

USC AGENDA
Wednesday, September 13th, 2000

1. Call to Order
2. Call for Quorum
3. Adopt of an Agenda
4. Appointment of the Chair
5. Ratification of New Members of Student Council
6. Introduction and Announcements
7. Minutes and Reports for Action
 - 7.1 USC Minutes: no report
 - 7.2 Executive Board Minutes and Report: May 11th, 2000 through August 23rd, 2000
 - 7.3 Operations and Finance Board Minutes and Report no report
 - 7.4 Elections Board Minutes and Report: no report
 - 7.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report: no report
 - 7.6 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report: no report
 - 7.7 External Affairs Board Minutes and Report: no report
 - 7.8 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: no report
8. Motions arising from the Minutes and Reports
9. Council Address
10. Business
 - 10.1 Elections to Standing Boards and Committees
 - 10.2 USC Calendar of Events
11. New Business
12. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)
13. Minutes and Reports for Information

14. Any Other Business

15. Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, September 13th, 2000

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson VP (Operations & Fin)
Gregory Adelman, Agriculture
Chantelle Debiegne (Physical Therapy)
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCV
Todd Schweitzer, Education
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Simon Otto, USC Chairperson

ABSENT

Jon Schmid, Nursing
Kris Denney, Education
Student Representative, ISC

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

President: I would like to welcome all of the Councilors. Our Chair is out of town this week for a wedding, so for this evening, we have with us, Simon Otto, from the College of Veterinary Medicine, who will chair the meeting for us tonight. Before we go any further, I guess what we need to do is appoint Mr. Otto as chair this evening. So, if someone would like to make a motion.

President: Motion from Mr. Jackson that Mr. Otto be appointed as Chair for this evening's meeting. Do we have a seconder? Thank you Mr. Hitchcock. Any debate or discussion? All those in favour? All those opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

MOTION USC01: Jackson/Hitchcock

President: Without further ado, I'll pass the Chairmanship over to Mr. Otto.

Chair: We'll now move onto the adoption of the agenda. Are there any amendments to the agenda? Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Under, I guess in between sections 2 and 3, we would like to include the appointment of the Chair for the remainder of USC, as well, we would like to strike item number 7.7, the External Affairs Board report, as it no longer exists. Add 7.9, Code of Ethics Discipline Committee, add 10.1, Ad Hoc Committee Formation and 10.4, Ratifications of Candidates.

Chair: Do we have a mover for the agenda as amended? Secunder? All those in favour? Opposed?

MOTION USC02: Henderson/Jackson

Chair: OK, moving on. Number 5, Ratification of New Members of Student Council. Sorry, Number 4, Appointment of the Chair for the Remainder of Student Council. Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. So, as I mentioned earlier, Paul Frank will be with us here next week. At this time I would like to make a motion to appoint him to Chair.

Chair: Seconded? Thank you. Any discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? Abstentions? Carried.

MOTION USC03: Dougan/Hitchcock

Chair: Now moving on to Number 5, Ratification of New Members of Student Council. Mr. Dougan.

President: I would like to make a motion to ratify Grace Sanders as the MSC from WCVM.

Chair: Is there a seconder? Thank you Ms. Mateen. Any discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION USC04: Dougan/Mateen

President: Just so that you are aware, Mel Kerr, from Vet Med, resigned as MSC and the Vet Med College has conducted a by election and Grace Sanders has been elected. So, she'll be sitting in for the rest of the year.

Chair: Number 6, Introductions and Announcements. Mr. Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a couple of things. I would like to remind everyone that this is Campus Club Week, so they're all set up in the tunnel. Tomorrow night, Thursday, at 4:30 p.m. in Place Riel Theatre is Campus Club Orientation, so all the groups are welcome. Also, the new copy card promotion is on.

For those of you who haven't seen a poster, bring in your old card to exchange it for a new one and that is happening at the ReValue Table near the food court. Then there is this one; if you come in before September 15th, your name will be entered to win one of ten one thousand-copy cards. Thank you.

Chair: Mr. Wallace.

