his disappointment with Council on the issue of the most available hours legislation. Council asked him to set up a meeting with the Department of Labor and he did the only Councilor that came out was Councilor Forbes. He thought that it was a priority for Council and if it isn't then he misunderstood. There were Councilors who sent emails sending their regrets which he appreciated. He noted that most available hours is tabled

under New Business and that is because Council wants to find out more information. It is up to Council to move it into Business when they feel ready.

VP Stranden noted that she took January 14<sup>th</sup> off. She attended a budget planning meeting. She has been dealing with a student on a discrimination case. She attended the President's Breakfast. She noted that she was involved in the release of the General Manager and it was one of the toughest decisions she had to make this year and it really has taken a toll on her. It was professional and personal. Attended the meeting on most available hours and spent an hour with the Minister. Attended the CASA & CFS town hall. She typed up a report on the Social Work situation that was brought up last week by Councilors. She attended the exhibit at the Diefenbaker Centre called "Celebrating Women". She is the Co-Chair of the President's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women on Campus. She noted that she contacted the Social Work program on the U of S campus about the issues of Social Work students not having access to resources. Social Work students actually get all services offered through Student Services (counselling, disability services, libraries and computers) but because of staff changes each year the information gets lost but Social Work program is trying to get something in writing to provide continuity from year to year. Social Work students do not have access to the PAC building because of the fee structure. Social Work students are able to use the library but we do not have the textbooks here as the program is through Regina. The students cannot enroll in the health & dental program as well unless enrolled in one class with the U of S and they cannot enroll in the U of R health & dental plan as it is not offered to off campus students.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked why the Social Work students cannot use the PAC when alumni can use the facilities.

President Gardiner noted that non-students cannot use the PAC, it must be alumni or faculty.

Councilor Leisle noted that the reports are for information and questions should be held until questions and comments.

VP Gersher noted that her last week was busy with CASA & CFS town hall meetings and finished report. If there are any questions feel free to ask her anytime. She has been dealing with students on a variety of issues from appeals to class schedule conflicts to difficulties with Native Studies and textbooks. She met with a student on a textbook idea which will be discussed at Council next week after the Academic Affairs Board reviews. She attended the Academic Support, Planning Committee and Instructional Development. She has been dealing with a few issues on SOLD with difficulties that have occurred with professors talking to the media. She has been preparing for the E-group Student Involvement idea which will be in the tunnel with Kim tomorrow. Also has been dealing with General Manager issues and attending other USSU meetings.

VP MacDonald noted that he is busy with budget stuff over the next while and it takes up most of his time. He has been working with a group of volunteers on PIRG.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that Councilors can ask questions pertaining to the minutes. The minutes don't come in to effect until they have been passed by Council.

VP MacDonald noted that if there was a motion to be made that would be done in item 7.

Councilor Villeneuve asked for an explanation on the ratification of the Marijuana Party Campus Club. He asked if it means the USSU is taking a stance on the issue when it hasn't been legalized. He is looking for rational behind the club being ratified.

VP MacDonald noted that the Marijuana Party Campus Club are fairly accepted and don't promote anything illegal. They are just attempting to change the law.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that it is an illegal substance and even if it is in their constitution that they don't promote it but the connotation behind the party is that most of them do partake in the substance. He is uncertain on this and would like to have other Councilors opinions on this.

VP Gersher stated that you could get into the argument of asking if marijuana is as dangerous as alcohol. She does not see a problem with it.

VP MacDonald noted that there is nothing in the policy to deny them ratification. They fill all the requirements and are not to judge the groups' values.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that you want to change the law should be applauded and encourage students to do the same.

Councilor Heath noted that she has no problem with the group being ratified.

President Gardiner stated that the Executive did look very strongly at the constitution of the party and does state that the group does not condone any illegal activities. He noted that VP MacDonald's comments towards ??? are offensive.

Councilor Diachinsky noted that went through the tunnel and sees the marijuana party and is disgusted that they are in there. Why is the group promoting something that is illegal in Canada and they seem to be an extreme group. It shouldn't be something that the USSU is supporting. He is in agreement with Councilor Villeneuve.

President Gardiner noted that this conversation is not clarifying anything in the minutes. It would be appropriate to discuss this under item 7.

## **6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were approved as circulated.

## **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The report for January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

**7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

Move to consider informally.

**USC MOTION92:** ???/Villeneuve

Carried.

**8. Business**

**8.1 Elections Board Appointment**

President Gardiner asked for the current board members to give a brief overview about the Elections Board. Most of the meetings are in the mornings. The meetings are weekly and more occur during elections. The board will meet from now until the beginning of April.

Councilor Forbes stated that the next week's meeting is at 5:30p.m. It is an important position and if Councilors have any indication of running for USSU Executive or Senate then cannot sit on the Elections Board.

President Gardiner stated that the meetings take place when everyone's schedule works.

Councilor Schiltroth was nominated and accepted the position on the Elections Board.

Move to consider formally.

**USC MOTION93:** Leisle/???

Carried.

Move to ratify Councilor Schiltroth as council's second appointment to the Elections Board.

**USC MOTION94:** Gardiner/Galbraith

Carried.

**9. New Business**

**9.1 Most available hours – tabled**

President Gardiner noted that this item has been tabled until next week and wants to hear some feedback from Council under item 10.

Councilor Ansaldo suggested that this item be sent to the External Affairs Board to plan an informative event.

Move to refer this item to the External Affairs Board.

**USC MOTION95:** Ansaldo/Heath

Defeated.

Councilor Forbes stated that the response to the Minister is due by next Friday and is unsure if the External Affairs Board can get something going by then.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the External Affairs Board is meeting on Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30p.m.

VP Stranden noted that the External Affairs Board is having a conference call with CASA at the next meeting. She asked if there would be enough time to deal with everything.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that it could be done by the External Affairs Board.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the issue has been talked about within Council and it is unnecessary to go to the External Affairs Board. All Councilors have had a chance to take it back to Councils and to get opinions on how the students want to vote. There is enough information for Council to decide and is against the item being sent to the External Affairs Board.

VP MacDonald noted that he is unsure if it is an External Affairs Board or Student Issues Board issue. It is not a government lobbying for CASA or CFS but it is lobbying in a way. He stated that it should not be held off any longer.

Councilor Leisle spoke in agreement with Councilor Villeneuve and against the motion. This issue was brought to Council on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. There has been lots of time to think about it and have discussion. There is too much to talk about with the External Affairs Board already.

President Gardiner noted that he will vote against the motion as well because there are so many things that the External Affairs Board has to do. What he envisioned the board doing is setting up an information session and would be more important for people who are interested to go out and the information themselves.

Move to call the question.

**USC MOTION96:** Gieni/Galbraith

Carried.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that the spirit of the motion was not for the External Affairs Board to conduct an extensive analysis...

Councilor Gieni called point of order as she had called the question and no further debate should take place.

President Gardiner noted that once the question is called and there is no debate.

Move to remove the item from being tabled and review at this Council meeting.

**USC MOTION97:** MacDonald/Galbraith

Carried.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked what the Minister said as she was unable to be at the meeting.

VP MacDonald stated that if Councilors were unable to attend the meeting with the Minister they still had time to become informed about what did happen at the meeting. One more week will not prepare anyone any further.

??? stated that she was not requesting a week's notice just requesting to hear a few sentences from the meeting before voting on the issue.

Councilor Schiltroth noted that he went back to the Education Council as well as students in Education and polled various classes. Education is ready to vote on the issue because they know what their student body wants.

Councilor Wudel stated that everyone has had sufficient time to look over the information. The fact that only one Councilor attended the meeting with the Minister of Labour shows that Council does not care and/or Council is ready to vote.

President Gardiner noted that a lot of businesses do have most available hours regulations which is not mentioned a lot. All it does is deal with scheduling issues. These regulations ensure that students are respected in the workplace and get the hours they deserve based on the work that they do and also help students who need part time jobs to afford post-secondary education.

Move to support the draft regulations by the Department of Labour on the most available hours regulations.

**USC MOTION98:** Gardiner/Leisle

Defeated.

Councilor Forbes noted that after attending the meeting she did not get a good feeling about the legislation. Council is here for the current situation of the students and the legislation is not going to be very friendly to the current situation of students especially students who are out of province. Any absence of more than 14 days you lose your seniority status.

VP Stranden suggested that Council vote against this motion. She also met with the Minister. The city of Saskatoon and Regina has taken a stance against the legislation. This legislation is another nail in the coffin for Saskatchewan and will not help with businesses coming to the province and will drive more students away. She strongly suggested voting against the motion.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that a lot of businesses currently do have the most available hours legislation because they are interested in the welfare of their employees. He wished that he had more information. He stated that everyone should think of society has a whole and market competition (small businesses that will benefit).

Councilor Hauser stated that the government does not belong in business. They are there to regulate the high and the lows of the economy. This has nothing to do with labour market. This is effectively putting in union standards for businesses. It scares businesses away from Saskatchewan and won't help students at all. Commerce is very against the motion.

Councilor Diachinsky urged all Councilors to vote against the motion. The FSIN has sided with the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce because this has a negative impact on First Nations economic development as well as the businesses. The legislation does not have positive aspects on the First Nations.

Councilor Quintin stated that the last meeting Council spent a lot of time going over the exact same points. She asked that unless Council has something new to bring to the table to move through and put the motion to a vote.

Move to call the question.

**USC MOTION99:** Gardiner/Wudel

Defeated.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that Kinesiology is against the motion. He asked why the government is going forward with this legislation if the FSIN is against it if it is being targeted towards aboriginal people and single mothers.

Councilor Galbraith stated that any additional hours received would not exceed full-time hours. The legislation does nothing for creating more full-time employment.

VP MacDonald asked if the article says that it would not exceed full-time meaning you could be full-time and not meaning any over time.

Councilor Galbraith noted that it is additional hours to not result in over time and additional hours to not exceed full-time hours.

VP MacDonald stated that it would mean more full-time it just means no over time hours. So people would be full-time and receiving the benefits just not extra wage that over time employees get.

Councilor Gieni spoke against the motion for many reasons. This legislation will also affect nursing homes, hospitals, emergency rooms and secondary school. Everything will be based on seniority and not necessarily on quality.

Councilor Diachinsky stated that Councilor Gieni has made an excellent point.

VP MacDonald stated that the goal is to be at Council and debate as long as it takes. The legislation means more money for workers because they get more benefits. The Chamber of Commerce is not a good source as they have no research body and no strong policy.

Councilor Hauser stated that her father is the President for the Chamber of Commerce and she worked for them all summer and doing exactly this kind of research so they do have a large research base that does do good work.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that government does have a place in business and it is to represent people who are being misrepresented. He is surprised that the FSIN is taking a



stance against the legislation because he can see it as the same spirit as equal opportunity. Government is trying to fix the wrongs that are done by profit motivated business communities.

Move to call the question.

**USC MOTION100:** ???/Ansaldo

Carried.

## **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION101:** Villeneuve/Leisle

Carried.

Councilor Forbes spoke to the issue of the Marijuana Party Campus Club being ratified. They are trying to become a recognized political party and does not think it is a decision of Council to object or condone what they do personally. It is the idea of the club and trying to a move in the political movement.

Councilor Galbraith stated that marijuana is illegal but it is the students' rights to support the legalizing of marijuana. It should not be Council's say if they cannot have that club because it is their right.

Councilor Ansaldo apologized to Councilor Hauser and Councilor Stranden for his inappropriate comment. He stated that they should be applauded.

VP Gersher spoke to the poster policy issue that came up at the previous meeting. She asked if anyone else has heard about the ban of posters promotion of alcoholic events. She has read the policy and there is nothing written in it about the banning of promoting alcoholic events on posters.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that she was glad that CFS & CASA came in and made presentations. She felt that the event was poorly advertised and only knew about it because she got an email from President Gardiner. The referendum is very important to students and there should be posters telling them now that the referendum is coming. She recommended to the External Affairs Board that when they have the conference call with CASA that it is suggested to CASA that they register a campaign to campaign on their own. CASA has no presence on campus and needs to become more visible.

President Gardiner stated that that is not a referendum question; it has to be a yes or no question. The support to withdraw from CASA is a Council decision and that decision will have to be made before the referendum. CASA must be present on campus. He apologized if it came across as him reprimanding everyone because he didn't mean it and everyone is doing a great job. He just needs to know if Councilors can attend things like that. He did not mean to cause any hostility with Council. The Executive elections and nominations are opening up in a few weeks and asked that the posters be hung up in the colleges. The Special General Meeting is on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 4p.m. There are several resolutions with some being serious and some not.

Councilor Villeneuve thanked everyone who attended his party. He spoke to an article in the Sheaf about buying your education one credit at a time and talks specifically about the college of Kinesiology where a student paid \$150 to take 12 classes with 12 hours of instruction and ended up getting 4 classes. It works out to be that students are buying the credits. It should be the VP Academic's job to question the Dean of Kinesiology and Administration. He spoke to another article in the Sheaf that was made reference to USC. He is upset with Jeremy Warren for writing the article and calling Council "apathetic". He will write a letter to Jeremy Warren. Councilors are here to volunteer their time and discuss the issues. There are no benefits for Councilors to be on USC. All of the Councilors that volunteer their time to sit on Council are good Councilors and there are not just a few good ones as Jeremy Warren quotes in the Sheaf article.

Councilor Heath stated that President Gardiner apologizes too much. She asked about the random tuition freeze posters that are around the Arts & Science building.

President Gardiner noted that the posters were not made or distributed by the USSU. They were put up some time on Monday night. It is students representing what they are interested in. It is not something that he is ready to commend them for but it is something that should be respected.

VP MacDonald stated that he has the poster policy in his office and could get it to her. He noted that the CFS & CASA awareness speeches and meeting days were promoted on PAWS and the Sheaf. Students were made aware of it and MSC's were responsible for getting the word out which well done. In Jeremy Warren's article he didn't necessarily mean that Councilors are apathetic or lazy for not attending awareness speeches but more that if Councilors are going to have strong opinions then they should make themselves knowledgeable on the topics. He stated that agenda item 4, Introductions and Announcements is for announcing beer nights but more so to bring issues and initiatives from the representing college.

Councilor Leisle stated that there is a Code of Ethics & Disciplinary committee and some concerns were brought forth by Chair Mupanguri to him as a member of the committee. The committee is in place for a reason and if there are any concerns with people not being ethical at meetings then it should be brought forth to the committee. The Sheaf did report on the CFS referendum question incorrectly and it will be a yes or no question. During the most available hours discussion he had asked for his name to be put on the speakers list and was not and feels that the college of Arts & Science was shut out. It is important to come to Council to foster debate to hear opinions. At times it does get repetitious but everyone is there to do a job and everyone should be respected.

Chair Mupanguri noted that Councilor Leisle was on the speaker's list but Councilor Gieni had called the question.

Councilor Anslado stated that he finds 3 of the executive's response to the tuition freeze posters ridiculous. It is against the executive's mandate to tear down the posters.

VP MacDonald noted that the executive are not janitorial staff but it is their job to make sure that the university's policies or bylaws are somewhat followed. The places where the posters were placed did not follow the poster policy. Some of the posters were personally offensive to President MacKinnon and did not feel that it should be risked to be associated with the posters after making other statements.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that she likes Councilor Villeneuve's passion and to take all of his comments and put that into the letter to Jeremy Warren. She hopes that in the future the meeting does not continue to have members making offensive or insulting remarks. The statements can be made but constructively. Possibly CASA could do a "Don't do CFS" campaign or send posters pro-CASA. CASA information needs to be made equally visible as the CFS information.

VP MacDonald stated that it is possible that the USSU be members of both CASA and CFS. It would be quite expensive to do that.

Councilor Galbraith noted that it may not have been the intent of Jeremy Warren to make Council look bad but that is how it looks on paper. The posters that were up about the tuition freeze were not stamped and therefore should not have been up. He asked the CFS representatives if a referendum to join had ever been lost and they all could not remember a referendum that they had lost.

Councilor Wudel apologized to Councilor Leisle and the College of Arts & Science for calling the question. She felt that Council had expressed and exhausted both sides of the issue and did not realize that there were colleges who had not had an opportunity to present their opinion. She encouraged Councilors to be concise when addressing Council.

Councilor Diachinsky apologized for his remarks ???.

Councilor Forbes challenged all Councilors to bring out 10 people from their colleges to the Special General Meeting.

Councilor Gieni stated that when she did bring up the first call for the question she did not do it with an intention of cutting anyone off but to make the meeting more expedient.

**11. Any Other Business**

No other business.

**12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION102:** Galbraith/Wudel

Carried.



# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 External Affairs Board**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes – January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
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  - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
  - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
- 9. New Business**
  - 9.1 Elections Board Questions**
  - 9.2 Bylaw Changes**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Bobbi Birdi, Dentistry  
Gerlad Schiltroth, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine

Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Michael Butler, Arts & Science  
Carolyn Gutting, Arts & Science  
Simon Jones, Arts & Science  
Thomas Linner, Arts & Science  
Stephanie Parker, Arts & Science  
Will Robbins, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Commerce

## **Regrets**

Jessica Heath, WCVM

## **Absent**

Rick Bowes, Education

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to amend the agenda so that item 9.1, Elections Board Questions be moved to item 8.1.

**USC MOTION103:** Forbes/Villeneuve

Carried.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

**USC MOTION104:** Leisle/Kirkness

Carried.

#### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Alston-O'Connor announced that STM is holding a pub crawl and beer night on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that Kinesiology is holding Cupid's Revenge in honour of Valentine's Day on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

Councilor Wudel announced that she has a sign up sheet for people to sign up to volunteer for the book drive. Volunteers can sign up for location and time.

Councilor Leisle introduced Michael Butler and Thomas Linner who are both SAL's on the External Affairs Board.

Councilor Forbes apologized for being late. She introduced Trent Evanisky and Colleen Wiegers from the Elections Board.

Councilor Chadwick announced that on February 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a pub crawl to raise funds to attend a conference in March. She thanked Councilor Forbes for attending ladies night.

President Gardiner asked if anyone knew how to hook up the projector for a power point presentation.

Councilor Kowalsky announced that on January 29<sup>th</sup> Public Administration and Political Studies Students' Society is holding drink a small town dry with a cover band of the Red Hot Chili Peppers to play.

Councilor Hauser introduced ??? who is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year rep on the Commerce Students' Society and is interested in becoming an MSC next year.

Councilor Schiltroth noted that ambassadors for the Western Conference could only be Education students and apologized for misinforming Council.

#### **5. Council Address**

##### **5.1 External Affairs Board**

Move to consider informally.

**USC MOTION105:** Kirkness/Villeneuve

Carried.

As per attached report.

Councilor Villeneuve asked what the \$38,950 in membership fees works out to be per student.

President Gardiner stated that it is \$38,950 divided by 16,950, which is \$2.30/student.

VP MacDonald noted that it is not an accurate thing to do because the USSU makes money in the operations that go towards the fee.

President Gardiner stated that part of the complex fee structure depends on the size of the Students' Union budget and not the same for universities across Canada.

VP MacDonald noted that the investment in Travel CUTS for CFS is not to improve but to subsidize for the money being lost within Travel CUTS.

VP MacDonald spoke to the issue of a private lobbying group and is curious as to why it would not work.

Thomas Linner stated that it would most likely be a staff member in charge of some of the component.

President Gardiner noted that advocacy needs to be reviewed as well. It will take time to get meetings with politicians to deal with any of the issues. It is not feasible for one person to do this.

Councilor Leisle stated that there is already CASA and CFS representing students and trying to get their seats at the table and us as a private group only representing 16,000 students trying to get a seat as well. The U of S would have a hard time getting a meeting.

Councilor Kowalsky stated that these groups are experts in lobbying and the USSU does not have the connections in Ottawa.

VP MacDonald stated that the experts are students.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if any research was done to see if CASA would be willing to help with a provincial campaign.

President Gardiner stated that CASA does assist on a very limited level in provincial campaigns. They do what they can from Ottawa which is very limited.

Councilor Villeneuve asked about the three-pronged approach of CFS. He asked for information if it is true that the governments here are not on parliament hill and that the MP's will not listen to CFS.

President Gardiner stated that when in Ottawa the former chair of CFS was one of the chief staff in post-secondary education. CFS has more representation on the house of commons committees and boards than CASA. CFS has more representation in Ottawa than CASA with the federal government.

Councilor Ansaldo ???



Councilor Villeneuve stated that CFS funds some organizations that don't deal with student issues.

Councilor Leisle stated that CFS budgeted \$0 and spent \$1000 on donations. They will write a lot of letters of support but do not spend too much time on researching non-academic issues. CFS's stance is that they do not censor their membership. Councilor Ansaldo stated that CFS is a democratic organization and if something is brought forth to the general meeting it is voted on by the members.

President Gardiner stated that it is not just CFS that is doing this. In CASA's federal election campaign they partnered with the Ottawa Food Bank and did a study on hunger.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that it seems that the External Affairs Board is siding with CFS because of their monetary ability. He asked if CFS is doing more and getting more or is CASA doing more with less.

President Gardiner stated that in provinces where there have been or are tuition freezes they have very strong CFS provincial components. Issues such as ICLRP's are not implemented because of CFS. CFS has been much more effective according to obvious facts based on what their policies are. There are a lot of things that are on the agenda related to post-secondary education. Paul Martin announced in the federal election an \$8 billion dollar transfer to education because of the work of both CASA and CFS but it is largely CFS's doing as they set the bar and CASA is united in the stance. Federally CFS is setting the bar and provincially there is nothing to compare to.

Councilor Leisle spoke about the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act. Right now students who have outstanding student loans that are to be paid cannot claim bankruptcy for 10 years after they leave school. CFS is trying to get rid of it and make it 0 years and CASA is trying to get it to 5 years.

Thomas Linner stated that he attended school in 1995-96 at the beginning of the CASA years. In that time the Millennium Scholarship Fund has been proved to be a joke and awful for students here at the U of S. There has been a huge rise in tuition fees. Since 1995 his tuition has increased by 98.7%.

Councilor Villeneuve asked how many years CFS has been around and how many years have they been in Saskatchewan. CFS has also allowed the tuition to rise that much and could be a detriment to both CFS and CASA.

VP MacDonald noted that the USSU fees have risen more than the 98% in the same time period. He noted that CFS is in partnership with a lot of groups that may be questionable. Some of the groups are uncontroversial but some are controversial.

Councilor Leisle stated that the USSU does not have to any type of campaigning for the organizations.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the reason for the increase in USSU fees is because students wanted the health & dental plan.

VP MacDonald clarified that he was referring to the individual USSU fee.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that a good part of what CFS stands for is on par. He chose CFS because they do their own research and have more than one person to focus on lobbying. CFS brings more to the table and promote a student agenda.

Councilor Quintin stated that the USSU was originally a member of CFS. She asked if the reasons for leaving CFS are still present. Have the problems been resolved or changed or has the direction of the USSU changed.

President Gardiner stated that CFS has not changed and there are still issues with the organization but the major issues have changed which is a lot of the political stuff. The other issue that has risen is that the group that the USSU belongs to now is just as active in the political side of things as CFS. It is question of choosing which organization will meet the needs of the students on this campus.

Councilor Leisle stated that the U of S is one of 4 schools that are reviewing CASA which is a single as well.

Councilor Quintin noted that the situation is being looked at an either or one. If the USSU was to continue with CASA would provincial lobbying be discounted all together with the new VP External Affairs.

President Gardiner stated that it is not an either or question and it is just the External Affairs Board's recommendation. It is Council's choice. The institutional support is not there to lobbying provincially. The more he talked with others around the country he found that with CFS the strategy is the same in Regina and Ottawa. There is an integration of the strategies all across the country. There will be more provincial lobbying regardless of going with CASA or CFS because VP External Affairs will be dedicated to provincial lobbying. The U of S represents over half of the post-secondary students of the province. Every other university organization in Saskatchewan is a member of CFS. It is a lot easier to work hard within the CFS structure than it is going alone.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

Councilor Quintin asked if it was a unanimous decision for the External Affairs Board to recommend CFS.

President Gardiner noted that there was a vote last Friday but it was a unanimous vote which is recorded in the verbatim minutes that will be available.

VP Stranden stated that the USSU has been with CASA since 1995. In the last 10 years the USSU has successfully lobbied provincial government individually and used CASA federally. One of CFS's major campaigns is on Saskatchewan tuition freeze campaign. As one of their major accomplishments it is not going well provincially. People are not supporting the freeze. She is unsure of how much an outside organization could help the USSU lobby provincially. CFS represents schools that are very small that need an organization like CFS because they offer programs that larger schools cannot offer. The USSU is doing an excellent job.

President Gardiner spoke in disagreement with VP Stranden in that provincial lobbying has not been done well in the past. The U of S is leading the province in tuition increases and the reason the U of R continues to go up is because of the U of S's national norms policy. Other than Alberta the U of S has seen the biggest increase in tuition in the last 10 years. The U of S has gone from being one of the lowest jurisdictions to the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest jurisdiction in terms of tuition in the country. He does not think that the U of S is doing a good job at provincial lobbying. The USSU has to fight harder and more resources are needed and that is this is doing. He disagrees with the U of S being a trophy for CFS because they have the University of Toronto with 40,000 students. It really struck with CASA being on campus on Monday and gave folders and showed up on campus at 2:30 and did not organize any private meetings with student associations or groups. It is a sink or swim scenario for CASA. With CFS it is a victory of uniting the students of the province and having a stronger voice to government and they provided a binder with over a 100 pages of information. CFS was booked solid while on campus. It is not a financial trophy for CFS.

VP MacDonald stated that is unfair for the External Affairs Board to answer questions and not the people who went to the meetings.

Councilor Chadwick stated that with the CFS a lot of the members are Students' Unions and associations. She asked why more universities like the U of S are not members.

President Gardiner stated that is how schools are listed is by their associations and unions. There are many members as large as the U of S that are a part of CFS but not as many as CASA.

Councilor Leisle stated that just because the school is smaller does not mean that they have completely different issues as the U of S.

President Gardiner stated that a lot of the colleges within CFS are bigger than the U of S.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked what the CASA Committee said last year. What has changed to make the CASA Committee's report from last year irrelevant.

President Gardiner stated that what has changed from last year is that there were options reviewed. Last year the CASA Committee only reviewed CASA. He will email the report out to Councilors.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked what the document said.

President Gardiner stated that the document supported CASA.

Thomas Linner noted that it is hard to compare the process. It was not comparing the structures and the process is not comparable to this process.

Councilor Kirkness stated that is being said over and over that the CFS is a member driven organization and individual students are members that are represented by Students' Council which votes for the students. She asked what the difference is between membership driven organization represented by the USC because of the referendum or is that the Students' Council is elected and pick CASA. What is the difference between the two definitions as there is not much different except for a referendum.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that the other difference is attendance at meetings. Anyone who is a member (ie. A student) is allowed to attend a CFS meeting where as with CASA meetings are for Executive and one other member (Researcher or VP External Affairs).

Chair Mupanguri suggested discussing this topic further under questions and comments as there is a guest who needs to leave.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that he is unable to stay as he has other appointments following Council.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that Thursday nights are Council nights.

Move to consider formally.

**USC MOTION106:** Leisle/Forbes

Carried.

Move to have the speakers list as it stands move to item 10, Questions and Comments.

**USC MOTION107:** Forbes/Quintin

Carried.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Forbes noted that under item 9.1 it was Councilor Alston-O'Connor who stated that she was not requesting a week's notice just requesting to hear a few sentences from the meeting before voting on the issue.

The minutes for January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were approved as amended.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Gardiner noted that the minutes for January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005, are not available because of the recent restructuring in staff at the USSU. He takes the minutes and he has been out of the office for the past 3 days. There were only 2 minor business items;

executive sponsorship for international students and U of S Health Centre. He attended the Saskatchewan Centennial Summit. He met with Huskie Athletics (Ross Wilson) and going to have a volley crawl in Lower Place Riel. There was a tuition freeze debate organized by the Debate Society, which he ended up organizing. He attended the University Council meeting.

VP Stranden attended the USSU Daycare Board meeting. She donated blood. She attended the rally.

VP Gersher stated that the most of what she has been doing is in the Academic Affairs Board minutes. She has had quite a few students come to her with concerns about Native Studies. Some concerns involve investigation. She attended the weekly committees and Council meetings.

VP MacDonald stated that he is working on budget stuff.

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that he is the vice-Chair of BOCP and is unsure if it will work to send the drinking in residence issue. BOCP is not there to make decisions like that and implement the decisions. BOCP is to get all college presidents together and work down from there. This is a Student Issues Board issue. The motion to move this item to BOCP is wrong and the motion should be rescinded.

Councilor Kirkness stated that the Student Issues Board is wondering what the BOCP felt should be done as they felt that there was no general direction from Council. SIB decided to go back to BOCP as the starting block and then they can make a recommendation of what they want.

Councilor Villeneuve stated most of what is happening with the alcohol policy is going through the BOCP Chair, which is dealing with alcohol in general on campus not specifically within residence. The residents would fall under USC's jurisdiction. BOCP has nothing to do with drinking in residence.

President Gardiner spoke in agreement with Councilor Villeneuve. It does not fall within the scope of BOCP. It is up to the Student Issues Board to set their direction and then bring back to USC.

VP Stranden stated that she would take it back to her board on Tuesday morning. She will hopefully have a report for next Council meeting.

## **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

This item is being discussed in 5.1 and 10.

## **6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**

VP MacDonald noted that he didn't get a chance to type the minutes. Have met with another group. Currently working into a network of different clubs.

## **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1 Elections Board Questions**

Move to extend speaking rights to Colleen Wiegers.

**USC MOTION108:** Forbes/Galbraith

Carried.

Trent Evanisky stated that the deadline for having referendum questions submitted is today.

Colleen Wiegers noted that the Elections Board heard that there was going to be a referendum whether the USSU would join CFS or not. It is not clear whether a referendum would be taking place during the election period (March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>). The Elections Board is asking USC to consider them and make a decision that would be communicated to the Elections Board today. She noted that she spoke with a representative of CFS because part of the question seems to be a conflict between the USSU's constitution and bylaws and CFS's constitution and bylaws. It may not be possible even if Council approves the referendum for this matter to get on this ballot because CFS won't be given enough time to organize their committees. She encouraged everyone to read through CFS's constitution paying close attention to Bylaw 1, Section 4. There are a few considerations.

Councilor Forbes stated that the Elections Board is just looking for clarification.

Move that USC officially seek a legal opinion on where USC stands with two constitutions and who rules over who and how does that affect the referendum.

**USC MOTION109:** Forbes/Villeneuve

Carried.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if a decision had to be made where would the legal opinion come from.

??? stated that Colleen is a lawyer.

Trent Evanisky stated that the Elections Board would receive something from Council as to whether there would be a referendum or not. Once a question is formed the wording is reviewed by ??? to ensure it is legal and proper.

Councilor Forbes stated that it is a very responsible way of going about the referendum.

VP MacDonald stated that it was sent to a lawyer and the lawyer did say that it would have to go by the USSU referendum.

Colleen Wieggers recommended making a decision as to question 1. The lawyer would then have to approve the referendum question and at that time he can decide whether it is a conflict of the two constitutions and policies and if there is a conflict the lawyer likely won't approve of it.

Councilor Forbes noted that she would like to rescind her motion.

Trent Evanisky recommended that USC vote to table Councilor Forbes's motion until question 1 has been dealt with.

Move to table USC MOTION109 until question 1 has been dealt with.

**USC MOTION110:** Gardiner/Leisle

Carried.

VP Stranden asked if CFS has a question ready for the referendum.

Colleen Wieggers stated that the question is not needed as much the yes or no that a referendum is going on. The USSU Constitution says that notice is needed by the end of the day not the referendum question. The question does not need to be received by the Elections Board until 2 weeks prior to the general voting.

VP Stranden noted that if USC chooses not to have a referendum this March when would the USSU have to hold a referendum.

Colleen Wieggers stated that it is up to the USC whether or not to have a referendum. The Elections Board is to conduct the affairs of the election and the referendum.

VP Stranden asked that if USC chooses not to have a CFS referendum this March does the organization have to have a CFS referendum at all.

Colleen Wieggers stated that that is a very different issue. As a prospective member USSU is bound to run a referendum.

Thomas Linner stated that he was present at the meeting when Council talked about the prospective membership.

Move to not hold a referendum at this time and this election.

**USC MOTION111:** Villeneuve/Forbes

Councilor Leisle noted that this motion is out of order. In the USC minutes it does say that the USSU would seek prospective membership with CFS and it also mentions

numerous times that it does carry a referendum. A motion was already passed to go ahead with a referendum and asked that the Chair consider the motion to be out of order.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that he is aware that the USSU is bound to a referendum and a referendum should take place. Council just received a report from the External Affairs Board this evening and there is a lot of information. He would recommend to not hold the referendum at the time of the election. The motion did not say that there was going to be a referendum this year. It may be better to have the CFS referendum at the same time as the U-Pass referendum.

Chair Mupanguri stated in the minutes it did not specify when the referendum had to take place.

Robins stated that the Elections Board needs to know if the referendum is going happen in March and if it is not then there is time to deal with it.

VP MacDonald spoke against the motion. Councilor Villeneuve is correct and the USSU is committed to a referendum but not committed to a time and could be done next year. It is not an irresponsible choice to be made tonight because it is already known that the referendum has to happen. Council has been prepared and it is much more irresponsible to leave the referendum to next year's Council has to deal with it.

Councilor Villeneuve stated ???

Councilor Galbraith stated that it is to his understanding that CFS would not be ready for a referendum in March. It would be ridiculous for Council to have a referendum in March if CFS is not going to be ready.

President Gardiner spoke in agreement with Councilor Galbraith's point. There are a lot of things that need to be worked out and they would need to be worked out within the next 2 weeks. The Executive is ultimately responsible and does not want this to be a huge issue and it does not have to be. The university is moving towards a banner system of financing and would be an issue if the referendum in March because new fees will have to be approved by December. This is one more issue to add. He is in support of Councilor Villeneuve's motion but would like to amend the motion.

Move to defer the referendum to October 2005.

**USC MOTION112:** Gardiner/Chadwick

Councilor Villeneuve stated that it should be a separate motion.

President Gardiner stated that it is not a motion to have a referendum just when to hold the referendum. The vote already took place to have a referendum at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

VP Stranden asked if all referendums have to be held in the fall due to the banner system.



President Gardiner stated that from now on the referendums do have to be held in the fall rather than in March, which is also part of the reason for holding Council meetings in the summer.

Councilor Schiltroth asked what the last date would be to hold the CFS referendum.

Trent Evanisky noted that the wording in the CFS constitution states that a referendum must be held within 5 months of taking a prospective membership but an extension can be provided by national executive of the federation.

Thomas Linner stated that it is a good thing to support and is a rational decision to be taken.

Councilor Villeneuve spoke against the motion. He does not believe that USC has said that there is want for a referendum. USC passed to become a prospective member which meant that according to CFS's constitution a referendum had to be held but under the USSU constitution it says to have a referendum the USC has to vote in 2/3's favor to hold that referendum. There was no motion since November that USC wants to have a referendum. This motion put forth would be saying that Council is voting for a referendum, which hasn't be done yet. This motion should be voted down and then a motion should be made to say to hold a referendum in October.

VP Stranden asked that if this Council decides to have a referendum in the fall is the next Council bound to having a referendum.

President Gardiner stated that it is a referendum question that would have to be followed through with.

VP Stranden stated that if Council picks a month in the fall and it does not work for the next year's Council what happens. This year Executive was gone for the month of November.

President Gardiner stated that if the Executive know May 1<sup>st</sup> that there is going to be a referendum they can then plan around it.

Trent Evanisky stated that it would be up to Council to discuss with CFS. He is unsure as to how CFS would react to the delay if an extension was asked for.

VP Stranden asked if this amendment is carried and go over the 5 months to hold the referendum would the organization suffer any ramifications for breeching the contract.

VP MacDonald stated that amendment should be to hold the referendum as late as a date.

Councilor Forbes stated that the Elections Board needs a motion saying that USC wishes to call a CFS referendum and dates are not necessary at this time. This has to be decided tonight.

Trent Evanisky stated that it is currently not clarified that Council wishes to have or not to have a referendum.

Councilor Schiltroth asked that if the referendum is held in October will next year's Council have time to gain the information that has been provided to this Council.

Councilor Leisle stated that if an extension is not granted then it would put the organization in a very vulnerable position. Council should pass a motion to agree to have a referendum in March and then at next meeting talk with CFS national executive to see if they will grant an extension.

Councilor Forbes stated that if a motion is acted on then it cannot be rescinded at the next meeting.

Trent Evanisky stated that the Elections Board needs to know at this meeting if Council wants to hold a referendum on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It should not be that one week there will be a referendum and then the next week there won't be one.

Councilor Gieni stated that to her understanding a prospective membership was taken with CFS and that it was known from that perspective membership that there would be a referendum. Even though she was not a voting member at that time she feels that Council has made a commitment to holding the referendum. It would be irresponsible to pass it on to the next year's Council and into a different academic year. The referendum should go through in March. This decision was made in November which mean March is 5 months so CFS had to have known that the referendum was coming or that they cannot be prepared.

Councilor Chadwick stated that the referendum should be held in March. Council is just as able to hold it in March as next year's Council in October.

VP Stranden spoke against the motion. The referendum should be held in March and it is the 5 months and it was understood by both Council and CFS.

Councilor Kirkness stated that it is being heard over and over again that Council is not ready. CFS knows what has to be done to win a referendum but Council doesn't even know what the stance is. This will be the second time that Council rushes into another mistake.

VP MacDonald stated that if Council is not ready with all that the preparation then how will next year's Council be that much more ready especially with CASA and CFS spending time on campus this year.

Trent Evanisky stated that the conversation should be directed to the amendment that was made to the motion.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that up until this meeting she was under the understanding that there was going to be a referendum and it would be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Why is Council not ready?

Councilor Wudel stated that Council is legally bound right now until permission is received from the CFS to have the referendum within 5 months. If it is decided at this meeting that the referendum won't be held until October Council could be held legally responsible if they decide to not grant an extension.

VP MacDonald noted that the motion cannot be made to hold the referendum in the fall since it is after 5 months. It is just a hope to have an extension but for now it must be held in March.

Robins stated that Council does have that option.

VP MacDonald stated that in November a motion was passed to seek perspective membership, which bound Council to a referendum and the referendums must be held within 5 months of seeking perspective membership. As it stands it is a contract until CFS changes the rules of their contract and Council is legally bound to it.

Chair Mupanguri ruled on Councilor Leisle's point of order. Stating that Vouncilor Villeneuve's motion and President Gardiner's amendment are both out of order.

Move to hold a referendum about membership in the CFS during the March 2005 general elections.

**USC MOTION113:** Leisle/Bartsch Carried.

Move that the Elections Board seek a legal opinion on the referendum oversight committee as soon as possible and not act on it until that legal opinion is sought.

**USC MOTION114:** Gardiner/Leisle Carried.

VP MacDonald stated that Council is bound to a referendum and bound to follow the referendum policy.

Trent Evanisky stated that there is a discrepancy. The motion is fine but the Elections Board needs some guidance as to what is supposed to be done. He will work with the Elections Board to have a legal opinion by the next Elections Board meeting which is the following Wednesday.

Councilor Leisle stated that the Elections Board needs to contact CFS and work on it together and get the legal opinion.

Robins stated that the reason the Elections Board came to Council because the minutes did not say either way and seems sensible for Council to make the decision.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

??? asked if there is anything that can be done in the meantime before the lawyer gets back.

Trent Evanisky stated that CFS could decide to change the logistics of the general election.

Councilor Leisle stated that it would be best to have the Elections Board ask CFS what is the best way.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 Bylaw Changes**

VP MacDonald stated that the changes are necessary to go along with the constitutional changes.

## **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

VP MacDonald stated that there is no business to be moved to next week it is a discussion.

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION115:** Stranden/Schiltroth

Defeated.

Move to amend the motion to hold questions and comments for an indefinite period of time.

**USC MOTION 116:** Leisle/not seconded

Carried.

VP Stranden stated that it may best to just go the 30 minutes and then see if there is more to discuss and then make a motion to extend the questions and comments period.

VP Stranden stated that the time that she seen people getting shut out at the conference was during the elections. There were people waiting in line to ask questions to the candidates running for the chair position and only allowed 15 minutes for questions with 250 people in attendance at the conference. As members of CFS the USSU would be associated with policies that would not necessarily be in agreement with. Anyone who wants to access that list the U of S will be on the national list. She asked if there was any clarification of Travel Cuts losing money in the States.

Thomas Linner stated that organizations have many ties with other organizations and it is an organizational thing.

President Gardiner stated that any campaign or any policy of the federation on a national level did not have to be followed by individual Students' Unions.

Councilor Leisle stated with time constraints sometimes people get shut out and it is unfortunate but it happens. According to CFS's audited financial statements Travel Cuts took a loss of \$

President Gardiner stated that it is already happening within CASA and the U of S being held accountable for other school's actions.

VP MacDonald noted that Council at this time is not in formality.

Move to consider informally.

**USC MOTION117:** Kirkness/Wudel

Defeated.

VP MacDonald stated that it is offensive to Council that every time someone speaks the External Affairs Board has instant chance to reply. This sways the entire conversation.