VP Academic: Just so that all of you guys know, as MSC's you guys are responsible for sitting on University Council representing your colleges. This year we are going to do it a little different than last year. This year the Appointments Board is going to select from you guys, which of you will be sitting on Council for colleges that have more than one MSC. And for those colleges that only have one MSC, you will be the representative on Council for your college. As well, if you guys are still interested and not able, or are not able to sit on University Council, there are various committees, and you can come and see me in my office and I can explain the committees to you.

Chair: Mr. Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to announce that our fall dance is coming up tomorrow and the Fall Mixer tickets will be available at our lounge, they are going fast. I would also like to introduce our President, Camille Belargone, of the ASA and the Public Relations Officer, Gavin Graham.

Chair: Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a number of announcements, so please bear with me. First off, I wanted to start off with some of the Louis' events; tonight is

Hawksley Workman, they opened for the Violent Femmes the last time they were here; tomorrow, the 14th, the Corb Lund Band will be playing with special guests; on the 20th Veal will be playing with special guests and on Thursday, the 21st Eileen Lavery and Nicole Lischka will be at Louis'. In terms of the other programming that is going on with the USSU, our LGB Centre will be facilitating a discussion group on Tuesday, September the 19th on masturbation, if anyone is interested, and also Server Intervention Training for any of the colleges who put on alcohol functions, anyone that serves alcohol at those functions, needs to have the SI training, and that has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th from 7 – 9:30 p.m., Saturday, September 23rd from 3 – 6 p.m. and both of those sessions are in the Place Riel Theatre. Just a reminder that your previous Server Intervention Training is only valid until September 30th. Anyone who is interested should register with Joan Kripki at Student Affairs and Services. This week is our first meeting, and following this meeting on the 17th, this Sunday, we will be hosting MSC Orientation, everyone should have received a package through campus mail about this time. It will be from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. We will be covering things from the organization, in general, tours, facilities, operations, services, roles and responsibilities of the Executive, Student Council, Roberts Rules of Order just to make sure that everybody is on the same page in terms of procedures that we follow for USC. It gets easier with time.

The last two announcements are that Appointments Board is going to be struck this evening, but appointments to other Boards of USC will be on going this week and applications are due on September 22nd. So, if you know anyone who is interested in sitting on a Board of USC or of the University, let them know that they can come to the office and pick up a form and apply for one. Lastly, there is a Senate By-election that has been on-going. There are two vacancies for student positions on the University Senate. Two members have resigned as they have both moved out of province, so the By-election will be continuing. One more last thing, there is a USC social this evening after the meeting tonight, so please come to Louis' and have some food and beverages. It'll be a chance for us to get to know each other better.

Chair: Mr. Henderson.

VP Operations: Just also, I'm going to pass this list around, if you could please put down your name, home phone number and e-mail address, we can enter this into our contact system. If you haven't either given me your student card or student number, can you please get that to me at the end of the meeting.

Chair: Mr. Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just one announcements. Engineering is having our Hell Dance next Friday, the 22nd. Get the word out to your colleges early and there will be posters going up and tickets will be on sale next week.

Chair: If there are no more announcements, we'll move onto Number 7.2, Executive Board Minutes to Report. Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. If it's the desire of Council, we would like to table the minutes from May 12th through to August 23rd, until the next meeting for reading and that will give everyone a chance to look through them.

Chair: Can we have a seconder for that motion? Is there any discussion? Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: As far as expenses for the USSU over the summer, is that something we look at?

Chair: Mr. Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Operations and Finance Board reviews all of the financial statements, so once that Board is set up, they'll be the ones that look after it.

Chair: Any more discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION USC05: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: Seeing there are no more reports or motions available, we'll move on to Number 10.1, Motions for Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. There are a number of Standing Boards and Committees of University Students' Council. Last year the External Affairs Board was struck and the VP position was struck out of the Constitution, and there are some issues that the President deals with that weren't a committee. Perhaps a Standing Board or at least an Ad Hoc Committee will be able to review them this year, to deal with them. One of those issues is a Health and Dental Plan for the student body. We would like to set up an Ad Hoc Committee to deal specifically with that, under the President. So, I'll make a motion to strike and Ad Hoc Committee on Health and Dental.

Chair: Is there a seconder? Mr. Schweitzer. Any discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION USC06: Dougan/Schweitzer

Chair: Item 10.2, Elections to Standing Boards and Committees. Mr. Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just to give you some background about the Operations and Finance Board and what it's going to be doing this year. Obviously we'll be looking at the financial statements of the USSU, that will be a monthly meeting. We will also be looking at all of the operations and services that the USSU owns and controls, and that we'll possibly be getting into. One of my projects is Volunteerism, and so we'll be looking at some volunteer resource material. We'll be doing a mid-year budget review, and that happens in November, and then of course coming up with the 2001 budget, which starts in January, but generally gets to the Board around the end of

February or March for review. And also looking at the processes and bringing the mid-year budget to Council.

Chair: Are there any nominations for the Operations and Finance Board? Mr. Dougan.

President: Maybe what we'll do is go through all of the Boards and Committees. We'll need a number of MSC's to sit on them and represent Students' Council. There are six committees that we'll be going through. We'll give a brief description on each and hopefully you'll be able to gauge which one would interest you the most. We'll then go through an elections procedure where people from the floor can nominate people to sit on these committees, then we'll have an election by secret ballot.

Chair: I guess we'll go to Elections Board then. Mr. Henderson.

VP Operations: Sorry Mr. Chair. I forgot to add that the Board also deals with Campus Clubs and College Societies.

Chair: Thank you. Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Elections Board is the committee oversees all of the elections of the USSU. It basically carries out all of the procedures and policies that are set up and ensures that the elections are carried out in a fair process and the Elections Board will be starting up right away to oversee the By-election of the Senators. We'll possibly be getting into the Health and Dental Referendum and the General Elections in the spring. The Board won't be too busy, but should have some fairly regular meetings throughout the course of the year.

Chair: Appointments Board. Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Appointments Board is more or less responsible appointing Student-at-Large positions, and to keep the committees well rounded, so we have a balance of both MSC's and general students. There are a number of committees that don't have an SAL on them, and the Appointments Board is one of the them. The MSC's will be selecting their peers to sit on the various committees around campus.

Chair: Academic Affairs Board. Mr. Wallace.

VP Academic: This year we'll be looking at, one of my projects for the year will be Universal Course Evaluations, so that will obviously take up a lot of time of the Board. We are looking into different programming and a whole bunch of other stuff. Another part of it will be DisOrientation, which is a graduation festival, that's another project that I have. We'll be looking at possible sessions and what types of things we could do with that. Another part of the Board will be the way that the USSU deals with student grievances, and this year I would like to take a strong look at what the USSU should be doing for its' students. There are also some of the other academic issues

around campus, dealing with University Council, appeals procedures, etc. That's what we'll be doing this year.

Chair: Student Issues Board. Mr. Jackson.

VP Student Issues: The Student Issues Board that I chair will be dealing with things such as parking, computing, student loans and we'll also be dealing with my projects, as well as housing, city transit. One of my projects being the Civic Election Information Campaign. I'll be trying to involve the Board heavily with that.

Chair: Before we continue, I've been reminded to request that Councilors stand up and say your name before you speak. I guess we'll start with the Operations and Finance Board and open nominations for that.

Mr. Hitchcock: I was wondering what Board is going to be replacing the External Affairs Board, the position was merged with Student Issues and the President, was it not? I was wondering what is going to happen with lobbying efforts for CASA, and stuff like that.

Chair: Mr. Dougan.

President: That's a really good question actually. Currently, the functions of the External Affairs Board are being routed through the Executive Board and will report to Council for minutes. In terms of any kind of lobbying campaign that would be going on, that of course would be coming to Council, and I think it's a great idea, that in the future we have an Ad Hoc Committee for any such lobbying campaign. At this time though, there isn't very much going on in the way of External Affairs, and there is a civic election that is happening and the USSU is planning on running a campaign, but that will all be done through the Student Issues Board, and there is a federal election looming, and through CASA, we will be participating in a federal election campaign, and all of that information will be brought back to Council.