President Gardiner stated that he is offended by the political bias point of view. The point of the External Affairs Board was to review the structure and everything else. Right now opinions are being given based on the research. There are a lot of people on the board who have different political opinions and there is going to be discussion around the entire table of Council on the issue.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that there is a lack of questions relating to CASA.

??? stated that at this point with the meeting being informally it would not be a good idea. It would be best to keep to Robert's rules and keep to a tight speaker's list.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that it is common practice to internally review the organization to hold the organization accountable. It came across as a negative that the 4 universities are reviewing their membership with CASA. It is a positive as it is an internal review because it shows that each organization is being held accountable to its members.

President Gardiner noted that the membership review is not meant to be detrimental but he does know why the schools are taking out reviews and it is because they have issues with the organization. CASA's response has been very professional and want to know what the reviews find. It is not entirely a negative thing. The University of Toronto administration was not collecting the fees and that has been recently remedied.

Councilor Wudel stated that she has a document that was prepared by the CASA Adhoc Committee last year and was brought to her by former Councilor Cynthia Berry. There are a couple things in the document that pertain to CASA and CFS. She asked why the document was not brought to Council sooner.

President Gardiner apologized and took full responsibility for not getting it out sooner as Council had asked or it.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked what the dedicated funds in the report mean and what non-academic issues that CFS quotes on and how much of their time is focused on academic and non-academic issues. She found that the presentation on the hand out to be vague and would have liked much more specific details.

President Gardiner stated that Councilor Ansaldo has the policy book of CFS and should be back in the USSU office for any Councilor to review. He is unsure as to what the answer is for the dedicated funds. The question was asked of CFS and the answer was approx. 90% is designated to issues that affect students and the only effort given to non-academic issues that the membership put forward would be a letter of support according to the representatives that were on campus.

Councilor Leisle stated that according the audited financial statements the dedicated funds are there for the bilingualism fund, capital fund (capital expenditures) and constitutional challenge fund.

Melissa Cotton asked why CFS has funded \$850,000 to Travel Cuts, which is an expense. In the travel industry people are getting out of being travel agencies and perhaps their argument is there are international students but it is not necessary for a lobbying group to fund that much towards a travel agency. There are a lot of services on the campus and have been recognized across Canada. There is no need to spend \$1 million on something that is not needed.

Councilor Leisle stated that Travel Cuts is a service provided. There is no way that the CFS could offer services like the U of S.

Melissa Cotton stated that there shouldn't be the campaigns and are needed. The smaller schools do not potentially have the amount of resources that the U of S has and it is an excellent resource for them to have.

Thomas Linner stated that it is a way of coordinating national campaigns like the "no mean's no" campaign.

Councilor Forbes spoke in agreement with Melissa Cotton regarding the large sum given to Travel Cuts and would like to see that audited. She worked it out for fees per student per year and for CASA it is \$2.40/year and \$9.60/year for CFS. CFS's fee is 4 times the amount of CASA and maybe their services are better and wonders if there will be 4 times the services from CFS. Would there be a problem if the U of S decided not to side with a policy. She has heard that if you do not go along with the group you get shut out.

Councilor Leisle stated that there is legal defense fund, travel pool settlement fund and a general meeting disabled access fund.

VP Stranden stated that her experience at the conference in her committee the time was spent on all non-academic issues. It may have been just the committee she was sitting on. At the end of the conference it was discussed for an hour to provide \$5000 of bail money. It is very expensive to have the bilingualism there. All of her experience at the conference was spent on non-academic issues.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that it was frustrating the time spent on the disinvitation. It took over 4 hours to debate the actual campaigns and what would be pursuant.

Councilor Kirkness asked how many schools are running referendums this year to try and get out of CFS.

President Gardiner stated that he believes that there are 2 but will get the information to council.

Councilor Gieni stated that the presentation is very focused on the provincial lobbying component and that CASA does not provide any provincial lobbying and CFS does. She wonders how successful CFS is provincially right now and would the U of S joining make a difference?

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the U of S cannot attach to existing policies. There is a significant amount that they can bring on a provincial level. The MP's brought up that given the construction of the Canadian government there is federal money and it is up to the province to decide what to do with the money. By being a part of CFS the U of S would get all the research and various other things.

Councilor Gieni asked if CFS has had any success provincially.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that he cannot speak to Saskatchewan but there are other provinces that have lobbied for tuition freezes and have been successful.

Councilor Leisle noted that he cannot say of any specific examples for Saskatchewan but CFS has had very strong membership and tuition regulation in Newfoundland, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia.

VP Stranden stated that the University of Manitoba is not part of CFS. The rest of the schools are in Manitoba just as it is in Saskatchewan.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that Councilor Gieni brought up a very good point. If nothing has happened now in the province and unsure of anything happening in the future and will cost more then why join.

President Gardiner stated that it is a completely valid point and it is one of the External Affairs Board's concerns with the recommendation. There is a structure with the research, resources and staff component. It is the availability of options and not the automatic nature of entering the organization and then getting what is wanted.

Councilor Leisle talked of the report that was sent out by VP Stranden on the mailing list regarding CFS written by the Progressive Student Coalition. He asked where VP Stranden got the document from, who the Progressive Student Coalition is and why this document was not sent to the entire External Affairs Board.

VP Stranden stated that she received the document by email and is unsure as to who she received it from. She did not get any other information along with it just saying “info for Councilors”. It went into her junk mail file and went through and came across and was not sure what to do with the document. This document was received and she felt that Council deserved to see the information.

Councilor Hauser asked...about parking.

VP Stranden stated that during the day a pass is needed to park in the lot and after 6p.m. the night passes take effect and the gates will be open until work day the next day. G lot is the first lot and will be incorporating all the lots on campus the same way. It will be very difficult to find a spot illegally.

Councilor Forbes applauded the USSU staff who ran the Special General Meeting and all who attended.

Councilor Galbraith stated that it was a good thing that the document that VP Stranden received through email did not get sent to the External Affairs Board because the sender is unknown and the validity of the information is questionable.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that some research should have been done before sending out the document as it was false. Check the sources before sending out to Council.

VP Stranden stated that it was not her duty to find the facts out of the document as everyone is aware of capable of doing that. She complimented Councilor Ansaldo and Councilor Leisle in finding out that the information was either invalid or valid. It is up to Council to decide that on their own.

Councilor Leisle asked why the other Councilors at the table are privy to the document and the members of the External Affairs Board who were told to address the issue of external lobbying options should not be privy to the information.

Councilor Galbraith stated that he felt that it should not have been sent out to anyone because it is misinformation.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the credit for all the research done on the document should go to Google.



President Gardiner stated that he is unsure if the External Affairs Board was ignored by the email out of malice or misunderstandings, which is irrelevant. The board spent all weekend working on the report but nothing in the report is biased and all facts. The recommendation is the only thing that is biased. A thorough review was done of the organization and hundreds of hours was spent going over documents and spent time with the representatives. It is up to Council to decide. It is counterproductive for information to be sent out like this email document that has no base in fact. He has talked with VP Stranden about this and wishes that all members of Council and Executive to follow the processes outlines in the USSU constitution.

VP Stranden stated that sending the report was in no way being malice. She apologized deeply. It was not just her who decided to do this and she had another VP's input to send out the document. The document was there for information and thought that Council would want it. She does not have the emails for the External Affairs Board. She was not the only person who decided to send the document out to Councilors and it was a difficult decision. It was not in any way to not follow process.

VP Gersher stated that she was the other VP that VP Stranden consulted about the document. She knew that the document would be brought forward to Council in some way and felt that it would be better to have the document presented without the document.

VP MacDonald thanked Councilor Forbes for the participation at the Special General meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that the Executive has done an excellent job and have brought a lot of things to Council. One thing that has been discussed is being uninformed about some of the decisions. When a decision was being made on November 4<sup>th</sup> to be prospective members with CFS and was misinformed on issues surrounding that. It may have influenced some of the votes. The misinformation was not good. The second piece of misinformation was that the tuition freeze campaign was a CFS thing. Nowhere in the report was it saying that the tuition freeze was CFS. He feels misinformed that the tuition freeze campaign was not a joint effort between the U of S and SIAST but with the CFS. If there is going to be an oversight committee he would like to know how to get on the committee. His second recommendation for the Elections Board is the ISIC card situation. In past referendums CFS has used the ISIC cards to get people to vote for CFS. He urged the Elections Board look into not having CFS use an ISIC card as a reward for voting for CFS. He spoke to Jeremy Warren about his disgust with the article wrote in the Sheaf and would like to set up a meeting with him to discuss the comments made in the article.

President Gardiner stated that the two concerns are valid. The misinformation was not intentional by the Executive as he was led to believe that the CFS constitution and bylaws were not public documents. Everything in the minutes is true about the tuition campaign. CFS had a meeting and donated money after Council had already begun the campaign. It was not misinformation it was just how things changed and is not a CFS campaign. He

has been spending much of his time setting up meetings and making materials. CFS was financial partners in the campaign but the USSU are the ones that are doing the work and it is our campaign. There was no intention of misinformation.

Councilor Forbes stated that in the CFS constitution it says that the oversight committee needs 2 members of the organization which would include any student on campus who pays student fees. The Elections Board has discussed this would feel comfortable if one member from the board or USC sat on the committee to carry forward the information. She spoke in regards to the ISIC cards and has heard it from many people. It is a valid concern and it has been done. If the cards are given away it will be considered on the fair market chart at \$16 per card given away will be put against the amount of money that they can spend as a third party to run a campaign.

VP MacDonald stated that the cards are not given out until after a student votes and becomes a member. The lawyer will draw a line if it is considered to be a bribe. He spoke in agreement with President Gardiner's points in regards to the tuition freeze campaign.

Councilor Forbes stated that the email document brings forth a lot of myths that the External Affairs Board talked about in their report. It makes Council question and do a little more research. She urged Councilors to read through the document although it may be offensive. Take the time to research and get the facts.

President Gardiner talked again of the volley crawl and it lands on a Thursday. It is \$12/ticket and you get a beer in lower Place Riel, ticket to National Championship game, beer at the game, gets you into a cabaret at Louis' and get a beer at Louis'. The USSU is having a benefit concert for Tsunami relief on February 4<sup>th</sup> with Wide Mouth Mason.

Councilor Gieni asked why the General Manager was let go and what the plan is in replacing her.

President Gardiner stated that it was a mutual decision of all Executive members and every staff person who had been talked with. He cannot get into specifics but it was not a fit. A process for rehiring will probably involve a headhunter so the organization gets someone who is a great fit for the organization. Will be looking for someone who is involved in the academic community and aware of the position itself.

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION118:** Stranden/Gieni

Defeated.

Councilor Kirkness stated that there are some Councilors that believe the External Affairs Board report is biased. The board did a great job.

Councilor Wudel stated that the Sheaf has been great in promoting the book drive and Jeremy Warren has done a great job in covering Council meetings for the year and it is something that has to be respected.

Councilor Leisle stated that the Councilors and SAL's who were elected to the External Affairs Board went into the board knowing that they would have to be unbiased when looking at the organization. Peoples notions on the board have changed after looking at the facts and weighed the facts equally. The group was all unbiased when going into the report and looked at the facts and the outcomes came because of the facts. The report is not biased.

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION119:** Quintin/Diachinsky

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes – January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – January 25<sup>th</sup> & February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – January 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report – February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report – January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
  - 8.1 Bylaw Changes**
- 9. New Business**
  - 9.1 External Affairs Board Recommendations**
  - 9.2 Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee Election**
  - 9.3 Accountability Reports**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**

# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Bobbi Birdi, Dentistry  
Gerald Schiltroth, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA  
Jessica Heath, WCV

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Sarah Connor, Arts & Science  
Bradley Flavell, Arts & Science  
Christopher Gallaway, Commerce  
Jeffrey Post, Commerce  
Jack Mason, Engineering

## **Regrets**

Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Jaime Robin, Nursing

## **Absent**

Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Rick Bowes, Education

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**USC MOTION120:** Leisle/Galbraith

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

President Gardiner welcomed those who are running for Executive positions for the next academic year. The first meeting was well attended. He reminded guests to swipe their student cards. He announced that there would be a Provincial Day of Action on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30a.m. in Lower Place Riel. This is held in conjunction with other universities

across the province. The schedule has not been formalized as of yet although there will be speeches and then a march to the Administration building. He met with the Recreation & Athletics Advisory Committee. Campus Rec, Facilities for Athletics & Recreation will have a 0% fee increase next year; however, Huskie Athletics is requesting a 5% increase. He will ask Ross Wilson as well as other directors from the Recreation & Athletics Advisory Committee to come in and present to Council. Board of Governors committees took place February 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a motion from Consumer Services to increase the rate of Voyageur Place Residence by 15% – 18.5%. It is not a rate to just cover the costs but to also cover the costs of installing high-speed internet which will be available to all residents for next year. He did some research and found that as far as he knows there are 2 large colleges in Northern Ontario who are holding referendums to get out of CFS. There are 2 institutions, University of Alberta and SAIT, who have taken up perspective membership with CFS. The USSU lawyer, Greg Whalen, has said that the USSU constitution is valid as compared to CFS's constitution but has encouraged the USSU to work with the Oversight Committee to try and find some common ground on the issues. If a written document is required it can be pertained from the lawyer at an additional cost if anyone is interested in viewing the document.

VP Gersher clarified with Council what E-Group is all about. It is an opportunity for students who are interested in all university affairs but don't have time to attend to attend meetings or events. This offers those students a chance to offer their opinions and concerns. The commitment is about 5 minutes/student/week to participate. She is trying to get to almost every building to cover all the colleges; she has been to Commerce, Kinesiology, the Tunnel, Education, Engineering and Agriculture. She will be returning to the buildings as she was unable to recruit as many students as she would have liked to. She will be at Veterinary Medicine on February 4<sup>th</sup> (10a.m.-12p.m.), Education on February 7<sup>th</sup> (9a.m.-10a.m.), Thorvaldson on February 8<sup>th</sup> (9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.) and Biology on February 8<sup>th</sup> (12:30p.m.-2:30p.m.). She would also like to get back to Agriculture. She will be helping out with the Book Drive in the Tunnel on February 9<sup>th</sup> (12:30p.m.-1:30p.m.), at Health Science on February 10<sup>th</sup> (11:30a.m.-1p.m.) and at Engineering on February 11<sup>th</sup> (11:30a.m.-1:30p.m.). She thanked Councilor Kirkness and Councilor Quintin for helping her out as well as the colleges that she has already visited.

Councilor Ansaldo ??? and apologized for misinforming Council at last week's meeting about the pub crawl.

Councilor Forbes announced that a group called Footprint Design is holding a speaker's symposium on February 5<sup>th</sup> dealing with sustainability. Tickets are on sale at the Engineering student office kiosk and the Info Kiosk in Place Riel.

VP Stranden reminded Council that on February 4<sup>th</sup> Wide Mouth Mason is playing at Louis'. The money will be going to the Tsunami relief. She announced that Sextravaganza is in the Tunnel on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Galbraith introduced Jack Mason with Engineering. He announced that there is an upper year's crawl on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Schiltroth announced that on February 4<sup>th</sup> there is a party at the Pat. On March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> there is the Annual ??? Conference.

Councilor Wudel announced that she would pass around the sign up sheet for the book drive.

Councilor Hauser announced that the end of International Week is International Fusion on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6p.m.-8p.m. at Place Riel Theatre. She introduced 2 candidates for MSC, Jeff Post and Chris Galloway.

VP Gersher stated that she was also at St. Thomas More and Residence. She welcomed Sarah Connor is who is interested in running for an Executive position.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Forbes suggested to have the pages numbered as it would be easier for making reference to the minutes. She stated that she did not second USC Motion 111.

President Gardiner noted that USC Motion 113 had 2/3 majority.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Gardiner stated that along with VP Stranden and VP Gersher met with the editorial board of the Star Phoenix to try and promote to student friendly editorials in the paper. It was an effective meeting. There was a scholarships and awards meeting with a couple issues that are coming out of the meeting and are included in his accountability report. He had a meeting with the Minister of Immigration along with a member of the GSA. There was a lot of work on Monday with dealing with the Elections Board issue and getting the legal opinion. There is weekly manager's meetings to fill the job of the General Manager. He met with some students, a professor and went to his classes. On Tuesday there was another manager's meeting and staff meeting to explain some position changes within the USSU. Those changes will be available to Council soon if there is interest in knowing. He met with the Women's Centre Director and attended an Executive meeting. The Code of Ethics & Discipline Committee met and he met with the Recreations & Athletics Advisory Committee. Attended the Board of Governors meetings. He has been formatting the accountability reports which are not ready for Council. They are ready for print but still need to be bound. A copy will be emailed to Council on Friday and a hard copy will be available next week. The accountability reports maybe should be tabled to be dealt with properly.

VP Stranden stated that she met with a student from AISEC to find out how the USSU worked. The student would like to see an audit done on the university. There was not quorum for the Student Issues Board. She attended the Centennial Planning meeting, the

Big Brothers General meeting and met with the Star Phoenix editorial board. She spoke with Carole Pond on a students discrimination case. She met with the Sierra Youth Coalition about planning an Environment Week for the end of March. She met with a student from the Social Work program and will come out with an information package for Social Work students to inform them of what they all receive on campus. She met with a group about U-Pass and city of Saskatoon transit. She also met with the Discrimination & Harassment Committee and planning Sextravaganza.

VP MacDonald stated that he judged the Battle of the Bands and coordinated a tournament.

VP Gersher stated that she did attend the meeting but was late. She has been spending 2-5 hours on E-group. She attended the Planning Committee meetings, the Student Issues Board and Academic Affairs Board. She has been dealing with issues surrounding the Native Studies department. Met with 2 reporters from the Sheaf.

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were presented and would be emailed out.

\*\*\*part of the discussion was not recorded

### **6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for January 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed.

### **6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**

Councilor Leisle noted that the committee did meet on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005, in camera.

Move that the discussion go into camera.

**USC MOTION121:** Leisle/Forbes

Carried.

Move that the discussion be out of camera.

**USC MOTION122:** Leisle/Wudel

Carried.

Move to have Councilor Alston-O'Connor's apology and Chair Mupanguri's warning against using electronic devices at Council in the minutes.

**USC MOTION123:** Gardiner/???

Councilor Alston-O'Connor apologized for having her cell phone ring during Council meeting last week. It was unexpected call from her mom.

Chair Mupanguri noted that at Council it is only Council business that is to be dealt with. He warned all members to turn off any electronic devices that are brought into Council such as Ipods, laptops, cell phones, etc.



## **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005, were presented to Council.

Councilor Kowalsky ???

## **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

There were no motions arising.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1 Bylaw Changes**

President Gardiner noted that VP MacDonald did a great job on the amendments. The changes are basic. The first amendment is in Bylaw #2, which is Executive portfolios that needs to be changed after the Special General Meeting with a new position of VP (External Affairs). There are no real changes or additional duties just rearranging of the duties. It would also be more appropriate to have the VP (Student Issues) dealt with Studentcare issues. The other amendment will be to Bylaw #1 to change the chair position of the External Affairs Board from the President to the VP (External Affairs).

Move to ratify the two bylaw changes that have been proposed.

**USC MOTION124:** Gardiner/Gersher

Carried.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 External Affairs Board Recommendations**

President Gardiner noted that the recommendations would be discussed and voted on at the next Council meeting.

### **9.2 Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee Election**

President Gardiner stated that this is an oversight as Councilor Brost resigned earlier this year and he was a member of the committee. The position needs to be filled next week.

### **9.3 Accountability Reports**

President Gardiner noted that the accountability reports are done but are not ready to be distributed. The reports will be emailed out tomorrow to all Councilors and will provide hard copies at the next Council meeting.

## **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION125:** Leisle/Heath

Carried.

Councilor Forbes stated that if CFS pulls a referendum outside of the referendum that the USSU is holding then the USSU is not held to CFS's results but to our results. It cannot

be rescinded to not hold a referendum. The Elections Board is going to be working with the Oversight Committee.

Councilor Leisle spoke to the issue of the forums and with their being 2 days without any forums. He asked if MSC's were contacted to find the best time for their college for a forum.

Councilor Forbes stated that the Agriculture forum was discussed. The forums at Agriculture and Engineering were not well attended and have decided to hold just one in Engineering. The times for the forums were decided by ACRO, Trent Evanisky. He felt that doing the forums during the lunch hour would be best. If any Councilors feel that there would be a better time for the forum they should contact Trent Evanisky.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that there is a carpooling tool that can be used on PAWS for in city traveling. He asked the Executive why the VPRA are able to have an MSC and why Seager Wheeler, Souris, Wollaston and Assiniboine do not.

President Gardiner noted that he has not seen any proposal brought forth for that representation. He encouraged for all groups to put forward a proposal to the Executive or put forward an amendment to the constitution at the next Annual General Meeting.

Councilor Kirkness stated that the VPRA involve the other residences and the other residences do not have an Executive to work with this year and tried to get some things together but it did not work out.

Councilor Kowalsky spoke to the issue of the Help Centre and asked why they do not give away ear plugs.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated it is great idea but they can be purchased at the Center Shop for \$.15.

Councilor Heath spoke about the gun incident that was reported on in the Sheaf. She got the impression after reading the article that Campus Security did not want to release this information to the students. She is concerned if issues come up in the future and that they would be hesitant to inform the students. It is so much better for the students to informed about these things. She wants reassurance that Campus Security will keep the students updated on any concerns.

VP Stranden stated that it was this year that it was started to release the information. There are policies in place that they must release the information out within 24 or 48 hours of the incident happening. The Star Phoenix contacted her and she did an interview about the gun incident. The Star Phoenix also receives these emails. This is the first time that the Sheaf has reported on the crime on campus. When the restructuring took place students are kept informed and stay more aware.

Jack Mason stated that with the sexual assault last year the University is going to ensure that the public knows what is happening on campus for the next few years. They have learned a lot from withholding information.

Councilor Ansaldo asked why the Star Phoenix has access to the information.

VP Stranden stated that it is a story and they asked her about the incident. They asked how the USSU dealt with the incident and how the USSU felt on how the university dealt with it.

Councilor Ansaldo clarified his question and asked why Campus Security emails the Star Phoenix.

VP Stranden noted that she is unsure as to how the Star Phoenix got the email.

Councilor Kowalsky stated that the emails go out to all students and staff on campus.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if Campus Security informs the Star Phoenix directly or if they hear through others.

VP MacDonald stated that the Star Phoenix is on the emailing list because it is more efficient in reaching more people.

VP MacDonald asked if Council would be meeting during the Spring Break week.

President Gardiner stated that the Elections Board decides on the referendum issues. It is not pertinent that Council meet during the break.

VP MacDonald clarified that it would be during the break that Council would make the decision of whether being for or against the CFS based on the recommendations.

President Gardiner stated that it is up to Council about meeting during the break. He does not know why it would be a major benefit of meeting because there won't be campaigning during that week. The Communications department can get things ready and it can be emailed out to Council with feedback to follow. He is unsure as to how many people want to stay back to meet.

Councilor Wudel asked why the Executive positions are only one-year terms. Governments are more stable when there are longer term positions. She asked if it would be more beneficial to have a 2-year term for the positions to have the initiatives are continued. She asked if this has been considered and if it had been why it has not been put in place.

President Gardiner stated that the student academic life is only 4 years and when you are in an Executive position you take a year off from studying. To take 2 years off could

mean it would take between 6 or 7 years to get an undergraduate degree. The General Manager is supposed to act as the consistent voice.

VP MacDonald spoke in agreement with President Gardiner. USC does a good job at forming the political consistency. A lot of people do not want to commit to 2 years when they want to graduate.

Councilor Forbes stated that Councilor Heath's concerns are valid in regards to the security issue. In her opinion, to have Greg Walen, USSU lawyer's, opinion in writing and signed is worth paying the money as it may save legal matters and more money in the future. She asked that a straw poll be taken.

**11. Any Other Business**

No other business.

**12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION126:** Kowalsky/Galbraith

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 Trent Evaniksy – Elections Board**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes – February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – January 28<sup>th</sup> & February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
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  - 6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**
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# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Richard Bowes, Education  
Gerald Schiltroth, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine  
Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy

Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Sarah Connor, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Commerce  
Gina Otte, Kinesiology

## **Regrets**

Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Bobbi Birdi, Dentistry  
Jessica Heath, WCVN

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to amend the agenda to add to item 8, Elections Board Declaration.

**USC MOTION127:** Gardiner/???

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

President Gardiner introduced Sarah Connor who is running Executive in the upcoming USSU election. He also welcomed Trent Evanisky, ACRO, for the USSU elections. Elections forum posters are being passed around to be put in the Colleges. He thanked everyone who came out for the Day of Action. There was a lot of media coverage and had about 350 people in attendance. Since Monday, tuition in Alberta is now frozen and tuition in British Columbia has been capped at inflation.

VP Stranden thanked St. Thomas More for putting on a wonderful evening for the Anti-Valentine's Day pub crawl. She spoke with Tony Whitworth and mentioned to him that there were concerns with security in Vet Med. He will be speaking with Bob Ferguson about getting Vet Med students personal safety devices. She will be bringing this forward to him again at the next breakfast meeting.

Councilor Villeneuve wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. Kinesiology games is at the U of A this year. There is a fundraising event on February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Pat.

Councilor Bartsch thanked Councilor Villeneuve for the Valentine's card. He apologized in advance that he would have to leave the meeting at 7p.m.

Councilor Robin announced that Nursing is donating \$750 to Tsunami relief.

Councilor Schiltroth welcomed Gina Otte who is from Education and is running for an MSC position.

Councilor Leisle congratulated Councilor Kirkness for being Bachlorette of the month in the Sheaf.

Councilor Wudel thanked everyone who came out to help with the Book Drive. She informed Council that it is Eating Disorder Awareness Week. There are some guest speakers who will be speaking on the issue. It is estimated that 40-50% of university aged women suffer from eating disorders.

Councilor Ansaldo thanked everyone who attended the Anti-Valentine's Day pub crawl.

Councilor Gieni announced that the College of Medicine held a Leadership Conference with the Canadian Medical Association President. There were 30 first and second year students who were present. There were great education sessions. She encouraged all Councilors to get professional members to come in and talk to their colleges.

VP Gersher stated that it is her final week for recruiting for E-Group.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Trent Evanisky – Elections Board**

Trent Evanisky noted that he would be discussing the USSU election and information about the referendum. He handed out a list for Councilors to sign up as polling clerks and a schedule for the forums.

Councilor Leisle asked if a Councilor is unable to be a polling clerk could another member from the college society replace them.

Trent Evanisky noted that that would be fine.

??? asked if those who are sitting on the Elections Board could be a polling clerk.

Trent Evanisky noted that that is possible.

Trent Evanisky spoke about the CFS referendum. At the last Council meeting the CRO and himself were given instructions to proceed and seek legal advice from the USSU lawyer, Greg Walen. The legal advice document was handed out to Councilors. The recommendation of the lawyer was that the Elections Board should work with the Oversight Committee that the CFS puts together. There was a meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> between a representative with CFS and Colleen Wieggers, CRO, and President Gardiner. From the discussion that took place and the recommendation from Greg Walen was that the Elections Board cannot proceed with the referendum in March because the Oversight Committee is non-existent.

VP Stranden asked if the referendum would then take place in the fall. The Elections Board is ready to go but the Oversight Committee is not ready.

Trent Evanisky stated that dates were not discussed for a future referendum. Greg Walen noted that to run a referendum for the CFS the two committees have to work together and be prepared. The Elections Board is ready but the Oversight Committee does not exist yet.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if there are plans for them to become existent or is the CFS waiting on the USSU.

Trent Evanisky stated that he is unsure and possibly President Gardiner would know more.

President Gardiner noted that he listened in on the conference call that took place with Colleen Wieggers and the CFS representative. It was clear from the conversation that both organizations were unwilling to go ahead with the referendum for each of their own reasons. It would take more than 3 weeks of work to hold the referendum. It was in agreement on all parties to have the referendum postponed.

Councilor Kirkness stated that it was discussed at the previous Council what would happen if the referendum was held in the Fall. If the recommendations are accepted then where does that put the organization. What will happen in the future. President Gardiner stated there has been some changes since the last Council meeting. A letter from the CFS grants the USSU an extension of prospective membership until the Fall of 2005. This was a big obstacle that was discussed at the last meeting.

Councilor Villeneuve asked for clarification on that the Elections Board is ready to go ahead with the referendum and that the CFS who has known of the USSU's prospective membership since November is not ready for the referendum.



Trent Evanisky stated that the Elections Board could put a referendum question on the ballot. If the Elections Board and the Oversight Committee are not working together it would not be seen as a legitimate referendum.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if it would not be considered legitimate by the Elections Board or by CFS.

Trent Evanisky stated that it would be CFS.

Councilor Forbes spoke in regards to the declaration. It was discussed that students who were wanting to run no or yes campaigns for the referendum would possibly not have enough time. The major issue is not that the CFS is not ready it is that the Oversight Committee has not been struck and not allowing the students enough time to run a campaign.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if there was a lack of communication. CFS has known that there would be a referendum for 5 months and why they had not contacted the Elections Board. Why are they not ready? It puts question into the organization. With moving the referendum to next Fall is binding next year's Council to that referendum. It is not fair to next year's Council.

Trent Evanisky clarified that he is there to answer any questions and it will be debated under another item on the agenda.

Councilor Gieni asked if the referendum would hold up with the two different constitutions.

Trent Evanisky stated that the two different organizations need to work together to do the referendum be legitimate.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Forbes clarified what she had said under Questions and Comments and that it should read "if CFS polls a referendum". She also wanted it noted that the results from the straw poll was to have Greg Walen provide the USSU with a written opinion.

The minutes for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, were approved as amended.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Gardiner stated the issues he has been working with have been major things. Board of Governors took up February 4<sup>th</sup>. It took a lot of work to get 350 people out to the Day of Action, which involved handing out fliers, making posters and handing out buttons. He took part in the conference call relating to the CFS referendum. He met with Normon Riddel with the Canadian Millenium Scholarship Foundation about changes that

are happening in Saskatchewan. In 1998, when the foundation was created \$8million went into bursaries that the province already offered. Taking student financial assistance money and putting into the operating budget of the university is not very accountable. They are looking at reversing that and not having the overlap that was there before. The province could cut \$8million from the university operating grants when Millenium Scholarship makes the announcement. Normon Riddel is looking for feedback on this. The Canadian Millenium Scholarship Foundation has \$2million additional to give to student financial assistance in the province. They are targeting low-income students. In the past the scholarship has decided who to give grants to based on level of need. He will send out more information on both issues as soon as he gets more.

VP Stranden stated that she has been meeting and talking with students about U-Pass. She met with the Smart League who is trying to organize affordable transportation for students on campus. She met with the United Way to see how the USSU could partner with them to get campus organizations to also partner. She attended the Academic Affairs Board, STM pub crawl, LGBTTA President's Advisory Committee. The program for Positive Spaces will be up and running soon. There will be a sticker campaign noting that a professor is LGBTTA friendly. She participated in Sextravaganza. She met with students who are interested in running for VP (Student Issues) for next year. She attended the Disabilities Adaptive Technology Information Group on how to get information on-line for students who are blind. She attended the rally and sat in the Tunnel and Health Sciences collecting books.

VP Gersher stated that she spent a lot of time with E-Group in the last week and got to Education, Kinesiology, Vet Med and Thorvaldson. She attended a forum on Teaching and Learning. She attended the Planning Committee meeting and met with a student who is interested in running for VP (Academic Affairs) for next year. She met with Jonathan Moore-Wright from ITS, attended the rally, sat in the Tunnel and Health Science for the book drive. She attended ???

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were approved as circulated.

### **6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, were approved as circulated.

## **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

President Gardiner noted that in the Executive Minutes for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 under EXEC128 it should read "Aboriginal Awareness" not "ISC Awareness". Also under Business, relating to the Conference Call. It should read that it is "recommended not to hold the referendum at this time".

## 8. Business

### 8.1 Elections Board Declaration

President Gardiner noted that Council is directors of the organization and must do what is in the best interest of the organization. At times this does come into conflict what the is wanted to be done. It is very clear to him as a director that with the Elections Board and CFS saying that it should not go through at this time then it should not.

Move to hold a referendum regarding CFS membership in the fall of 2005.

**USC MOTION128:** Gardiner/Kowalsky

Councilor Forbes asked if it was a member of the Executive and a member of the Elections Board asked for an extension from the CFS without the approval from Council.

President Gardiner stated that he never asked for an extension of prospective membership. He does not know why it is in the letter from CFS. He is unsure if anyone from the Elections Board asked for the extension.

Councilor Kirkness stated that it may be best to accept what the Elections Board is recommending but it is not fair to pass this on to the next year's Council. Since the CFS has proposed that the USSU should extend the prospective membership until the fall it should be known that CFS is asking the USSU to extend the prospective membership and not the USSU asking CFS. They should not be able to say that the referendum has to be held by the fall. The membership of Council will be put in the exact same situation as right now. It is ridiculous to put it off until next fall.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that Council would be meeting during the summer to better prepare Council for events happening in the fall. It is everyone's best interest to put the referendum off and support the recommendation.

Councilor Forbes stated that someone should ask CFS for an extension first to continue in a proper fashion.

Move to amend the motion to read that Council run a referendum regarding CFS membership in the Fall of 2005 after asking CFS for an extension of prospective membership.

**USC MOTION129:** Gardiner/Schiltroth

Carried.

**\*\*Opposition noted by Councilor Villeneuve and Councilor Gieni**

**\*\*Abstention noted by Councilor Forbes**

**\*\*\*Motion passed with 2/3's majority.**

Councilor Quintin stated that in the letter from CFS it says that they want to hold the referendum in March but also saying that they cannot be prepared. If the referendum went through in March with CFS not being prepared it would be no fault of the USSU's.

President Gardiner stated that the issue is not that they are not ready but the Oversight Committee is not formed and ready. The legal opinion is to work with the Oversight Committee, which has not been established with less than a month until voting.

Councilor Quintin noted that from what she understood was that the Elections Board's part of the Oversight Committee is ready but CFS is not.

Trent Evanisky stated once again that the Elections Board is ready but the Oversight Committee is not ready to go ahead. The letter has not gone to the Elections Board as of yet and cannot speak to anything that is in the letter.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked how long it takes to set up the Oversight Committee. She asked if it could be done in a week or if it takes a month to make the selections.

Councilor Forbes stated that to her understanding CFS has two people that they are ready to appoint and now it is up to the Elections Board to appoint two people. Also the Elections Board and the Oversight Committee need to decide how the responsibilities will be shared and if there are any shared responsibilities. There are a lot of things that need to be worked out.

Councilor Villeneuve asked why two MSC's at this meeting could not be members of the Oversight Committee to get the ball rolling.

Councilor Gieni asked why there is any reason why a referendum cannot be held if the CFS is not ready right now to hold it in April.

Councilor Forbes stated that having a referendum in April would mean setting up the elections all over again which may cause trouble being so close to exams. It is not exactly CFS who is not ready it is the Oversight Committee is not ready as it has not been struck.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if a committee could be made with Councilors. She is curious how long it would take to find two students. She asked if the Oversight Committee could be struck in the next week and a half or is it too late to continue.

Trent Evanisky stated that timeline is a huge factor with the next week. There is not enough time to do it properly. It is not clear where the two members come from for the Oversight Committee, whether from USC, the Elections Board or something completely different. To get the committee together is a lot harder than it sounds than on paper.

VP Stranden asked if it is correct that if a referendum did happen in March and no Oversight Committee was struck would the USSU constitution hold over CFS's constitution. The problem right now is that there is not enough time to strike the Oversight Committee to get both organizations working together. What would happen if the USSU did go ahead with the referendum without CFS's input.

Trent Evanisky stated that in the legal opinion that was provided by Greg Walen, the recommendation was that the Elections Board has to work with the CFS Oversight Committee. It was not specified as to how it had to be done but that it had to be done.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the organization is membership driven and the members are all students. There would be enough time to strike an Oversight Committee. This year's Council cannot make a stance on behalf of the next year's Council. The referendum can be done in March and it is right that the USSU constitution in the end is correct. There are 3 weeks to work and it can be done.

VP Gersher reminded Council of Councilor Forbes's point about the referendum and if it is not postponed students would not have enough time to run a campaign. There is not enough time to inform the students.

Councilor Ansaldo spoke in agreement with VP Gersher's point.

Councilor Forbes stated that the Elections Board oversees the Oversight Committee.

Move to extend speaking rights to all Councilors.

**USC MOTION130:** Stranden/???

Carried.

Councilor Chadwick noted that the referendum should be held in the Fall. Next year's Council will have enough time to decide what is best.

President Gardiner spoke in agreement with Councilor Villeneuve on a lot of his points. No one on Council wants to see the referendum finished with more than himself. He wants to see it done right and it is his responsibility as a representative of the USSU to see that it is done right. He supports the Elections Board's declaration.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that she does not like the motion but because the Elections Board brought forward the motion it probably is the best choice. It is ridiculous as there were 5 months to prepare for the referendum and to get an Oversight Committee together. The entire process should have been happening months ago and it has been left too long. Council should be making decisions and following through with them. She will support the motion but is disappointed with how it has turned out.

VP Stranden stated that Council's concerns back in October were lawsuits with CFS and right now the USSU is in the position where a referendum has to be held in the Fall. She will support the motion but because she has to do what is best for the organization.

Councilor Kirkness stated that the point that was made that students would not have enough time to get a campaign together is not true. Students have known for quite a while that the referendum would be happening in March. She is disappointed that Council is letting a lawsuit situation make the decision for Council. She is completely against the motion and will be forced to vote in favor of the motion. Council is making a big mistake.

Councilor Forbes stated that the timeline has been what it is so far because of seeking legal opinion, getting the opinion in writing and clarifying the constitutions. She asked to have a straw poll to find out what Councilors have told their members about this. The poll revealed that students are pretty well informed that the referendum may happen.

Councilor ??? stated that the legal opinion and getting it in writing only happened in the last few weeks and there has been 5 months for this to happen. All the action has only happened in the past month. It should have been done in December or January.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the question has pestered Council for the last 5 months. It should be done right.

Councilor Forbes stated that Council knew that the referendum was in the works but it was not official until two weeks ago and the Elections Board did not get direction for the Council until two weeks ago. It rests on Council and not the Elections Board.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that everyone is responsible.

## **8.2 External Affairs Board Recommendations**

Move to table the recommendations indefinitely.

**USC MOTION131:** Gardiner/Leisle

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that the recommendations are no longer relevant, however, would like to bring up under Any Other Business a roll call on what each Councilor chooses as each of the three options as it is important to have a statement made.

Councilor Forbes asked with the motion would it mean that the recommendations would never be discussed again and if the next year's Council would not know anything about the document.

Chair Mupanguri clarified that with the recommendations being tabled indefinitely the question would die eventually or it could be brought back to the agenda by Council.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the recommendations are really no longer relevant. There should be a recommendation to next year's Executive to discuss CASA review from last year and the tri-lateral option review done by the External Affairs Board this year.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the recommendations cannot be tabled indefinitely because they are then 2004/2005 Council's recommendations but next year's Council should not be allowed to read the recommendations that were made. They will have their own External Affairs Board that can look at any report. This is next year's business now. The motion should be voted against and the item should be stricken from the agenda.

President Gardiner noted that in effect tabling the item indefinitely does that because at the end of the session (end of 2004/2005 Council session) it will be taken off the agenda.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the sub-committees appointed are being treated by a joke by the USC. The recommendations made were made by the External Affairs Board and are not scratched and not omitted from the reports. He is frustrated as a member of the External Affairs Board.

Councilor Gieni spoke in agreement with Councilor Ansaldo's statement. Since being on USC the majority of time has been spent on the External Affairs Board recommendations. The External Affairs Board has spent time and energy in researching and educating Council to make a recommendation. Council should be making a recommendation on the topic to next year's Council.

President Gardiner stated that by tabling the recommendations it is not nullifying the work done by the External Affairs Board. The report is done and what is being done now is saying that it is not necessary for this Council whether or not to endorse a referendum. The work of the board is still there to be reviewed by next year's Executive and Council.

VP Stranden asked if a roll call could be done at the same time for the recommendation under Any Other Business. The report is still public record. It would give more legitimacy to the document. There should be a vote on the recommendation.

Councilor Gieni asked if the motion is to support it or to support a referendum.

President Gardiner stated that the recommendation is that USC support the CFS referendum.

Chair Mupanguri reminded Council that the issue at hand is to table the External Affairs Board's recommendation.

Councilor Ansaldo asked what the roll call involves.

Councilor Leisle stated that it would be explained in Any Other Business.

Councilor Kirkness spoke in agreement with Councilor Ansaldo and it is a slap in the face to the External Affairs Board. Unfortunately, the decision has been made to hold the referendum next Fall. If the referendum is going to be next Fall then there should be a stance for next year's Council.

Councilor Ansaldo clarified that the External Affairs Board's recommendation cannot be stricken. The External Affairs Board found it in the best interest to support CFS. This should be tabled. A recommendation can be given but it is entirely up to next year's Council to follow through.

### **8.3 Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee Election**

Move to consider informally.