Chair: I forgot the Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee. Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee only meets on an as needed basis. There is a set of guidelines that Councilors are expected to follow, the primary ones at least, and there are some other issues in the Code of Ethics, which we will go through at the MSC Orientation, but the Committee meets on an as needed basis and discusses any breaches of the Ethics Code and determines some sort of outcome for that. We will need three MSC's as well as the Chair of Council.

Chair: Are there any other questions or comments before we move on? We'll need four MSC's for the Operations and Finance Board. We'll now open nominations for that Board.

Nominations, brief presentations, elections and appointments to all Boards then followed. The following is a list of our new Board members:

Operations and Finance Board:

1. Clint Johnson, STM
2. Drew Hitchcock, College of Law
3. Cam Metzger, Pharmacy & Nutrition
4. Anthony Renneberg, STM

Elections Board:

5. Shannon Whyley, VPRA
6. Ben Wagemakers, College of Engineering
7. Kyle Dobson, College of Engineering
8. Clint Johnson, STM

Appointments Board:

1. Michelle Geenen, College of Kinesiology
2. Ben Wagemakers, College of Engineering
3. Grace Sanders, WCVN
4. Craig Stehr, College of Commerce

Academic Affairs Board:

1. Trent Evanisky, College of Arts & Science
2. Jody Stephen, College of Commerce
3. Kyle Dobson, College of Engineering

Student Issues Board:

1. Drew Hitchcock, College of Law
2. Craig Stehr, College of Commerce
3. Chantele Debiegne, Physical Therapy

Council Code of Ethics:

1. Andrew Urmson, College of Medicine
2. Trent Evanisky, College of Arts & Science
3. Aaron Dougan, USSU President

Ad Hoc Committee:

Shannon Whyley, VPRA
Farrah Mateen, College of Arts & Science
Andrew Urmson, College of Medicine

Chair: We'll now move on to item number 10.3, USC Calendar of Events. Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. In the essence of time and considering that it's not in the binders, I would like to table this for now.

Chair: Can we get a motion to table that? Seconded. Any discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? Carried.

MOTION USC07: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: Item 10.4, Ratify Senate Candidates. Mr. Dougan.

President: I would like to make a motion to ratify Tera Scheinider, Drew Bertwistle, Johnson Kong, and Vincent Bellaras, as candidates for the Senate By-election.

MOTION USC08: Dougan/Johnson

Chair: Thank you Mr. Johnson. Any discussion? Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. These four candidates have all had their student numbers checked and are eligible to run in the by-election. This is a function that Elections Board would have taken care of otherwise, except that the Senate By-election is going on right now and actually campaigning starts tonight. So, I would like to thank you for your support in this motion.

Chair: Any other discussion? All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried. Item number 12, Questions and Comments. Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. In this section of the agenda anyone can make any comments raising concerns, or ask any questions. One comment that I forgot to mention during Introductions and Announcements, is that Advantage 2000, the Student Leadership Development Conference will take place on the 29th and 30th of this month. It's a Friday and Saturday and all the MSC's have reserved spots at the conference and registration packages are available at the USSU office. The conference is open to all students, it's for one hundred and forty people and it's free. Please make an effort to come out to this conference, it's really good. You learn not only political leadership, but also career leadership and other types along that line which will help you in your term on Students' Council.

Chair: Mr. Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Just for clarification on the Server Intervention, on the date.

Chair: Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The dates for Server Intervention Training are Wednesday, September 20th from 7 – 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 23rd from 3 – 6 p.m. and both of those sessions are in Place Riel Theatre.

Chair: Thank you. Mr. Henderson.

VP Operations: I would just like to remind everyone to sign the sheet that went around. If you haven't it's at the back. If you haven't given me your student card numbers, please see me. After I get all of your e-mail addresses put in our system, I'll forward out the e-mail that your Presidents' received detailing the Server Intervention.