**USC MOTION132:** Gardiner/Leisle

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that there is currently a vacancy on the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee. He referred to Bylaw 3 and reviewed what the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee is responsible for. The current members are himself, ???, Councilor Chadwick and Councilor Leisle. Nominations opened.

The following Councilors were nominated for the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee: Councilor Forbes.

Councilor Forbes was declared the new member of the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee.

Move to consider formally.

**USC MOTION133:** Leisle/Gardiner

Carried.

Move to appoint Councilor Forbes to the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee.

**USC MOTION134:** Gardiner/Stranden

Carried.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 Accountability Reports – tabled**

President Gardiner noted that they are currently at Copy Central and will continue to be tabled for this week.

## **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION 135:** Leisle/Chadwick

Carried.

Councilor Ansaldo asked why the question of the Canadian Millennium Scholarship was not brought up at the External Affairs Board meeting.

President Gardiner stated that the Director of the Canadian Millennium Scholarship, Normon Riddel, was in town for another meeting and mentioned to himself since the last External Affairs Board meeting that he would like to meet with President Gardiner and it will be dealt with in the upcoming External Affairs Board meeting and then brought back to Council.



Councilor Villeneuve stated that at the Elections forum there would be a Pancake Eating Contest 2005. He asked how much it would cost the organization to pay the previous General Manager a couple months of salary upon her departure and asked why her probationary period was waived.

President Gardiner stated that the information is confidential relating to the General Manager's release. The amount that was paid to her was a substantial amount, however, half of it would have to be paid to her if the probationary period was not reduced. The amount is confidential because it is an HR issue.

Move that the discussion be in camera.

**USC MOTION136:** Gardiner/Leisle

Carried.

Move that the discussion be out of camera.

**USC MOTION137:** Forbes/Kirkness

Carried.

VP Gersher spoke about her meeting with VP MacDonald and Jonathan Moore-Wright. Jonathan Moore-Wright had asked for an opinion on what kind of services students would like to see on PAWS. They were unable to think of things on the spot and would like to get Council's suggestions and ideas and she will pass it on to Jonathan Moore-Wright.

Councilor Forbes stated that she would like to see ??? on PAWS and she would also like to see ???, which would be a valuable tool to students on campus. She noted that the recommendations made by the External Affairs Board are unclear to her on paper. She suggested to the Board to amend the recommendation to clarify for next year's Council. She asked for an explanation on why ISC received \$700 credit for Louis' when the maximum is \$300. She asked if it is possible for other groups to receive this funding.

President Gardiner stated that the credit that ISC received is not the same that Campus Clubs apply for, as it is Executive Sponsorship. It is for Aboriginal Awareness Week and not for ISC. Executive Sponsorship also goes to International Week and other major events around campus. All clubs and societies are encouraged to apply for Executive Sponsorship but this is broader than for just one single club or society. The credit is not going towards alcohol it is going towards the pancake breakfast.

Councilor Gieni noted that Councilor Brost (previous Medicine MSC) also sat on the Health & Dental Board. There should be a new member put on this board as well in case something comes up.

## **11. Any Other Business**

President Gardiner stated that it is very important that Council sends a strong message to next year's Council about the three options and have it on record.

Move to do a roll call on which of the 3 options, CFS, CASA or independent, each Councilor supports.

**USC MOTION138:** Gardiner/

Revoked.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if this is possible to do as some may want to keep their opinion to themselves.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that he understands the intent of the motion but a roll call is not the way to do it because next year's Council will not care what he has to say about the motion. What next year's Council would care about is to see how the USC stands on the issue. A vote should take place to see whether Council supports CFS or not because that has a stronger method.

Councilor Quintin noted that she understands as well what President Gardiner is wanting to do but I may be better to just sit down with the following year's MSC and explain what happened and what each individual's feelings are around the issue.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that it would look ridiculous if Council voted to not support CFS as prospective membership was taken out after what has all happened. Council should take a neutral stance and encouraging next year's Council on educating their students on all the options.

Councilor Ansaldo asked again if this is possible.

Chair Mupanguri stated that opinions can be put forward but anyone is free to say that they do not want to express their opinion.

President Gardiner stated that he would like to revoke his motion. Council should have some closure on the issue and invites all Councilors to help him find a solution to getting that closure.

VP Stranden noted that in two weeks it would be decided to pull the membership from CASA or not. A referendum will be held in fall of next year for CFS membership. If membership is not pulled from CASA and CFS membership is a go then the USSU would belong to two organizations. Councilors should be thinking about this as it will be discussed in a couple weeks.

Councilor Quintin stated that this was yet another thing that Council was not informed about this issue being brought up. She wished that it would have been brought to Council's attention sooner.

## **12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION139:** Villeneuve/Bowes

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

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# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Gerald Schiltroth, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Julien Kernaleguen, Agriculture  
Sarah Connor, Arts & Science  
Tyler Beatty, Engineering  
Jack Mason, Engineering

## **Regrets**

Jessica Heath, WCVM

## **Absent**

Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Rick Bowes, Education  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**USC MOTION140:** Stranden/Galbraith

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

VP Stranden announced that there would be interviews for the Director of Student Retention, Support & Development position within SESD. The interviews would be February 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am. – 11:30a.m., March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. and March 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. There are 3 candidates. The interviews will be held in Quapelle Hall Rm 125. Students are encouraged to attend to have a say in who the director will be. She spoke with Bob Ferguson and Veterinary Medicine students will

have personal panic buttons installed by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The University has the equipment and the project is feasible.

Councilor Galbraith announced the revitalization of the old campus radio station CJUS. He would like to see the radio station advertised more around campus as he was unaware of the station.

VP Gersher noted that the USSU is working on promotion with CJUS and had promoted in Upper Place as well as handed out brochures while promoting E-Group. She encouraged all Councilors to take 2 DisOrientation posters to hang up. President MacKinnon asked for input on the Library Hours handout. She reminded Councilors that Experience in Excellence nomination forms are available at the USSU front office.

Councilor Forbes announced that Pharmacy & Nutrition along with Engineering are holding a Stop Light Dance. If you wear red you are taken, yellow means willing to negotiate and wearing green means that you are good to go. The Dance is on March 4<sup>th</sup>. She introduced Jack Mason, SESS President, and Tyler Beatty who is running for an MSC position with Engineering.

Councilor Wudel noted that Students Against Global Aids is a new club on campus and they are running a letter writing campaign on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. A letter is being written to the Minister of International Cooperation and the Minister of Finance to alleviate global HIV. March 8<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day and Health Everywhere will be selling red ribbons made by HIV positive women in Africa. On March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> a Rape Aggression Defense course will be held.

Councilor Chadwick announced that on February 24<sup>th</sup> the ASA is raising money for Telemiracle by holding a mini casino night. Hawaiian Mixer is on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Prairieland. She introduced Agriculture nominee for MSC, Julien Kernalleguen.

President Gardiner asked for all Councilors to pass around posters on VolleyCrawl. The Canadian Women's National Volleyball Championships are being held at the U of S. Next week's Council meeting will have to be postponed until 7p.m. as the Election results are announced before that. The Federal budget was released yesterday and students lost in it. Both national student groups are vocally opposing the budget.

Councilor Diachinsky announced that Aboriginal Awareness Week is March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.

VP MacDonald stated that there are now couches for Louis'.

Councilor Kowalsky announced that on February 25<sup>th</sup> the ASSU is holding a Telemiracle pub crawl.

Councilor Schiltroth introduced Education MSC-elect, Jason Villeneuve. Walter Murray is looking for tutors with their ESL program.

VP Gersher congratulated Jason Villeneuve. She re-introduced Sarah Connor who is running for VP (Student Issues).

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Forbes noted that under 6.1 of last week's meeting it should read "if CFS holds a referendum".

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that under item 8.1 on page 9 she "stated that the legal opinion and getting it in writing only happened in the last few weeks..."

The minutes for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were approved as amended.

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

The names on the ballot are:

President

-Gavin Gardiner

-Jack Mason

-Jeff MacDonald

VP (Academic Affairs)

-Jordan Anderson

-Evan Cole

-Brett Flavell

VP (External Affairs)

-Michael Kowalsky

VP (Operations & Finance)

-Sarah Boldick

-Brett Campbell

-Matt Leisle

VP (Student Issues)

-Sarah Connor

-Jeremy Ring

Senate

-Jason Barnhart

-Geoffrey Barton

-Talib Daredia

-Christian Labrecque

-Robin Mowat

-Brent Thoma

-Ashley Turgeon

## **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising.

### **8. Business**

No business.

### **9. New Business**

#### **9.1 External Affairs Board Recommendations – tabled indefinitely**

#### **9.2 Accountability Reports**

President Gardiner asked if all Councilor received a copy of the Accountability Reports. He will print more copies and there were copies emailed out to all Councilors. He will have more printed for next week. The reports will be reviewed at next week's Council meeting.

#### **9.3 CASA Membership**

President Gardiner noted that this is a budget issue. Council needs to decide what is going on with CASA membership. There are three options, which are to cancel membership, continue membership or move to associate membership.

Chair Mupanguri asked for clarification for Councilors on what associate membership is.

President Gardiner noted that associate membership is on the CASA website. He will also send out a link to all Councilors. Associate membership is all rights of membership without voting at the conferences and 75% of fee is paid.

**10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION141:** Leisle/Ansaldo

Carried.

Councilor Forbes stated that the following week is National Engineering Week. She suggested that there be small notepads to pass notes rather than whispering and causing disturbance during the meeting.

Councilor Galbraith noted that it came to his attention in January that the USSU Executive undertook a restructuring of the office where certain positions were changed or removed. He asked why USC was not informed of the restructuring.

President Gardiner stated that they are budget recommendations. This was a recommendation of the staff and Executive. The decision will be made in 2 weeks.

Councilor Wudel noted that a couple months back it was agreed that the minutes would be out by Wednesday by 4:30p.m. She stated that she went to the office to pick up the package and there were minutes not included that should have been.

President Gardiner stated that the Confidential Secretary does up the USC minutes and agenda and are usually out on time. It is the responsibility of the Executive to do up their own minutes and get them out on time. He made a promise that his will be ready on Wednesday's for 4:30p.m.

VP Gersher stated that it was discussed with the Confidential Secretary a few weeks back about changing it back to Thursday as it hadn't been mentioned to continue the minutes being out on Wednesday.

Councilor Forbes noted that she had heard that some of the recommendations have already been acted on. She asked what really is going on.

President Gardiner stated that the only restructuring that has happened is termination of the General Manager. All the changes in the budget do not take place until May 1<sup>st</sup>. There have been no concrete decisions.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that he is curious as to how someone who is running for a VP position could be privy to information more promptly than a Councilor regarding elections.

VP Stranden noted that Candidate Jeremy Ring came to her and asked what was going on.

Councilor Diachinsky sent his regrets for March 3<sup>rd</sup> USC meeting. He announced that the Liberals are holding a pub night on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Black Duck.



President Gardiner stated that next week Council would be discussing the Accountability Reports, CASA and surveys for Council to address issues that were brought up this year. The budget should be available in 2 weeks for Council to review. The final decisions relating to Studentcare for the next year will take place. The Minister of Learning will be attending Council and present. He asked if there is anything else that anyone is wanting to deal with before the end of the year.

Councilor Ansaldo suggested to check out Browsers \$1 book rack that contains books that have expired and no one wants. These books should be sent away.

Councilor Wudel noted that she went into Browsers regarding the book drive and has not been contacted by Browsers yet. She will check back in with them. The books will be sent away after finals.

Councilor Forbes stated that any concerns or complaints with anyone running in the elections could be brought to her attention or anyone with the Elections Board.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if a "Vote or Die" campaign could be put on to promote voting.

Councilor Forbes stated that when representing a non-profit organization it would not be a good idea. It is good to encourage people to go vote.

President Gardiner stated that there was a pancake eating contest with himself and Liam with the Sheaf at Louis'. He announced that he is the 2005 Pancake Eating Champion.

Councilor Wudel asked if there has been a college challenge for voter turnout.

Councilor Forbes stated that the Voter's Cup is up for grabs this year for the highest voter turnout. She noted that whoever beats Engineering gets 3 free tickets to Stop Light Dance.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if there is a voting pool.

Councilor Forbes stated that it is not the time or place to discuss a voting pool.

Councilor Kowalsky suggested that there be 2 competitions. One could be the percentage of voter turnout and one could be number of votes per college. He asked when President Gardiner would shave his head.

President Gardiner stated that he never promised that he would shave his head.

Councilor Kirkness stated that it is a bad idea to have voting be a competition. Voting should be taken seriously.

Councilor Forbes stated that Councilor Kirkness's point is valid. Students should be encouraged to attend forums and get involved. She noted that whoever beats Engineering in numbers gets 5 free tickets to Stop Light Dance and whoever beats in percentage gets 3 free tickets.

VP Gersher ???

Councilor Ansaldo suggested to walk around campus and promote voting.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor suggested that the signs that were used for the tuition freeze forum be reused to promote voting, hand outs and posters. It worked for the tuition freeze forum.

**11. Any Other Business**

Move to hold March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, USC meeting at 7p.m.

**USC MOTION142:** Gardiner/Schiltroth

Carried.

**12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION143:** Leisle/Stranden

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

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- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
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- 5. Council Address**
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  - 5.2 Michelle MacDonald – University Life 101: Coaching Positions**
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  - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
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# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Gerald Schiltroth, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine  
Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA  
Jessica Heath, WCV

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Melissa Cotton  
Chris Gallaway  
Oyeyemi Lawal  
Michelle MacDonald  
Susan Yakimoski

## **Regrets**

Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC

## **Absent**

Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Rick Bowes, Education  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

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Move to revoke CASA Membership from Business.

**USC MOTION144:** Gardiner/Villeneuve

Carried.

Councilor Ansaldo asked how much would the organization owe.

President Gardiner noted that it would be approximately the same as last year, which was \$40,000.

#### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Heath announced that WCVM is holding a paintball tournament on March 12<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that Kinesiology is holding a pubcrawl on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

VP Gersher encouraged Councilors to attend the Provosts address on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Teach & Learning Workshop is on March 19<sup>th</sup> in Arts 241 from 8:30a.m. – 2:30p.m. Learn How To Register on PAWS is March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> in Thorv 105 from 3:30p.m. – 5:00p.m. Michael Atkinson's Academic Agenda is on March 9<sup>th</sup> in Arts 241 at 1:15p.m. She asked that all Councilors pick up DisOrientation posters.

Councilor Forbes announced the Elections Results. HVC Road Hockey is on March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and for more info to call 242-7878. The Stop Light Dance is on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Galbraith sends his regrets. There was an excellent article in the Sheaf on National Engineering Week.

\*\*\*not recorded

#### **5. Council Address**

##### **5.1 Dwight Bird – Proposed Aboriginal Student Space Project**

Move to consider informally.

**USC MOTION145:** Leisle/Kirkness

Carried.

Dwight Bird announced that on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30p.m. – 4:30p.m. in Place Riel Theatre there will be a slide presentation on the proposed Indigenous Students' Council lounge. The plan has been coming into effect for the last 8 years. The reason for the space is to have a place to learn and understand Aboriginal history and culture. There will be a PowerPoint presentation on March 14<sup>th</sup> on the new space. The money was donated that will be used for the project and is not costing the students anything. There will also be door prizes and refreshments available at the event. On March 14<sup>th</sup> from 8a.m.-10a.m. there will be a free pancake breakfast at Louis'. The Aboriginal student population right now is 1,800 and predicting that there will be over 2,000 for next fall.

##### **5.2 Michelle MacDonald – University Life 101: Coaching Positions**

Michelle MacDonald noted that she works in Retention Services with the U of S.

University Life 101 is a first year transition program. There are 22 classes of first year students that meet once a week in term 2. There are approximately 22 coaches hired for sections of each college (as well as St. Thomas More and all other direct entry colleges). She encouraged everyone to apply. It is a great opportunity as MSC's to have an impact on first year students. The application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup> and there is a \$1000 honorarium associated with participating. There is approximately 100 to 130 hours involved. She asked that the information be passed along to the students' societies. She

announced that Marketing & Student Recruitment is hiring Student Ambassadors, which is a campus tour guide to assist with recruitment of prospective students by giving tours of campus. The hours are flexible. She also announced that there is a summer position available in her office assisting with Retention programming as well as others hiring a Writer and Event Planner. All job postings are on the Career Centre website.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that there is not an Education Student Ambassador and asked why as there are a lot of students who are interested in attending Education.

Michelle MacDonald stated that they would like to have representation from all colleges and it is a matter as to who applies and who is the right ambassador for the college.

??? stated that there is an Education Student Ambassador.

Move to consider formally.

**USC MOTION146:** Leisle/Ansald

Carried.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Villeneuve noted that he was not absent and was present as he forgot to swipe his card.

Councilor Gieni noted that she was not absent as she passed along her regrets to President Gardiner about a month ago.

Councilor Quintin noted that she was not absent as she passed along her regrets to President Gardiner as well.

The USC minutes for February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were approved as amended.

### **6.2 Executive Committee**

President Gardiner noted that there has been External Affairs Board meetings. Most of the time has been taken up with Budget meetings for the departments. He attended class and took 2 days off. He announced again that he did win the pancake eating contest that Councilor Villeneuve did not attend.

VP Gersher noted that she also attended numerous Budget meetings. She finished up with the textbook drive and E-group. She attended the President's Breakfast.

VP Stranden took 5 days off during the break.

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

#### **6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed.

Melissa Cotton spoke to OFB BUDGET24 regarding student services. The Volunteer Centre is being closed. She would recommend that the Food Centre not be moved to the Volunteer Centre location. The Volunteer Centre is in a very busy spot and does not feel comfortable in allowing people to pick up their food hampers in Lower Place Riel. Safewalk should still be run out of the Volunteer Centre location.

Councilor Forbes spoke to OFB BUDGET28 regarding increasing campus group funding from \$300 to \$400. She asked for an explanation and asked if it is fiscally responsible with all the other cuts being proposed.

VP MacDonald stated that members on the Board felt that it was best to increase the funding for clubs. The organization is under budget for the amount of funding given out and over budget in revenue line. Clubs are being ratified and not giving out as much money as would be expected.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that it was his idea to increase campus funding to \$400. It would be good to meet that budget line and would really help the groups coming in in the first year.

#### **6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

There were no actual minutes distributed as there were only 2 members present at the meeting.

Councilor Kirkness stated that drinking in residence is being dealt with by the board. The board cannot do anything on this issue. She noted that she has already spoke with the Residence Administration and they have nothing to say about it. The board has decided that Council is welcome to deal with the issue.

VP MacDonald noted that if 8:30a.m. is a bad meeting time then why wasn't a better meeting time chosen.

VP Stranden stated that it was the only time that the members could meet. It is early but it is the only time that was available.

Councilor Kowalsky stated to get better attendance it would be best to schedule the meetings for the afternoon.

#### **6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

Councilor Forbes announced the following elections results:

Gavin Gardiner – President

Sarah Connor – VP (Student Issues)

Brett Campbell – VP (Operations & Finance)

Evan Cole – VP (Academic Affairs)  
Michale Kowalsky – VP (External Affairs)  
Jason Barnhart – Senate  
Geoffrey Barton – Senate  
Talib Daredia – Senate  
Robin Mowat – Senate  
Brent Thoma – Senate  
Ashley Turgeon – Senate

She noted that the results are conditionally ratified pending results of an investigation that the Elections Board will be dealing with in the week to come. She congratulated all the winners and the candidates for running excellent campaigns.

Councilor Kowalsky asked what college had the highest voter turnout.

Councilor Forbes stated that the statistics have not come back yet and should be in by Friday.

President Gardiner asked what the percentage of voter turnout was and asked who the student senator that would sit on the Executive. The senator that does sit on the Executive is the one who received the highest number of votes.

Councilor Forbes stated that Ashley Turgeon would be sitting on Executive. The voter turnout was the highest turnout without a referendum, which was 18.9%.

#### **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

President Gardiner noted that item 4 should read Sheaf Article.

The minutes for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as amended.

#### **6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

### **8. Business**

#### **8.1 Accountability Reports**

President Gardiner stated this is a chance for Council to question anything that is or is not in the reports.

Move to approve the accountability reports pending any amendments.

**USCMOTION147:** Gardiner/Gersher

Carried.



Councilor Villeneuve recommended for the future to include number of vacation days used and remaining. One student brought forth a concern that one of the VP's was over the vacation time allotted.

VP MacDonald stated that the spreadsheets are distributed monthly and could easily be attached. He recommended that the accountability reports go online for next year.

President Gardiner noted that he would forward out to all Councilors the Executive vacation and sick time.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 External Affairs Board Recommendations – tabled indefinitely**

### **9.2 2005/2006 Budget**

VP MacDonald recommended that Councilors read through the budget, know strategic plans and any changes that should be made. The budget has been reviewed several times by every level of staff. USC has the ability to make recommendations. The budget would be voted on next meeting. Any questions or comments should be directed to the Executive before next week's meeting.

## **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION148:** Heath/Forbes

Carried.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that in the Sheaf it speaks of some of the Operations & Finance Board changes regarding Copy Central. It sounds awful in the article saying "Print Shop is on the chopping block" and sounds like it is a final decision. To her understanding it was a recommendation being brought to USC. She is concerned that if the Sheaf reports on issues as final decisions before USC has voted then students are going to get upset. A student on her Council has started a petition to keep Copy Central open. She would hope that the Sheaf would be more careful with their word choice.

Jeremy Warren with the Sheaf stated that a couple paragraphs before he stated that everything that followed was a recommendation.

VP MacDonald noted that he met with Jeremy Warren and he handled it quite responsibly. There might be some debate as to whether or not that information should have been in the Sheaf before USC was presented with that information. It is more responsible to ensure that students are aware of the issues than to assume that Councilors can get that information out to students in a week.

President Gardiner spoke in regards to the email that was sent out to all of Council outlining all the changes that were included in this budget. He apologized for a comment that he made last Thursday. He thought that the restructuring decisions were not final but in fact they are. The budget is USC's responsibility and if Council does not think that those changes are in the best interest of the organization then it must be brought forward. One of the changes is the elimination of the Research & Policy Coordinator. The duties of this position would be divided between the existing Development Coordinator and a new position the Service Coordinator. The current Resource Services Manager would be split into two positions—Human Resource Manager and the Service Coordinator. Currently the Resource Services Manager supervises the Centres as well as the HR within the organization. With the changes to the Volunteer Centre it would not mean the elimination of any of the services that are already provided. A full-time staff member would look after Student Crew and Safewalk, which would be the Service Coordinator. There would also be a Student Coordinator to assist with the Service Coordinator in facilitating the two programs. The actual in-house duties of the Volunteer Centre would be moved to the Help Centre and the Food Centre would then be moved under the Service Coordinator. Research was an issue brought up by some Councilors and what would happen is that it would be done by individual students, which has been done a little this year, which is much more cost effective. The rationale is that it makes the organization much more efficient and does not result in the loss of any services. In just the Administration budget it saves \$90,000/year. The Executive did not make the decision or the recommendations. The Executive was informed about a month ago just before the General Manager was let go. If there are any concerns about the Volunteer Centre change proposal to talk with Melissa Cotton, Volunteer Centre Director.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the changes are sketchy. USC acts as a Board of Governors. It may be in the best interest of creating efficiency and cutting costs within the USSU. Last week was the first he had heard about the changes. Council has no say on changing the budget and has to pass the budget with the proposed changes. The changes should have been brought to Council a long time ago. There is not enough time to go back and start on a new budget and therefore this one has to be passed.

Councilor Gieni noted that Medicine students like to have business cards to hand out to Program Directors. Recently they found out that any U of S student is not allowed to use the U of S crest on a business card. Only employees of the university are allowed to use the crest on the business cards. All students should have access to using the crest. She asked that VP Stranden look into the issue.

Councilor Heath noted her concern with how her Council runs as they have only had 3 meetings since September. She wanted to know how often other Councils meet. Campus Security stole her bike because they needed to clear the snow but never gave any warning that the bike could not be parked there or that they had her bike. She does get her bike back. She spoke to the issue of there being a lot of elections posters in the garbage and not being recycled. An example should be set.

VP MacDonald stated that a lot of the posters are not recyclable.

Councilor Forbes noted that individual candidates take down the posters but she will bring it up with Sharla Daviduik and Trent Evanisky.

VP Stranden asked if Councilor Heath got her lock reimbursed by Campus Security.

Councilor Heath stated that she didn't ask.

Councilor Forbes thanked Councilor Villeneuve for his passionate speech and she is upset that this has been going on. She noted that she spoke with a variety of members of the USSU. She suggested that a lot of things that were done before the release of the General Manager should be rescinded. With having one person, the General Manager, in charge of so many issues especially the cutting of a department is not in the best interest of the organization. She would like to see some changes made.

President Gardiner stated that he has been speaking with staff in the office on who has the authority to change, who is in charge of what issues and how many issues and it is USC who has that authority. It would be changed if it can be changed before the new General Manager takes office.

VP MacDonald stated the levels of authority is in the Human Resources policy. The hiring authority is up to the General Manager and the Resource Services Manager. President Gardiner and himself have sat on a couple hiring committees this year but it was for courtesy and were in no way given that right or encouraged to be there. He suggested that there be something within the HR policy saying that the President would have to sign off on all major hires, fires and departmental changes. This would ultimately bring back the power to USC. If there is interest in this he would be prepared to draft something up for the next meeting.

Chair Mupanguri noted that if there is anyone who is interested in what VP MacDonald spoke about to meet him after the meeting to discuss further.

Councilor Villeneuve asked Oyeyemi Lawal if the international students have created a body if he is running for MSC.

Oyeyemi Lawal stated that there is a body. ???

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that she was in no way displeased that the information about Copy Central was printed in the Sheaf but concerned with the wording and that students may jump to conclusions.

Councilor Wudel stated that she attended "Building Bridges Inter-Disciplinary Forum" at Louis'. It was requested shortly after 8p.m. that the speaker should wrap up and the event was supposed to run until 9:30p.m. Louis' must have had a scheduling problem.

Councilor Hauser stated that she would appreciate the budget to have a table of contents and page numbers. She noted that herself and Councilor Bartsch would send their opinions and support for the budget to him to be presented next meeting.

Melissa Cotton spoke to the changes that are happening with the Volunteer Centre. She is dissatisfied with how Student Crew and Safewalk are being dealt with. She has been working with the programs for the past 2 years and would hate to see them suffer. She noted that under the revenue line for Student Crew in the new proposed budget has been cut. Excellent jobs are being provided to students and international students are able to fill these jobs on campus as well. She doesn't know why the revenue would be cut unless the program is going to be cut. The Volunteer Centre Director job would be cut and provides employment to a student. She worked over and above what she got paid as the Director and she does not understand how the programs would run effectively without losing out. She does not want any of the programs to suffer. The only thing that is going to the Help Centre is the volunteer postings, which are on line.

VP MacDonald stated that the HR changes should have been handled at Council and not by the General Manager. How the General Manager handled it was not proper. For the majority of things it is not a bad idea. He noted that he is not going to move the budget next week as it stands because of the Volunteer Centre. He does not agree that it is a revenue line but it is very close. It provides many jobs to students.

President Gardiner noted that the decision about the Volunteer Centre to cut the revenue item and Director position from full-time to part-time was made in a budget meeting. Himself and VP Stranden were the only Executive members in attendance at that meeting. At that same meeting there was a deficit of \$60,000 and now in the position of a surplus of \$15,000. Council has every right to make changes to the budget. This is something that should not be overlooked and he would make an amendment to have a full-time position to deal with Student Crew and Safewalk and to keep the revenue at what it had been prior to the decision.

VP Stranden noted that she would be in support of VP MacDonald's decision about the Volunteer Centre. The Centre should not be cut as it does provide a lot of services to students and students depend on the services.

Councilor Ansaldo applauded VP MacDonald's decision to support student services. ???

VP Gersher reminded everyone that nominations for Experience in Excellence Awards are due March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Kowalsky stated that the name of the Sheaf should be changed to ??? and change the name of Louis' to ???

Councilor Gieni asked Melissa Cotton what percentage of her average day is spent on Student Crew and Safewalk and asked that Melissa Cotton give a Council address on the Volunteer Centre.

**11. Any Other Business**

Move that the Executive Accountability Reports go on line for next year.

**USC MOTION149:** Villeneuve/MacDonald

Move to amend the motion so that this year's Executive Accountability Reports go on line.

**USC MOTION150:** Gardiner/???

Carried.

Councilor Forbes noted that it is an excellent recommendation.

Jeremy Warren noted that there has been some interest expressed in getting ???

Councilor Gieni noted that she asked a question in questions and comments and Melissa Cotton did not get a chance to respond.

Move that Melissa Cotton make a presentation on the Volunteer Centre during this meeting.

**USC MOTION151:** MacDonald/Birdi

Carried.

Melissa Cotton noted that she is paid for 28.5hrs/week. She probably puts in her 28.5hrs in 2.5 days. She spends 100% of her time on Student Crew and Safewalk. There are a lot of evenings and weekends involved. The Volunteer Centre runs several programs; volunteer postings (currently online and smaller postings in the office); used to run the housing registry, work in conjunction with the Food Centre Attendant to run the Food Centre (Trick or Eat program), Safewalk program is run Sunday – Thursday evenings 8:30p.m.-11:30p.m. (volunteer based and all volunteers have safety checks done), Student Crew (employ over 45 students with parking enforcement, Marquis Hall, dances, alcoholic events), poster, did security for Thorvaldson last year which was a large revenue line and do a lot of security around campus. When there are big events on campus Safewalk is called out. The position involves a lot of HR and tracking down employees who don't show up for their shifts. It seems like every week there is a new job and a lot of it is by word of mouth.

Councilor Gieni asked about a Victim Advocate.

Melissa Cotton noted that the Victim Advocate is with the Women's Centre.

??? asked how many students go into the Volunteer Centre because they have no idea where to go.

Melissa Cotton noted that there are probably 30 to 40 students a day. It would not be lost if that Centre was closed it would just mean that students would be going to the Help Centre or the Information Centre instead.

Councilor Villeneuve asked about the Good Food Box.

Melissa Cotton noted that the Good Food Box is a program that runs every two weeks when people can order good quality fruits and vegetables at a low cost. This would go to the Food Centre Attendant to look after.

Councilor Kowalsky asked if there is any chance that the University may pick up the tab for Safewalk.

Melissa Cotton noted that the University has done that in the past. The USSU has had control over the program for 4 years and was one of the original reasons why the Volunteer Centre was started. The University has always wanted to take credit for it in the last few years with the safety issues coming up.

VP Stranden stated that it is not a wise idea to pass the Safewalk program onto the University. Pride is taken in the program and it is part of the university and it is true that the University has taken credit for the program on numerous occasions. The program is the USSU's and it is running very efficiently right now.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

Councilor Forbes stated that the University Safety Committee does not know that the Safewalk program may be going back to them. She asked if there had been any discussion with the committee about Safewalk.

Melissa Cotton noted that it is the President's Advisory Committee on Personal Safety. The Committee does not know and she does not know if it is her responsibility to have told them. There are people within the university community that may have an idea that this is occurring. At this point it is not certain what will be done with the program but the University would probably gladly take it back.

VP Stranden asked if it is reasonable to ask to have a budget prepared to include the Volunteer Centre to know what the bottom line would look like.

VP MacDonald stated that it would be most environmentally friendly to prepare a new student services section and volunteer centre section, which would cover everything relevant.

President Gardiner asked if it would work to increase the line item under Student Crew Supervisor and make it a full-time or 3/4-time position and increase the revenue from Student Crew.

Melissa Cotton stated that she is not looking at reinstating the Volunteer Centre and would agree with President Gardiner. It was the intent to have a full time employee to look after Student Crew and Safewalk and if it could be done she is willing to work with whoever.

VP MacDonald stated that he would bring all the options to Council next week.

**12. Adjourn**

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION152:** Leisle/Bartsch

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**
  - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – February 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
  - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
  - 8.1 2005/2006 Budget**
- 9. New Business**
  - 9.1 External Affairs Board Recommendations – tabled indefinitely**
- 10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 11. Any Other Business**
- 12. Adjournment**



# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

## **Present**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Richard Bowes, Education  
Gerald Schiltroth, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine

Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Sarah Connor, Arts & Science  
Brett Campbell, Commerce

## **Regrets**

Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Marlaina Hauser

## **Absent**

Jessica Heath, WCVN

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**USC MOTION153:** Leisle/Galbraith

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Forbes announced the First Annual Head Shave charity event that raises money for Saskatchewan Cancer Research. There was \$1300 raised from the event and 9 people's heads were shaved. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Engineering is holding a Golf Crawl. Next weekend is the IEEE High Voltage Classic road hockey tournament.

Councilor Kirkness announced that it is her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday is at midnight.

Councilor Robin announced that there is a fundraising event to raise money for cancer, which is on March 11<sup>th</sup>. March 18<sup>th</sup> is the Nursing Mardi Gras.

VP Stranden noted that she contacted Joan Tilk from Printing Services about the U of S crest being on students' business cards. Joan Tilk stated that undergraduate students could use the crest on the card but if a first year does so to portray more status then it is not correct. You just need to get permission from the supervisor, college head or college dean. That person would then pass on an email to the university and everything should be okay. With the bikes that Security Services cut from the racks to remove snow, students will receive reimbursement for the locks that were cut. Security Services did not tag the bikes and the officer who cut the locks will be reprimanded for not following policy.

Councilor Chadwick announced that March 11<sup>th</sup> is Commoniwannalaya. She announced that there was approximately \$2500 raised for Telemiracle. Agriculture is holding a blood drive against the Engineers on March 29<sup>th</sup>. She sent her regrets for March 17<sup>th</sup> USC meeting.

Councilor Funk announced that on March 18<sup>th</sup> Physical Therapy is holding a St. Patrick's token night.

Councilor Ansaldo announced that the Public Administration Students' Society would be showing pictures and talking of the experience in Afghanistan on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

President Gardiner spoke about CJUS and handed out posters promoting the web radio station and asked that Councilors put them around the colleges. He also handed out posters on the Tuition Freeze from the External Affairs Board. There is a Teaching and Learning Seminar Workshop on March 19<sup>th</sup> and registration is online. VP Gersher is working on getting the registration deadline extended. The document is foundational and will affect all students on campus.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that he just got back from a tax session with DisOrientation and said that it was really good. He suggested that everyone check out the seminars.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

The minutes for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, were approved as circulated.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Gardiner noted that the Executive met this afternoon and the minutes are not ready. The minutes for March 10<sup>th</sup> would be presented on March 17<sup>th</sup> to Council. He noted that he has been catching up on things for the last week. There was an emergency Board of Governors meeting called to deal with a few outstanding issues. There is a

CASA Conference to select the National Director in Halifax next week and will not be able to attend USC on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

VP Stranden noted that she spent March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fraiser Institute. She has been rewriting the policy for the USSU Daycare as there have been some concerns with Social Work students and Nursing students. She did some research with the university crest on business cards and the bike locks. She has finalized the Disability Awareness Week. She is waiting to hear back from students who are helping out with Environment Week. She attended an orientation.

President Gardiner presented on behalf of VP Gersher as she will be arriving later. He noted that VP Gersher has been working very hard on putting together DisOrientation and had sent her regrets for the beginning of the meeting.

VP MacDonald noted that he has been trying to catch up and just got into another battle with Student Central to work out insurance issues. Next week he is the acting President while President Gardiner is in Halifax.

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

President Gardiner noted that there was not an official meeting last week as quorum was not present. The Provincial budget will be released on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and there will likely be something in the budget for students. It is unclear at the moment what that will be. He noted that invitations are available to any student who wants to attend the budget release and anyone who wants to go to let him know. The University of Regina is holding a hospitality night at their bar for anyone who does go to the budget release.

## **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1 2005/2006 Budget**

Move to extend speaking rights to Freda Salikin and Pam Barker and to members of Council.

**USC MOTION154:** MacDonald/Gardiner

Carried.

VP MacDonald suggested that the expenditures be done first.

Move to approve the capital request for the office renovation in the amount of \$3,500.

**USC MOTION155:** MacDonald/Forbes

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that there is currently a small space for the computer technician to work in and next year there will be 2 part-time technicians. The room needs to be modified to accommodate 2 technicians.

Move to approve the capital request for tables and chairs for the coffee area in Browsers in the amount of \$8,438.

**USC MOTION156:** MacDonald/Ansaldo

Carried.

The purchase would be for 1 loveseat, 2 arm chairs and 15 chairs. Browsers has decided to discontinue the dvd's, cd's and movies as they are not selling and would allow for extra seating space. The coffee shop area is almost always full and would like to expand the seating.

Move to approve the capital request for 1 BenQ plasma screen for the Communications Department in the amount of \$4,999.

**USC MOTION157:** MacDonald/Villeneuve

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that the price includes the equipment for installation. It is the same as the other plasma screens currently in Place Riel and has been successful.

Councilor Quintin asked where the plasma screen would be put.

VP MacDonald noted that he is unsure but what he has heard from the Communications Coordinator is where the whiteboard currently is. The whiteboard is not being properly utilized.

VP Stranden stated that another option was by the tunnel by the pop machines.

Move to approve the capital request for 1 Canon Digital camera for the Communications Department in the amount of \$1,125.

**USC MOTION158:** MacDonald/Ansaldo

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that there currently is a digital camera but it is getting old and the resolution is poor.

Move to approve the capital request for a trade show display booth for the Development Department in the amount of \$1,126.19.

**USC MOTION159:** MacDonald/Bowes

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that Louis' would also benefit from the display booth. The booth would be used to primarily advertise at wedding and catering conventions. There is currently a small booth that is used but is old and heavy.

Move to approve the capital request for sand at the volleyball courts for Louis' in the amount of \$1,970.

**USC MOTION160:** MacDonald/Birdi Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that the sand needs to be replaced in order to provide the service.

Move to approve the capital request for a modified garage package for the beach volleyball courts for Louis' in amount of \$35,970.

**USC MOTION161:** MacDonald/Galbraith Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that it would allow storage, a little bit of shelter and allow a better food and beverage service. The current shack is small and in a bad location.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if there were plans for having the garage done in time for this summer.

VP MacDonald noted that the season starts late May and there is indication that it could be started right away and would be ready for the season.

Move to approve the capital request for glassware and china for Louis' in the amount of \$10,396.69.

**USC MOTION162:** MacDonald/Schiltroth Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that it is to update and replace the current supplies. There has not been any purchased since opening the new Louis'. Wine glasses are currently rented anytime there is a formal function, which does get costly.

Move to approve the capital request for computer hardware and software in the amount of \$32,017.

**USC MOTION163:** MacDonald/Bowes Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that it is to upgrade and replace computers according to the IT plan. It is not frivolous and was prepared by the computer technician.

Move to approve the proposed budget for Administration in the amount of \$149,868.

**USC MOTION164:** MacDonald/Stranden Carried.

Councilor Forbes asked where the Research department was being moved to.

VP MacDonald noted that the Research department would have had its own budget and now it is in Development and Student Services.

Move to approve the proposed budget for Browsers in the amount of \$6,866.

**USC MOTION165:** MacDonald/Villeneuve

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that the budget does reflect the increase of tables, chairs, coffee and snacks. Browsers will be moving away from sandwiches and wraps and going towards desserts.

Move to approve the proposed budget for Communications in the amount of a loss of \$35,071.

**USC MOTION166:** MacDonald/Forbes

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted the reason for the loss is because it is the department that handles all the advertising and press releases.

Move to approve the proposed budget for Copy Central in the amount of a loss of \$59,182.

**USC MOTION167:** MacDonald/Schiltroth

VP MacDonald noted that a proposal from the Operations & Finance Board is to close down the Print Shop portion of Copy Central as it is continually running a deficit and the board does not believe that the operation is in the best interest of the students.

Move to have Pam Barker, Copy Central Site Manager make a 5 minute Council address on Copy Central.

**USC MOTION168:** MacDonald/Forbes

Carried.

Pam Barker noted that it is a very difficult time for her, as a student and an employee, and her staff. The proposal is to shut down the Print Shop portion of Copy Central because no money is being made. She was always lead to believe that they were a service to the students first and foremost and it makes her wonder if departments are going to start to close because they don't make money. All the departments that do not make money need to be reviewed and not just the Print Shop. She noted that she had 485 students in less than 2 days who sign a petition to ask to keep the Print Shop open. Copies are sold at most departments at a loss. She noted that if the copies were increased from .10/copy to .15/copy she does not believe that this issue would be presented to Council. If any other department prices went up they would be allowed to increase their prices where as Copy Central is not because it is a service to the students. She asked that when it is time to vote on the issue of closing the Print Shop to think about the students.

VP MacDonald introduced Crystel Knihniski, Acting General Manager and Controller, who will be presenting the numbers.

Crystel Knihniski referred to the sheet on the closure of Copy Central. The sheet provided information on the history of the operation on just the Print Shop portion and

not the photocopy service. If the service is kept open it will cost an estimated \$37,867 this year. It is not purely a financial decision. The alternative is to close the operation down by April 30, 2005, and would cost an estimated \$34,000 and the space could be rented out next year for about \$12,000/year. There would be no further operating losses and would be able to rent out the space. Printing Services on campus is very interested in purchasing the equipment from the Print Shop and providing the services that are currently provided by the Print Shop. Students will not suffer and someone else would offer the service. It is being requested to have a .05 increase on the photocopier fleet across campus. There will be a large write off for next year for about \$100,000 when the lease ends on the current photocopiers. No student jobs would be affected with the closure as the staffing for next year was not planned to include any student jobs. The organization needs to plan for future years.

Move that USC recommend the closure of the Print Shop (Copy Central Main) in Lower Place Riel.

**USC MOTION169:** MacDonald/Villeneuve Carried.  
**Opposition noted by President Gardiner, Councilor Kirkness,  
Councilor Quintin, Councilor Chadwick, Councilor Funk,  
Councilor Ansaldo, Councilor Kowalsky.**

VP MacDonald stated that it is a decision of whether or not it is a financial decision. The closure would only include the Print Shop in lower Place Riel and the copy fleet would remain. The closure of the Print Shop is not purely based on finances. It needs to be decided if this is a service to students and what the physical location does for them. It has been discussed throughout many planning meetings whether the Print Shop and the copiers are services to students. It has always been acknowledged that the Print Shop has been aimed at off campus businesses. The proposed increase of copies from .10 to .15/copy is 100% independent of the Print Shop. That would in no way affect the Print Shop but affect the copy fleet around campus. Printing Services on campus does coping for about .04/copy. He spoke to the services and the possible of loss of services. He asked what services the students use at the Print Shop. It does offer bindery, business cards, posters but for the most part the services are offered to off campus businesses and the photocopying would still be available that is used primarily by students. The students lose no services with the closure.

Councilor Leisle asked why there is such a discrepancy with the cost of closing down April 30, 2005, would cost \$34,200 and would actually be between \$120,000 and \$150,000.

Crystel Knihniski stated that the difference is because of Printing Services current interest. They have timelines that it would have to be done. If Printing Services were to wait until next year to purchase the equipment the USSU would end up not getting what is wanted for the equipment.

Councilor Villeneuve spoke in favor of the motion. There was a long debate on the closure at the Operations & Finance meeting and was the best decision that they could come to. One of the greatest lines of revenue from Copy Central is the plotter revenue, which prints the large banners. This service is not being used by students but by outside users that are non-students. The photocopiers are being kept. He spoke with students in his college and Commerce and a lot of students are not using the Print Shop. He asked how long a service could be offered to students that a majority of them are not using. All of the services would still be available on campus.

Councilor Chadwick noted that copy centre is a great resource to students.

Councilor Kirkness spoke against the motion. She noted that a lot of students in residence do not have cars and do not have a way to get to Staples. Students in residence are going to pay close to \$6000 to live on campus next year and projected to go up after that. For residence students to go off campus it is tough. The U of S is behind in services that are offered on campus and to take one more away it is a bad idea. It is not a good idea to get rid of the entire Print Shop.

Alice Collins stated that as an employee of Copy Central there are a lot of students who do have posters made for student projects. She has asked around and students value the services that Copy Central has to offer and has had a petition signed.

Councilor Forbes spoke in favor of the motion. All of the services would still be available on campus with Printing Services kiosk located in Marquis Hall. No services would be leaving campus so no students would have to leave campus.

VP MacDonald stated that the USSU currently does use off campus printers for the Survival Calendars, business cards, tickets and posters. Almost everything that the organization does is done off campus except for black and white documents.

Pam Barker spoke to the comment on internal work being done off campus as that is not correct. The plotter is used a lot for posters for students and it is a service that is used as well as bindery services.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if Copy Central is losing money, making money or breaking even.

Chair Mupanguri clarified that Copy Central is losing money.

Crystel Knihniski noted that Copy Central is losing money.

Brent Thoma stated that he called all over the city to have banners printed and ended up getting it done at Copy Central with 72 sq ft and saved \$100 from the next to cheapest place in the city. He asked why the USSU is not using Copy Central internally as it would be cheaper for the organization.



Crystel Knihniski stated that a lot of the internal printing is done at the Print Shop. The Communications Coordinator has indicated that an external printer could be used at .89/copy and when done at Copy Central it is \$1.29/copy.

Councilor Wudel asked VP MacDonald about the plotter that was purchased back in October for \$20,244.87 for Copy Central. Council was not aware at the time that there would be a proposal to close down the Print Shop. She asked why this was not brought to Council's attention before passing the motion to purchase a new plotter.

VP MacDonald stated that at the time it was the smart choice. It was made with the information that was available then. He did have hesitation to move the motion then as he had been considering this since last year and at that time was not prepared to present it to Council. The plotter would not be an entire loss as it can be sold as Printing Services is willing to purchase it.

Councilor Ansaldo asked about the organization taking work that could be done internally at Copy Central that is going to external printers. It is essentially taking money out of the pockets of the organization. He asked if this is the way that the staff are treated with giving them appropriate notice.

Crystel Knihniski noted that there will be staff that will be out of jobs and it is not because they have not worked hard or because their heart and soul has not been put into it. It is entirely a business decision and the labour laws will be followed. If sufficient notice is not given then severance has to be paid out which will be done. It would also be offered to the staff that they are helped by a professional firm to prepare their resumes, job interviews and transition counseling between jobs.

Councilor Ansaldo asked about the students who work there as well. He is at Council to represent students and he represents students who get jobs there. Copy Central is not a profit generating enterprise. He does not understand how a service can be taken from the students. As long as the services to the students have suffered then it should not be questioned. It is a superior business and should continue to run in that manor.

VP MacDonald stated that it is important to ensure that the services do not suffer by not continuing \$40,000 losses every year so that other services can continue. With regards to the staff the USSU is doing the best thing that can possibly be done. The staff within the USSU is huge and they continue to suffer as long as the organization continues to be unsustainable. It is important that the organization stays to provide the best jobs and best services to every student possible. He noted that in next year's budget student jobs do not exist next year at the Print Shop as they cannot afford to be kept. There are full-time staff that are non-students.

VP Stranden stated that it is a very important decision that is being made on closing the Print Shop. For the past 6 years the USSU has wanted to do renovations in Place Riel. It

is very difficult to explain to a bank how the organization is continually having a loss and not trying to fix the loss. For the last 4 years there is a new strategic plan to earn more money but every year there is a loss. If you look at the centres and operations they are losing money but they are gradually increasing money. They are trying to reinvent themselves. There are no student job losses because Print Shop cannot afford to have them, which is unfortunate. She noted that she would be in support of the motion.

Pam Barker asked for clarification in the jobs at Print Shop. When she did her budget she had a graphic designer, a site manager, senior operations clerk and part-time students. There would be no students in the Copy Central in Murray Library.

Crystel Knihniski noted that it was a misinformation on her part because when the initial budget was done the part-time that was going to be there was for a staff member that was non-student. She does not have the figure on what was to be spent on part-time hours.

Freda Salikin stated that in the budget it was going to be that the Print Shop would try to maintain the term position that is in the place but when trying to get the expenses down in the budget they had to advise the term position that it was ending April 30, 2005. To make it easier to staff they were going to offer her a part-time job (2 or 3 hours/day). She noted that it is a very difficult decision and it has been very emotional for the last 10 days. It is great to hear students who do use it and save money using. In turn, the organization does not use the Print Shop internally for some jobs as they do not have the proper equipment and then needs to be out sourced because the Print Shop is small. As much as it is being used it is still going to cost.

Dwight Bird stated that he is the President of the Indigenous Students' Council and sat on the Operations & Finance Board last year. He knows how hard it was to make the decision and takes a lot of time. It is important to think outside the box and look at the entire issue and how it would affect the entire campus.

Councilor Gieni stated that she took this issue to her Council and a few people felt that the Print Shop should stay, others felt that a economical decision should be made and 4 others commented on shutting down the printing in the building. Her college uses Printing Services a lot currently as it costs .04/page. Her college has a problem with increasing the photocopier fleet copies from .10 to .15/copy. This increase would have an economic impact on students. The reason they use Printing Services is because they are located in every building, they are cheap, fast and good and they print off all the note packages once a week. It is very convenient and they do provide a good service to students. She knows that the Print Shop does offer a good service to students as well. Her Council has decided that they would rather see a deficit not going into paper but the deficit money that they pay on Printing Services go into other student run services that affect students more such as Student Health, Volunteer Centre and Food Box. The deficit is serious and is not something small.

Brent Thoma noted that the Print Shop did gather hundreds of signatures in a matter of a few days. He believes that it is very significant and if students have signed a petition they feel that the Print Shop is there to provide a valuable service. If it is a service it should be maintained like all the other things considered services within the organization.

Councilor Wudel stated that with gathering that many signatures in just a few days does show that students are concerned about the issue. The majority of students probably were not able to see the full consequences behind the decision of closing the Print Shop or keeping it open. It needs to be considered that students may not have been fully aware of the effects on the budget.

Melissa Cotton asked if it is Printing Services that is in every building or if Councilor Gieni is referring to the printing fleet.

Councilor Gieni noted that she was referring to Printing Services being in every building.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that Printing Services is located in Administration, Engineering, Commerce, Agriculture, Education and Health Sciences.

Councilor Ansaldo spoke in agreement that more money should be going towards other services. He spoke to the issue of externalizing work from the Print Shop. It is a student service and the USSU is not a not for profit organization. The service is good and it is used, competitive and brings in outside business. It is responsible to the organization.

Crystel Knihniski noted that the organization is incorporated as a non-profit corporation, which means that whatever profit is generated it must go back to the members. It does not mean that a profit cannot be made. The long-term plan of renovations and being able to provide more student services is being considered.

VP MacDonald stated that it is true that the organization is non-profit but it is also important to stay open and not lose thousands of dollars every year. With the operation losing money over the past 5 years and continually trying to do things to ensure that it does not lose money is everything that could be done. There would be a possibility to provide more services to students. It is important to remember that it is not being done to put money back into the organization to become a for profit organization.

Councilor Ansaldo asked why there is such a fluctuation between April 30, 2003 to April 30, 2004.

Crystel Knihniski stated that fluctuation happens for a lot of reasons. It could be that revenue is up or down, expenses could be up or down (one expense last year was a write off of some equipment that was turned back in).

Councilor Forbes stated that to her the Print Shop is partial business and partial student services. She would gauge it at 55% business and 45% student service. It should be a

concern with the students that did sign the petition. She has spoke with her Council about the issue and they are worried that it is a huge deficit to be running. There are approximately 17,000 students within the USSU and probably with more time the Print Shop probably could have collected more than 2% of the student bodies signatures.

Councilor Quintin spoke against the motion because she is accountable to her Council. She took this to her Council with all of the information they voted in favor of keeping the Print Shop open. She referred to the annual summary with the Help Centre carrying a deficit of \$40,000, Information Centre a deficit of \$31,000 and LGBTA a deficit of \$35,000. All of the operations are running at an approximately equal deficit. Louis' is running at a deficit of \$45,000. She asked what would be cut next and the organization needs to better manage the money and to run the operations and services more efficiently.

Move to call the question.

**USC MOTION170:** Villeneuve/Schiltroth

Defeated.

VP MacDonald noted that there is a proper way about getting a petition and it was not followed in this instance. There were time constraints; there was a petition against the motion but not one for the motion. It is much easier to get complaints about something but how many people support things. The petition is great to see but does not accurately mean anything. He spoke to the issue of Councilor Quintin in that all of the operations and centres are losing money but not everything can lose money otherwise not all the services can be provided. The one ability to make money is in the facilities. He urged that everyone consider sustainability and the better interest of the organization.

Brett Campbell asked where the petition was taken.

Alice Collins noted that a couple students took the petition around to their colleges.

Pam Barker noted that it was student who started the petition and it was started at Copy Central and was told to shut it down. Once it was asked to be taken down it was. The student who started it did take it down from Copy Central. It was customers coming into the Print Shop who were signing the petition. She is unsure as to where it went from there.

VP MacDonald asked if the student was an employee.

Pam Barker stated that the students were not employees.

Councilor Birdi noted that if the Print Shop is closed and the space is filled with Printing Services students do not lose the services.

Councilor Kowalsky spoke to the issue of the petition and the validity of it. He asked if VP MacDonald could briefly outline the proper procedural process to draft and circulate a petition. He asked what is wrong with the petition.

VP MacDonald noted that he would be willing to discuss the petition after the meeting.

Councilor Kowalsky asked why point of order was not called when VP MacDonald was questioning the validity of the petition.

Chair Mupanguri apologized for allowing Council to get sidetracked and asked that Council discuss the topic at hand.

Councilor Chadwick noted that Copy Central is a valid service to students. The service is quicker than that of Printing Services.

Move to call the question.

**USC MOTION171:** MacDonald/Villeneuve

Carried.

VP Stranden asked if the motion was to keep the Print Shop open for another year or to shut it down by April 30, 2005.

VP MacDonald noted that it would be to shut it down at the latest of April 30, 2006, but it should be done as soon as possible and will be handled by those who are in charge.

VP Mac Donald stated that the budget still needed to be passed for the photocopiers.

Move to approve the proposed Copy Central budget.

**USC MOTION172:** MacDonald/Bowes

Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve asked for clarification on the Print Shop closing being closed by April 30, 2005, as that is the best fiscally for the organization. The motion being presented is to pass the budget in case it does take longer to close the operation.

VP MacDonald noted that it is correct. There is still a photocopier fleet portion needed and that would need to be adjusted.

Move to approve the proposed budget for Development in the amount of \$48,853.

**USC MOTION173:** MacDonald/Villeneuve

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that this is the department that gets advertisements in the survival calendar or sponsorship for events. This budget line also now includes the survey area that was previously in the research department. It is a for profit line because they do receive a lot of sponsorship.

Move to approve the proposed budget for Facilities in the amount of \$373,046.

**USC MOTION174:** MacDonald/Forbes

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that this budget takes care of maintenance, janitorial and is an income line as it receives the leases from the tenants.

Move to approve the proposed budget for the Help Centre in the amount of a deficit of \$40,097.

**USC MOTION175:** MacDonald/Villeneuve

Carried.

VP MacDonald stated that the Help Centre is one of the services that is overseen by the Student Services Director. The Centre provides many services; suicide intervention, counseling services and referrals.

Move to approve the proposed budget for the Housing Registry in the amount of \$20,833.

**USC MOTION176:** MacDonald/Bowes

Carried.

VP MacDonald stated that those who wish to advertise accommodations use the registry. The registry is free to pick up.

Move to approve the proposed budget for the Information Centre in the amount of a deficit of \$31,205.

**USC MOTION177:** MacDonald/Diachinsky

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that it is an important service. It does cost money to run the service. It sells bus passes, lottery tickets, receives commission on ticket sales for events as well as many other things.

Move to approve the proposed budget for the LGBTTA Centre in the amount of a deficit of \$35,060.

**USC MOTION178:** MacDonald/Gersher

Carried.

VP MacDonald stated that it is an important centre and not much has changed from the past year.

Move to approve the proposed budget for Louis' in the amount of a deficit of \$45,046.

**USC MOTION179:** MacDonald/Leisle

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that the budget also includes the events line in the budget. They were merged for a lot of reasons; one being that it was difficult to see what is going on and taking a loss on the show but making money in the bar and it will make staffing more efficient. It also includes the beach volleyball line as well.

Councilor Forbes asked why Louis' is losing \$45,000. She asked if there is something significant that is going on that Council should be aware of or if it is for other reasons.

Crystel Knihniski stated that there are a variety of reasons that contribute to the loss. The bottom 3 lines of the budget include building maintenance expenses (janitorial, repairs

and maintenance and utilities) and currently to operate this budget line is \$152,600. That is a huge reason.

Freda Salikin noted that they are open extended hours, open 6 days a week, the staffing and full service kitchen. There are a lot of expenses affiliated with offering those services.

Councilor Chadwick stated that there are many other restaurants in the city that are not in debt.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that the salaries, wages and benefits line is approximately \$500,000, which a large amount does go towards students. There are a large number of students employed at Louis'.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

VP MacDonald stated that there are a lot of other restaurants in the city but do not offer the same services as Louis' does. Louis' is open at 7a.m. and closes at 2a.m. with many of those hours not profitable. He noted that \$201,000 of the wages goes to students.

Councilor Gieni asked why the sales of food from Browsers in under Louis' budget and not under Browsers budget.

Crystel Knihniski stated that it is for the desserts that Louis' is providing Browsers so they would then receive the revenue for it.

VP Stranden noted that she has had a problem with the service at Louis' over the past few years but students are employed there.

Move to approve the proposed budget for Student Governance in the amount of \$260,457.

**USC MOTION180:** MacDonald/Chadwick

Carried.

VP MacDonald noted that this budget line covers campaigns, office expenses and lobbying trips.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if it is necessary that the new position necessarily needs be full-time. It is something that needs to be thought about as there is no real need to have 40 hours a week and could be pushed to 20 hours a week.

VP MacDonald stated that VP (External Affairs) is not just about the elections. There is enough work for the position to easily fill 40 hours a week.

President Gardiner stated that the person that has been elected to the VP (External Affairs) is expecting a full-time job. The Executive is a team that represents the students.

The USSU is a lobby organization.

Councilor Wudel asked what USC Council Souvenirs are and USC honorariums.

VP MacDonald noted that under the budget notes it is all explained in detail there. The souvenirs are surprises and the honorariums are for the chair who does a lot of work outside of USC.

Councilor Gieni asked about Elections – Office in General and Printing Costs. She asked if that is based on one election/year because this coming year there will be a referendum.

VP MacDonald stated that the budget notes covers the election and a stand-alone referendum.

Move to hold a 7 minutes recess.

**USC MOTION181:** Forbes/Quintin

Carried.

**Opposition noted by VP MacDonald.**

VP MacDonald noted that there is probably 15 minutes left.

Move to approve the proposed budget for Student Grants in the amount of a deficit of \$17,774.

**USC MOTION182:** MacDonald/???

Move to approve the proposed budget for Student Services in the amount of a deficit of \$38,558.

**USC MOTION183:** MacDonald/???

Move to approve the proposed budget for the Women's Centre in the amount of a deficit of \$34,639.

**USC MOTION184:** MacDonald/Ansaldo

Carried.

#### **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION185:** ???/Ansaldo

Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the budget that was just passed was a good step forward. It is allowing to run the Centres in the future at a deficit. It was a great step of sustainability and accountability within the Council. It was one of the better budgets that he has seen in the last few years. It is odd that the two Commerce Councilors were not present for the budget. He noted that the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation is seeking a new agreement with the province, which has been going on for a year. What is being offered is 0-1-1, which is 1% for one year where as inflation is rising 2.2% next year. He asked how teachers are going to survive when the salaries won't even be increased to



meet inflation. On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, STF is holding a vote whether strike measures will be taken. This would mean for him that he would not do his internship, Councilors from Education would not get a job and all other teachers will be out of jobs and the students won't be in school. It should be a concern for all of Council. He has written letters and is encouraging everyone to do the same. The province is not providing currently.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

Councilor Schiltroth stated that he has also heard rumors that there are talks coming up with medical fields and other fields. Education is organizing a trip to Regina to the legislative buildings to pack the building with students. There is a free trip down and back. It won't be for the budget and will most likely fall during the exam period.

Councilor Ansaldo spoke about student groups in that they are not allowed to advertise on plasma screens. He asked about refunds for ratification and why students cannot have a petition about the Print Shop.

VP MacDonald stated that students are able to use the plasma screens. Students do not get refunds for ratification fees unless some issue comes up and they decide to withdraw their ratification. Someone should review the petition and that is usually the people who are the governing body over it. No one can be stopped from assembling.

Councilor Ansaldo asked why the petition was not allowed to continue at the Print Shop. He finds it ridiculous and that the petition was not legitimate.

Chair Mupanguri suggested that Councilor Ansaldo and VP MacDonald meet afterwards.

VP MacDonald stated that it is very easy to get a petition together. It was a staff member of Copy Central that did make the petition and was not approved by anyone or the management.

VP Stranden stated that the petition was passed around so everyone had a chance to look at it.

President Gardiner stated that the rate for campus groups to advertise on the plasma screens is \$50/week and if there is something to be developed it does cost \$30. It is available to student groups. It may be the cost that has prohibited some student groups but the opportunity is there.

Councilor Forbes stated that the Councilors from Commerce sent their regrets last week as they were going to be at a conference out of town. She thanked all Executive members and USSU employees for being so accommodating to her enquiries for the budget. She thanked President Gardiner and VP MacDonald for participating in the video presentation in her Engineering Ethics class.

VP Gersher apologized for her tardiness as she was helping out with DisOrientation. She thanked all of Executive as well as Councilors who have been helping out with DisOrientation and those who have attended the discussions. March 11<sup>th</sup> is the last day for DisOrientation. She announced that Breaking the Silence is next week. Because of the Teaching & Learning Workshop next week she will be asking for Councilors opinions on that topic. She asked that Councilor Forbes come talk to her as well as the other Executive as she does have an opinion even though she may not be directly involved.

Councilor Schiltroth stated that the conference is on March 18<sup>th</sup> and all the information is on the website. The topic of the conference is Gender Issues in Schools and in Classrooms; specifically looking at creating positive spaces within schools. The Minister of Learning, Andrew Thompson, will be there on Friday night.

Councilor Diachinsky ???

President Gardiner spoke about Aboriginal Awareness Week the following week. He is unable to attend the events as he will be away but encouraged all Councilors to attend. He has only received 2 responses on who wants to go to Regina on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and is hoping for more participation. He expressed some frustration with Council in that decisions are rushed into and calling the question with speakers still on the speakers list. If the decisions are going to be made, which are very important for the organization's sustainability, then everyone's voice must be heard and not cut people off. For the organization he believes it was a good choice although he does not particularly agree with it. In the future with decisions such as the closure of the Print Shop, the question should not be called.

Chair Mupanguri noted that it is any Council member's right to call for the question on any issue that is on the table.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that as a member of the Political Studies student group he would be happy to spread the word about the trip to Regina to students in the group.

Councilor Kirkness noted that Residence would be out in full force on March 14<sup>th</sup> to support Aboriginal Awareness Week.

Dwight Bird commended Council for doing a great job and hopes that everyone comes out to support Aboriginal Awareness Week.

Councilor Kowalsky noted that he appreciated the beverages for the meeting and would like to see that the empty cans make it into the recycling bin. He would like to see as many people out as possible to Aboriginal Awareness Week. He is attending the Pipe Ceremony and would like to see others attend as well.

**11. Any Other Business**

Chair Mupanguri noted that Councilor Villeneuve sent his regrets for March 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

VP MacDonald noted that there is still the issue of the copies being raised from .10 to .15.

Move to raise the photocopy cost to .15/copy.

**USC MOTION186:** MacDonald/Villeneuve

Defeated.

Councilor Gieni stated that she has purchased a \$200 copy card and if it was raised by .05 the \$200 copy card would be then cost \$300. Printing does cost students a lot of money.

VP Stranden spoke against the motion. It seems expensive and doesn't think that students are willing to pay that. She asked if the \$75,000 is based on actuals now because she sees that photocopying would decrease significantly if it is raised to .15. Students would be outraged if it was increased.

Councilor Quintin stated that Council should wait on raising the photocopying prices until it is seen how much money would be saved with having the Print Shop closed.

Councilor Forbes asked what the projected deficit or profit would be made if the increase was .05.

Councilor Wudel spoke against the motion. It is hard to justify the increase to .15/page when Printing Services offers copying at .04/page. She can print anything off at a computer lab for .10/page. As a nutrition student she writes a lot of reports and reads a lot of journal articles and most are available online or in the library.

VP MacDonald noted that with the increase of photocopying to .15 and based on the same amount of copies as last year, which is quite unlikely with the increase, then the projected profit would be \$50,000 and the year after it would be a loss of \$50,000 as there is still a write off. It seems apparent that Council is against the increase.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that it only makes sense to make the increase as students have already found other means of copying that are cheaper. The increase would decrease the usage of the machines but usage would go up over time. This would help cut the costs.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that there are currently machines around campus that offer recycled paper for .15/copy and she would rather pay the .10/copy for the regular paper. She asked if it is possible to have ??? She is not ready to increase the price of copying.

Councilor Kirkness spoke in agreement of the increase. A full range of services were just dropped because they were not making money and now saying that photocopying cannot be increased by .05/copy to make things more fiscally responsible. The only people that are going to realize the difference are those that hold copy cards. The motion should be passed and make the organization more fiscally responsible.

VP Stranden asked about the write off in 2006-2007 of \$100,000 and how it would affect the bottom line. If the copying is not increased to .15/copy how would it affect the organization. When the leases are turned back would a new contract be in place or if there would be not as many machines.

Crystel Knihniski noted that the write off of \$100,000 is straight to the bottom line and would be the expense on the bottom line added to the regular operating loss of the photocopiers. It does need to be looked into in the future as to the usage for the copiers and locations. She noted that the USSU wants to partner more with the university. They are the largest user of digital services in the world. They negotiate with Xerox for copiers for all of campus and U of R.

VP Stranden asked if it is necessary that the increase take place to make it financially feasible.

Crystel Knihniski if it could be increased to offset the \$100,000 write off then it would be a huge help. It could be looked into with the more copies you add to your copy card the better rate you get for copying. Increase the copies to .15/copy but also offer discounts to larger volume purchases.

President Gardiner noted that Louis' is losing \$45,000 why not increase the price of food and booze at Louis' too because students can go off campus to eat and drink. He does not agree that it should be increased because it is fiscally responsible and he understands that in the bottom line Council is being fiscally responsible by doing a lot of things that have been done. The USSU's role on campus is to provide services and that is what is being done. If the organization were to join with the university on the copier fleet it would significantly decrease the organization's cost. To increase the cost of copying is irresponsible.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that he did disagree with the closure of Print Shop. It is just .05 but it is a lot of money collectively that is being taken away from students.

Councilor Leisle noted that in 2006/2007 there is a projected loss of \$120,000. There has only been one idea thrown out to increase photocopying by .05. He cannot think of any other ideas to cover the cost and it is too big unless other services are slashed. This is a reasonable solution and students are paying for a convenience and photocopying. Until he hears a better idea to make up the \$100,000 then he is going with the .05 increase. If the photocopier fleet does join with the university then it is possible that the price could be decreased.

Councilor Forbes noted that Council has a responsibility to the students as well as next year's Council. Next year's Council is already handling the CFS referendum and asked if they could be left with \$100,000 debt. She urged Council to not pass over the \$100,000 projected debt to next year's Council.

Councilor Birdi noted that the .05 increase is a big increase. He asked if it is possible to make the increase lower and then progressively increase it over the years.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the increase is a responsible move. There are a lot of services that are offered on campus that are not a convenience. There is a LGBTA Centre that helps with LGBTA issues and a Women's Centre with a Victim Advocate. The services that they provide are a lot more essential than photocopying. It provides the organization the ability to keep services such as those alive. The piggy bank can only get so low before services cannot be offered. It is a convenient service and is a responsible decision to increase the price.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that with the Print Shop just cut students are going to be upset about that and then if the copying increases by .05. If the price is increased then posters need to go up at each copier to inform students of the increase and why it happened. The students need to be properly educated.

VP MacDonald stated that there are a lot of good points being made. It is not the USSU's job to provide services. The USSU is providing these services because the university won't provide them. The university should be encouraged to provide them. It is important to lobby the university to provide the photocopiers.

Chair Mupanguri noted that if a member of Council votes against their own motion then the motion dies. He clarified that VP MacDonald has not indicated that he is voting against the motion but that he is uncertain and he wanted to ensure that the issue got to Council. He suggested to VP MacDonald that if he does not support the motion that he is making he should find someone who does support it to present to Council.

President Gardiner stated that just a few moments ago there was a \$37,000 line item cut out of the budget and added \$12,000 in base rent and will have as of June another operation running in Lower Place Riel. There are a lot of things that are happening that can offset the cost of this. He reminded Council that it is Council's job to do what is in the best interest of students. Lobbying the university about the photocopiers should be done regardless of the increase being approved or not. It could be done in the next couple of years and keep the price at .10/copy.

Councilor Forbes noted that it is not guaranteed that there would be a tenant in that space by June. Copy Central may still be there at that time.

VP MacDonald noted that President Gardiner was probably referring to Jugo Juice, which will be opening quite soon in the Campus Cove area.

President Gardiner stated that it is a recommendation but is quite sure that the space will be available for June to be leased out and does address the issue.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

Crystel Knihniski stated that the fund that is collecting for the building fund is at \$300,000 and there is \$2.1 million dollars on top of that. To use it on a regular basis is not a good thing.

Councilor Chadwick stated that there are other ways to cover the short come.

Councilor Schiltroth stated that with the new budget the organization is in a surplus position. He asked if photocopying is considered to be a service to the students and he does and would vote against the motion. If the organization is in a profit position then why have the photocopying fees increase.

Councilor Gieni noted that she would be voting against the motion. There are enough services that have been cut for students and the organization is still there to provide services to students. When the Print Shop was cut and if it is done by the end of April there is then a surplus. It is hopeful that the space would be leased out and would offset some of the deficit that would be taken on. There may not be a \$100,000 deficit but closer than \$60,000 if what President Gardiner had spoke to earlier is correct with the space being leased by June. There is a large contingency fund if that is what is wanted. It is important to decide why Councilors are here and what students need for representation. It is ironic that a budget was passed for such a large amount and there is much debate over .02/copy. It is important to consider how the students in the colleges will be reacting to the change and vote accordingly.

Councilor Galbraith stated that it is to his understanding that no services have been cut with the budget but just a switch of service providers. Instead of Copy Central providing the service it will now be Printing Services. It is no longer a USSU service but a service that is available through the university to the students. He noted that he would be voting against the motion.

Councilor Forbes stated that there is nothing stopping Council next year in cutting the copier fleet if they realize there is such a huge loss even with the proposed amendment changes taking affect that would still leave it with a \$60,000 loss. By doing it now services may be cut in the future.

President Gardiner noted that if Copy Central is gone by April 30, 2005, and if that space is filled it would mean an additional \$49,000 in revenue in next year's budget. On top of that the revenue will also be there for the next year so that the difference would be made up. On top of that, there is a \$100,000 in copier write offs, which is not an ongoing operating expense. It is not irresponsible to use what the remainder of the capital deficit. It is not jeopardizing any of the services in the future but it is being irresponsible in the

present. It is a one-time copy cost, a capital cost and not an ongoing issue for the \$100,000 to be written off every year.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

Move to amend the motion so that there is a .02 increase on copy cards and .05 increase at the coin machines.

**USC MOTION187:** Chadwick/Kirkness

Carried.

**Opposition noted by President Gardiner.**

Crystel Knihniski noted that in order to balance out with the loss for next year with the write off there is another option. There are a couple trust funds as well as the investments to draw from to offset the loss. Right now in the investments there is about \$300,000 set aside for the capital fee infrastructure and the rest of it is \$2.5 million that could be used. She would not suggest making it a regular habit but in case of extreme emergencies that is there.

Councilor Schiltroth noted that it is confusing because someone was to use the coin machine it would be .15/copy, to use the copy card machine it would be .12/copy, if it is printed directly to a printer from a computer is only .10/copy and if you go to Printing Services it would be between .04 to .06/copy.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that if a copy card is used generally it means that they would be back to make more copies.

Councilor Gieni stated that base line price should be set and go with it. Students should not be forced to find the cheapest printer.

Councilor Kirkness stated that this is not a convenience thing. There should be a higher cost to those who use the copiers on a coin basis than those who are using a copy card. If there is a change being made the micromanaging is taking place. It is trying to do what is best for the amount of students that are being dealt with. If all copies were increased to .15 then she is for that. But if a difference is wanting to be made then amendment should be approved and offer a lower rate to those who use the service more often.

Councilor Ansaldo spoke in agreement to the amendment in that it is a guarantee that people would come back.

VP Stranden stated that it would be interesting to see the numbers for the proposed amendment if the copies stayed the same in the next budget year. It would be interesting to see the .02 increase difference to the .03 increase.

Councilor Birdi stated that he is in support of the increase.

Crystel Knihniski stated that if it was .02/copy it would be an additional \$30,000 and if it was increased by .03/copy it would be an additional \$45,000.

Councilor Forbes thanked Crystel for the numbers. If it was raised to .02/copy then there would still be a loss of \$70,000 and with an increase of .03/copy then losing \$55,000. Councilors should be responsible to this year's budget as well as next year's Council.

VP MacDonald stated that this is inadequate micromanaging because it is unknown if this amendment would be possible. Most machines probably do not take pennies or give change in pennies. Not all machines are coin op as some are only accessible by copy card.

Councilor Wudel noted that the amendment was to raise the copy card to .12/copy and raise the coin op machines to .15/copy.

Councilor Birdi noted that it is possible and it can be done.

VP Stranden spoke to the mention of going into the money that is in the investments to cover the loss and asked how that would affect the organization by doing this and asked it it had been done in the past. She asked if it would affect the bottom line of doing the renovations. The reason for the building fund was for the renovations and not for assisting the budget.

Chair Mupanguri noted that the request for that information is not related to the amendment and could be discussed later.

## **12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION188:** Gieni/Galbraith

Carried.



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Gerald Schiltroth, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
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Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy  
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Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katharine Kirkness, VPRA  
Jessica Heath, WCV

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Julien Kernalleguen, Agriculture  
Brett Campbell, Commerce  
Brett Fernquist, Engineering  
Rachel Donen, Kinesiology  
Evan Cole, Unclassified Studies  
Susan Yakimoski, Unclassified Studies

## **Regrets**

Gavin Gardiner, President  
Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology

## **Absent**

Rick Bowes, Education  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**\*\*\* Minutes were not recorded.**

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Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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## **Absent**

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Rick Bowes, Education  
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## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Brent Thoma, Arts & Science  
Roberta Boyle, Commerce  
Christopher Gallaway, Commerce  
Wadena Burnett, Engineering  
Brett Fernquist, Engineering  
Evan Cole, Unclassified Studies

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to amend the agenda to read under New Business, 9.2 Elections & Referenda  
Policy amendments.

**USC MOTION189:** Stranden/???

Carried.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

**USC MOTION190:** Leisle/Forbes

Carried.

#### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

President Gardiner apologized that he was not in attendance at last week's meeting. He noted that with the budget being announced comes good news for students. About \$6 million will be put into grants by the province as opposed to loans. There will be a complete and full review of financial assistance but the terms of reference have not been developed yet. There is also a one-year tuition freeze for students at the U of S and U of R. He thanked Councilor Schiltroth for doing a great job on his interview with CBC. He also thanked everyone who went to Regina.

Councilor Forbes introduced the 2005/2006 Engineering MSC's, Wadena Burnett and Brett Fernquist.

VP Stranden announced that the following week is Environment Week. Campus clubs will have booths set up in the tunnel as well as local businesses. There will be free bike tune ups on Thursday in Upper Place Riel. There are two movies being shown in Place Riel Theatre on Apr 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilor Diachinsky attended ??? The presentation was based on the study aboriginal students on campus. The post-secondary drop out rate is extremely high at 40%. He congratulated Steven Dribnenki on the article written in the Sheaf.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that last week was Aboriginal Awareness Week and congratulated ISC for putting together a great week of events. He announced that Mass would be held on Good Friday at 7:30a.m. at the STM theatre.

Councilor Schiltroth sent his regrets for the March 31<sup>st</sup> USC meeting as he will be in Mexico. The Breaking the Silence Conference last week was very good and thanked VP Gersher for attending the conference. He noted that Andrew Thompson was at the conference and spoke about bullying.

President Gardiner announced that the USSU Film Festival is being held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Louis'.

#### **5. Council Address**

##### **5.1 Studentcare – Kristen Foster**

Move to consider informally.

**USC MOTION191:** Leisle/Stranden

Carried.

Kristen Foster noted that there was a renewal report available to all Council members. It is time to renew the plan and take a look at how students have used the plan, what

categories are most popular and what is the usage of the plan. She noted that the vast majority of drug claims (60%) are going through as pay direct and only 4% as reimbursement drugs. An example of a reimbursement drug would be if a student forgot his/her pay direct card and just paid for it and got reimbursed later. On occasion small town pharmacies don't have the technology to use the pay direct. In total 64% of the health claims is going towards prescription drugs. The next highest used is paramedical and practitioners at 19% (physio therapy, chiropractors, massage therapy, etc.), the next most used is contact lenses or eyeglasses at 10% and travel medical at 2%. With dental claims surgical, restorative is at 50% of the dental claims, diagnostic, preventive at 29% and periodontics, endodontics at 21%. Last year there was about \$10,000 more claimed but fewer people in the plan. She noted that it is good news that the students are using the plan but the insurance company has submitted a quote that is higher than last year. She presented Council with 2 options; renew at current levels with a small increase in premium or adjust benefits and maintain current premium with no increase. The increase would be around 9%. The plan is becoming better stabilized but students are still using the plan and the claims are increasing on a per capita basis. If the benefits were adjusted she would recommend reducing the maximum units of dental scaling from 8 units to 4 units. Dental scaling is the actual scraping of the teeth. No other student plans that she works with covers 8 units of scaling. It is a reasonable reduction to make but would not have a dramatic impact on students and would therefore not have a dramatic impact on the premiums. The other suggestion is to implement a \$5/prescription deductible. This would transfer some of the costs of prescriptions back to the individual. The remaining amount is covered at 80%. It will have an impact and that is why she suggests it. Another option is to remove the coverage for eyeglasses and contact lenses. They are extremely popular but they are not technically insurance. It is very expensive coverage because they are well used and calculated very clearly with the benefit going to the insurance company. The cost of the plan is being driven by the cost of claims. All fees are fixed and Studentcare work for the students.

Councilor Villeneuve asked when the insurance company calculates the costs for the next year do they look at all the students within Studentcare health care network or just looking at the U of S specifically.

Kristen Foster stated that the insurance company looks specifically at the U of S. The only coverage that is pooled is travel coverage because it is used very infrequently.

??? asked about the \$5/prescription deductible and if it was for each prescription renewal. Would it be more economical for students to get a good supply at one time rather than incurring the cost each time.

Kristen Foster noted that that would be beneficial to students. If students can purchase a 3-month supply at one time it would save them some money.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if the U of S undergraduate plan is in a unique situation where the students are using the plan so much more or does this happen at other

universities. Five years ago the plan was at \$175/year and now possibly going to \$250/year, which is a 30% increase in the cost.

Kristen Foster stated that a lot of universities find that they are in the situation where the students use the plan more than what was predicted by the insurance company. One thing that other universities have done is they have made changes to the benefits rather than increase the cost every year. Part of that is to reduce the premiums but to also reduce the impact of the claims over the long term.

??? asked if there was a huge increase in massage therapy. She sees massage therapy as a misuse.

Kristen Foster noted that taking away the massage therapy coverage and keeping prescription is an option. Registered massage therapy is recognized as a paramedical expense. In order to remove that physio therapy, chiropractor and everything else. If you are getting a prescription from a doctor it is because it is you need it. There is some value to it. It is important that students have a high awareness of the plan but don't want them to be over using it. The alternative could be too to do less communications to inform students of the services. All the networks are there to try and go outside of the insurance model so that students can get better benefits at a discounted rate. If the dental scaling was decreased then the dental plan would be \$101.75 and the health plan would stay at \$148.89, with a total of \$250.64.

??? asked if the numbers are based on a full year or just this year's projection for 6 months. She also asked if the number of claims change during the summer.

Kristen Foster noted that there are peak months in the year with more claims going through. A historical average is taken from the past 3 years to come up with the projected rate.

Move to consider formally.

**USC MOTION192:** Villeneuve/Leisle

Carried.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

The minutes for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were not recorded.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Gardiner noted that there was not a meeting this week. He was in Halifax last week for the Annual General Meeting of CASA and the National Director was elected... from New Brunswick. He will have a conference report for Council at the next meeting. Attended a Press Conference on Monday for the tuition freeze campaign. He attended the Provincial Budget in Regina.

VP Stranden noted that she spent most of her time planning the Environment Week. She has been doing a lot of work with the committee who is hiring the Dean of Libraries.

VP Gersher stated that she attended workshops and conferences in the last week. She attended 3 conferences/workshops on Saturday. She attended the Teaching & Learning Workshop, which was a good workshop and hopefully will be even better. Student attendance was good. On Friday and Saturday she attended the Breaking the Silence conference, which was a wonderful event. She also attended the International Student Appreciation night on Saturday.

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005, will be available at next Council meeting.

### **6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

Councilor Kowalsky noted that the board met to put together the post cards in a photo album to present. He is uncertain whether or not the postcards were presented to the Premier.

### **6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**

Councilor Ansaldo noted that the board met briefly to discuss exactly where the Environmental Board is going. He met with various progressive groups on campus.

## **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

Councilor Forbes noted that at the last Council meeting she sent her regrets for Councilor Galbraith.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1 Studentcare Rates**

Councilor Forbes stated that it is irresponsible of Council to be voting on the rates tonight being that they just received the information and it should be taken back to each Council to discuss the options.

Move to table the decision on Studentcare Rates until next Council meeting.

**USC MOTION193:** Forbes/Gardiner

Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that it should be tabled as MSC's are the elected representatives and can make the decision. It was known that the decision was coming. He has been talking with his Council for quite some time knowing that this was coming.