Chair: Please identify yourself.

Mr. Baillargeon: I'm Camille Baillargeon, Agriculture Students' Association President. I would just like to report on the sidewalk painting, which is a yearly event primarily to get first year students involved with our College. We do this in conjunction with the College of Commerce, the College of Engineering, and the Vocation College. One member, who is now a former member, of the ASA took it upon himself to paint some rather obscene phrases and pictures on campus that offended some groups on campus. Just to clarify, the ASA does not condone any of this type of behaviour. We would like to offer our apologies for any of the groups that were offended. Just to let you know what the ASA has done, we've met with GLUS, and offered them an informal apology right now and a formal apology is on it's way in the form of a letter. Tomorrow in the Sheaf there will be a letter from myself and Gavin Plous, our Public Relations Officer stating what went on with the event and that actions have be taken to take care of this. Once again, I would just like to apologize to anyone who found the actions of this member offensive. If you have any questions, the member is no longer a member of the ASA.

Chair: Mr. Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. This was actually brought to me by a student from Engineering, it's regarding parking. I suppose the Student Issues Board is the body to take care of this. Maybe Mr. Dougan can answer this for me. There has been an increase in parking, and I personally don't know why. I can see reasons, but I don't know that the reasons that the USSU has to increase the cost of parking on campus. And I was wondering if someone can clarify this for myself and for my fellow students. And can we expect another increase soon?

Chair: Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I will refer that to Vice President Jackson, his portfolio deals with parking.

Chair: Mr. Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I understand your complaint and what has happened in the last two years, because of the faculty agreement states that student parking is tied to faculty parking, those costs also increased for faculty members because of a Revenue Canada

report and ruling stating that parking was too cheap on this campus. Revenue Canada ruled against the Faculty Association thus, ruling against the students at this campus. I can assure you that the Student Issues Board will be looking at this and the other venue that we have is the Student Parking Committee, so we'll be looking at that. We will be dealing with where the extra money is going at this time and how it's going to help the student lots, because it is student money.

Chair: Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just wanted to commend the ASA for the sense of responsibility and the timeliness that they have taken in terms of the incident that occurred in front of Place Riel. They have been very cooperative and I've heard very positive feedback from the University community. You've done a good job clearing up that blemish.

Chair: Are there any other questions or comments this evening? Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: On behalf of the students in my college, I have a question for Mr. Jackson. Where are the parking lots.....I just thought I would pass that along.

Chair: Mr. Jackson.

VP Student Issues: The parking lots have been over sold between 25 and 35% and this year it has not changed. The Student Parking Committee will look at that as well.

Chair: Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to thank everyone for coming out tonight. This was probably a bit of a painful meeting for the first steps towards the year and I would like to remind everyone that we have a social tonight and we'll get a chance to meet everyone. Hope to see everyone at Louis'. I think that as the year progresses, especially after Orientation this Sunday, we will be little more steady on our feet and be conducting some meetings that aren't as painful as today, with a lot of people not knowing exactly what's going on.

Chair: Is there any other questions or comments this evening? Seeing none, Can I have a motion to adjourn? Mr. Dougan. Is there a seconder? Mr. Henderson. All those in favour? All those opposed? Carried.

MOTION USC09: Dougan/Henderson

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, September 20th, 2000

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

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- 5.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report: Monday, September 18th, 2000**
- 5.7 Code of Conduct Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**
- 5.8 Ad-Hoc Committee on Health & Dental Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 6.1 Executive Committee Minutes: May 11th, 2000 – August 23rd, 2000 (tabled September 23rd, 2000), August 16th and 30th, 2000, September 6th, 12, and 14th, 2000**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Council Address

Business

- 5. Honorariums**
- 6. USC Calendar of Events (tabled September 13th, 2000)**

New Business

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

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Erin Smith, Nursing
Darla Farrell, Nursing
Shauna Chaikowsky, Nursing
Shannon Willard, Nursing
Angie Dipple, Nursing
Naomi Hagen, Nursing
Heidi Stang, Nursing

ABSENT

Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Student Representative, ISC

REGRETS

Greg Adelman, Agriculture

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

President: I would like to call this meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. My name is Aaron Dougan. I am the President of the Students' Union. At this time, because we made a motion at the last meeting to appoint Paul Frank as Chair of USC for the 2000/2001 academic year. I will hand the Chairmanship over to Council for the rest of the year.