Councilor Leisle spoke in favor of the motion. He was told by VP Stranden that it would not be a motion this week and just discussion with the vote later. Council did know that this was coming but not aware of what the options were going to be.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor spoke in favor of the motion. It is important to take the information back to the Councils and vote next week.

Councilor Heath stated that she represents a diverse group of students and she knows how she feels about the options but wants to be sure how her Council feels about it. VP Stranden stated that she tried to get the information to Council ahead of time but was unable to.

Councilor Schiltroth stated that last week Council was told that there would be a vote on Studentcare rates. His Council is ready to go ahead with voting but it is important to get the true voice of the students and it should be voted on next week.

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 External Affairs Board Recommendations – tabled indefinitely**

### **9.2 Elections & Referenda Policy amendments**

VP Stranden noted that last week there were some concerns brought forward with some meeting afterwards to discuss possible changes. There are 2 minor changes; #17 on page 3 and on page 9. There will be one small change added under referenda.

## **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION194:** Leisle/Kirkness

Carried.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor spoke to Environmental Week and the ??? film. It is an amazing film.

Councilor Kirkness spoke to the issue of the Buckhunter game being broken at Louis' for quite some time. Residence would be great to see it updated to the 2006 version or get the gun fixed because there is a crack in it.

Councilor Leisle stated that it is a major goal that students were able to get a fully funded one-year tuition freeze from the government. Students can do great things when they stand united. He congratulated all students, the External Affairs Board and most importantly President Gardiner for his work done on the campaign.

President Gardiner thanked Councilor Leisle and noted that it was not just him but all Councilors who helped with the campaign. He is disappointed that VP MacDonald is not in attendance at this Council meeting. It is inexcusable to not show up for the number

one role of your job. He did not send his regrets or inform any Executive members. He will be filing a complaint with the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that what happened with the budget was a good step in the students' direction. Although the battle has not been won yet as a small bandaid has been put on a large problem within the province. He noted that yesterday there was a vote that STF go to sanctions. In the last 10 years there has not been any increase in wages.

VP Stranden noted that she sits on a committee with the Dean of Education who is an excellent Dean. The Dean mentioned that hotlines would be set up for students who are in Education to keep hourly and daily updates. They will be doing anything possible to make the process as smooth as possible.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that the Education issue is very important. With a 0:1:1 offer for a raise is a bad suggestion. She is behind teachers and the students. The teachers deserve to get more money than what they are getting.

Councilor Schiltroth noted that students with Social Work are not covered under the U of R or the U of S health & dental plan. It is something that needs to be considered. He asked if the tuition freeze was brought about by the \$6 million grants or if it was separate from the tuition freeze.

President Gardiner stated that there were two separate parts. There was an expansion of the Saskatchewan Bursary program from 6,000 students to 10,000 students. That will cost an additional \$6 million. The Saskatchewan Centennial Tuition Grant is worth \$6.7 million, which covers the cost of every university student's tuition. The grant also includes international students, which makes Saskatchewan the only province to include international students in the tuition regulation.

Kristen Foster noted that students in the Social Work do not pay student fees to either the USSU or the URSU. Studentcare only covers students who belong to the students' union.

Councilor Gieni asked if U of R student fees are paid but you pay the tuition to the U of S.

Kristen Foster stated that it depends on whether or not URSU membership fees are paid.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if everyone could recycle all the paper they use.

VP Gersher asked what everyone's thoughts are on teacher evaluations.

Councilor Villeneuve would like to see an on-line form where students could go to evaluate teachers. It should be positive. There are a lot of good profs. It would be good to have something on-line for students to look up on what their teaching styles are and any comments.

Councilor Heath noted that in Veterinary Medicine there are many departments with all having their own evaluation forms. In one department students have to sign the evaluation forms, which is not confidential and many students feel uneasy about.

??? stated that there are no teacher evaluations in the college of ??? as it is such a small college.

Councilor Gieni stated that the college of Medicine does more teacher evaluations than humanly possible. She currently has 23 to complete in her email. The positive and negative comments are currently on-line with built in validity markers. All the evaluations are anonymous. There are 3 staff who use the information received from the evaluations to change and amend the program. The college is striving to know what is going on in the classrooms. The downside is there are a lot of evaluations done and it is very overwhelming. She is unsure as to how accurate the evaluations are now as they are done so often. The evaluations are now after the exams. She encouraged some type of on-line mechanism so it could be done after the exam and it would then reflect what was taught in the class and having written the final.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that the questions should be more specific than the USSU Teaching Excellence evaluations. There should be a combination of comments and ratings.

Councilor Chadwick noted that whether the evaluations are done on paper or on-line, it would be a good idea to have the summary of the comments that the profs receive to have posted on-line.

Councilor Kowalsky ???

VP Stranden noted that there would be a Health Plan Committee that will deal with issues such as the Social Work students. It would be a great first project for the committee to work on.

Councilor Kowalsky reminded Council that it is Good Friday on March 25<sup>th</sup>. He wished everyone a happy Korean New Years. He fought to be on the Environmental Board this year and would say that the board failed and is unsure if it is because of VP MacDonald's personal disinterest. It is an on campus campaign to make the campus more sustainable. He asked if it would make more sense to have the VP (External Affairs) the chair of the Environmental Board rather than VP (Operations & Finance).

President Gardiner stated that the Environmental Board is something that can be worked out with next year's Executive as to who will chair that board as that is what was done this year. It was determined that it would be the VP (Operations & Finance) because at the time when the committee was first drafted it was supposed to be the sustainability of the USSU in its operations and services. It will be reviewed.

Councilor Heath noted that she met with Councilor Ansaldo who is working on the Environmental Board and he is really passionate and motivated to get it going. She is unsure as to whether Councilor Ansaldo will be involved with Council next year but he has a good person to have on board.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that it does make sense to have VP (External Affairs) chair the Environmental Board.

VP Gersher asked a couple questions and had Council answer with a show of hands. She asked "would you be supportive of a universal evaluation form if it had a section where classes could add a few class related questions" (12 answered yes). She asked "do you know that these evaluations are used for promotion/tenure" (11 answered yes). She asked "would you be supportive of having two evaluations, one during mid-terms and one at the end of the class" (13 answered yes).

**11. Any Other Business**

No other business.

**12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION195:** Stranden/Quintin

Carried.

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Christopher Gallaway, Commerce  
Brett Fernquist, Engineering  
Jack Mason, Engineering  
Evan Cole, Unclassified Studies  
Sarah Connor, Unclassified Studies  
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## **Regrets**

Gerald Schiltroth, Education  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine

## **Absent**

Darcy Diachinsky, ISC  
Katie Kirkness, VPRA

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

\*\*\*not recorded

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

\*\*\*a portion was not recorded

Councilor Chadwick introduced Julien Kernaleguen, 2005/06 Agriculture MSC. The blood drive held against the engineers on March 29<sup>th</sup> was a success. She announced that

on April 1<sup>st</sup> is the College Olympics against Agriculture, Engineering, Pharmacy and Kinesiology.

Councilor Robin introduced ???, 2005/06 Nursing MSC.

Councilor Wudel announced that it is Councilor Heath's birthday April 1<sup>st</sup> and VP MacDonald's birthday on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. She brought along cake to celebrate the birthdays.

Councilor Quintin introduced Carolyn ??? 2005/06 Law MSC.

Councilor Hauser introduced Chris Gallaway, one of the 2005/06 Commerce MSC's. She announced that Commerce is holding a fundraiser for the Children's Health Foundation.

Councilor Heath spoke to the issue of President Gardiner shaving his head for cancer.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that Councilor Gieni sent her regrets. He noted that if President Gardiner shaved his head then he would also shave his.

Councilor Galbraith introduced Jack Mason. He also introduced 2005/06 Engineering MSC's Wadena Burnett and Brett Fernquist. He announced that he has to leave the meeting at 7p.m.

VP MacDonald stated that President Gardiner did raise lots of money for cancer.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 WUSC**

Move to consider informally.

**USC MOTION196:** Forbes/Leisle

Carried.

Scott Wright noted that WUSC stands for World University Services Canada, which is an international, non-governmental organization that has a mission of fostering human development, global understanding through education and trade. At the U of S it is done primarily through the student sponsorship program. The program brings refugees from different parts of the world to Saskatoon. Over the last year there has been 3 refugees brought in. WUSC has been in operation with the university for over 50 years. The local committee has voted in favor of being under the USSU. Details to be worked out in the future. The local committee will be supporting 2 students for the coming year. It is hopeful to go back to 3 students the following year and WUSC in Ottawa knows that the U of S can no longer accept students with low TOEFL scores.

VP Stranden asked why the students were accepted with low TOEFL scores and about the need to attend the Centre for Second Languages before entering into university.

Scott Wright noted that at the time of acceptance there were 9 candidates of all who had scores that were below the TOEFL requirement.

Jack Mason asked what plans were in place for the extra funds that would not be used for the year.

Scott Wright stated that there are a few ideas. There will be less extra money that they should have. One reason for the shortage of funds is because the President's Fund did not match the funding since the fee was increased last year. Usually at the beginning of every operating year there is approximately \$15,000 in the WUSC fund and next year there will be about \$3,000.

Move to consider formally.

**USC MOTION197:** Leisle/Wudel

Carried.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Councilor Leisle noted that Councilor Kirkness was present and not absent.

Councilor Kowalsky corrected the minutes that it should read he wished everyone a Happy Persian New Year not Korean.

The minutes from March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were approved as amended.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Gardiner stated that the Executive held a meeting shortly before USC. The minutes are not ready but will be ready for the next meeting. Since the last meeting he left for Toronto on Friday and attended a conference that was not related to the USSU. He returned on Wednesday afternoon. A Changing Structures Committee is looking at trying to get more undergraduate student involvement in decision making. They are concerned that undergraduate students are not pulling their weight in drafting a lot of things have happened on campus over the last year.

VP Stranden noted that this week is Environment Week and her last week of work. She has been spending a lot time tying up loose ends. She spent Wednesday in the tunnel handing out popcorn to promote Environment Week. There were free bike tune ups in Upper Place Riel on Thursday with 11 students using that service. She will also be handing out popcorn on Friday from 10-2 in the tunnel. There will also be a movie night on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

VP MacDonald spoke in agreement with President Gardiner in relation to the undergraduate involvement. There seems to be some problems with getting the meal plan connected with Louis' and will most likely not happen this summer. A lot of the capital purchases that were approved have started to go through with chairs for Browsers is on their way and a lot of the glassware for Louis' has arrived. The faxing services from



Copy Central are moving up to the Information Centre and the exam file will be available at the Help Centre. He noted that the organization is currently in the process of hiring an LGBTA Centre Director. He asked that Councilors be respectful in the USSU operations as there was an incident reported at Louis' with someone moving chairs around when they shouldn't.

VP Gersher noted that she has been busy with the Experience in Excellence Awards that went fairly well.

### **6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes for March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

### **6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

Councilor Forbes stated that she was unable to attend the meeting and the minutes will be available at next USC.

### **6.8 Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee**

Chair Mupanguri noted that they met last week but the minutes are not ready for presentation to Council.

## **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1 Studentcare Rates**

Move to adopt the following changes; to reduce the maximum units of dental scaling to 4 and increase the overall rate by \$17.35.

**USC MOTION198:** Stranden/Alston-O'Connor

Carried.

Councilor Leisle stated that he took the recommendations back to the ASSU Council and are in support of both recommendations that were presented including the \$5 deductible on prescription drugs. He would be voting against the motion.

Move to amend the motion to read that the dental scaling be reduced to the maximum units of 4 and implement a \$5/prescription deductible with the total increase be \$1.45.

**USC MOTION199:** Leisle/

President Gardiner noted that the amendment goes against the spirit of the motion. The motion presented by Councilor Leisle should bring forward the amendment if the main motion fails.

VP MacDonald noted that the main motion and the amendment are quite contrary to each other.

Move to hold a 3 minute recess to allow VP MacDonald, President Gardiner and Councilor Leisle to discuss the spirit of the motion.

**USC MOTION200:** Forbes/Galbraith

Carried.

Move to amend the motion to implement a \$5/prescription deductible with no increase taking place.

**USC MOTION201:** Leisle/Chadwick

Defeated.

Councilor Galbraith stated that he is not in favor of the \$5/prescription deductible. It is a universal health plan that should be put in place for all students. Some students use parts of the plan that other students don't use.

Councilor Forbes read out an email from an Engineering student relating to the health and dental plan. Engineering is opposed to cutting any benefits.

Councilor Galbraith read out a couple emails from Engineering students that supported a fee increase rather than a benefit decrease.

VP Stranden spoke against the amendment. There was a survey conducted by Student Health and about 90% of females on campus are on birth control, which could be a monthly or 3-month prescription. Even if it is a 3-month prescription it is still \$20/year, which is more than the increase that is proposed. This would affect 90% of female population.

Councilor Heath stated that she forwarded the recommendations on to her college and received many replies with the response being that the benefits should not be decreased. Veterinary Medicine is against any decrease in services.

Councilor Birdi stated that he took back the recommendations to his college and cutting the scaling back to 4 from 8 units is not a bad idea. The national Aboriginal plan only covers for 2 units/year. Dentistry is against implementing the \$5/prescription implementation.

President Gardiner noted that 5 years ago students voted for a certain amount of coverage within the health and dental plan and that is something that should be respected. In the same sense he is unsure if students voted to have the plan premium increase as it has. It is something that should be reviewed for the next year. He would be voting against the amendment and for the main motion.

## **8.2 Election & Referenda Policy amendments**

VP Stranden noted that the amendments were brought forth on March 17<sup>th</sup> because of some concerns with the most recent election. The first amendment being under Section I, Item 17 *“All Candidates and Election Board members must have the information, rules, regulations, and bylaws of all colleges and residences given in written form at the elections information meeting”*. The second amendment under Section VII, Item 1 amending it to read, *“shall be investigated by the CRO, ACRO, and one of the MSC councilors serving on the Elections Board and then dealt with by the EB”*.

Move to approve the proposed amendments.

**USC MOTION202:** Stranden/Chadwick

Carried.

**Abstention noted by President Gardiner and Councilor Leisle.**

VP MacDonald asked about the second amendment if it had to be an MSC or if it could be a SAL. The point of the ACRO is so that the ACRO and the CRO don't need to be in the same place. He would suggest that it be the ACRO or the CRO and a member of the Elections Board.

VP Stranden stated that the reason for the amendment being the way it was was because an MSC sitting on the Elections Board is more accountable to Council directly than a SAL. It would not hurt to have the CRO or the ACRO in the amendment. If there are 2 investigating each complaint it gives it more legitimacy.

Councilor Forbes stated the reason for having an MSC was so that they would be accountable to Council where as SAL's are not accountable to Council.

VP MacDonald stated that he has huge financial concerns with having 2 people investigating.

VP Stranden stated that she sees VP MacDonald's concerns as a friendly amendment and she could add “or” between “CRO, ACRO”.

President Gardiner stated that his concern with the motion is that the purpose of the Elections Board is to conduct the investigations. A sub-committee does not need to be created.

Councilor Forbes spoke in agreement that the entire Elections Board should be doing the investigations although it is not quite feasible. By having the sub-committee, ACRO or CRO and one MSC, there would be more voice coming back to the Elections Board to explain the investigation.

VP MacDonald spoke in agreement with President Gardiner's comment. The purpose of the Elections Board is to deal with the investigations.

VP Stranden stated that the amendment allows more than one person to investigate the claim. In the end all members has to back to the Elections Board and has to be dealt with then.

Councilor Forbes stated that before it was just the CRO who investigated and now amending it so that there are more people involved.

VP MacDonald stated that it is impossible to have all members of the Elections Board present to investigate a claim with conflicting schedules. It is best to leave it as is or something different.

VP Stranden noted that the reason for this coming about was because there was only one person investigating the complaint. When there is one person investigating the complaint their word is taken. It gives one more person saying that the job was done and this is the consensus.

Move to amend the amendment so that, "...the final ballot count shall be investigated by the *Elections Board*".

**USC MOTION203:** Gardiner/MacDonald

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that the reason for his amendment is to ensure accountability. The board needs to make quorum and gives the board back their responsibility.

Councilor Forbes thanked President Gardiner for making the amendment and she would be voting in favor of it. It does make it a little harder for the entire board to get together but does holds everyone more accountable and the investigation is that much more legitimate.

Councilor Ansaldo asked how the CRO would not be legitimate as it is a lawyer.

VP MacDonald stated that if a CRO and MSC or an ACRO and MSC cannot be trusted then he does agree with President Gardiner.

VP Stranden spoke to the logistics of the Elections Board reviewing the complaints. She does not think that it would work logistically. The reason she is speaking on this issue is because the suggestions were brought forth by the complainants.

Councilor Heath stated that logistics shouldn't be a concern as all that has to happen is to have quorum present at the Elections Board meetings, which may be easier than having designated people.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that with having the Elections Board reviewing complaints you have more people knowing information that could be spread around. It could be disastrous if many people find out information that should be kept confidential.

Councilor Forbes stated that the entire Elections Board reads each complaint and then the information on the investigation is received from the CRO. Either way the board would still know what is going on. The information is in the minutes, which are public so it allows anyone to view the complaints.

VP MacDonald stated that it would be less logistically feasible to try and get the CRO and ACRO together. He is unsure as to why this is being changed. This is the only year that these complaints have come forth. Maybe the Elections Board missed the boat and could have changed how the investigations went.

Move to extend speaking rights to everyone to 5 times.

**USC MOTION204:** Heath/Wudel

Carried.

**9. New Business**

**9.1 External Affairs Board Recommendations – tabled indefinitely**

**10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**USC MOTION205:** Leisle/Wudel

Carried.

Councilor Heath noted that the parking at the PAC in the evenings and early mornings is a concern of WCVM's. The female students do not feel safe walking from Y lot to the PAC late at night or early in the morning. She asked if the staff lot could be a staff lot only when the staff are there.

VP Stranden stated that she understands the concerns of WCVM but cannot see it happening. She recommended parking in the lot across from Place Riel after 6p.m., which is only \$2/exit or there is parking in the Stadium Parkade.

Councilor Heath asked who she would follow this up with at Administration.

VP Stranden stated that she would contact Wendy at Parking Services and also pass her phone number along to Councilor Heath.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the intent of Introductions and Announcements is to introduce people who are attending the meeting but not to announce pub crawls and beer nights. It questions the credibility of what is being done at Council. He recommended that if there is an event coming up to start a newsletter with all the events every Thursday.

VP MacDonald spoke in agreement with Councilor Villeneuve's comment. He encouraged the use of Safewalk to address the concern of parking. He noted that with the Elections policy amendments it doesn't actually say that all members of the board have to

be in attendance and they could still go back to the old way and designate one or two people to do the investigation.

Councilor Ansaldo asked why Councilor Kowalsky referred to someone who was not in attendance at the meeting at last Council and he should have went to the ??? Board instead. He does not appreciate it.

Councilor Forbes spoke in regards the amendments made to the Elections policy. Quorum is needed to deal with the investigations and complaints, which is not one person. She asked when the last USC meeting would be held.

VP Gersher asked Councilors whose classes require tutorials or required tutorials in the past if they would support web tutorials?”, “what training would you like in terms of IT training?” The questions came to her from Rick Bunt.

Councilor Alston-O’Connor stated that IT programs are poorly advertised and is unsure of the specifics as to their training.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that he makes it a habit of attending their computer programs that are offered. It is on the PAWS announcement.

Councilor Forbes stated that for next year PAWS is doing registration. She suggested that ITS holds a mini-course in August on PAWS registration.

Councilor Kowalsky noted that he didn’t know they offered classes. He would like to learn how to make presentations with PowerPoint.

Councilor Heath stated that a course for the basics on computers for those who are not familiar with computers at all.

VP Gersher noted that the reason they are poorly advertised is because ITS does not have enough support to offer the courses to all the students that would be interested. The courses are free for students and staff. It is basically by word of mouth.

President Gardiner noted that there would need to be at least 2 more USC meetings following this meeting to discuss a few things with the biggest thing being the Winter Accountability Report, which will be available for next Thursday. There is also the Students’ Council survey. The Minister of Learning noted that he is very interested in addressing Council. The Executive discussed the issue of announcing pub crawls and beer nights under Introductions and Announcements and the best solution is to just post at the back of the room on the board rather than having it in the minutes. It does take away from the legitimacy of the organization. He clarified that he did not call for VP MacDonald’s impeachment as it stated in the Sheaf. He did question his attendance at the last Council meeting and behavior in previous weeks. He noted that the questions being asked by VP Gersher would be best asked under Any Other Business. The

questions being asked are very valuable. He noted that is uncomfortable discussing the Elections Policy at USC as it is a political body. He brought everyone's attention to what was happening in Quebec. In the fall, the Quebec provincial government cut \$103 million from provincial grants and put it directly into loans. This meant that students could expect their debt to increase 62%. Over the last couple weeks there has been a lot of action over this in Quebec and not being picked up by the English media outside of the province. There are over 230,000 students who are on strike and are supported by a lot of faculty associations and college administration. Students are calling to have the full \$103 million reinstated.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that the PAWS course tools are beneficial. As Chair of the Environmental Review Board he has written a Constitution and a Where We Stand document that the USSU did not provide. He asked how Councilor Kowalsky has a clue of what is going on.

VP MacDonald thanked President Gardiner for not trying impeaching him. He apologized for not attending last week's meeting and meant to send his regrets. As for as the board's effectiveness right now, there is no direction right now. It is Council's job to send things to boards. They have not been able to find a direction. The Elections Board does require quorum for meetings to take place but in Section 7, Item 1 it does not say that the investigation has to take place at a meeting. The investigation can take place anywhere.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that he has had some difficulty with the ERC board, particularly what the scope of it is and what it should cover. He has several ideas and requires to be re-evaluated as a whole and would like to offer some input for next year.

#### **11. Any Other Business**

VP Gersher asked Council, "what caused you/what would cause you to nominate a professor; enthusiasm, based on the curriculum or because the prof is nice and friendly".

Councilor Kowalsky noted that he has never nominated a professor and does not feel that he should be voting. He is curious how many people have actually nominated a professor.

VP Gersher stated that enthusiasm is number one internationally.

#### **12. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION206:** Quintin/Forbes

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
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  - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
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# University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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Jeff MacDonald, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Kim Stranden, VP (Student Issues)  
Malvina Gersher, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science  
Gerald Schiltroth, Education  
Ashley Forbes, Engineering  
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Valerie Quintin, Law  
Melissa Gieni, Medicine  
Jaime Robin, Nursing  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More  
Nicholas Ansaldo, St. Thomas More  
Katie Kirkness, VPRA  
Jessica Heath, WCV

## **Also Present**

Everisto Mupanguri, Chair  
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture  
Julien Kernalleguen, Agriculture  
Brad Flavell, Arts & Science  
Tracey Mithcell, Arts & Science  
Julie Oh, Arts & Science  
Rachel Small, Arts & Science

Brent Thoma, Arts & Science  
Roberta Boyle, Commerce  
Brett Campbell, Commerce  
Christopher Gallaway, Commerce  
Brett Fernquist, Engineering  
Evan Cole, Unclassified  
Susan Yakimoski, Unclassified

## **Regrets**

Dustin Bartsch, Commerce  
Bobby Birdi, Dentistry  
Melanie Funk, Physical Therapy

## **Absent**

Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Rick Bowes, Education  
Darcy Diachinsky, ISC

**The minutes were not recorded.**

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 Minister of Learning – Andrew Thompson**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.2 Executive Committee Minutes – April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.3 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.4 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.6 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005**
  - 6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
  - 6.9 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.10 Environmental Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Business**
  - 8.1 Accountability Reports**
  - 8.2 U of S Fees**
  - 8.3 Environment Letter**
- 9. New Business**
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## **Absent**

Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture  
Bobbi Birdi, Dentistry  
Rick Bowes, Education  
Beverly Wudel, Pharmacy & Nutrition

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

### **2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**USC MOTION207:** Leisle/Forbes

Carried.

### **4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Wudel announced that she would be leaving the meeting early due to her exam schedule.

Councilor Schiltroth introduced Scott Mills, Secondary Education student, and is here to listen to the Minister of Learning's address.

**5. Council Address**

President Gardiner noted that the Minister of Learning is present to give a quick presentation on what has been happening with post-secondary education in Saskatchewan.

Move to consider informally.

**USC MOTION208:** Villeneuve/Gardiner

Carried.

Minister of Learning, Andrew Thompson, noted that he wanted to share with Council a few issues that have come up at the Provincial Budget. Students were the focus with the Provincial Budget and it was very much because of the work of the USSU and URSU Executive. There were 5 items to be tackled with the education budget this year going into the budget process. To continue to focus on improving the quality of the education system, increasing access, maintaining affordability, continue to put more money into Aboriginal attainment and begin to move more strongly towards making sure there is a better connection between education and employment. The universities today are competing for students and research dollars. It was decided that in this budget there would be a significant amount of new money into making sure that the capital facilities here are the best in the country and continue to have access to some of the best researchers and professors. There was a 2% increase in terms of the general operating budget. It was decided to use some of the windfall money from last year to make some significant capital investments. There will be \$3.8 million to making sure there was continued support with the College of Medicine. One of the biggest changes this year was the approach taken around the university funding increase. This year with the request from the USSU and URSU there was a \$6.7 million grant to freeze tuition. This approach took a lot of work back and forth with the university. A commitment was made to review the student financial assistance programs. President Gardiner had identified this some months ago. There is about \$100 million spent a year on financial assistance, \$35 million of that is completely forgiven every year. It has been over 30 years since federal government agreed on taking on a review of student financial assistance. Other changes include putting another \$1 million into the Centennial Scholarship program, another \$3.4 million into provincial bursaries, decrease the parental contribution, additional money was put into the interest relief programs and moved up the graduate tax credits.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if it has been reviewed how bursaries count as a source of income.

Minister of Learning stated that it does count as income and then is then deducted what your available loan is. It is one of the things that does need to be tackled.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if there is a timeline worked out for the student financial review process.

Minister of Learning stated that he would like it in place before the next budget year so that if there are substantial changes then it would require legislative change or a change in the way the funding is done.

Councilor Gieni spoke about retention of physicians and there is a problem with the residency program where students are going elsewhere to do their residency and then not coming back to Saskatchewan. The long-term solution for retaining physicians in Saskatchewan is educating and training enough of them that internationally trained doctors would then not be needed. The province has an international responsibility; right now doctors are coming from third-world countries. Currently, there is a royal bursary program established for medical students is wonderful if you want to go into family medicine. There needs to be incentives to come back. Another problem is residency. In the Provincial Budget it is committed to have 9 more residency spots this coming year but is still falling short of the national average. With tuition increasing at the rate it is there are many people being eliminated from rural Saskatchewan. In order to keep access available to all students, tuition needs to be lowered or maintained.

Minister of Learning spoke to retention and recruitment into the college of Medicine. Compared to 10 years ago a better job is being done. Currently the province is keeping 2/3's of its doctors. It still means that more doctors need to be recruited from rural communities. When comparing the Regina Health District and Saskatoon Health District the number of professionals in Regina is significantly lower in Regina because there were no residency commitments.

Councilor Gieni asked if there is any move to put more residency programs besides family medicine.

Minister of Learning noted that more specialists are needed. The questions of cost and need need to be reviewed. More residents need to be attached to the system.

Councilor Gieni noted that there is no resident infrastructure at Regina hospital and it is scary for the students as there is no Senior Resident there when something happens. He noted that he is not in favor of the National Norm tuition policy. The U of R and U of S are here to serve Saskatchewan students first. It is important to be open to bring in international students but it is important to not price education into other province's markets. It is something that needs to be worked on. The aboriginal issue surrounding medical students is very complicated. The cost is not the primary issue.

Councilor Diachinsky spoke to aboriginal issues. To his understanding the federal government has given \$600 million to help facilitate aboriginal students to go into health profession careers. He asked what the provincial government is doing to allocate the funding.

Minister of Learning stated that it is a big problem with the jurisdictional divide, is that they don't control the money the federal government sets aside for First Nation education. As part of it, new bursary programs have been put in place.

Councilor Diachinsky ???

Minister of Learning noted that it is not just the health profession. There is a focus on getting more aboriginal students into nursing and education. There are not enough aboriginal students graduating out of high schools, which is one problem that is needing to be dealt with.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked when students could expect to see ??? and the scope ???

Minister of Learning stated that he would hope by the middle of May there would be a scope and mechanism laid out.

Councilor Heath stated that there are some concerns that Alberta may pull their funding from the WCVU college. She asked if Saskatchewan would give the college the assistance that is needed to maintain the college. The vet college is very spectacular for Saskatchewan to have.

Minister of Learning stated that of the \$65 million going into capital there is \$35 million going to Vet Med. It is the single largest capital investment this year. The college is in good shape and the capital will help the college.

Councilor Galbraith spoke to the issue of student retention and asked what the government is doing to create technical jobs in Saskatchewan. For an Engineer student job prospects in Saskatchewan are very few.

Minister of Learning noted that it is true that more people are educated in some colleges than what the economy requires. The economy is more diversified now in Saskatchewan than it has ever been. Fifteen years ago the number one industry in the province was Agriculture. The approach is to grow Saskatchewan along 6 key sectors; value-added Agriculture, cultural industries, mining, oil and gas, IT and forestry. It is working in terms of growing the base of Saskatchewan.

Councilor Schiltroth congratulated the Minister of Learning on accomplishing some significant things this year; the push to have bullying part of the criminal code, distinguished himself to have participated in a gendered issue venue. He asked what has been proposed to keep education students in the province.

Minister of Learning stated the increase of 0-1-1 was done with the view that the grids across the system should all rise at about the same rate. This process had started about 10 years ago. Over the last 10 years there has been 25,000 students lost out of the system. If

comparing wage scales Saskatchewan is off a bit but if you compare the teaching environments Saskatchewan is in better shape than much of Alberta.

Scott Mills spoke to the issue of keeping young people in Saskatchewan. He asked if there are any other initiatives that are being taken to keep young teachers in the province.

Minister of Learning stated that it is not just the question around Saskatchewan's contract. The second issue, Alberta having fired a number of teachers and are now hiring a large number of students, which has opened up a lot of immediately available spaces. There are a lot of teaching vacancies in small towns.

Scott Mills noted that a teacher trained in one specific area does not necessarily just teach in that area when in a small community and is expected to teach many other subjects.

Minister of Learning stated that there are 3 areas that need to be in place in the K-12 system; literacy is a problem within the system with a part of it being ESL pressure and part of it is being focused on things that have not been and should have been. Another issue is pre-Kindergarten at the age 3 levels. Balancing the resources between city schools with large classes and rural communities with small classes will be important to figure out.

Councilor Leisle asked if there would be any pressure from the provincial government on the university to look at the overall funding structure.

Minister of Learning stated that he does not understand how it happens how more money per student could be put in, how students could be putting in more money and all is still continuing to rise. It is something that the province will have to continue to discuss with the university. Last year there were a number of discussions with the institution and there was a general agreement of an increase of 5%. It didn't end up for students in the professional college. He is unsure as to what the answer is because universities have to have the ability to set their own tuition. There will have to be a broader discussion within the university.

Councilor Leisle asked if there are any plans for the future to look at the overall student finance.

Minister of Learning noted that they would continue on. He spends more time on tuition that he does on any other issue with the university. It is a huge issue. There needs to be some flexibility and a large discussion on what the balance between research capital and the general operating budget. It is easier for the provincial government to step in one-time money and deal with capital research.

Councilor Gieni stated that she is happy to hear that the Minister of Learning does not support the National Norm tuition. She noted that in the college of Medicine, 55 out of the 60 spots are for only in-province students. Funding is not based on international

students and she would like to see that it is kept in mind that medical students are Saskatchewan based and would like to stay. She spoke to the issue of grandfathering tuition, so that whatever a student's tuition is when starting out in that college it would remain the same over the 4 years. All medical students have suggested to have a grandfathering tuition policy. She inquired if there is any movement to increase the number of ??? programs within the province. She was able to be a part of the program in North Battleford and it prepared her for university.

Minister of Learning noted that the IB programs are something that should be expanded. One thing that is being worked on is getting more exposure to students of what is available for careers. Career planning is currently done poorly in secondary schools. Grandfathering tuition works in some cases. He is unsure as to how that would work out with everyone in the same class paying something different. It needs to be discussed as to what portion of the university's operating budget students are responsible for and what portion should the government contribute.

Councilor Gieni noted that scholarships and bursaries count against your student loan. Medical students are a very select group and high achieving and earn the scholarships that are received. It is not fair that whatever is earned in scholarship money gets deducted from the student loan funding.

Minister of Learning stated that it is not different than any other student. It is a huge debate in how to manage the debt load.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that it is a concern of his that there will be no education jobs available when he graduates. How does the amalgamation play in increasing the PTR so the teachers can be kept.

Minister of Learning stated that the amalgamation program should not have a negative effect on the classroom level but will have a significant impact at the ??? level. It will go from 82 school divisions to 28 school divisions as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. This is being done for a reason, to re-direct money back into the classroom level. We need to figure out how to keep the small schools going. It is not an attempt to diminish the number of teachers but an attempt to having teachers going back to teaching a specific subject.

Councilor Ansaldo asked ??? and asked ???

Minister of Learning noted that with respect to 5500 call centre jobs in the province today are primarily of service nature and not IT. When he thinks of IT and mathematic issues he thinks of Innovation Place with respect to IT and Biotechnology. There is a huge opportunity to expand on research and ???. One area that he thinks is missing is how do you take people with great ideas and give them capital to get them started.

Councilor Ansaldo asked if there is anything targeted specifically towards students who are in mathematics.



Minister of Learning stated that the focus has primarily been, in terms of student scholarships and incentives, on demographic and ??? as opposed to anything else. What has been worked on is the Representative Workforce Model, with the view being across society generally the workforce in whatever sector should generally reflect the population ???. Corporate involvement has not been exploited enough. There are a lot of companies that benefit hugely from the research and development that takes place at the U of S.

President Gardiner thanked the Andrew Thompson, Minister of Learning for coming and addressing Council. He looks forward to the same happening next year.

Minister of Learning suggested that the opportunity is taken early in the new year for a discussion with the Executive about enforcing the issues. He thanked Council for the invitation.

Move to consider formally.

**USC MOTION209:** Gardiner/Galbraith

Carried.

## **6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

President Gardiner noted that it was unfortunate but the minutes from April 7<sup>th</sup>, were not recorded last week. There were only 3 items that should be noted for the record. There was a letter of reprimand to VP MacDonald, there was a resignation of Councilor Forbes from the Elections Board and the amendment of the agenda to include under New Business last week Accountability Reports, U of S Fees and Environment Letter.

Councilor Forbes noted that the policy change should also be on the record for the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Policy of Article 2.07.

### **6.2 Executive Committee Minutes**

VP Stranden noted that there were 5 main topics discussed at the meeting. The new Executive were also in attendance. The Council survey was discussed and all Councilors should take the survey and complete it at the meeting. The Executive Retreat was discussed will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Waskesiu with the Outgoing and Incoming Executive members. The Retreat for the staff and the new Executive will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The Credit Card Policy was discussed and how next year the credit cards can only be used for meeting expenses and will have to be authorized by 2 Executive members with an explanation of the meeting. The Credit Card Policy will be enforced next year because of questionable use that was brought up to Council. The credit cards will be kept in the safe until needed.

### **6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

Councilor Schiltroth reviewed April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, meeting.

## **6.8 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**

Chair Mupanguri noted that the committee met with a very busy last few weeks. The issues have not been solved as of yet. Feedback will have to be passed on by email as this is the last USC meeting.

## **7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1 Accountability Reports**

President Gardiner presented the final Accountability Reports to Council.

Move to approve the Accountability Reports as presented.

**USC MOTION210:** Gardiner/Stranden

Councilor Villeneuve asked VP MacDonald about his classes. Executive are only allowed to take 12 credit units per year. There were 9 credits taken and he is sure that VP MacDonald took other credits were taken previously. He asked VP MacDonald how many credit units were taken during the year.

VP MacDonald noted that most of the budget meetings were on Monday or Tuesday. He took ??? credits the first term. He noted that the 12 credit limit is subjective and meaningless.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked VP Stranden what other big projects that she accomplished that are not in the report.

VP Stranden noted that her accountability report was done on time and didn't see any other of the Executive's reports before finishing hers up. She can reformat the accountability report and include all of her large projects and email them out to all Councilors.

VP MacDonald stated that he had an issue with Now-Up-To-Date and lost a lot of the information on his schedule.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that if the reports are accepted as they are then some of the projects that VP Stranden has done are not included.

VP MacDonald spoke in agreement with Councilor Alston-O'Connor.

Move to adopt the reports on the condition that there is an addition to the VP Student Issues accountability.

**USC MOTION211:** Alston-O'Connor/???

Carried.

\*\*\*Opposition noted by VP MacDonald.

## **8.2 U of S Fees**

President Gardiner noted that the Integrated Planning Office submitted the proposal. The tuition deal that was reached with the universities was done quickly and with this happening there are a few things that are not included in the deal. The Provost Committee on Integrated Planning is asking the USSU of its position on the fee increases are. The government wanted the fees included in the tuition freeze but the university is saying that the fees are different from tuition fees.

Move to support the Provost Committee on Integrated Planning on the increase of the fees only because the USSU does not want to see a decline in the quality of university programs.

**USC MOTION212:** Gardiner/Schiltroth

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that by supporting the motion he would then draft a letter stating that the USSU sees the fees going up as decisions that were made prior to the tuition fee freeze announcement. He would like to recommend that in the future if the government is going to do something that means the students do not pay more that these fees are included.

Councilor Gieni spoke to a new fee created that affects the college of Medicine. They are looking at increasing the deposit to hold the student's spot from \$200 to \$500. The college of Medicine has now moved to early acceptance. She does not think that students should not have to pay \$500. The cost of applying to medical schools in Canada every year is close to \$1000. A letter will be sent to the Dean right away and she would recommend not passing this motion.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that some of the fees do not make sense to him. There is a \$100 registration fee for University Life 101. The purpose of the course is to introduce students to university life. Students should not be charged for that. Also the fee increase for transcripts from \$5 to \$10 is unnecessary. He asked what invigilation is.

President Gardiner stated that invigilation is when there is an on-line college and a student is writing their exam at the U of S, the university invigilates that exam and will cost the student \$75, which are not U of S fees. He spoke in agreement with has been said by the last two Councilors. The fees are going up regardless of what happens with this motion. He disagrees with every one of the fees. Are the fees included in the province's tuition freeze grant, which the answer is clearly no. The freeze was for tuition fees only. The issue of these fees increasing is a separate issue, which should be dealt with. The USSU was not included in the discussion of the fee increases.

Councilor Heath stated that the issues that Councilor Gieni brought forward of the increase in the holding a seat would have to be taken up separately with the college of Medicine.

Councilor Gieni stated that President Gardiner does not agree with the increase in the fees but is asking that the motion be passed to support it.

President Gardiner stated that it is not an issue of whether or not the USSU accept the fee increases. It is an issue of whether or not the fee increases should be included in the provincial agreement with the university on the tuition fee freeze. A motion like this needs to be passed so that the fees do not increase again next year. There is agreement that there be student representation on the new Formal Fee Review Committee.

### **6.3 Environment Letter**

Move to have a 3 minute recess to review the letter.

**USC MOTION213:** Forbes/Gardiner

Carried.

\*\*\*remainder of discussion was not recorded

## **9. New Business**

### **9.1 External Affairs Board Recommendations – tabled indefinitely**

## **10. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

\*\*\*a portion was not recorded

Councilor Forbes noted that she resigned last week from the Elections Board. The Elections Board did not follow the Public of Interest policy. Conflict of interest only applies to personal interest in activities; therefore, her positions that she holds within the organization are not within the conflict of interest. If there ever were a conflict of interest she brought it forward to the board. She noted that she does not represent the Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society but represents the students in the college of Engineering. She is invited by SESS to sit on their Executive and as of March 31, 2005, she did not hold a position with SESS any longer. If the Elections Board had ask her about it she would have been able to tell them. The Chair was not willing to rejoin the meeting. She expressed her concern with the minutes as she was sitting at the chair when all member walked out. She noted that she would be filing a complaint with Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee. She is here to represent all sides.

Councilor Leisle asked about the Executive Committee minutes from April 13<sup>th</sup>. He asked the ball park amount was that was questionable usage with the Executive credit cards.

President Gardiner stated that there is no ballpark amount. The problem is not the misuse of funds but there is not enough documentation on what the amounts are for.

Councilor Schiltroth spoke about the Elections Board. He stated that he did not like the precedent that was set at last week's USC meeting when the Election's Board minutes

were over turned based on the breach of quorum. Quorum was questioned at that meeting. There are too many minutes both with the Elections Board and USC were in camera because now the student body does not know what was discussed. He challenges Council next year to consider when going into camera.

President Gardiner noted that with the issue of quorum and the issue of the motions that were called out of order from last week is not accurate. As per the bylaw, it is the sitting members of a committee with which the majority constitutes quorum. That does include non-voting members. The motion is going to the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee and will be dealt with there.

Councilor Gieni stated that it is not good that the minutes were not recorded again. There seems to be little accountability. If the minutes are not recorded then there still needs to be an informal record of what was discussed and what was passed. In the Canadian Medical Association Journal this year, the U of A did something with the medical students. They matched incoming students in their first year with a Councilor and it was mandatory that they met twice a year. This is something that could be implemented university wide. It is important to develop an ongoing relationship with someone on campus. She encouraged the incoming VP Student Issues to look into the program.

President Gardiner noted that in the survey there is a question that asks Councilor's how they would prefer to have minutes taken at USC. This was discussed at the Executive meeting, having someone come into the meetings and type the minutes as they are happening along with the dictaphone still running. There would then be something official with what happened first hand. He noted that the card swipe is not at the meeting so everyone will have to enter their student number.

Councilor Kowalsky noted that last Thursday was a beautiful day and it was upsetting that the deck was not open at Louis'. He asked if it is possible to have the General Manager a shareholder of Louis' so that the more money the operation makes then the more money the General Manager makes as well.

VP MacDonald stated that the USSU is a non-profit cooperation, which very much goes against having shareholders. The weather cannot be predicted and get the deck open with such short notice.

President Gardiner stated that the suggestion of having the General Manager as a shareholder is not a good idea. There are a couple of Students' Unions that do do this and it leads to corruption. The reason for the deck not being open sooner is because of staffing issues in April are more of an issue now than other times of the year because of exams.

VP Gersher asked if everyone could inform her as to who the University Council representatives are. She noted that any responses to her questions should be passed on to her as she has a meeting to pass on the responses tomorrow morning.

Councilor Forbes stated that any discussion that takes place with dealing with decisions that are still being made they do need to go into camera. The boards and committees need to be kept control of. She believes that idea of quorum needs to be dealt with in the bylaw. Non-voting members should not be included in quorum. She spoke in agreement with President Gardiner and not being a good idea to have the General Manager as a shareholder of the operations. She would like Council to consider having a meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> to clean up everything from the agenda.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that it would be a good idea to have an incentive's program rather than shareholders. He spoke in agreement with Councilor Gieni in having some form of minutes for the meetings. He asked how the Elections Board made their decision with a lack of evidence.

Councilor Forbes noted that the way she said what she said and how it was recorded were very different.

Councilor Kirkness spoke about on campus jobs. She asked why there is a 16 year-old working at Extreme Pita when there are hundreds of university students that really want a job. There should a priority of putting the university students into on campus jobs. She suggested that there be a co-Chair with one recording the minutes and the other takes care of the meeting. The person that is hired should be a student.

VP MacDonald noted that the USSU does not own Place Riel as it is leased from the university and then end up leasing space back to the university or other customers that run franchises. There is no way that the USSU can tell the tenants who they can and cannot hire as employees.

Councilor Villeneuve spoke about Louis' deck. He noted that he tried to find a deck open that week as well and couldn't find one open so it was not just Louis'. It bothers him with all the negative comments that are made about Louis' over the past few years. It would be a good idea to get students comments and feedback on what would make Louis' a better place. It would be a good idea to take a look at other campuses. Council is trying to micro-manage Louis' and is coming up with poor ideas.

Councilor Gieni noted that the new MSC for Medicine is present and introduced ???

VP MacDonald stated that the USSU Programmer went to all the student societies to try and get bar deals just as the other bars do. The student societies are requesting a car and it is not feasible to give a car away to college societies. It is up to Councilors to get their student societies to sign up with Louis' or to just go to Louis'.

Councilor Ansaldo noted that Louis' does not offer anything for student societies. The mark up on kegs is astonishing.

Councilor Kirkness noted that the gun with the Buckhunter game at Louis' is still not working. There is a safety issue with Residence using Louis' as their bar. She stated that they were laughed at when having asked Louis' if they could do anything for them as a student society. Residence has asked for a wing night but they were told to go somewhere else.

VP Stranden noted that the evening of the Experience in Excellence awards she spoke to George Foufas, Louis' Site Manager, about the Buckhunter game being replaced. He informed her that the machine was on the way and it should have been fixed. She will follow up with George Foufas and see what is happening.

Councilor Galbraith stated that Louis' is not a bar. It is a restaurant that serves drinks.

Councilor Schiltroth spoke to the issues surrounding the Elections Board. If attention is drawn to the motion, the motions did not deal with comments that were or were not made by Councilor Forbes at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were complaints that had been filed by her constituents. There was a concern that she would be making a decision about her own constituents. Therefore; it was noted that the Elections Board could not tell Councilor Forbes to resign from other duties that she had.

Move to extend questions and comments for 5 minutes.

**USC MOTION214:** Forbes/Schiltroth

Carried.

Councilor Forbes noted that motion EB111 is a very effective notion to shut her up. It was quite interesting when she read it. She condemns the board for their actions with that motion. All the questions that were previous to those motions had nothing to do with those motions. No proper investigation was taken to come up with the motions. The violations protocol that the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee follows is a very good method and she applauds the CEDC for being such a great example for other boards and committees.

Councilor Heath ???

Councilor Ansaldo ??? He noted that he worked at Louis' ??? He had planned that this letter would be passed.

VP Gersher stated that she came across some issues that the Disability Student Services has. The organization needs to be more accessible to students with various disabilities and have started looking into being more accessible to students that are blind. It would be beneficial to have the option on our website to have a text-only option and then would be accessible to everyone.

## **11. Any Other Business**

Move that there be a USC meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**USC MOTION215:** Forbes/Ansaldo

Defeated.

VP Stranden asked if there would be any business at this proposed meeting. There will not be any committee minutes or anything to discuss.

VP MacDonald stated that there is another meeting scheduled for that evening for the incoming and outgoing Executive. It could be done on another night.

President Gardiner spoke against the motion. Council is currently wrapped up for the year after this meeting unless something does come from the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee when they could then call their own meeting.

Move to hold a USC meeting on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**USC MOTION216:** ???/???

Defeated.

Move that the USSU dismiss the ACRO and the CRO this year.

**USC MOTION217:** Villeneuve/MacDonald

Defeated.

\*Abstention noted by Councilor Leisle, Councilor Forbes, President Gardiner.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that CRO Wieggers is acting in an unprofessional matter. By reading the minutes he sees many personal attacks. The CRO and ACRO are to offer the board direction but they did not handle themselves very well this year. A CRO needs to be appointed for next year and that will get the job done and will investigate the complaints properly.

President Gardiner noted that the motion is ridiculous because of the precedent that it sets. The Elections Board is supposed to be an autonomous board from USC. He understands the concerns that have been raised about the CRO and the ACRO. It is not USC's role to clean house. There are two weeks left in the board's mandate. The CRO and ACRO are appointed by the Appointments Board. A motion is being made in Any Other Business on the last Council meeting of the year saying that Council is taking away their power and not giving them any chance to defend themselves. The motion is wrong and in a lot of people's minds what they have done is wrong.

VP Stranden spoke against the motion and is in agreement with President Gardiner.

Councilor Ansaldo ???

Councilor Heath stated that she would like to be confident that they would not be coming back if the Appointments Board has the option of reappointing them again next year.

Councilor Forbes noted that the Elections Board is not in her favor as of now but Council needs to remember that the Elections Board accepts and appoints MSC's. If the CRO and the ACRO is taken away right now then there is no Council for next year.



Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if the power is there to fire people. If someone is not fulfilling their duties after being appointed can they not be removed. Executive members can be impeached.

President Gardiner noted that there was a motion a couple weeks ago with a bylaw change that included these people within the scope of the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee. It is possible to remove them through that body. In the fall it will be finalized at the next Annual General Meeting.

Councilor Ansaldo stated that he thought the committees got their mandate from Council.

Councilor Schiltroth stated that as far as he can remember he does not recall CRO Weigers making any personal attacks at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting or whenever he was present at the meetings. Any comments that were made, he understands that they were made in response to the conversation that was taken place at that time. Members of Council were not present at any of the Elections Board meetings and cautions Council about making comments. He believes that CRO and ACRO conducted themselves very professionally in all the meetings and asked many questions when investigating.

VP MacDonald stated ??? The minutes from last week, there were discussions and motions by the board that were in camera. It seems that they do not trust Council and not willing to work with the people they should work with.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that he is unsure as to whether he said personal attacks but did say that the their conduct was unprofessional. He was unaware that the positions were appointed by the Appointments Board and thought that they were on a 2-year contract. The point has been made and hopefully President Gardiner, as Chair of the Appointments Board next year, will not choose these people again.

Move to call the question.

**USC MOTION218:** ???/Gieni

Carried.

President Gardiner noted that the MSC to replace Councilor Forbes on the Elections Board cannot be a returning MSC or who ran in the General Election for the USSU. There is one more meeting for the year.

Chair Mupanguri opened nominations.

Councilor Forbes noted that the meeting may take place over email rather than a formal meeting.

Councilor Schiltroth stated that if everyone is so upset with the Elections Board then why would no one accept being nominated or take the open position.

Councilor Kirkness was appointed as the MSC for the Elections Board.

Chair Mupanguri stated that it is difficult for minorities to be accepted and respected in many aspects of life today. He is glad to point out that at USC he has been accepted with open arms and has been helped along. He thanked the Executive. He thanked President Garinder for being someone that he could rely on and provide direction to him and Council when it was needed. He thanked VP MacDonald for his help with the AGM and SGM. He thanked VP Gersher and thanked VP Stranden for her chats about nothing. He thanked Councilor Villeneuve as he was the first person that he went to for advice for chairing USC meetings. Councilor Villeneuve was always respectful with the advice. He thanked Councilor Leisle for his advice during the meetings. He thanked members of the Code of Ethics & Disciplinary Committee. He sent a big thank you to Jeremy from the Sheaf on covering USC issues and keeping students informed. He thanked USSU Staff Angela Erickson, Sharla Daviduik and Ian Potter. He also thanked all the Students-At-Large. He extended a warm thank you to all of Council for the hard work, commitment, patience, perseverance, knowledge and experience that has been shared.

Move to create a Student Steering Committee for Louis' for next year.

**USC MOTION219:** Kowalsky/Gersher

Defeated.

\*Abstention noted by Councilor Gieni, VP Stranden, Councilor Diachinsky, Councilor Hauser.

Councilor Kowalsky stated that the committee would be chaired by the VP Operations & Finance.

President Gardiner noted that Any Other Business is intended for things that come up as an emergency and need to be dealt with right away. This motion does not fall into that category and can be done next year.

VP MacDonald stated that it is a great idea. It is a great way to get the input from the students. He does support the idea but not in support of moving it this meeting. A couple years ago there was an Events Planning Committee and ended up being dropped.

Move to call the question.

**USC MOTION220:** ???/???

Carried.

President Gardiner thanked all of the Councilors for their dedication over the year has meant a lot. There has been a lot accomplished, an amazing job was done with everyone and despite the differences Council was able to bond and come together as a team. Each Councilor has inspired him and those who were involved before hand did an amazing job in showing him the way and those who were new did an amazing job in building a great year and doing a lot of great things. He wished Councilors all the best in the future.

## 12. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

**USC MOTION221:** Forbes/Gieni

Carried.

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# Vision, Mission and Values

## Vision

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.

## Mission

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union exists to represent, serve and support the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students of the University of Saskatchewan through accountable, dynamic and unified leadership. It also serves to protect and maintain the integrity of quality, accessible public education.

## Values

The following principles shall guide the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in all of its endeavors: innovation; integrity; mutual respect; professionalism; service; social, economic and environmental responsibility; teamwork; and, trust.

# Message from the President

Greetings,

The USSU has an annual budget of over 4 million dollars, a staff of over 170 and several services operated by the undergraduate students here at the University of Saskatchewan. Each March students elect four executive members to guide the entire organization. The Executive is accountable to you, the students, and the three accountability reports completed each year ensure that the Executive is responsible and transparent.

With the summer months over the Executive was excited to get down to work with University Students Council. And there were many accomplishments: A provincial tuition campaign, bylaw changes, and the beginning of an external lobby review. Councilors deserve great credit for their dedication to enhancing the student experience at the University of Saskatchewan.

The fall term was also exciting for the Executive was again fully staffed after the October 8<sup>th</sup> by-election that elected Malvina Gersher as Vice-President (Academic Affairs). Malvina hit the ground running and her enthusiasm reenergized the entire Executive.

With the first term done, the Executive is eagerly looking forward to completing many of the outstanding goals it has, as well as acting on the new ideas coming out of the Executive retreat in late November.

I encourage all members of the USSU to review these reports, become informed on what the Executive has been doing and involve yourselves in the students' movement.

Collegially,

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION

Gavin Gardiner  
President





# Fall Accountability Reports

## **1 September – 31 December 2004**



# Gavin Gardiner, *President*

## **I. Fall Report**

### **General Activities**

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Most evenings and weekends

Class Hours:

English 466.3 Wednesday 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Daily Activities:

Each day I review all my correspondence (e-mail, voice mail, faxes and letters) and respond to the issues accordingly. I also meet with the Executive and staff on a regular basis. USC is a major aspect of my daily activities. Activities range from phone conversations to meetings to media interviews. The Presidential portfolio is divided between internal and external affairs, which quickly fills ones schedule.

Portfolio Duties:

The Presidential portfolio oversees all activities of the USSU, coordinates the executive, acts as the student representative on the Board of Governors, is the chief spokesperson for the USSU, is the liaison with other student unions as well as the provincial and federal governments, and ensures all governance documents are up to date among other duties.

To try and provide USSU members with a better understanding of some of the issues within the Presidential portfolio I have again provided a monthly report of the major issues I have dealt with.

### ***President's Report: September 2004***

#### **Orientation 2004**

Orientation is a University run program but the USSU is involved in many of the activities over the two days it runs. I gave a brief welcome at the Orientation kick off

which was held in the bowl on September 6<sup>th</sup> and read the U of S pledge along with the presidents of all the college societies and Peter MacKinnon. I also presented to Parent Orientation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> about the range of services the USSU provides. Mostly these discussions focused on the Health and Dental Plan but the Victim Advocate and the Academic Advocate also gave brief presentations.

### **Welcome Week 2004**

Welcome Week began September 8<sup>th</sup>. During this time I handed out Survival Guides and helped with the Welcome Week activities.

### **VP Academic Affairs Duties**

Many of the Committees of University Council resumed meeting in September and I attended these meetings in the absence of a VP Academic. These Committees included: Academic Programs Committee, Planning Committee, Instructional Development Committee, Academic Support Committee, Drafting Committee, Library Review Committee.

### **Appointments Board**

It is important for the USSU's committees to get up and running as soon as possible in the fall, which takes a lot of work from the Appointments Board that appoints the Students-At-Large to sit on the committees. I want to thank councilors Jess Heath, Matt Liesle, Katie Kirkness and Melanie Funk for all their work in the first few weeks of September. The committee also interviewed candidates for Assistant Chief Retuning Officer (ACRO) and appointed Trent Evanitski. As well, the committee interviewed candidates for the Chair Pro-Tem of USC. The President usually appoints this position, however, this year the position was posted and interviews were conducted by the Appointments Board to ensure accountability. The board appointed Everisto Mupanguri.

### **USC**

University Students' Council Orientation was held on Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>, with almost all councilors being able to attend. Council began just over a week later on September 16<sup>th</sup> and will continue every Thursday evening at 6:00pm.

### **Media**

The return of students to the University is a big story for the media in Saskatoon. I did interviews for the CBC, CTV and a few times for Global.

### **Other Meetings**

Jane Forester (Dept of Learning – University Services Branch), Colleen Wieggers (USSU CRO), Bonnie Durnford (Deputy Minister of Learning), John Conway (CCPA Researcher).

### ***President's Report: October 2004***

#### **VP Academic By-election**

The by-election for the VP Academic was held on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. On October 8<sup>th</sup> Malvina Gersher filled the vacant role. Though Malvina fit right in and learnt quickly, there was a lot orientation for the new VP.

#### **USC Committees**

October was the first month that the subcommittees of University Students Council were up and running. The External Affairs Board began meeting regularly and set out a course for the year. I would like to thank Councilors Matt Leisle, Mike Kowalsky and Nicholas Ansaldo as well as Students-at-Large Thomas Linner, Mike Butler and Leigh-Anna Gates for volunteering so much of their time to make the USSU an effective lobby organization.

#### **Student Scholarships**

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, the University announced that it was expanding entrance scholarships for academically qualified students. In the past U of S entrance scholarships were available only to students with an average above 90% . The announcement created a new scholarship tier for students with averages between 85% and 89.9%. In response to the announcement the Students' Union commended the University but asked the University to focus on needs based bursaries as well as merit based scholarships, particularly if the U of S continues to raise tuition so dramatically.

#### **Tuition Freeze Campaign**

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, University Students Council endorsed a provincial campaign calling on the provincial government to fully fund a tuition freeze for a minimum of two years. The government's efforts in the area of post-secondary education have not reached students and as a result the Students' Unions across the province are calling on the government to take action. The campaign will include extensive research on accessibility, solicitation of letters of support from community groups, an information campaign and a postcard campaign. The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) was approached to conduct the research. John Conway, professor emeritus and former Department of Learning consultant, agreed to undertake the project. The postcards that were printed will be presented to Premier Calvert before the provincial budget.

## **University Village Project**

The University of Saskatchewan is looking at constructing new residences to facilitate the number of out-of-province and international students projected in the Universities enrollment plan. The project, which will nearly double the number of residence beds on campus, will be located across the street from the campus core on the corner of College Drive and Cumberland Avenue. As USSU President I sit on the steering committee for this project and along with the Graduate Student Representative, asked the committee if the project was really necessary. The project is a cost recovery venture, which means that students who live in the residences will be financing the project. This is concerning when the current demand for residence space appears to be met by the current facilities. The USSU is cautiously optimistic about this project, which if successful will expand the campus core across and increase the attractiveness of living on campus.

## **Experience US!**

As USSU President, I had the opportunity to welcome thousands of high school students to the University of Saskatchewan for Experience US! 2004. I also did presentations for several of the students on different panels. Unfortunately, I was in Regina for one of the days of the event.

## **Minister of Learning**

I had several opportunities to meet with the Minister of Learning in October. Although only one was an official meeting in Regina, the Minister has been exceptionally receptive to listening to student concerns. It is my belief that he will take these concerns back to cabinet and deal with them.

## **Other Meetings**

Andrew Thompson (Minister of Learning), World University Service of Canada, Joseph Angel (Chair of University Council), John Conway (CCPA Researcher), Ken Chevaldayoff (Opposition PSE Critic).

## ***President's Report: November 2004***

## **Languages and Linguistics**

In early November the University Planning Committee received the Systematic Program Review for the Department of Languages and Linguistics. The report, which grades the quality of U of S programs, contained a failing D for the Masters in French and the undergrad degree in Ukrainian. The SPR announcement came at the same time that rumours of faculty cuts to the College of Arts and Science came to light. The College of Arts and Science would not be filling 18 tenure track positions for the 2005/2006 academic year. Many of these unfilled vacancies would effect the Department of

Languages and Linguistics. Students and faculty, upset with the administrations decision began to mobilize to save the program. The USSU assisted in any way possible.

### **Board of Governors Retreat**

The second week of November marked the annual Board of Governors retreat. The 12 members of the Board went to the Moose Jaw Mineral Spa to conduct some of the business required annually of the Board. The Board retreat was a venue to present some of the topics Board members wanted to be discussed in the coming months. Unfortunately, the Board retreat was not the open dialogue about issues that I had hoped it would be. Also unfortunate was comments made about the USSU President being in a possible conflict of interest depending on the USSU's stance on tuition, which the Board decides. These comments undermine the legitimacy of the student representative, whose position is as justifiable as the other eleven members listed in the *University of Saskatchewan Act*.

### **Tuition Freeze Press Conference.**

On November 16<sup>th</sup> the CCPA report *Improving Access to Affordable Education* was released at press conferences held in Regina and Saskatoon. The report, the most in-depth study of accessibility to Saskatchewan post-secondary education in the provinces history, was commissioned by the Students' Unions at the U of S and the U of R. The study proposed a immediate tuition freeze at Saskatchewan universities in which time a "full public review of university funding and student financial assistance should be undertaken". The research generated a lot of media attention and allowed the USSU to lobby effectively.

### **Tuition Freeze Townhall**

The USSU hosted a townhall to provide students with an opportunity to have their questions answered about the tuition freeze campaign. Though the turnout at the townhall was disappointingly low, the content was valuable. The panel included professor of Law Tim Quigley, professor of Biology Tracy Marchant and myself.

### **CASA and CFS Conferences**

As part of the External Lobby Options Review, a USSU delegation attended both the CASA Lobby Conference and the CFS National General Meeting in Ottawa. The CASA conference began November 22<sup>nd</sup> and ended Nov 26<sup>th</sup> and the CFS meeting began November 24<sup>th</sup> and ended November 27<sup>th</sup>. The delegation included President – Gavin Gardiner, VP Academic Affairs – Malvina Gersher, VP Student Issues – Kim Stranden, Councillor – Nick Ansaldo and VP Operations and Finance (for the CFS meeting only). The delegation departed Saskatoon on November 20<sup>th</sup> and returned early in the morning on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Conference reports are attached.

## **Department of Learning – Career Development Strategy**

On Monday November 29<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Learning began consultations to create a career development strategy for the province. VPRA councilor, Katie Kirkness attended the meeting in Regina with me upon the request of the department to have a first or second year university student as part of the consultation process. The Department is attempting to develop a plan which will make the transitions between school to work, school to school, work to work and work to school much easier.

## **Executive Retreat**

On Tuesday November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Committee held a daylong retreat in the city to report on initiatives and determine what had to be done before the end of the year. The retreat was extremely productive, it allowed the executive to further develop some of the ideas we wished to accomplish before our term was complete. These included: Creation of a VP External Affairs, creation of an International Student MSC and extension of council meetings into the summer months.

## **Other Meetings**

Karen Hepp (Co-President of SOLD), Don Atchison (Mayor of Saskatoon), Linda McMullen (Board of Governors, Faculty member), Several MP's, Senators and Aides in Ottawa and David Suzuki.

## ***President's Report: December 2004***

## **WUSC**

The USSU, along with Student Enrolment and Services Division, has representation on the WUSC Advisory Board. The Board met twice in December. The Local Committee submitted its report for the year and several issues that need attention were discussed. Most notably of these issues is a need for permanent space for the group on campus. WUSC is the only student group which receives money from a student levy yet there is no permanent space to store records. This is an issue which will be relieved in the long run with Place Riel expansion but needs a an interim solution. The issue is being looked into.

## **MLA meetings**

Several meetings were held with Saskatoon MLA's in order to present the findings of the CCPA report and bring attention to the growing crisis in post-secondary education. Meeting were held with Peter Prebble – Saskatoon Greystone, Judy Junor – Saskatoon Eastview, Graham Addley – Saskatoon Sutherland, Andy Iwanchuck – Saskatoon Fairview, Clay Serby – Deputy Premier and Lorne Calvert – Premier.



## **Premier Calvert**

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Saskatchewan Cabinet held a cabinet meeting at the University of Saskatchewan. The cabinet was divided into several different streams after the meeting to learn more about the university's activities. After negotiations the USSU was allowed to present at the Student Issues stream. Premier Calvert and MLA Andy Iwanchuk were the MLA's in attendance at the presentation. After presenting the issues the Premier recognized a serious problem in post-secondary education as well as admitted the effect an affordable university education had on his career. We continue to wait for a solution to the problem.

## **Department of Learning – Affordability Consultation**

On December 8<sup>th</sup> the Department of Learning invited representatives from the Administrations and Student Associations of all the provinces post-secondary institutes to Regina to discuss issues of affordability. Unfortunately, many around the table stated that it was almost exclusively non-financial barriers that inhibited accessibility to post-secondary education. While there were many possible solutions presented at the meeting, there was virtually no recognition that the cost of education had a negative impact on accessibility. Hopefully, these consultations will continue and be more productive in the second semester.

## **Disability Student Services**

In mid-December the USSU was approached by the DSS, which, due to budget constraints, was in a position to negatively restructure the designated note-taker program. The note-taker program has seen a drastic user increase as more students with disabilities attend the U of S and the programs existence is better advertised. In order to maintain the service the USSU has agreed to provide printing services at cost, allowing copies to be made for 4.5 cents as opposed to 10 cents.

## **Events/Meeting & External Relations**

### September

09/01/04	CBC French TV interview Meeting with Matt Liesle – Arts and Science MSC Meeting with Jeremy Ring – ASSU President U of S Student Assistance Program Meeting Meeting with Holly – re: WCVN event insurance
09/02/04	Pick up cheque from WCVN – for event insurance CBC interview with Chris Epp Residence Assistants – training on USSU services Meeting with Kristen Foster – Studentcare.net Parent Orientation

09/03/04	Jane Forester – Department of Learning U of S Liason Orientation set-up Jackie Thomorate – Victim Advocate re: trip to Calgary and Edmonton Watched the front desk Tuition freeze conference call International Students Office Orientation 2004
09/04/04	Sheaf photo shoot – for introduction campaign
09/05/04	USC Orientation
09/06/04	Orientation Kick-off welcome Parent Orientation Orientation 2004 Getting Involved session Orientation 2004 social
09/07/04	Orientation 2004 tours SESS Orientation Orientation 2004 volunteer appreciation event
09/08/04	Welcome Week activates Hand-out Survival Guides International Students’ reception
09/09/04	Welcome Week activities Hand-out Survival Guides
09/10/04	Welcome Week Activities Meeting with Jillian Code – re: SPNSS event insurance Hand-out Survival Guides in Law Global Interview with Linda Walker Academic Programs Committee University of Saskatchewan Day press conference
09/11/04	U of S Alumni Brunch Huskies Football Game – Receiving Mayor Atchison’s kick in a toga Meeting with Cindy Paquette – U of S Government Relations Director Tuition freeze conference call George Stromboloupoulos
09/13/04	Planning Committee WUSC Advisory Committee Meeting with Sandra Duncan – USSU General Manager U-Life 101 presentation
09/14/04	Meeting with Colleen Wiegiers – USSU CRO re: by-election Meeting with student – re: student loan Interviews for USC Chair Pro-Tem U Life 101 presentations
09/15/04	Meeting with student – re: health and dental plan Meeting with Everisto Mupanguri – USC Chair Broadway student movie night Class
09/16/04	Aboriginal Student Centre Powwow Grand Entry Saskatchewan Scholarship, Loans and Bursary conference call USC

09/17/04	Meeting with Bonnie Durnford – Deputy Minister of Learning STMSU election results Instructional Development Committee Education Students' Society BBQ
09/19/04	Board of College Presidents meeting
09/20/04	Student-at-Large contacts Planning Committee
09/21/04	Meeting with Dwight Bird – Indigenous Students' Council Meeting with student – re: health and dental plan Library Review Committee Meeting with student – re: student loans
09/22/04	Meeting with student – re: student loans Orientation follow-up Meeting with Colleen Wieggers – USSU CRO re: by-election Class
09/23/04	Tuition freeze conference call Academic Support Committee Drafting Committee – Teaching and Learning Foundational Document WUSC Advisory meeting Board of Governors committee meetings USC
09/24/04	Board of Governors Binendra – President of Global Friends Tyler – re: campus club space
09/27/04	EDO
09/28/04	Vacation Day
09/29/04	University Village Project Steering Committee Meeting with parent – re: health and dental plan Meeting with Kerri Klein – OXFAM western director Appointments Board meeting Class
09/30/04	Tuition freeze conference call Meeting with John Conway – CCPA researcher Meeting with SPR Consultants Meeting with Women's Centre USC
<u>October</u>	
10/01/04	Tuition Freeze conference call Library Review Committee USSU by-election forum Meeting with VPRA
10/02/04	University Senate meeting Phone call with U of L Students' Union
10/04/04	Meeting with Laura and Sarah – WUSC Planning Committee

	Appointments Board meeting
10/05/04	Meeting with Jessa Alston – O’Connor – STM MSC
	Drafting Committee
	USSU GM – re: VP Academic Orientation
	Meeting with Education Students’ Society – re: MSC
10/06/04	Meeting with VPRA and Gordon Barnhart – re: residence alcohol policy
	Meeting with Jack Mason – SESS President
	Meeting with Dan Chapman – IEEE Chair
	Meeting with Indigenous Students’ Council
	Class
10/07/04	Communications Meeting
	Meeting with Peter MacKinnon
	Meeting with student – re: campus club
	USSU by-election results
	USC
10/08/04	VP Academic Orientation
	Academic Programs Committee
10/12/04	Meeting with SEDS interview candidates
10/13/04	Meeting with Joseph Angel – University Council Chair
	Meeting with student – re: campus club space
	Meeting with Sheila Gibbons – re: Experience US!
	Class
10/14/04	Experience US!
	Communications Meeting
	Meeting with Andrew Thompson – Minister of Learning. In Regina
	USC
10/15/04	Experience US!
	Meeting with Kristen Foster – Studentcare.net
	Experience US Getting Involved session
	Jessa Alston-O’Connor – STM MSC
	External Affairs Board meeting
10/17/04	Meeting with VPRA
10/18/04	Student Financial Assistance Press Conference
	Meeting with Coalition Against Sexual Assault
	Meeting with GM
	Interview with the Sheaf
	Library Review Committee
10/19/04	Presidents Breakfast
	Meeting with GM
	Exec Meeting
10/20/04	Class
	External Affairs Board meeting
10/21/04	Meeting with student
	Communications Meeting
	Tuition freeze conference call
	University Council

USC

10/22/04 External Affairs Board meeting  
Meeting with Lonnie Mercredi – ESS President  
Meeting with Jack Mason – SESS President  
Canadian Light Source Grand Opening  
Meeting with student – re: copy central  
Meeting with Learning Minister Thompson

10/23/04 Fall Convocation  
Presidents Convocation reception

10/24/04 BOCPP

10/25/04 Executive Meeting  
Meeting with Reche McKeague – LSA President  
Meeting with Pat Atkinson – re: access to gov't information  
Meeting with GM  
Meeting with Womens' Centre

10/26/04 Instructional Development Committee  
Tuition freeze conference call  
Meeting with Ken Chevaldayoff – Opposition PSE Critic  
Tuition Freeze meeting  
Drafting Committee

10/27/04 University Village Project Steering Committee meeting  
CASA Policy Committee conference call  
External Affairs Board  
Class

10/28/04 Communications Meeting  
Saskatchewan Scholarship, Bursary and Loans meeting  
USC

10/30/04 Huskies vs Rams football game in Regina

## November

11/01/04 Staff Meeting  
Planning Meeting  
Meeting with Financial Services  
Meeting with group of students (later became S.O.L.D.)

11/02/04 University Village Steering Committee Meeting  
Communications Meeting  
Meeting with Linda McMullen (Member of the Board of Governors)

11/03/04 Conference Call with Amina from UBC  
Class  
External Affairs Board Meeting

11/04/04 Communications Meeting  
Scholarship Loans and Bursaries Conference Call  
USC

11/05/04 EDO

11/08/04 Tuition Freeze Campaign Conference Call  
 Interview with the Sheaf  
 Meeting with Jack Mason  
 Board of Governors Reception – Regina  
 11/09/04 Board of Governors Retreat – Moose Jaw  
 11/10/04 Board of Governors Retreat – Moose Jaw  
 Class  
 11/11/04 Remembrance Day Ceremony  
 11/12/04 Meeting with Karen Hepp – SOLD  
 11/14/04 Spoke at Saskatchewan Youth Parliament  
 11/15/04 SESS Pie Throw Press Conference  
 Tuition Freeze Campaign Conference Call  
 11/16/04 Tuition Freeze Press Conference – Release of the CCPA Report  
 Went to College Societies to get CASA postcards filled out  
 Meeting with USC Chair  
 Recreation and Athletics Advisory Committee  
 11/17/04 Tuition Freeze Townhall  
 Class  
 11/18/04 Communications Meeting  
 Executive Meeting  
 Annual General Meeting  
 11/19/04 Pick up CASA postcards from College Societies  
 Teaching-In-Excellence Award presentation  
 CASA Conference Call  
 Stone Child Rally  
 David Suzuki  
 Ottawa Meeting  
 11/20/04 In Ottawa for CASA/CFS meetings  
 11/21/04 In Ottawa for CASA/CFS meetings  
 11/22/04 In Ottawa for CASA/CFS meetings  
 11/23/04 In Ottawa for CASA/CFS meetings  
 11/24/04 In Ottawa for CASA/CFS meetings  
 11/25/04 In Ottawa for CASA/CFS meetings  
 11/26/04 In Ottawa for CASA/CFS meetings  
 11/27/04 In Ottawa for CASA/CFS meetings  
 11/28/04 In Ottawa for CASA/CFS meetings  
 11/29/04 Department of Learning Career Development Strategy – Regina  
 11/30/04 Executive Retreat

## December

12/01/04 Executive Meeting  
 Meeting with Justin Buhler – Re: Tuition Freeze Debate  
 Meeting with Jack Mason  
 Class  
 12/02/04 Communications Meeting

Meeting with Kurt Tischler – International Students Office Director  
 Meeting with Student – re: Health and Dental Plan  
 Staff Lunch  
 WUSC Advisory Committee  
 Meeting with Student – re: Student Loans  
 USC  
 12/03/04 Commerce Student Government Policy Presentations  
 Lena Cook – re: NEADS Conference  
 12/06/04 University Village Steering Project  
 12/07/04 Saskatchewan Centennial Celebration Meeting – with President  
 MacKinnon and MLA Glen Hagel.  
 Meeting with Premier Lorne Calvert and MLA Andy Iwanchuk – re:  
 Tuition and student issues.  
 Meeting with Deputy Premier Clay Serby  
 12/08/04 Department of Learning Affordability Consultations – Regina  
 12/09/04 Communications Meeting  
 Meeting with Justin Buhler – re: Tuition Freeze Debate  
 University Scholarship Committee Meeting  
 12/10/04 ADO  
 12/13/04 Meeting with Women’s Centre  
 12/14/04 Teaching and Learning Breakfast Meeting  
 CASA Policy Committee Conference call  
 Meeting with Andy Iwanchuk – Saskatoon Fairview MLA  
 Meeting with Maxine Kinakin – Director of Disability Student Services  
 12/15/04 MacLean’s Taskforce meeting  
 Meeting with members of the U of S Faculty Association  
 Meeting with Deputy Minister Clay Serby and Minister of Learning  
 Andrew Thompson (unable to attend) – in Regina  
 12/16/04 Communications Meeting  
 Board of Governors Committee Meetings  
 12/17/04 Board of Governors meetings  
 Meeting with Women’s Centre  
 Meeting with Peter Prebble – Saskatoon Greystone MLA  
 Dressed as Santa for USSU Daycare  
 12/18/04 USSU Christmas Party  
 12/20/04 Changing Structures Committee meeting  
 Meeting with Judy Junor – Saskatoon Eastview MLA  
 Meeting with Financial Services  
 12/21/04 Out of the Office – Sick  
 12/22/04 Meeting with DSS – re: Student note taker program  
 Calls with CASA and CFS setting up campus visits  
 Work on Conference Reports  
 12/23/04 Meeting with DSS – re: Student note taker program  
 Meeting with Student – re: Health and Dental Plan  
 Organize e-mail accounts  
 12/24/04 Finalize DSS deal for student note taker program

	Close down office for Christmas
12/25/04	Christmas Break – Office Closed
12/26/04	Christmas Break – Office Closed
12/27/04	Christmas Break – Office Closed
12/28/04	Christmas Break – Office Closed
12/29/04	Christmas Break – Office Closed
12/30/04	Christmas Break – Office Closed



# Jeff Macdonald, *Vice-President (Operations and Finance)*

## II. Fall Report

### General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Most evenings and weekends

Daily Activities:

For the most part my job during first term was routine, I had spent the majority of the summer familiarizing myself with the USSU and U of S, and thus did not have much of that to do in the fall, most of the issues that I have had to deal with have been club related, but not difficult to solve, for the most part they involve room bookings and funding problems, The classes I took during the first term were Art, and Philosophy, I was also initially enrolled in a history seminar, but I did not have enough time to devote to it, so I dropped it.

Some of the larger things that I was involved with began to develop late in the first term, and continued on to the second term, one of the projects that I promoted was Student Crew's involvement with DPSS (their name has since changed), and parking enforcement, as is well known, the external audit of campus security advised the splitting of parking enforcement and security, so there was a possibility of the USSU becoming involved, Student Crew was promoted to the head of security as an alternative to increased permanent staff, and it was attractive to the department because of the low cost, It was ideal for the USSU also because DPSS would employ more students, the USSU would profit (allowing more services to be provided), and campus security would be organized as suggested by the audit.

The other large project that I was involved with in the initial stages was the plan to get the DCB and residence meal plans accepted at Louis', this has proved to be difficult so far for technical reasons, but hopefully it will work out in the end, it would be excellent for the USSU's membership, as well as Louis' financial success.

I attempted to remain politically non-biased in the first term (as I still do in the second term), and limited my involvement in the political aspects of the USSU, as they are not within my

portfolio, and I have large oppositions to some of them, as much as I attempted to remain outside of those issues, I did question many of the USSU's campaigns and policies in the first term, and eventually did get involved in the politics in the form of the SP!RG, "SP!RG" is short for Saskatchewan Public Interest Research Group, and was thought to be of great importance to the USSU by many of its members last year, and as was shown by a very successful informal petition this year, it is even more popular than before, unfortunately, despite the optimistic report prepared by the P!RG researcher, and the information gathered by myself, it seems that the political climate (specifically, and reservedly within the USSU executive and council) brought to the front due to the CFS/CASA debate is of more importance, and would be defeating to the formation of the SP!RG, The project is not dead though, as it is now at least on the minds of a large portion of the campus community and can be continued by individuals in coming years.

Plans for the second term are simple: continue dealing with students' questions, insurance issues, and other things that come up, and begin working on the budget planning.

#### Description of Schedule:

"Student" means either student group issues (ie: insurance, ratification, etc), or just an individual with questions, names were left out for privacy, The same applies to "MSC", Many of both of these were not listed, as they were spontaneous and not recorded or scheduled,

Also, most planning meetings (ie: Copy Central, Browsers, etc) were not entered on my schedule, as they were regularly scheduled, and I often just relied on the calendar rather than the scheduler,

None of my meetings with others in the office were recorded (ie: Programmer, GM, accountants, etc),

#### Classes

Philosophy MWF, 12:30PM

Art Th, 9:00

#### September

Returned from holidays on the 5th

9/6/04

Labour Day - Office Closed

9/8/04

Welcome Week

9/8/04

2:00 PM

Student

9/8/04

2:30 PM

STMSU

9/9/04

Welcome Week

9/9/04

Swollen Members, Kazzer, Out of Your Mouth

9/10/04		Welcome Week
9/10/04	9:30 AM	Student
9/10/04	10:00 AM	Student
9/10/04	10:30 AM	Student
9/10/04	11:30 AM	ASSU
9/11/04		Welcome Week
9/12/04	8:00 PM	Student
9/13/04	1:30 PM	g.i.m. meeting - lunch
9/14/04	1:30 PM	STMSU elections meeting
9/14/04	1:30 PM	Student
9/14/04	3:30 PM	STM Autumn Nocturne meeting
9/15/04	11:45 AM	STM elections booth
9/15/04	4:30 PM	Student
9/16/04	12:30 PM	Class meeting
9/16/04	1:30 PM	G.I.M.
9/16/04	4:00 PM	Student
9/17/04		Ultimate Power Duo!! And Tig Ole Bitties
9/17/04	11:30 AM	Student
9/17/04	1:30 PM	Student
9/17/04	2:45 PM	Student
9/17/04	3:00 PM	Student
9/20/04	8:30 AM	dr's appointment
9/20/04	11:10 AM	Student
9/20/04	4:00 PM	Maureen's farewell
9/21/04	2:00 PM	Student
9/21/04	2:30 PM	Campus Gamers
9/22/04	3:30 PM	Student
9/23/04	12:30 PM	Student
9/23/04	12:45 PM	Physical Therapy Students
9/24/04	2:30 PM	Budget Committee
9/27/04	11:00 AM	MSC
9/28/04	7:30 AM	President's Breakfast @ Louis'
9/29/04	10:30 AM	University Neighborhood
9/30/04	2:00 PM	John Olson

### October

10/1/04	11:30 AM	Byelection Forum - Lower Place Riel
10/1/04	2:30 PM	Students
10/4/04	3:00 PM	MSC
10/5/04	2:30 PM	Op Fin
10/7/04	1:30 PM	ESS
10/7/04	6:00 PM	Byelection Results at Browsers
10/8/04	10:30 AM	Student
10/8/04	10:35 AM	STMSU
10/8/04	11:45 AM	Chris Philips

10/8/04	12:10 PM	Dwight Bird
10/8/04	1:00 PM	Art Lab
10/8/04	2:30 PM	Budget committee
10/11/04		Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
10/12/04	1:00 PM	Louis Planning meeting
10/12/04	1:00 PM	Prof. Dwyer
10/12/04	2:30 PM	Op Fin
10/12/04	3:00 PM	kmfdm
10/13/04	1:30 PM	Presidents' Student Fund
10/13/04	3:15 PM	Student Medical Society
10/14/04		Moses Mayes
10/14/04	1:00 PM	Student
10/14/04	1:05 PM	Tyler
10/18/04	12:30 PM	CASA
10/19/04	12:30 PM	Student
10/19/04	3:00 PM	Jen Neilands
10/19/04	3:15 PM	Student
10/20/04	11:00 AM	Student
10/20/04	2:30 PM	Op/Fin Meeting
10/20/04	3:30 PM	Student
10/21/04	8:45 AM	Campus Gamers
10/22/04	8:30 AM	U.Neighborhood Steering Comm
10/22/04	2:00 PM	Budget Committee
10/25/04	2:00 PM	Student
10/26/04	1:30 PM	Campus Gamers
10/26/04	2:30 PM	MSC
10/27/04	3:30 PM	Kinesiology Students Society
10/29/04	10:30 AM	PIRG discussion
10/29/04	1:30 PM	MSC
10/29/04	3:00 PM	campus pub crawl

## November

11/1/04	10:30 AM	U-Life
11/2/04	1:15 PM	Student
11/2/04	1:30 PM	Student
11/3/04	1:30 PM	Student
11/4/04	3:30 PM	MSC
11/5/04	1:30 PM	Campus Gamers
11/8/04	9:30 AM	Student
11/8/04	3:45 PM	Student
11/9/04	9:00 AM	Student
11/9/04	9:30 AM	Student
11/9/04	1:15 PM	Student
11/9/04	4:00 PM	Student
11/10/04	2:30 PM	Student group

11/11/04		Remembrance Day - Office Closed
11/12/04	2:00 PM	Student
11/12/04	3:30 PM	Student
11/17/04	9:30 AM	Student
11/18/04	4:00 PM	Annual General Meeting
11/29/04		Buy Nothing Day
11/29/04	2:30 PM	Jonathan Moore-Wright
11/29/04	3:30 PM	Student
11/29/04	3:45 PM	Vance
11/29/04	4:00 PM	Student

### December

12/2/04	3:45 PM	Student
12/6/04	3:00 PM	University Village
12/8/04	8:00 AM	ADO
12/10/04	9:00 AM	Philosophy Exam
12/10/04	1:00 PM	Watch Front
12/14/04	9:00 AM	Copy Central Planning Meeting
12/14/04	10:30 AM	Browsers Planning Meeting
12/14/04	2:00 PM	Alcohol Insurance Review
12/16/04	9:00 AM	Presidents' Student Fund
12/16/04	10:00 AM	Communications Meeting
12/17/04		CFS/CASA Reports due
12/17/04	9:00 AM	Poster policy review
12/18/04		USSU Christmas Party
12/24/04	10:30 AM	Watch Front



# Kim Stranden, *Vice-President (Student Issues)*

## II. Fall Report

### General Activities

Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 – 4:30; these hours vary and I have not yet worked a 40-hour workweek

Class Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1:30 – 2:30

### Daily Activities

I attended various meetings with students regarding issues that included parking, city council, transit, residence, disabilities, discrimination and the health and dental plan. Other daily activities were going to class, reading the newspapers and attempting to keep my office clean.