Chair: Thank you President Dougan. Before we get into the meeting, I just have a couple of things to say. First of all, just so I have an idea of how the room is set up, how many people are not Councilors? Who doesn't have a card with their name on it? It's going to be important to bring your cards, because that is what we are going to vote with. My name is Paul Frank and I'm third year Law student and I was the MSC for Law last year, so I sort of know how things have to run. Why I'm here. The Chairperson at any meeting is a very important position because we are the ones that remain impartial to facilitate the meeting. So, that's why I'm here. If the need arises, if I see Councilors or Executive don't know what direction to take, I may be able to give you some advice on how to move along. There is a couple of things I'm going to assist upon, especially when we are first starting out. Roberts Rules of Order, that we are using, Webster's New World, it's pretty good. We've adopted some slight variations on what we call things to our procedures, so that would overrule that. Where the gap exists...I'm going to insist that everyone address me as the Chair every time you speak. You will be speaking through me to other members, to make your point. Please stand when you're speaking. As a Chairperson, it is an appointment by the President and it is a paid position. Any questions? Seeing no questions, I'm going to pass around a sheet for you to sign your names, seeing as we don't have the card swipe. We need to speak very clearly so that when the minutes are typed they are complete. We'll now move on to the agenda. Does everyone have a copy? The next thing I will do is call for quorum. This is a normal procedure. Call for quorum for USC is thirteen. There are over thirteen Councilors present, so we will now move on to the agenda. Do I have a motion to move the agenda. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to move to adopt the agenda with the following amendments. Item 3.1, Ratification of the Nursing MSC, Item 3.2, Presentation by the Discrimination and Harassment Office.

Chair: Do I have a seconder for that? Seconded by the VP Academic.

MOTION USC10: Dougan/Wallace

Chair: The agenda will now read as follows; 3, adoption of the agenda; 3.1, Ratification of Nursing; 3.2, Presentation by the Discrimination and Harassment Office. All those in favour of the adoption of the agenda as amended? Is there any opposition? Seeing no opposition, the agenda is adopted. Are there any other motions? Seeing none, I'll move to Item 3.2, Ratification of the Nursing MSC. Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I move to ratify Melanie Christensen as the MSC for Nursing.

Chair: Thank you. Do I have a seconder for that motion? Recognize the Engineering MSC, Mr. Wagemakers. Any debate? Seeing none. All those in favour? All those opposed? The member from Nursing is ratified.

MOTION USC11: Dougan/Wagemakers

Chair: Moving right along, we'll move on to Item 3.2, which is the presentation. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to consider informally so that Dr. Carol Pond, from the Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Office, can speak before Council.

Chair: Let me just explain this part. There is a motion to consider informally, we need majority to pass that. We sort of suspend the rules for the time being, which allows guests to speak freely. So, do we have a seconder? VP Student Issues. The motion is to consider informally for 10 minutes. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, I'll now move to the presentation.

MOTION USC12: Dougan/Jackson

Dr. Pond: Thank you Mr. Chair. None of you probably know me, I've been on this campus for over 20 years, I've taught Psychology and I've worked for about 12 years at Student Counselling and I've been in the area of Harassment for about 10 years, full time now for about 6 years and my mandate includes everything under Human Rights legislation and what's in the little brochure. Things like discrimination based on race, age, colour, religion, sexual orientation, disability, on everything that is covered in the Human Rights, is prohibited in education and the workplace. We also cover occupational and safety legislation, so that applies to any students who holds a job. That legislation prohibits harassment based on things very similar to what is covered by Human Rights. We cover, I pushed for this fairly hard myself, personal harassment. When I was at Student Counselling I would often see, or on occasion see professors, especially of graduates, calling their supervisees stupid, and so on and so forth, which I'm sure was motivating, but the students did not find this so. We can all maybe put up with one incident of someone being unkind, but when it becomes a pattern, it becomes quite counterproductive in my mind. It's certainly not the way to treat people. Basically, what do I do? On request, I'll come for 10 minutes, an hour, two hours, I'll come seven times, until I work out with people what their needs are, and I'll make something that fits to sort of what you want to happen. I am have played quite a major role in developing University policy. So, if you have suggestions for change to the policy, which is on our website under dhpfp, I'm certainly open to suggestions and your group does have representation on the committee, and you can bring suggestions to that rep. On that committee we deal with policy revision, cases where people don't feel that my service orso you can bring your ideas directly through your representative and Aaron knows