### Portfolio Duties

This year there was not a Designated Parking Committee assembled like previous years but the process still carried on with few if any problems. I redesigned the forms that were used for Designated Parking hoping that it would take out the confusion from past years. The main change on the forms was that every student had to try for a parking pass in the regular sale then if unsuccessful then they would have the opportunity to be considered for the Designated Parking. This allowed students two chances to get a pass, and not depending entirely on just the Designated Parking alone. It also cut down the applications for Designed Parking because there were a great number of students that were able to get through U-Star and get parking pass on their own. In the end the students who received Designated Parking pass was decided between the VP of Student Issues and Wendy Novakovski who is the Chief Clerk/Security Services of the Traffic and Parking Office. The students who lived out of town received first consideration then students who lived in the city who had special circumstances were then given the remainder of the passes. I watched City Council closely this term also, I read the agenda every two weeks and was prepared to present to City Council if there was any relevant information about students. I did speak to Council once at the beginning of December about them raising the rates for transit and did make a valid point but in the end was

defeated 6 to 5 and the rates for 2005 were increased by .10 cents.

### **Events/Meetings & External Relations**

There are some set meetings that take place every week at the same time, these include University Student Council every Thursday night at 6:00 pm, Communication meeting every Thursday at 9:00 or 10:00 am, Student Issues meeting that have varied but meet on a weekly basis, Operation and Finance meetings that are on Wednesdays at 2:30 and the Academic Issues Board. There are also numerous drop-ins from students that happen on a daily basis and sudden meetings that do not make it into our calendars.

#### September

09/08/04	Information Tent
09/08/04	Dunk Tank
09/09/04	Swollen Members, Kazzer, Out of Your Mouth, Social Code @ Louis
09/09/04	U-Star Parking Pass on Sale
09/09/04	Information Tent
09/09/04	Dunk Tank
09/09/04	Student Concern
09/10/04	Interview with the Sheaf
09/10/04	University Library Search Committee
09/10/04	Information Tent
09/10/04	Dunk Tank
09/10/04	MUMPS – handing out survival calendars
09/10/04	Student – designated parking
09/10/04	Student – designated parking
09/11/04	Designated Parking – spent the day giving out parking passes
09/11/04	Went to George Strombolopolous @ Louis
09/13/04	Student – information about Disability Services
09/14/04	Student – Parking Issues
09/14/04	Student – Parking Issues
09/14/04	Student – Parking Issues
09/14/04	Student – Parking Issues
09/15/04	Student movie night at Broadway Theatre
09/16/04	Pow Wow in the bowl
09/16/04	Student – Disability Issues
09/17/04	Ultimate Power Duel @ Louis
09/17/04	Student – Designated Parking Issue
09/17/04	Student – Sierra Youth
09/17/04	Hell Dance
09/21/04	Meeting with the Women's Centre Staff
09/21/04	Meeting with Disability Services
09/21/04	Booze and Band-Aids
09/21/04	Meeting with SHIP mates
09/22/04	Planning meeting for Trick or Eat and External Audit



09/23/04 Take Back the Night  
 09/25/04 Mr. Brownstone @ Louis  
 09/25/04 VOTR Training and BBQ  
 09/27/04 High-school Presentation Demo: gave input to the demo and gave advice  
 09/27/04 Provost's Advisory Committee on LGTBA Issues  
 09/28/04 Presidents Breakfast  
 09/29/04 Think and Drink

## OCTOBER

10/01/04 Student – Locker Issues  
 10/04/04 Transportation Committee – City of Saskatoon  
 10/04/04 DHPS  
 10/05/04 Presidents Advisory Committee of the Status of Women  
 10/06/04 Student Health  
 10/07/04 Communication Meeting  
 10/07/04 Student – Disability Issues  
 10/08/04 Meeting about a Internet site  
 10/08/04 University Library Search Committee  
 10/11/04 Office Closed  
 10/14/04 Experience US!  
 10/14/04 Council meeting  
 10/15/04 Student – Emergency Student Loan  
 10/15/04 Edtoberfest  
 10/15/04 Toga Small Town Dry  
 10/18/04 Collation Against Sexual Assault  
 10/19/04 Presidents Breakfast  
 10/19/04 Went to Kelsey to speak to the Kelsey Student Association  
 10/19/04 Focus Group for Transit System  
 10/20/04 Sheaf Interview  
 10/21/04 Communication meeting  
 10/24/04 BOCF meeting  
 10/26/04 Donated Blood in the Education Lounge  
 10/27/04 Operations and Finance meeting  
 10/28/04 Communication meeting  
 10/28/04 Council  
 10/29/04 Student – general information  
 10/31/04 Trick or Eat

## NOVEMBER

11/01/04 Meeting with Carol Pond  
 11/01/04 Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Committee  
 11/02/04 Presidents Advisory Committee on the Status of Women  
 11/04/04 Communication Meeting  
 11/04/04 Council

11/08/04	Direct Contact
11/12/04	December 6 <sup>th</sup> Planning
11/16/04	Tuition Freeze Press Conference @ Browsers
11/16/04	Teacher Evaluation in Thorvolson
11/17/04	Tuition Freeze Town Hall Meeting @ Place Riel Theatre
11/18/04	Teacher Evaluation in Arts
11/18/04	Teacher Evaluation in Veterinary Medicine
11/18/04	Annual General Meeting
11/19/04	Teacher Evaluation in Arts
11/19/04	University Library Search Committee
11/20/04 – 10/28/04	Ottawa for the CASA/CFS Conference
11/29/04	USSU Daycare meeting
11/29/04	Meeting with Campus Chaplains

## DECEMBER

12/06/04	December 6 <sup>th</sup> Memorial
12/06/04	Lost Sisters at the Friendship Centre
12/07/04	International Student with Concerns about the Daycare
12/15/04	Library Search Committee
12/15/04	Interview with CBC about safe studying on campus
12/15/04	Disability Services
12/15/04	Saskatoon Centennial Events Committee
12/18/04	USSU Christmas Party
12/21/04-01/05/05	Christmas Holidays

# Malvina Gersher, *Vice-President (Academic Affairs)*

## II. Fall Report

### General Activities

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Most evenings and some weekends

Daily Activities:

The daily activities of the Vice - President Academic portfolio vary from phone conversations, to writing and replying to e-mails, to meeting with students, to researching committee initiatives, to reading numerous reports and to organizing documents. The VP Academic portfolio is busy and requires a lot of dedication.

Portfolio Duties:

The VP Academic portfolio is responsible for all academic issues, with the help of the Academic Affairs Officer, pertaining to students. The VP Academic is also responsible for overseeing the activities of the Academic Affairs Officer. This portfolio includes participating in countless University Council committees as well as sitting on University Council. In addition, the VP is to chair the Academic Affairs Board and to be vice chair of another executive board. This year I took it upon myself to make strengthening and increasing student involvement a priority and I feel that the VP Academic position is very suitable for this type of initiative.

October

10/8/04	Orientation
10/11/04	Thanksgiving Day
10/12/04	Writing it Right Promotion: Tunnel Orientation

	Sheaf photo shoot
	Class
10/13/04	Meeting with SESD interview candidates
	Writing it Right Promotion: Tunnel
	Orientation
	Meeting with General Manager
10/14/04	Meeting with University Council Chair & Vice-Chair
	Writing it Right Promotion: Tunnel
	Experience US!
	Communications Meeting
	Writing it Right Session: Choosing Your Major
	Class
	University Student Council
	Meeting with student
	Moses Mayes: Louis
10/15/04	Writing it Right Promotion
	Experience US!
	Meeting with Agriculture Plant Science Department Head
	Attended LGBT Fundraiser in Tunnel
	Watched Front Desk
	Meeting with Presidents Administrative Assistant & with Associate
	Vice-President, Student & Enrolment Services
	Closing Ceremonies for Experience US!
	Constitution & Bylaws Review
	Edtobeerfest
10/18/04	Planning Committee
	Class
	Meeting with student
	Meeting with Sheaf
10/19/04	Instructional Development Committee of Council
	Class
	Meeting with the Canadian Red Cross
	Presidents Breakfast
	Student Issues Board
	Executive Committee Meeting
10/20/04	Meeting with University Secretary
	Writing it Write Session: Crossing the Line
	Writing it Write Session: What Professionalism Means for Students
10/21/04	University Council
	Academic Support Committee
	University Student Council
	Writing it Write Session: Natural Justice and Fair Proceedings
	Class
	Executive Committee Meeting
10/22/04	Meeting with student
	Meeting with student

	Meeting with Academic Affairs Officer
	Writing it Write Session: Intellectual Property at the U of S: Ethical Considerations
	Academic Affairs Board
10/24/05	K-OS: Louis
10/25/04	Planning Committee
	Meeting with Confidential Secretary
	Meeting with student
	Meeting with Arts & Science Associate Dean of Undergraduates Affairs
	Class
	Executive Committee Meeting
10/26/04	Instructional Development Committee
	Meeting with Student at Large
	Meeting with Student
	Class
	Presentation: Dr. Tomas Angelo
	Reception at Gwenna Moss Teaching & Learning Center
10/27/04	Meeting with Student at Large
	Indigenous Peoples Program – Global Social Forum
	Volunteering: Bridges (Frontier College)
	Executive Committee Meeting
10/28/04	Meeting with Student
	Class
	Communications Meeting
	University Student Council
	USSU Birthday Event
10/29/04	Meeting with Academic Affairs Officer
	Meeting with Calendar & Convocation Coordinator
	Meeting with Registration & Examination Coordinator
	Academic Affairs Board
	Presentation: Radisson Hotel
November	
11/1/04	Conference: Ottawa
11/2/04	Academic Day Off
	Class
11/3/04	Si!Project
	Volunteering: Bridges (Frontier College)
	Executive Committee Meeting
11/4/04	Meeting with student
	Meeting with Director of Institutional Planning
	Meeting with Student Liaison Coordinator for University Advancement
	Communications Meeting
	University Student Council
	Class
11/5/04	Instructional Development Committee

	Academic Programs Committee
	Meeting with Academic Affairs Officer
	Meeting with Geology Department Head
	Academic Affairs Board
11/7/04	Time Management Skills Development Workshop
11/8/04	Planning Committee
	Class
11/9/04	Meeting with student
	Teaching-In-Excellence Award Evaluations
	Class
	Meeting with Associate Vice-President Information & Communications
	Technology & Professor of Computer Science
	Meeting with Browsers Manager
11/10/04	Personal Appointments
	USSU Administration Team Meeting
	Volunteering: Bridges (Frontier College)
	Meeting with Development Coordinator
	Meeting with Communications Coordinator
11/11/04	Remembrance Day
11/12/04	Earned Day Off
	Conference: Ottawa
11/15/04	Conference: Ottawa
11/16/04	Class
	Tuition Freeze Press Conference
	Went to College Societies to get CASA postcards filled out
	Interview with Sheaf
11/17/04	Meeting with Member of Student Council
	Meeting with student & Registration & Examination Coordinator
	Unclassified Studies Faculty Council
	Tuition Freeze Townhall
	Volunteering: Bridges (Frontier College)
11/18/04	University Council
	Academic Support Committee
	Class
	Executive Committee Meeting
11/19/04	Teaching-In-Excellence Award Evaluations
	Meeting with Academic Affairs Officer
	Presentation: David Suzuki
	Academic Affairs Board
11/20/04 –	Conference: CASA/CFS (Ottawa)
11/28/04	
11/29/04	Planning Committee
	Meeting with Manager of Marketing & Student Recruitment
	Meeting with S.O.L.D
	USSU Birthday Event
	Class

11/30/04	Class Executive Retreat
December	
12/1/04	Meeting with student Teaching & Learning Steering Committee Meeting with Kelsey Students Meeting with Researcher & Policy Coordinator Volunteering: Bridges (Frontier College)
12/2/04	Communications Meeting Class Staff Lunch Meeting with Assistant Manager, Room Scheduling & Analysis Architectural & Engineering Services Meeting with Canadian Red Cross University Student Council
12/3/04	Meeting with Academic Affairs Officer Meeting with Jewish Students Association Representatives Lena Cook: NEADS Conference Verbal Report Academic Affairs Board
12/6/04	Planning Committee Personal Appointment Class
12/7/04	Meeting with S.O.L.D Meeting with student, Professor & Disability Services for Students Student Advisor Provincial Cabinet Visit Provincial Cabinet Reception Executive Committee Meeting
12/8/04	Academic Day Off
12/9/04	Sick Day
12/10/04	Instructional Development Committee Meeting with Academic Affairs Officer
12/13/04	Academic Day Off Final Final
12/14/04 –	Vacation
12/16/04	
12/17/04	Earned Day Off
12/20/04 –	Vacation
12/23/04	
12/24/04	Holidays
12/25/04	Christmas
12/26/04 –	Holidays
12/30/04	
12/31/04	New Years Eve





# Christopher Phillips, *Academic Affairs Officer*

## II. Fall Report

### Office Hours

Office hours varied throughout Term 1 according to my class schedule and workload.

### Daily Activities

All activities related to this portfolio are based on a student driven process. Most of my meetings for term 1 were with students regarding their specific academic complaints. When dealing with student cases my time is spent in meetings with students, conducting meetings with members of the university administration and faculty, responding to emails, and researching various documents and policies of university council / colleges / departments. The majority of cases this term have centered around complaints based on professional conduct, poor teaching and violation of university procedures and guidelines.

### Special Activities

The second annual “Writing it Right Week” was held during the month of October. This event is designed to educate students and faculty about academic integrity and proper professional conduct. I had helped to organize and promote this event, as well as attended as many of the lectures as my schedule permitted.

### Note on Accountability

All meetings and correspondence with students will be marked using ‘Student meeting’ in order to maintain the complete confidentiality of the student in their dealings with the Academic Affairs Officer.

### September

09/01/04	Student meeting
09/02/04	Student meeting
09/02/04	Student meeting
09/02/04	Academic Dishonesty Hearing (Arts & Science)
09/02/04	Academic Dishonesty Hearing (Arts & Science)
09/02/04	Parent Orientation (Advocacy Presentation)
09/03/04	Victim’s Advocate
09/06/04	Labour Day – Stat Holiday
09/06/04	Parent Orientation (Advocacy Presentation)
09/06/04	Student Orientation
09/07/04	Student meeting
09/08/04	Student meeting

09/10/04	Student meeting
09/13/04	Student meeting
09/13/04	Student meeting
09/14/04	Tom Wishart - Grad Studies & Research
09/17/04	IDCC meeting
09/21/04	Student meeting
09/21/04	Office of the University Secretary
09/22/04	Student meeting
09/22/04	Student meeting
09/22/04	Student meeting
09/23/04	Student meeting
09/27/04	Student meeting
09/27/04	Student meeting
09/29/04	Student meeting
09/29/04	Student meeting
09/30/04	Student meeting
09/30/04	Office of the University Secretary

#### October

10/01/04	IDCC Presentation
10/01/04	IDCC Presentation
10/01/04	Presentation on Grad-Application and Funding
10/04/04	VP Academic Election Forum
10/05/04	VP Academic Election Forum
10/06/04	Office of the University Secretary
10/06/04	Office of the University Secretary
10/07/04	VP Academic Election Call
10/08/04	VP Academic Affairs
10/11/04	Thanksgiving - Stat Holiday
10/12/04	Student meeting
10/12/04	Writing it Right Week Promo
10/13/04	Writing it Right Week Promo
10/14/04	Experience Us
10/14/04	Writing it Right Week Promo
10/14/04	Student meeting
10/14/04	Student meeting
10/14/04	Student meeting
10/15/04	Writing it Right Week Promo
10/15/04	Experience Us
10/15/04	Victim's Advocate
10/18/04	Student meeting
10/18/04	Student meeting
10/18/04	Student meeting
10/18/04	Writing it Right Week Lectures
10/19/04	Student meeting

10/19/04	Writing it Right Week Lecture
10/20/04	Student meeting
10/20/04	Writing it Right Week Lecture
10/21/04	Student meeting
10/21/04	Victim's Advocate
10/21/04	Writing it Right Week Lecture
10/22/04	Student meeting
10/22/04	VP Academic Affairs
10/22/04	Academic Affairs Board
10/25/04	Gordon Barnhart & Victim's Advocate
10/25/04	Tom Steele - Assoc. Dean Arts & Science
10/25/04	Student meeting
10/25/04	Student meeting
10/26/04	IDCC Presentation
10/27/04	Student meeting
10/27/04	Student meeting
10/27/04	Meeting for SESD hiring
10/29/04	VP Academic Affairs
10/29/04	DSA and NEADS rep meeting
10/29/04	Student meeting

#### November

11/01/04	Student meeting
11/01/04	TA meeting
11/02/04	Student meeting
11/03/04	Victim's Advocate
11/03/04	Student meeting
11/03/04	Student meeting
11/04/04	Student meeting
11/04/04	Victim's Advocate
11/05/04	Student meeting
11/09/04	Student meeting
11/11/04	Remembrance Day – stat holiday
11/12/04	VP Academic Affairs
11/15/04	Student meeting
11/16/04	Student meeting
11/17/04	Student meeting
11/18/04	Student meeting
11/18/04	Student meeting
11/19/04	Student meeting
11/19/04	Gloria Brandon – Arts & Science
11/19/04	Academic Affairs Board
11/19/04	President Wascana SIAST Students' Union
11/22/04	Student meeting
11/23/04	Student meeting

11/24/04	Student meeting
11/24/04	Student meeting
11/24/04	Student meeting
11/25/04	Student meeting
11/26/04	Student meeting
11/29/04	Student meeting
11/29/04	J. Thornhill – Assoc. Dean Medicine
11/30/04	Student meeting
11/30/04	Student meeting
11/30/04	Gordon Barnhart – University Secretary

## December

12/01/04	Personal Sick Day
12/02/04	Student meeting
12/02/04	Student meeting
12/02/04	Academic Dishonesty Hearing (Pharmacy)
12/03/04	Student meeting
12/03/04	Student meeting
12/03/04	Student meeting
12/03/04	DSA and NEADS rep meeting
12/03/04	J. Thornhill – Assoc. Dean Medicine
12/06/04	Student meeting
12/06/04	Student meeting
12/06/04	Student meeting
12/06/04	Student meeting
12/07/04	Student meeting
12/07/04	Student meeting
12/07/04	Academic Dishonesty Hearing (Arts & Science)
12/08/04	Student meeting
12/08/04	Academic Dishonesty Hearing (Medicine)
12/08/04	Tom Wishart – Grad Studies & Research
12/10/04	Personal Holiday
12/13/04	Student meeting & VP Operations & Finance
12/13/04	Student meeting
12/13/04	Student meeting
12/14/04	Student meeting
12/16/04	Student meeting
12/16/04	Student meeting
12/17/04	Student meeting
12/20/04	Student meeting
12/20/04	Student meeting
12/23/04	Personal Holiday

# Executive Proposals



## **Executive Project Proposal #1**

### I. Project

#### A.1. Project Name:

E-Group

#### A.2. Proposed by:

Vice-President (Academic Affairs) – Malvina Gersher

### II. Analysis

#### A. Background Information and Need

##### A.1. History:

This is the first time for a project of this exact type.

##### A.2. Issues:

It is becoming more and more important for students to get involved with every aspect of the university. The university and the USSU are undergoing major changes and important decisions are being made without, or with very little, vital input from students. Students are interested in getting involved with university affairs but are finding less and less time to devote to these issues. Being an E-Group participant provides students with the opportunity to contribute significantly while only devoting a minimum amount of time.

##### A.3. Research:

This project does not require very much research. There were two types of research conducted. The first was to find out the percentage break down of students per college out of one hundred possible participants. This was done with the help of the USSU Researcher. The second was to locate the optimal spot, for recruitment, per building by consulting college societies and MSCs.

#### B. Target Group and Characteristics

##### B.1. Primary Target:

One hundred students from diverse backgrounds

##### B.2. Secondary Target (Indirect):

Members of Student Council,  
Members of University Council committees,  
Faculty,  
University administration and  
USSU executive.

### C. Vision and Mission

#### C.1. Vision:

To provide students, who do not have enough time to attend meetings/events, but are interested in all University of Saskatchewan affairs with an opportunity to share their opinions and concerns with members of the USSU executive and other interested parties.

#### C.2. Mission:

To gather the information provided from students and present it to relevant parties whether they be Members of Student Council, Members of University Council committees, faculty, University administration and/or the USSU executive.

### D. Key Considerations

#### D.1. Initial Budget:

Printing Costs	Minimal
Volunteer Appreciation Event	Cost Unknown

#### D.2. Total Budget:

Unknown

#### D.4. Timeline:

November

- Introduction to:
  - Executive
  - Members of Student Council
  - Members of Academic Affairs Board
- Discussion with other members of the university community

January

- Implementation



- Recruitment of students from:
  - Arts & Science
  - Commerce
  - Law
  - STM

## February

- Recruitment of students from:
  - Residence
  - Kinesiology
  - Pharmacy & Nutrition
  - Dentistry
  - Medicine
  - Engineering
  - Arts & Science
  - Nursing
  - Veterinary Medicine
  - Physical Therapy
  - Education
  - Agriculture
  - Unclassified Studies
- Launch of initial contact with participants

## March

- Continue contact with participants
- Volunteer appreciation event



## **Executive Project Proposal #2**

### I. Project

#### A.1. Project Name:

Strengthening Student Involvement

#### A.2. Proposed by:

Vice-President (Academic Affairs) – Malvina Gersher

### II. Analysis

#### A. Background Information and Need

##### A.1. History:

As far as I am aware this is the first time for a project of this exact type.

##### A.2. Issues:

Students who participate in University Council and Council committees are currently not provided with proper orientation sessions. It is important to increase student participation but only if student involvement is strengthened. There are opportunities to make significant contributions to the various activities of the University. However, it is only through proper orientation sessions and constant communication between SALs and the USSU executive that this is possible.

##### A.3. Research:

This project requires minimal research. The only research conducted was to find out how many University Council SALs there are and how many SALS sit on Council committees. In addition I found out which colleges currently have a vacant position on University Council. Administration, MSCs and the USSU provided the necessary information.

#### B. Target Group and Characteristics

##### B.1. Primary Target:

Student-at-Large (SAL) representatives that sit on University Council and on Council committees

B.2. Secondary Target (Indirect):

Members of Student Council  
USSU executive

C. Vision and Mission

C.1. Vision:

To have knowledgeable and effective student representatives on University Council and on Council committees.

C.2. Mission:

To strengthen student representation on University Council and on Council committees through proper communication and orientation sessions.

D. Key Considerations

D.1. Initial Budget:

Printing Costs	Minimal
Volunteer Appreciation Event	Cost Unknown

D.2. Total Budget:

Unknown

D.4. Timeline:

October

- Introduction to:
  - Executive
  - Members of Student Council
  - Members of Academic Affairs Board
- Meet with members of University Council
- Compile a list of relevant SALs with contact information
- Compile a list of relevant committee information
- Recruit more SALs for Council with the help of MSCs

November

- Recruit more SALs for Council with the help of MSCs

- Discussion with other members of University Council committees and with the Graduate Students Association
- Seek and compile advice from various interested parties
- Speak to University Council about increasing student involvement

#### January

- Meet with Bylaws Chair
- Speak with interested parties (including faculty, administration, MSCs, members of the Academic Affairs Board and the USSU executive)

#### February

- Organise orientation session

#### March

- Organise meeting with SALs
- Prepare session for beginning of school year (contact relevant participants)
- Volunteer appreciation event



# Executive Conference Reports





# Executive Conference Report

## I. Conference

A.1. *Conference name:* Canadian Federation of Students 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National General Meeting

A.2. *Attended by:* Gavin Gardiner, Jeff MacDonald, Kim Stranden, Malvina Gersher, Nick Ansaldo.

A.3. *Date and Location of Conference:* November 24 – 27, 2005 Days Inn, Gatineau, PQ

## II. Overview

### A. Conference Information

A.1. *Conference theme or purpose:*

The CFS National General Meeting is one of two meetings the CFS holds every year. Members conduct all official business of the organization at the NGM.

It serves as an introduction to various student-related issues and provided a forum in which to discuss such issues. As well, it provided many opportunities to build a network of student leaders.

A.2. Conference budget:	Airfare, Accommodation and Registration:	\$4,250.00
	Per Diem (\$50/day * 3):	\$ 750.00
	TOTAL	\$5,000.00

### B. Conference Format

B.1. *Conference itinerary:*

There are many meetings with in the NGM including: subcommittee meetings, plenary session, lobby meetings, caucus meetings, provincial component meetings, workshops and guest speakers.

Attached is a schedule of the National General Meeting.

## **C. Benefit**

### *C.1. The benefit of this conference to my portfolio is:*

#### Gavin Gardiner

This meeting was beneficial to my portfolio because it allowed firsthand interaction with the Canadian Federation of Students. It was also beneficial to my position as chair of the External Affairs Board, which is currently conducting a review of the USSU's national lobby options.

#### Jeff MacDonald

Being aware of national lobbying efforts is important to all executive members, and even students for that matter. But primarily, this conference was important to my portfolio because I could learn of possible ways that USSU operations could benefit from connections to the CFS. The CFS has many campaigns and initiative that could be borrowed from for our centres, and the research that they have done and continue to do will benefit us greatly.

#### Kim Stranden

This conference did not directly effect the VP Student Issues portfolio but it did give a good insight in how both organizations work and their lobby efforts. It is not necessary for anyone one other then the President and the External VP to attend this conference in the future.

#### Malvina Gersher

This meeting did not directly benefit the VP Academic Affairs portfolio, nevertheless I feel that it was good to have the entire executive, and a member of the External Affairs Board, participate in the Canadian Federations of Students conference.

### *C.2. The benefit of this conference to students is:*

#### Gavin Gardiner

In order to make the best decision possible for the students at the U of S an inside look at the CFS was necessary.

#### Kim Stranden

Attending both of these conferences allowed me to answer questions to students and council as having first hand knowledge of both organizations.

Jeff MacDonald

The benefit to students is actually greater than we might have realised before attending. One of the CFS' strongest points is that students as individual members can get involved with policy and direction. If we had known how welcome non-exec and non-councillors would be, we could have sent more SALs rather than executive. I think that the information that we learned in a variety of fora would be especially beneficial if we could find an efficient way to get it out to students.

Malvina Gersher

Due to my attendance at the conference I am that much more prepared to answer questions regarding general CFS operations. Having the entire executive board at the CFS conference provides students with a variety of opinions.

### **III. Recommendation**

Gavin Gardiner

My recommendation is that we attend another CFS meeting only if we become members of the CFS.

Kim Stranden

My recommendation is that only the President and VP External attend CFS if we become members of CFS and to continue attending CASA conferences if the CFS referendum fails.

Jeff MacDonald

If the USSU does become a member of the CFS, I believe it is absolutely important that the USSU delegation consist of both executive and non-executive members. I would suggest that the non-executive also not be an MSC.

I also suggest that the USSU neither support nor oppose the coming CFS referendum, but instead be here to simply provide facts. I believe that a neutral, purely fact and information oriented campaign would be entirely valid and helpful.

Malvina Gersher

My recommendation is that at least two executives attend CFS conferences if we become members of the organization.



# Executive Conference Report

## I. Conference

A.1. *Conference name:* Canadian Alliance of Student Associations Annual Lobby Conference

A.2. *Attended by:* Gavin Gardiner, Kim Stranden, Malvina Gersher, Nick Ansaldo.

A.3. *Date and Location of Conference:* November 22 – 26, 2005 Capital Suites Hotel, Ottawa, ON

## II. Overview

### A. Conference Information

A.1. *Conference theme or purpose:*

CASA's Lobby Conference is one of three conferences held by CASA every year. The purpose of the conference is to lobby MP's, Bureaucrats and aides in Ottawa.

It serves as an introduction to various student-related issues and provided a forum in which to discuss such issues. As well, it provided many opportunities to build a network of student leaders.

A.2. Conference budget:	Registration:	\$1,400.00
	Per Diem (\$50/day * 3):	\$ 600.00
	TOTAL	\$2,000.00

### B. Conference Format

B.1. *Conference itinerary:*

Much of the Lobby Conference is spent in meetings with parliamentarians, however, there are also other meetings through out the week including: committee meetings, plenary session and guest speakers.

Attached is a schedule of the Lobby Conference.

## **C. Benefit**

### *C.1. The benefit of this conference to my portfolio is:*

Gavin Gardiner

This meeting was beneficial to my portfolio because it allows interaction National decision makers as well as represent the USSU on the national level through CASA. It was also beneficial to my position as chair of the External Affairs Board, which is currently conducting a review of the USSU's national lobby options.

Kim Stranden

Malvina Gersher

Once gain, this meeting did not directly benefit the VP Academic Affairs portfolio, nevertheless I feel that it was beneficial to have the executive, and a member of the External Affairs Board, participate in the Canadian Alliance of Students Association conference.

### *C.2. The benefit of this conference to students is:*

Gavin Gardiner

Allows the USSU to lobby nationally. Also this year, the conference provided information for the External Affairs Board, which is reviewing membership in CASA.

Kim Stranden

Malvina Gersher

My attendance at the CASA conference provided me with a better understanding of the organizations operations and therefore I am now more prepared to answer students questions.

## **III. Recommendation**

Gavin Gardiner

My recommendation is that we attend the next CASA conference if we remain members of the CASA.

Kim Stranden

Malvina Gersher

My recommendation is that the President and the External Affairs executive attend CASA conferences if we remain members of the organization.

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# Vision, Mission and Values

## Vision

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.

## Mission

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union exists to represent, serve and support the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students of the University of Saskatchewan through accountable, dynamic and unified leadership. It also serves to protect and maintain the integrity of quality, accessible public education.

## Values

The following principles shall guide the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in all of its endeavors: innovation; integrity; mutual respect; professionalism; service; social, economic and environmental responsibility; teamwork; and, trust.

# Message from the President

Greetings,

The USSU has an annual budget of over 4 million dollars, a staff of over 170 and several services operated by the undergraduate students here at the University of Saskatchewan. Each March students elect four executive members to guide the entire organization. The Executive is accountable to you, the students, and the three accountability reports completed each year ensure that the Executive is responsible and transparent.

New this year we have added an accountability report for the Academic Advocacy Officer. Although not a member of the elected Executive the Academic Advocacy Officer reports directly to the Executive.

Unfortunately, the Executive was faced with a resignation in early August. The resignation of the Vice-President (Academic Affairs) means that no accountability is available for that position. The position will be filled October 7<sup>th</sup> and an accountability report for that Vice-Presidential portfolio will be available in the next report.

With the summer behind us, the Executive is eagerly looking forward to the return of students and the opportunity to work closely with University Students' Council.

I encourage all members of the USSU to review these reports, become informed on what the Executive has been doing and involve yourselves in the students' movement.

Collegially,

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION

Gavin Gardiner  
President



# Summer Accountability Reports

## **3 May – 31 August 2004**



# Gavin Gardiner, *President*

## **I. Summer Report**

### **General Activities**

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 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 report will ever fully convey the commitment that is necessary for the proper fulfillment of this position. I can assure each and every USSU member that the \$1.07 they each spend on my salary is being put to good use, as I have yet to see a 40 hour work week.

Portfolio Duties:

The Presidential portfolio oversees all activities of the USSU, coordinates the executive, acts as the student representative on the Board of Governors, is the chief spokesperson for the USSU, is the liaison with other student unions as well as the provincial and federal governments, and ensures all governance documents are up to date among other duties.

To try and provide USSU members with a better understanding of some of the issues I have dealt with in my portfolio I have provided a monthly report of the major issues I have dealt with.

### ***President's Report: May 2004***

### **Executive Orientation**

The Executive had its first Executive Committee meeting April 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was informal and no minutes were taken. It was more of a goals and strategy planning session. The Executive went on the Executive Retreat from April 27<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>. At the retreat we met all of the staff and formulated the office hours policy, dispute resolution, and code of ethics that would be followed by the Executive for the year. May 3<sup>rd</sup> was our



first day in the office. We were shown where everything is and how everything works. Also in early May the Executive went on tours of all the USSU operations and services.

### **Board of Governors**

The Board of Governors met on May 7<sup>th</sup> to pass a multi-year university budget and the university's integrated plan, among other things. The university has budgeting for a deficit of \$6.2 million. However, program cuts and restructuring by 2006/07, the end of the newly passed budget cycle, will balance the university budget. The budget also saw cuts to some departments, most notably the extension division (which saw 40% of its budget cut), Commerce and Agriculture (each with about a 10% reduction) and the Facilities Management Division. The Budget also included the some of the largest tuition increases in the history of the University of Saskatchewan. Although the increases in most colleges were quite small, professional colleges experienced double digit increases: Commerce 19.1%, Nutrition and Pharmacy 15.7%, Medicine 12.8%, Law 11.6%. In a press release held directly after the budget the USSU questioned the University and made three recommendations: 1.) The University must re-evaluate its tuition policy, which limits accessibility and increases student debt by charging significantly higher rates for professional colleges. 2.) The University must invest time and effort to strengthen its undergraduate programs. 3.) The University must consult with students on any and all program restructuring. After all this is our university too.

### **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Conference – Vancouver.**

From May 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> I was in Vancouver attending CASA's Policy and Strategy Conference. The conference was a great venue to meet my counterparts from across the country. However, there were concerns several members had about the structure, direction and professionalism of the organization. A conference report is attached and a more detailed report will be brought to University Students' Council in the fall.

### **Canadian Congress of Student Association (CCSA) Conference – Winnipeg.**

From May 25<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> the entire Executive were in Winnipeg for CCSA. This conference again was a great opportunity to network. However, it was not very content heavy. While most of the sessions I attended were quite basic, there were several lead by other students that were very informative. This conference has a lot of potential and Vancouver Community College's successful hosting bid for CCSA 2005 is encouraging.

### **Other Meetings**

During the first few weeks of May, when I was not away for conferences, several students stopped by the office with various questions and concerns. These ranged from the Federal Election, to services for students with disabilities, to the Aboriginal First Year Orientation Program. I also met with Jim Spinney (who determines the tuition formula for the university), Glenda Graham, (the president of CUPE Local 1475), Don Kossick,

Patrick Wolfe and Nettie Wiebe (Candidates in the Federal Election), Phoebe DeCiman (President of the University of Regina Students' Union), Angela Regnier (Past President of the GSA).

### ***President's Report: June 2004***

#### **Federal Election**

The Federal Election held June 28<sup>th</sup> took up much of my time in June. The USSU had a small campaign to mobilize students to vote as well as get politicians talking about student issues. Although the goals were lofty, the campaign was largely successful. The USSU designed its own lawn signs for the federal election campaign which said "I pay tuition... and I vote" and could be seen in the front yards on College Drive and other Varsity View neighborhoods. The USSU co-hosted two forums on campus, the first was a partnership between the USSU, the GSA, the Faculty Association and CUPE 1975. The second was a partnership between the USSU, the Dominion Institute, Global Television and the Star Phoenix. The USSU Federal Election campaign received good media coverage especially by Global who did three separate interviews on the campaign.

#### **Board of Governors**

The Board of Governors met on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> to hold meetings before they adjourned for the summer. One item regarding the USSU was brought to the table that was overlooked in the pre-budget meetings. University Students' Council passed a resolution last year to increase the World University Services Canada (WUSC) fee from \$.80 to \$3.00, however all financial increases need to also be ratified by the Board of Governors and this was overlooked. The problem was solved and the fee increase was passed at the June Board of Governors meeting.

#### **Saskatchewan Scholarship, Loans and Bursary Committee.**

The President of the U of S Students' Union is a member of the Provincial Government's Scholarship, Loans and Bursary Committee. This committee met for the first time in 04/05 on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting consisted of brief introductions as well as minor modifications to the Integrated Saskatchewan-Canada Student Loans Program. Most of the modifications were minor changes such as dates. However, it was at this meeting that we were first told about computer system upgrades that may impact the application process times. Although the possibility of delays was minor, the USSU still contacted the University of Saskatchewan to develop a strategy in case any students had not received their money on time.

#### **University Networking.**

The new executive also spent a lot of time in June meeting different departments and people on campus. Introductory meetings were held with Campus Rec, Huskie Athletics,

CUPE 1975, Marketing and Student Recruitment, the Student Health Centre, and Gordon Barnhart, the University Secretary.

### **Other Meetings**

Again in June several students stopped by the office to talk about various questions and concerns. I also met with Angela Regnier (Past President of the GSA), Indrani Chakraborty (President of the GSA), the Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CASA), Peter MacKinnon, Kristen Foster (from Studentcare Networks)

### ***President's Report: July 2004***

### **Provincial Lobbying**

In the last decade tuition has risen by 98.4%. Now in Saskatchewan we have the third highest tuition in the country. This is a national problem and several provincial governments are realizing that the cost of post secondary education is become financially prohibitive for many people. As a result many provincial governments have begun to regulate tuition. In the past 5 years 6 out of 10 provinces have regulated tuition at some point, currently 5 provinces are regulating tuition. Arts students at the University of Manitoba pay an average of \$1500.00 less than an arts student at the University of Saskatchewan because that provincial government has placed a strong emphasis on affordable, accessible post-secondary education. After the last University of Saskatchewan budget the provincial government hinted at the regulation of tuition. On July 20<sup>th</sup> Executive members from the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union, the University of Regina Students' Union and the University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students Association met with the Minister of Learning, Andrew Thompson, to ask for a two-year fully funded tuition freeze. Although the Minister was somewhat receptive to the idea of tuition regulation, he was reluctant of a freeze. After the meeting all involved student organizations made motions to publicly lobby the provincial government for a two-year, fully funded tuition freeze. This campaign will involve a thorough research paper on the costs and effects of a two-year freeze, canvassing of community support and student mobilization.

### **AMICCUS-C**

AMICCUS-C is the association of Canadian Student Union General Managers and one of the four streams at the professional development conference CCSA. At CCSA the three other streams (SuperCon for Presidents, MoneyCon for VP Finances and CART for VP Academics) voted to hold CCSA 2005 at Vancouver Community College in Vancouver. AMICCUS-C voted to have CCSA at Brock University. Two months after the CCSA vote AMICCUS-C sent an e-mail to each of the delegates telling them that the voting at CCSA was invalid and that the 2005 conference would be held at Brock. The

USSU was the first of many universities to speak out against the AMICCUS-C decision and was also one of the leaders who drafted a letter of compromise co-signed by Canada's 13 largest universities and submitted to the AMICCUS-C Board of Directors. There has been no final decision in the site selection of CCSA 2005 but the negotiations between schools on both responses and the compromise letter took some time in July.