who that person is. I will do mediation. As a psychologist, I have additional training in mediation and if there were conflict between students, I can mediate them. I've also mediated issues between professors and students, and although that seems strange, because of the power differential, in some cases professors are very willing to enter a situation where someone would facilitate a conversation about a misunderstanding. Mediation can only work if both parties want to talk. It's a pretty controlled situation, so I don't just let people come unglued and it's designed to facilitate an understanding of another person and to get a feeling for maybe why the situation occurred. If you go to case law, I'm not a lawyer, but it takes some pretty serious to constitute harassment, but it doesn't have to meet the legal definitions for me to deal with it. So if there is a conflict between people, either sexist remarks or something else that is problematic, I suggest that you either try to work it out between yourselves, or have a middle person present from either Student Affairs and Services, the USSU or myself. If you can work these things out, by talking through, they are better. In some cases we have had, on occasion, serious issues between students and profs for example, and sometimes they are serious enough to take formal action. This is less gratifying for people, and it should only be reserved, in my mind, for things that can't be worked out by talking in person or with a third party involved. Even with other students, if they are physically touching you in a way that you don't like, it could be either sex doing it to one another, or people of the same gender, or if some comments are coming your way that you find insulting, you should speak up and say "Hey, I don't really like that".

That may be difficult, but sometimes people just aren't aware and when you give them feedback, you give them a chance to alter their behaviour, and then if they don't you if you need help, please consult with Jack, the Help Centre, Vera Pezer's office or myself. There are a lot of resources, and as representatives of your college, if students come to you, I guess I'm telling you so that you can pass this information on. I am totally confidential, if you come to my office, it's a totally private conversation. If your professor calls up, I will say I don't give that information out. It's an opportunity for you to get some information and decide what to do. I'm located at the back of the Agriculture building in front of the Engineering building and next to the College of Vet Med in the Toxicology Research Centre. You might want to call and make an appointment, or we can talk over the phone if you prefer. I don't care who's calling or what your name is, some people have problems with exposing who they are. If you want to bring a friend, that's OK by me. So, I'm basically here for employees and students, anyone on campus. I do have a small library as well if you need information. I just wanted to introduce myself because over the last couple of years I've sort of drifted away from the students. If you have any questions, I think I'm done with my ten minutes. Have a great year and thank you for having me.

Chair: Is there a motion to go back into formal council? Recognize the VP of Student Issues, seconded by VP Academic. All those in favour of going back to formal council? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we will now begin with Item 4, Introductions and Announcements.

MOTION USC12: Jackson/Wallace

Chair: Recognize the MSC of Arts & Science.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to introduce the President of the Arts & Science Students' Union, Mr. Devin Guedo.

Chair: Recognize the VP of Operations and Finance.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a reminder to Council that tomorrow at 5 p.m. you may have the opportunity to see the three of us get our heads shaved. If you are interested, Physics 103 is the place to be. The other thing that I would like to mention is all your Presidents should have received an e-mail asking them to make arrangements to go through training on the new photocopiers and sign a memorandum of understanding. I will also send a letter to the Presidents this week, just in case they didn't get the e-mail.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the MSC from Engineering, Mr. Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to announce that on Friday we have our Hell Dance. Tickets are \$10 and they will be available in the Tunnel and the Engineering Building. We also have E-plant will be taking place at high noon on Friday, so I hope to see everyone out.