### **Orientation and Welcome Week**

After the Federal Election one of my major focuses has been on Orientation and Welcome Week. I met several times with Sherry Pederson, the Orientation 2004 coordinator. In the past the USSU had sponsored a lunch in the bowl during Orientation. This year we will be sponsoring an after party at Louis' for all of the Orientation participants. This will allow the USSU to introduce first year students to its most utilized operation. This year the USSU also retired the famous Blue Monday and introduced the fresh new SHiNDiG. SHiNDiG will be the USSU's new Welcome Week concert series held right here on campus in the Bowl.

### **Presidents' Breakfast**

The Presidents' Breakfast is an opportunity that most students unions in Canada do not get. Once a month members of the senior administration meet with the executives of both the USSU and the GSA over breakfast to discuss outstanding issues. I requested a Presidents' Breakfast in July to discuss some issues that the USSU was having in implementing the new Victim Advocate position based out of the Womens' Centre.

### **Head Lease Negotiations**

The USSU has a Head Lease with the University of Saskatchewan for the use of Place Riel and the Memorial Union Building. The USSU in turn has subleases to the various businesses in Place Riel. Although the Head Lease with the university does not expire for another four years many of the subleases are soon coming due. These businesses want the Head Lease to be negotiated before they will extend their sublease. As such the USSU has taken the proactive steps of beginning head lease negotiations now as opposed to a few years down the road. By beginning the negotiations now we will be able to ensure that the best deal for the USSU (and by extension, the students) is reached. The first meeting to renegotiate the Head Lease was held July 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Meetings**

As mentioned in the AMICCUS-C section I was in contact with several other student union executives across the country, I also met with several staff in the Department of Learning, and editors from Planet-S Magazine.

### ***President's Report: August 2004***

## **VP Academic Resignation**

On August 12, 2004 Wendy Sharpe resigned as Vice-President Academic Affairs. Her resignation was for personal reasons and she felt it was in her best interests to give up her position. The Vice President Academic Affairs duties were divided between the Academic Advocacy Officer, Chris Phillips, and myself. I assumed all the official/political duties of the position while Chris took control of all academic grievances. The resignation and necessary by-election has forced the University Students' Council to begin some of its duties earlier than it otherwise would have to. The Elections Board needed to be formed immediately to approve the schedule for the by-elections. Also the Appointments Board was struck early in order to appoint the Chief Returning Officer to chair the Elections Board.

## **Orientation Presentations**

With the beginning of classes and students coming back to classes August is busy preparing for all the introductory/orientation meetings the USSU must attend. I have spent a lot of time on putting together presentation for Orientation 2004, Parent Orientation, Orientation Volunteer Training, the Aboriginal First Year Orientation Program, the Board of College President's Summercon, the International Students' Orientation, Residence Assistant's Training and of course University Students' Council Orientation. I have also prepared welcome statements for Orientation 2004, Welcome Week, the International Students' Reception and the Sheaf.

## **VP Operations and Finance Duties**

Due to the VP Operations and Finance's limited summer office hours and vacation, I was required to do many of that portfolios duties. In the last few weeks of August several campus clubs came to the USSU with questions ranging from the ratification process, to sponsorship to liability insurance coverage questions.

## **Other Meetings**

I also met with executive members of the SESS (as well as several additional meetings with Jack Mason, SESS President), the GSA executive, the URSU executive, Colleen Wiegers (the CRO), Greg Whelan (the USSU's lawyer), John Olson (Director of the U of S Consumer Services Division), Bob Ferguson (Director of Campus Safety), Lori Delorme (Director of the Aboriginal Students' Centre)

## **Events/Meeting & External Relations**

### **May**

05/03/04      Office Training

05/04/04	Research Meeting
05/04/04	Communication Meeting
05/04/04	Executive Meeting
05/05/04	Meeting with Freda (Facilities/Operations Manager)
05/05/04	Presidents Dinner (Johns Prime Rib with the old and new USSU and GSA Executives)
05/06/04	Power Issues
05/06/04	Communications Meeting
05/06/04	Board of Governors Committee Meetings
05/07/04	Board of Governors
05/07/04	Press conference – University released their annual budget
05/08/04	Meeting with Phoebe DeCiman – President of the U of R Students’ Union
05/10/04	Student Society Discussion Groups
05/10/04	Meeting with the Sheaf
05/11/04	Financial Review
05/11/04	Sheaf interview – regarding the Security Report
05/11/04	Telephone interview with follow up questions from the Sheaf
05/12/04	Meeting with Jim Spinney about National Norms Tuition Policy
05/12/04	Tour of the Print Shop
05/12/04	Tour of the Copy Centre
05/12/04	Tour of Browsers
05/12/04	Student Care meeting and supper
05/13/04	Meeting with Glenda Graham – CUPE 1975 President
05/13/04	Accounting procedures review
05/13/04	Meeting with Jamie Fiddler about the Aboriginal First Year Orientation Program
05/13/04	Tour of the Help Centre
05/13/04	Tour of the Volunteer Centre
05/13/04	Tour of the Women’s Centre
05/13/04	Tour of the LGTBA Centre
05/13/04	Accounting Procedures Review
05/13/04	Tour of the Info Centre
05/14/04	Review of the Governance documents
05/14/04	U of S budget meeting
05/14/04	Executive Meeting
05/14/04	Security Review at the Women’s Centre
05/17/04	CASA Policy and Strategy Conference – Vancouver
05/18/04	CASA Policy and Strategy Conference – Vancouver
05/19/04	CASA Policy and Strategy Conference – Vancouver
05/20/04	CASA Policy and Strategy Conference – Vancouver
05/21/04	CASA Policy and Strategy Conference – Vancouver
05/22/04	CASA Policy and Strategy Conference – Vancouver
05/25/04	CCSA – Winnipeg
05/26/04	CCSA – Winnipeg
05/27/04	CCSA – Winnipeg
05/28/04	CCSA – Winnipeg

05/29/04 CCSA – Winnipeg  
05/30/04 CCSA – Winnipeg  
05/31/04 CCSA – Winnipeg

June

06/02/04 Joint Liaison Meeting with the University of Saskatchewan  
06/02/04 Executive Meeting  
06/02/04 CASA debrief with Sharla  
06/03/04 Lunch with the GSA  
06/03/04 Meeting with Campus Rec and Huskie Athletics  
06/03/04 University of Saskatchewan Day brainstorming session  
06/04/04 Interview with Lynda Walker from Global news  
06/04/04 Meeting with Indrani, President of the GSA  
06/04/04 University Business Connections luncheon  
06/07/04 Went home sick at noon  
06/08/04 Meeting with the GSA  
06/09/04 Interview with CBC about student out-migration  
06/09/04 Federal Election meeting with the executive  
06/10/04 Scholarship Loans and Bursary Committee meeting in Regina  
06/10/04 Meeting with the Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
06/11/04 Sat at the election booth  
06/11/04 Executive Meeting  
06/12/04 Canvassed to put up USSU election signs  
06/14/04 Safety Audit response – Women’s Centre  
06/15/04 Liberal candidate meet and greet  
06/15/04 Interview with Global News about federal election campaign  
06/15/04 Federal Election campaign planning  
06/15/04 Tour of the PAC building  
06/15/04 Meeting with CUPE 1975 Executive  
06/15/04 Canvassed to put up USSU election signs  
06/16/04 Conference call with U of M and UBC  
06/17/04 Dominion Institute Federal Election Forum  
06/17/04 University Council  
06/18/04 Executive Meeting  
06/21/04 Meeting with the Residence Life Coordinator  
06/21/04 Fixed Election Signs  
06/22/04 CASA Policy Committee meeting  
06/22/04 Student Health Centre Survey presentation  
06/23/04 Meeting with student – referred to the Victim Advocate  
06/24/04 SEDS survey presentation  
06/24/04 Meeting with Matt Lambe – Public Safety about ATAP program  
06/24/04 Meeting with President Peter MacKinnon  
06/24/04 Board of Governors Committee meetings  
06/25/04 Board of Governors meeting  
06/26/04 Alumni Homecoming – gave speech

06/28/04 EDO  
 06/29/04 Meeting with Orientation 2004 organizers  
 06/29/04 Election sign teardown  
 06/29/04 Lunch with Gordon Barnhart  
 06/29/04 University Village Project – Student life/student housing working group  
 06/30/04 Meeting with Kristen Foster from Studentcare Networks  
 06/30/04 Executive Meeting  
 06/30/04 Meeting with Marketing and Student Recruitment

## July

07/02/04 EDO  
 07/05/04 Meeting with Steve Dribnenki – re: social responsibility audit  
 07/06/04 Meeting with Jackie Thomarat – Victim Advocate  
 07/06/04 Surviving US  
 07/06/04 Communications Meeting  
 07/07/04 Meeting with Sharla about CASA  
 07/07/04 Meeting Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
 07/08/04 Executive Meeting  
 07/09/04 Vacation  
 07/12/04 Surviving US  
 07/12/04 Admin Team Meeting  
 07/14/04 CASA Policy Committee conference call  
 07/14/04 Meeting with Matt Leisle  
 07/16/04 Meeting with Cindy Paquette and Michael Atkinson about National Norms Tuition Policy  
 07/19/04 Provincial Lobby Meeting preparation – With URSU and GSA in Regina  
 07/20/04 Meeting with Minister of Learning – regarding tuition regulation  
 07/21/04 Presidents’ Breakfast – talked about security, parking and the Victim Advocate position  
 07/21/04 Meeting with Planet S Magazine – about distribution of paper in Place Riel  
 07/22/04 Lunch with Robin Mowat  
 07/22/04 LGBTQA Steak night  
 07/22/04 Meeting with the Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
 07/23/04 Board of Governors meeting  
 07/23/04 Orientation 2004 Advisory Board meeting  
 07/25/04 Conference call about AMICCUS-C letter  
 07/26/04 Executive Meeting about AMICCUS-C letter  
 07/26/04 Conference call with UBC  
 07/27/04 AMICCUS-C conference call  
 07/29/04 Head Lease negotiations  
 07/30/04 SL&B Committee emergency teleconference

## August



08/03/04	University Village Project – Steering Committee meeting
08/04/04	Sam Roberts at Louis
08/04/04	AMICCUS-C conference call
08/05/04	Saskatchewan Students’ Coalition (SSC) conference call
08/06/04	EDO
08/09/04	Vacation
08/10/04	Vacation
08/11/04	Interview with the Leader Post about potential student loan delays
08/12/04	Orientation Volunteer Training presentation
08/12/04	SSC conference call
08/12/04	Executive Meeting
08/13/04	CASA Policy Committee meeting
08/13/04	Meeting with Jack Mason – President of SESS
08/16/04	Meeting with the Academic Advocacy Officer – about role after VP Academic’s resignation
08/17/04	Lunch with the GSA executive
08/17/04	Supper with the URSU executive
08/17/04	Voting for Appointments Board
08/18/04	Meeting with Rick Sawa and John Conway – regarding CCPA tuition study
08/19/04	Interview with CBC television – about the fair wage campaign
08/19/04	Conference call with the Minister of Learning – about the integrated income support system
08/22/04	Meeting with SESS executive
08/23/04	SL&B Committee conference call
08/23/04	SSC conference call
08/23/04	CASA conference call
08/24/04	Consumer Services Tour
08/24/04	Financial Review
08/25/04	Compensation Review
08/25/04	Meeting with the Coalition Against Sexual Assault
08/26/04	BOCP Preparation meeting
08/26/04	Meeting with Lori Delorme – Aboriginal Students’ Centre
08/26/04	Tour of Public Safety and lunch with Bob Ferguson
08/26/04	University Village Project – Retail/Food Services working group
08/26/04	Executive meeting
08/27/04	Interview with Global News – Accessibility of post-secondary education
08/27/04	Meeting with Jessa Alston O’Connor about USC Orientation
08/27/04	Meeting with Jack Mason – about Hell Dance insurance
08/27/04	BOCP wine and cheese
08/28/04	BOCP Summercon
08/29/04	Orientation Volunteer training
08/30/04	Interview with CJWW and Star Phoenix about university students’ drinking habits
08/30/04	Women’s Centre Director interviews
08/30/04	Meeting with Jason Kovitch – USSU events programmer about insurance

08/31/04	Lunch with Craig Stehr
08/31/04	Orientation Volunteer training



Jeff Macdonald, *Vice-President (Operations  
and Finance)*

Not available at the time of printing



# Kim Stranden, *VP Student Issues*

## I. Summer Report

### General Activities

#### Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Occasional evenings and weekends

During the months of May and June I was an Inner City School Mentor and took a couple hours each week to meet students at Confederation Park Elementary School. Those hours varied with the students schedule as well as mine.

#### Daily Activities:

I spent this summer learning my new job; due to the fact that I did not have a successor I had little to no transition. This made my job challenging as well as exciting because I would find out new meetings and committees that I am sitting on that I knew nothing about. I spent a lot of time making new connections within the University community as well as the City of Saskatoon. In my daily activities I met with various students on a regular basis to address questions, concerns and suggestions. The majority of my summer had been taken up with researching the past attempt for U-Pass and working with the City of Saskatoon Transit in developing a service that is better suited for the needs of students.

#### Portfolio Duties:

The Student Issues portfolio includes all issues that are non academic, this includes: on and off campus parking, on and off campus housing, transit and transportation, security, safety and sexual violence, equity and disabilities. I also am the liaison with the municipal government and I have become familiar with the activities of the City of Saskatoon and report all these issues affecting students.

Due to all the problems that were experienced last year with the Designated Parking Program I decided to make drastic changes to the application forms. Last year there were problems with students making false claims about their information that they provided and there was some students that received a pass that did not deserve them and that left those in need without. Another change that the Designated Parking Program will see is

that there is now a committee formed that will decided who will receive passes, this will take the pressure off the VP of Student Issues in solely deciding who will receive a pass.

This summer I have also spent numerous hours working closely with the City of Saskatoon and Transit. I have been researching the possibility of holding another referendum on the U-Pass. I have done extensive research on the past attempt of the U-Pass and why students did not agree with the terms. I have told all stakeholders that are involved that there will be no way that I will agree on a referendum unless terms that students want will be achieved.

#### Events/Meeting & External Relations

##### May

05/03/04	Office Training
05/04/04	Research Meeting
05/04/04	Communication Meeting
05/04/04	Executive Meeting
05/05/04	Meeting with Freda (Facilities/Operations Manager)
05/05/04	Presidents Dinner (Johns Prime Rib with the old and new USSU and GSA Executives)
05/06/04	Power Issues
05/06/04	Mentoring at Confederation Park Elementary
05/06/04	Telephone call from a student regarding Residence and probation problems
05/06/04	Talked with Neil Nickel from Residence about earlier call from student with the compliant
05/07/04	Meet with NEADS (National Educational Association of Disabled Students) discussed the inclusion of students with disabilities in college and university sponsored extra-curricular activities
05/07/04	Press conference – University released their annual budget
05/10/04	Student Society Discussion Groups
05/10/04	Meeting with the Sheaf
05/11/04	Mentoring at Confederation Park Elementary
05/11/04	Sheaf interview – regarding the Security Report
05/11/04	Telephone interview with follow up questions from the Sheaf
05/12/04	Transportation Study – With Transit downtown
05/12/04	Tour of the Print Shop
05/12/04	Tour of the Copy Centre
05/12/04	Tour of Browsers
05/12/04	Student Care meeting and supper
05/13/04	Meeting with a student (Kai) regarding smoking in front of Place Riel
05/13/04	Meeting with a student (Cheui) regarding transportation and school in general
05/13/04	Tour of the Help Centre
05/13/04	Tour of the Volunteer Centre

05/13/04	Tour of the Women's Centre
05/13/04	Tour of the LGTBA Centre
05/13/04	Accounting Procedures Review
05/13/04	Tour of the Info Centre
05/14/04	Review of the Governance documents
05/14/04	Executive Meeting
05/14/04	Security Review at the Women's Centre
05/17/04	Kathleen Makela – Brainstorming ideas to become more involved with the Aboriginal Students on campus
05/18/04	Mentoring at Confederation Park Elementary School
05/18/04	Computer Training
05/18/04	Orientation Meeting
05/19/04	Mentoring at Confederation Park Elementary School
05/21/04	EDO
05/25/04	CCSA
05/26/04	CCSA
05/27/04	CCSA
05/28/04	CCSA
05/29/04	CCSA
05/30/04	CCSA
05/31/04	CCSA

## June

06/02/04	Executive Meeting
06/02/04	Meeting with a student (Lena) to talk about disability issues
06/04/04	Executive Meeting – Update on Women's Issues
06/07/04	Transportation Meeting with the City of Saskatoon
06/08/04	Worked the election booth in Upper Place
06/09/04	Meeting with Wendy Novakovski about Designated Parking
06/10/04	Rally in the Bowl
06/10/04	Election Forum in Lower Place
06/10/04	Worked the election booth in Upper Place
06/10/04	Meeting at Alice Tunner Library about proposed changes to traffic patterns in Sutherland
06/11/04	Meeting with Aboriginal Students Advisor Kathleen Makela about Guidelines for Aboriginal Issues
06/11/04	Executive Meeting
06/14/04	Sexual Assault Meeting – Women's Centre
06/17/04	One day conference – Creating Homes in Our Community
06/18/04	Interview with CBC Radio
06/18/04	Executive meeting
06/21/04	Executive project development
06/22/04	Financial Review
06/22/04	Meeting with Wendy Novakovski about Designated Parking
06/24/04	Meeting with Student Health Centre



06/30/04 EDO

### July

07/02/04 EDO  
07/06/04 Surviving US/ Orientation  
07/07/04 CASA – Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
07/12/04 Surviving US  
07/19/04 Ideas for creative sexual assault awareness campaigns  
07/21/04 Take Back the Night meeting  
07/22/04 Meeting with Brenda Wallace about housing in Saskatoon  
07/22/04 CASA - Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
07/23/04 Hybrid Bus Demonstration at Transit  
07/23/04 Meeting with Gordon Barnhart  
07/27/04 Transit meeting – looked at smart cards and U-Pass ideas  
07/29/04 Meeting with Disability Services regarding automatic door in the MUB Building  
07/30/04 Executive meeting

### August

08/03/04 Meeting with a student (Amber) regarding Student Central problems  
08/04/04 Sam Roberts at Louis  
08/04/04 Meeting with a student (Alex) regarding library fines  
08/05/04 Meeting with a student (Demjam) regarding Designated Parking  
08/06/04 Executive Meeting  
08/09/04 Interview with Global News about security on campus  
08/10/04 Meeting with Colin Hartl about Smart Cards  
08/10/04 Meeting in the Women's Centre about Victim Advocate Position  
08/10/04 Meeting about housing with Brenda Wallace  
08/11/04 Meeting with Transit about the Smart Cards  
08/12/04 Executive Meeting  
08/13/04 Holidays  
08/16/04 Holidays  
08/17/04 Lunch with the GSA  
08/17/04 Talked about the Transit Poll with Sharla  
08/18/04 Meeting with a student (Mark) about Designated Parking  
08/24/04 Consumer Service Tour  
08/24/04 Financial Statement Review  
08/26/04 BOCPP Prep Meeting  
08/26/04 Lunch with Bob Ferguson  
08/28/04 BOCPP Summercon  
08/30/04 Calgary - U of C – To watch the production of Sexy  
08/31/04 Calgary - U of C – To watch the production of Sexy

# Christopher Phillips, *Academic Affairs Officer*

## **I. Summer Report**

### **Office Hours:**

Monday – Friday 9am-1pm (June01/04 – July09/04 & Aug16/04 – Sept07/04)

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9am-1pm (July12/04 – Aug13/04)

### **Daily Activities:**

All activities related to this portfolio are based on a student driven process. Most of my meetings for the summer were with students regarding their specific academic complaints. However, during the summer months there are fewer students attending classes and thus fewer complaints; because of this I cut back my hours throughout a portion of this summer in order to be able to make them up in the fall when academic complaints will undoubtedly pick up. As my schedule revolves around students there are points in my accountability when there will be nothing on certain days, but I still need to be available in case a student issue arises. When dealing with student cases my time is spent in meetings with students, conducting phone conversations with members of the university faculty, responding to emails, and researching various documents and policies of university council / colleges / departments.

Also this summer I had a few meetings with university and college administrators. These were setup as training so that I could learn how the Academic Affairs Officer has interacted and corresponded with various members of the university administration in the past. These meetings proved useful as part of the transition into this position.

With the resignation of the Vice-President Academic Affairs I have delayed a number of promotional ideas, since the VP Academic is the head of the Academic Advocacy Office the ideas need to be subject to the approval of the VP and should contain that VP's name as well as my own so student's know whom to contact.

### **Note on Accountability:**

All meetings and correspondence with students will be marked using Student in order to maintain the complete confidentiality of the student in their dealings with Academic Affairs Officer.

All days I was in the office and had no specific meetings or events are left out of the accountability. This time was spent with research or initiative development.

## Events & Meetings:

06/01/04	Student Counseling Services
06/01/04	Arts & Science Records Coordinator
06/02/04	Student meeting
06/02/04	Discrimination & Harassment Prevention Services
06/03/04	Student Disabilities Services
06/03/04	International Students Office
06/04/04	Student meeting
06/04/04	Student meeting
06/04/04	Victim's Advocate
06/07/04	Student meeting
06/07/04	Meeting on Fee Appeals and Student Loans
06/08/04	Student meeting
06/08/04	VP Academic Sharpe meeting
06/08/04	Presentation to English Class
06/09/04	Russ Isinger / Asa Kachen / Maureen Bourassa / Lynette Laing
06/09/04	University Secretary
06/10/04	Student meeting
06/11/04	Student meeting
06/14/04	Student meeting
06/14/04	VP Undergraduate Affairs (Arts)
06/14/04	Arts & Science Records Coordinator
06/15/04	Student meeting
06/16/04	Student meeting
06/16/04	Student meeting
06/17/04	Student meeting
06/18/04	Russ Isinger & VP Academic Sharpe
06/22/04	VP Academic Sharpe
06/23/04	Student meeting
06/23/04	Student meeting
06/24/04	Contact U of R
06/28/04	Student meeting
06/29/04	Student meeting
06/29/04	Student meeting
06/30/04	Student meeting
07/01/04	Canada Day – stat
07/02/04	Out of the Office (Holiday)
07/06/04	Student meeting
07/07/04	Student Enrollment & Services Division
07/08/04	Student meeting
07/08/04	Victim's Advocate
07/09/04	VP Academic Sharpe & USSU GM
07/14/04	Student meeting
07/14/04	Student meeting
07/16/04	Student meeting

07/21/04	Student meeting
07/21/04	VP Academic Sharpe
07/30/04	Student meeting
08/02/04	Civic Holiday
08/04/04	Student meeting
08/06/04	Student meeting
08/11/04	Student meeting
08/16/04	Student meeting
08/16/04	Student meeting
08/16/04	Pres Gardiner, USSU GM and HR Director
08/18/04	Student meeting
08/18/04	SPR Review Focus Group
08/20/04	Student meeting
08/23/04	Student meeting
08/24/04	Consumer Services Tour
08/25/04	Student meeting
08/26/04	Student meeting
08/30/04	Student meeting
08/31/04	Student meeting



# Executive Project Proposals



# **Gavin Gardiner, *President***

## **I. Project**

### **A.1. Project Name:**

Two-year Tuition Freeze

### **A.2. Proposed by:**

President – Gavin Gardiner

## **II. Analysis**

### **A. Background Information and Need**

#### **A.1. History:**

Since 1994, tuition in the province of Saskatchewan has risen 98%. This massive increase is having serious effects on accessibility to post-secondary education in the province. As student debt reaches unprecedented levels, education becomes a privilege for only the wealthy. In Canada, several provinces are realizing the desperate situation its students are in. Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland have all made access to post-secondary education a priority by regulating tuition. After the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina released their 2004/2005 budgets, which contained massive increases to professional colleges, the provincial government began to look at regulating tuition. The students union is in a unique position to lobby for an effective form of regulation that will benefit students, the university and the province.

#### **A.2. Issues:**

The provincial government has only hinted at regulating tuition. As student groups we must lobby not just for tuition regulation, but for tuition regulation which does not starve the universities. With this in mind the 2004/2005 executives of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU), the University of Regina Students' Union (URSU) and the University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association (GSA) have agreed to jointly lobby the provincial government for a two-year fully funded tuition freeze.

#### **A.3. Research:**



This project, if successful, will have a huge impact both economically and socially on the province of Saskatchewan. As such extensive research is required. The Saskatchewan section of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives has been approached to do research on the impact of a two-year tuition freeze. The GSA have approached several economics masters students who have expressed interest in doing a study of the economic impact of the proposed freeze.

## **B. Target Group and Characteristics**

### **B.1. Primary Target:**

The Government of Saskatchewan

### **B.2. Secondary Target:**

Saskatchewan university students  
Community groups  
Members of the Legislature  
The U of S and U of R administration

## **C. Vision and Mission**

### **C.1. Vision:**

Make post secondary education accessible to every potential student regardless of socioeconomic status.

### **C.2. Mission:**

Lobby the provincial government to fully fund a two-year tuition freeze at Saskatchewan's universities.

## **D. Key Considerations**

### **D.1. Detailed Budget:**

Research	
CCPA Study	\$2500.00*
Grad Study	\$ 50.00
Lobbying	
Meetings in Regina	\$ 100.00
Campaign Material	
Campaign Posters	\$ 100.00
Campaign Post Cards	\$ 700.00*
Rally	\$ 250.00

\* - costs split with campaign partners.

D.2. Total Budget:

\$ 2000.00 (max)

D.3. Organizational Requirements:

Limited communications requirements for poster development.

D.4. Timeline:

July

20 – Initial meeting with Minister of Learning to declare our position

21 – Executive approval of lobby campaign

30 – Outline of research proposal to the CCPA

August

20 – Begin to canvass community groups for letters of support

20 – Begin to approach MLA's for support

20 – Develop campaign material

September

30 – Kick-off

October

14 – CCPA Report due

14 – Meeting with the Minister of Learning to get the status of legislation

20 – Rally in the Bowl



# Kim Stranden, *VP (Student Issues)*

## **I. Project**

- A.1. Project Name: *Coffee House*
- A.2. Proposed by: Kim Stranden, VP Student Issues

## **II. Analysis**

### **A. Background Information and Need**

- A.1. History: The USSU in the past has had similar events like the *Coffee House* but has been called *Open Mic...Speak your mind*.
- A.2. Issues: Students at the U of S are often apathetic with issues including functions and services that the USSU provides. Creating an environment that is open and not intimidating to students might be a way to open communication lines. To improve on the *Open Mic...Speak your mind*, which occurred in 2002-2003, regularly schedule Coffee House's may be attended by more students if the students know what to expect from them.
- A.3. Research: When students are given the chance to speak their minds about certain things that are bothering them they will do so. In the past Executives have been hard to access and that then leads to the student population not getting to know their Executive and vice versa. It is one of the ideas of this years Executive to be more visible to all students. With the *Coffee House* idea the Executive will sit at tables and students will be able to come and speak to them on a one to one basis. Students may be confused or angered by a situation and this is a way for the USSU to answer questions and remedy certain concerns. The USSU Executive then will benefit from learning from the students and finding out what we can do to help rectify these situations.

### **B. Target Group and Characteristics**

- B.1. Primary Target: U of S students.
- B.2. Secondary Target (s): Faculty, Administration, and the USSU.

### **C. Vision and Mission**

- C.1. Vision & Mission: To create a comfortable atmosphere that is free from intimidation. To have an event that will allow sharing and awareness between the students on campus and to provide the USSU with another avenue to receive feedback from students.

## **D. Key Considerations**

- D.1. Detailed Budget:

- 50 posters, 5 times per year = 250 posters at \$0.18 - \$ 50.00
- Sheaf interview and advertising on the back page of the Sheaf = no cost
- Plasma Screen advertising = no cost

- D.2. Total Budget: \$ 50.00

- D.3. Organizational Requirements:

Location of the venue will be either Louis' or Browsers. The communications Coordinator will run an awareness campaign. Email will be sent around to all campus groups requesting attendance by at least one representative member. ***Coffee House*** will also be mentioned at our weekly council meetings for attendance. The ***Coffee House*** discussion will be facilitated by VP (Student Issues).

- D.4. Timeline:

There will be two ***Coffee Houses*** in term one on October 20<sup>th</sup> 2004 and November 24<sup>th</sup> 2004. Term 2 ***Coffee Houses*** TBA.

# Kim Stranden, *VP (Student Issues)*

## **I. Project**

- A.1. Project name: Outdoor Security Audit.
- A.2. Proposed by: Kim Stranden, VP Student Issues

## **II. Analysis**

### **A. Background Information and Need**

- A.1. History: In April 2003 the University of Saskatchewan requested a security audit be done by an outside agency to review security on the campus. The report that was published is called the *University of Saskatchewan Public Safety Issues*; it was compiled by Keith Winter and Jennifer Yip Choy. One of the recommendation called for a personal safety audit of the campus to identify areas requiring safety improvements such as parabolic mirrors, lighting, pruning of bushes, controlled access, washroom safety, etc.
- A.2. Issues: After the two attacks that happened on campus in the 2003/2004 school year students felt uneasy on campus. The university is starting to make changes to how they now conduct security on campus but have not yet looked at the outside, paying particular attention to the grounds in the evening.
- A.3. Research: This outside security report has never been done before at the University of Saskatchewan. The Volunteer Centre attempted in the fall of 2003, but without the support from the Administration their efforts were fruitless. This is something that the USSU can team together with fellow students to identify the potential hazard areas.

### **B. Target Group and Characteristics**

- B.1. Primary Target: U of S students.
- B.2. Secondary Target(s): Faculty, Administration, general public, and the USSU.

### **C. Vision and Mission**

- C.1. Vision: & Mission: The goal of this project will be to inform the University of Saskatchewan's Administration to help them identify potential hazard areas on the

grounds on the campus. This will then lead to a more secure environment that will enhance the student experience.

**D. Key Considerations**

D.1. Detailed Budget:

- Volunteer Appreciation = \$150.00 but depends on how many volunteers that participate.
- Plasma Screen Advertising = no cost
- Sheaf interview and advertising on the back page of the Sheaf = no cost
- 50 posters at \$0.18 - \$9.00

D.2. Total Budget: approx. \$159.00

D.3. Organizational Requirements:

This project will be run together with the VP of Student Issues and the Director of the Volunteer Centre. An email and advertising campaign will take place to gain as many volunteers as possible. After the audit is done the VP of Student Issues will compile a report to submit to the University of Saskatchewan Administration.

D. 4. Timeline:

This outside security audit will be done the fall of 2004.

# Executive Conference Reports





# Executive Conference Report

## I. Conference

- A.1. *Conference Name:* CASA Strategy and Planning Conference.
- A.2. *Attended by:* Gavin Gardiner, President.
- A.3. *Date and Location:* May 17 –23, 2004. Vancouver, BC.

## II. Overview

### A. Conference Information

- A.1. *Conference theme or purpose:*

The CASA Strategy and Policy Conference is an opportunity for representatives of CASA schools to meet and develop the policy and direction of the organization for the year.

A.2. <i>Conference budget:</i>	Airfare:	\$432.52
	Per Diem (\$50/day * 7):	\$350.00
	Accommodation:	\$236.76
	Registration:	\$350.00
	TOTAL	\$1,369.28

### B. Conference Format

- B.1. *Conference itinerary:* See attached
- B.2. *Sessions attended:* See attached

### C. Benefit

- C.1. *The benefit of this conference to my portfolio is:*

This conference allows me to meet other individuals in my position from around the country. Theoretically, we learn about issues facing post-secondary education that need to be addressed on a federal level. In reality, it did not allow member schools a say in the structure or direction of the organization. Any comments were treated as negative criticism and member schools were ignored by the national staff.

C.2. *The benefit of this conference to students is:*

I think that the benefit of this conference is far outweighed by the cost for the average student. The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union has paid a substantial amount to CASA for federal lobbying. On top of this is the cost of the conference. I believe that the value of what we are getting for the money we spend needs to be addressed immediately.

### **III. Recommendation**

I recommend that in the 2004/05 academic year we review our membership in CASA and our overall lobby efforts. I recommend that we do not send another delegate to this conference until these issues have been addressed.

# Conference Report

## I. Conference

- A.1. *Conference name:* Canadian Congress of Student Associations 2004
- A.2. *Attended by:* Gavin Gardiner, Sandra Duncan, Freda Selkirk, Wendy Sharpe, Jeff MacDonald, Kim Stranden.
- A.3. *Date and Location of Conference:* May 25 – 30, 2004 Radisson Hotel, Winnipeg, MB

## II. Overview

### A. Conference Information

A.1. *Conference theme or purpose:*

CCSA is a union of four conferences, which brings together post-secondary student leaders and staff from all over Canada. The conference aims to improve both personal and organizational communication amongst student leaders and their organizations.

It serves as an introduction to various student-related issues and provided a forum in which to discuss such issues. As well, it provided many opportunities to build a network of student leaders.

A.2. *Conference budget:*

Airfare:	\$1,120.14
Per Diem (\$50/day * 7):	\$2,100.00
Accommodation:	\$1,345.47
Registration:	\$1,983.98

TOTAL	\$6,549.59
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### B. Conference Format

B.1. *Conference itinerary:*

The CCSA is a combination of various conferences related to individual portfolios of student leaders. Each stream deals with specific issues and allows for detailed discussion. Gavin and Kim were registered in SuperCon, Wendy in CART, and Jeff in

MoneyCon. Outlined below is a report from each executive member regarding the individual sessions that were attended.

Attached is a list and schedule of sessions for each stream.

*B.2. Sessions attended:*

Report by Gavin Gardiner

Wednesday, May 26 2004

Meet and Greet and Welcoming Reception

On the first day of the conference all the delegates met in at the Radisson Hotel. There were no sessions; it was just a chance to get to know one another.

Thursday, May 27 2004

Session 113 – Maintaining and Understanding your Constitution, By-laws and Policies.

Darryl Hammond, who explained the differences between a student unions' constitution and by-laws as well as its series of policies, led this Session. The Session went through the very basic differences between the three governance documents. It was extremely basic and not as helpful as it could have been.

Friday, May 28 2004

Session 211 – Student Advocacy

This session discussed the variety of types of services provided by the Student Advocacy office at the University of Manitoba. The Session dealt almost solely with Academic Advocacy issues.

Session 218 – Successful Lobbying and Peaceful Demonstrations

This session dealt with how to lobby the university and provincial governments for student demands. The session explained how to decrease student apathy by giving them a share in advocacy. The tuition freeze in Ontario was used as an example of successful student mobilization. The end of the session turned into an impromptu roundtable about the different federal election strategies being developed on campuses across the country. A very informative session.

Session 225 – Fighting for Student Representation

This session dealt with getting the students issues on the agenda of university administrations. For the most part the session was a roundtable on effective strategies employed on other campuses.

Saturday, May 29 2004

#### Session 320 – Managing Your Senior Managers

This session was led by students to empower them. It was more or less a statement of the rights of the elected executive and then led to a discussion on the different organization structures at different universities.

#### Session 324 – Diversifying the Campus

This session was very informative. Barb Dixon, a diversity trainer at Red River College, led the session. She explained that there were little things done by student unions that were difficult for many students (i.e. international students inability to understand colloquialisms on websites). The session was an eye opener and provided a different perspective.

Sunday, May 30 2004

#### Session 413 – Presidential Portfolios

This session was a roundtable for all presidents at the conference. The topics ranged from president-GM relations to stress management to conflict resolution.

#### Session 419 – Conference Debrief – SuperCon

In this session we went through all of the problems delegates had with the conference, they included an emphasis on alcohol, lack of content, and much too much down time. At this session we also voted on where to hold SuperCon next year. The options were: Fanshaw college in London, ON., Brock University in Saint Catherine's, ON., Carleton University in Ottawa, ON., and Vancouver Community College in Vancouver, BC. SuperCon as well as both other student streams chose Vancouver Community College as the host of next year's conference.

#### B.2. Sessions Attended

##### Reported by Kim Stranden

May 27<sup>th</sup> 2004

#### Session 113: Maintaining and Understanding your Constitution, By-laws and Policies

Darryl Hammond presented this session, he talked about how our constitution, by-laws and policies can be unclear and open to interpretation by whomever is reading it. He talked about how an executive can keep their policies up to date and effective. I found

that this session was a little boring to be honest but I did learn a lot about the interpretation a constitution, by laws and polices.

May 27<sup>th</sup> 2004

#### Session 121: Effective Communication Skills

This session was presented by Karen Mallet from In Good Company, this is a business based out of Winnipeg MB. I found this session to be completely without merit, I had a very hard time swallowing what the presenter was preaching to me I challenged her way of thinking, since it was not applicable to a University setting.

May 28<sup>th</sup> 2004

#### Session 212: Round table- VP External

This is one of the best sessions that I attended at the conference. All the students sat around and talked about their schools and what works for them and what programs that they run. This was a great information session and because it was so relaxed students were able to speak freely about all issues that were a concern.

#### Session 219: Relationship Building Strategies

This was the worse session that I attended at the conference, I found the content of this session offensive and challenged the presenter. At the beginning of the session I was really open minded and it seemed that it would be a good session until she handed out a sheet of paper that made the participants look closely at gender and the differences between men and women. I never thought about these questions before and believed that they went away as sexual harassment and discrimination in the workforce began to be addressed but this handout opened up more questions then answers for all those in the meeting. This is the handout that we all received and had to have a round table on.

Being aware of common "gender specific" behaviors gives us an opportunity to anticipate actions and to react accordingly. Here is a listing of "communication behaviors" that the etiquette ladies have observed are common for a particular gender. See if you can guess which sex most often exhibits the behavior:

#### **Which sex...**

- Often gives compliments related to appearance
- Has a tendency to apologize for things beyond their control
- Needs to be acknowledged immediately through handshakes or eye contact before initiating conversation
- Tends to show emotion when speaking and/or through nonverbal communication
- Generally gives longer, more detailed explanations
- Has difficulty taking a compliment
- Typically speaks figuratively and expects you to read between the lines

- More often requires "tangible" follow up- documentation
- Tends to be more careful about stepping on someone else's toes
- Prefers to feel comfortable socially and then discuss business
- Is often comfortable taking credit for achievements
- Are not always comfortable discussing personal issues like family or health
- Will sometimes be comfortable taking your word for it
- More often uses slang or swears to make a point
- Is more likely to use humor to break tension
- Prefer to discuss business and then socialize
- Will likely come straight to the point regardless of sensitivity of the issue
- Prefers compliments about skills and accomplishments

**\*\*\*Answers\*\*\***

The first ten points typically pertain to women; the last eight points typically pertain to men.

Session 223: Headline Presenter Tony Conte Coordinator – First Year Programs Ryerson University

There was not much that could have been learned about Tony, he talked about his life, his school, and his career.

Session 227: Conflict Resolution

This session dealt with conflict resolution and how to reduce the potential for a conflict. I did learn a lot in this session especially when every one in the room broke into groups, this way we talked with one another about different situations at different schools and what worked for them and what didn't.

May 29<sup>th</sup> 2004

Session 312: Round Table – VP Internal

I choose this session because unlike other Universities we do not have a VP External and VP Internal and my portfolio was the closest to this job. We had a round table and talked about different issues that we face and would face in the up coming year. This gave us a chance to brain storm ideas and learn from each other.

Session 317: Ethics

This session talked about what is a conflict of interest and how it is perceived. We are often bombarded with offers of gifts from outside parties and organizations once we have been elected or are in office. How do we decide what to accept and who not to accept?



These answer are different for each of us, this session dealt with self-examining answers to those questions.

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### **C. Benefit**

#### *C.1. The benefit of this conference to my portfolio is:*

##### Gavin Gardiner

Although, there was some benefit to the conference, I felt it was extremely light on content. There were only a few sessions a day and the emphasis seemed more on socializing then professional development. That being said the conference did provide a good chance to network.

##### Kim Stranden

I found that this conference was extremely beneficial to my portfolio; even though I did not learn a lot from the sessions the knowledge was gained by meeting different students in my same situation. Net working was a great way to exchange ideas and since the conference I have been in contact over the phone and email with different students from

Universities across Canada sharing ideas. This holds true with information about cross country food banks and security issues/

C.2. *The benefit of this conference to students is:*

Gavin Gardiner

As mentioned above the conference, in its existing form has little benefit for students. I believe that this conference has tremendous potential but needs substantial overhaul.

Kim Stranden

The benefit of this conference to students is that the USSU Executive learns new ideas and information to bring back to their own schools. This way new programs and centres can be developed with lower risk because we learn from other Executives from across the country and what worked and what did not work for them.

### **III. Recommendation**

Gavin Gardiner

It is my recommendation that the President attends next year's SuperCon, only if there is evidence in the spring to show that the conference has been made more intense. The decision by the three student streams will likely help out in this. The conference needs to be much more focused on professional development.

Kim Stranden

My recommendations for this conference would be that they get speakers that are relevant. That they made sure those students who attended would get the most out of each session. Other than those two recommendations I would recommended that next years executive attends this conference, the networking, meeting new people and exchanging ideas are a great way to start off a new term in office.