Chair: Recognize the Councilor from Commerce, Ms. Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a couple of quick announcements. This Friday is the Commerce Annual Road Trip.Second thing is our first pub will be next Friday starting at about 4 o'clock. Following that on the 30th, we have our golf tournament, so if anyone is looking to get a team in, please see me or Craig, or drop by our office.

Chair: Recognize the VP Academic.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to announce to the Council members that University Council is tomorrow and although no Council members have been appointed yet, you guys are all welcome to attend. University Council, 2:30 p.m. tomorrow in Place Riel Theatre.

Chair: Recognize the Councilor from Medicine, Mr. Urmson.

Mr. Urmson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a question about University Council. What happens if you have a class during that time?

Chair: I'll call that out of order. Please bring that up during Questions and Comments. Recognize the VP Student Issues.

VP Student Issues: If any of you have questions about parking, what we've done is if you look on the web page, we have a waiting list, so please let people know. So, not only for parking, but if you like, please check out the website as we're in the process of revamping it.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a couple of announcements. Louis' events; tonight is Veal is playing with special guests; tomorrow night Ilene Laverty is playing and in terms of other programming, on the 26th, the LGB Centre is having a discussion group on masturbation. Also, please note that the Advantage 2000 Conference is the 29th and 30th of September and you each have a reserved spot to attend, if you get your registration forms in by this Friday. So, please get your forms in. The Appointments Board applications are out. The deadline for applications has now been extended until next Thursday, which is the 28th of September. So, please encourage people to apply for the different boards for the USSU and for University Council. Lastly, I would like to mention that the Senate By-election is still going strong. The first day of general voting was today, so please encourage your students to come out and vote tomorrow and Friday.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the VP of Operations and Finance.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a reminder to Councilors that you can pick up your minutes for council at our office starting at noon the day of council.

Chair: Any other introductions or announcements. Mr. Dougan.

President: My apologies, I have one more. I just wanted everyone to be aware that the Students' Union is once again doing the CFCR radio show every Monday from 2 – 3 p.m., and it's called Higher Learning. It's hosted by the Programmer of the Students' Union and myself, or a VP if I can't attend. So, please tune in and listen to the show.

Chair: Thank you. Are there any other introductions or announcements? Seeing none, is there any opposition to moving to Item 5, Minutes and Reports for Action. Seeing no opposition, we'll move on. Item 5.1, USC minutes for Wednesday, September 13th, 2000. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I move that the minutes reflect that the MSC for Dentistry was also not present.

Chair: Is there a seconder for that motion? Recognize the MSC for Law, Mr. Hitchcock. Can we have the name of the MSC from Dentistry? The way I would put it then, the motion is to have the representative from Dentistry was absent included in the minutes for Wednesday, September 13th. Seconded by Mr. Hitchcock from Law. All in favour? Is there any opposition to that motion?

MOTION USC13: Dougan/Hitchcock

Chair: Are there any other motions for the minutes? Would Council like to receive the minutes without reading? I need a motion? Recognize the President. Is there a seconder? Recognize the Councilor from Engineering, Mr. Wagemakers. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC14: Dougan/Wagemakers

Chair: Items 5.3 through 5.5 have nothing to report. Item 5.6, Elections Board. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The minutes for Elections Board on September 18th. Two items on the minutes, one is the student current composition of EB. Because there was no Election Board elected to USC at the start of the year. The Senate By-election is going on. The Executive Committee had appointed itself as acting Elections Board for the Senate By-election until such a time as Elections Board was active for USC. As well, the President himself was appointed the acting chief returning officer for the Senate By-election. That takes us to the second item, which is candidate disqualification. One candidate for the Senate By-election breached elections protocol by not attending the all-candidates meeting, not attending the candidates forum and not submitting his bio for the USSU; therefore, he was in breach of elections protocol and was disqualified. That's all.

Chair: Thank you Mr. President. I will leave the floor open to debate. Does anyone have anything to discuss regarding Elections Board minutes? Seeing none, perhaps we can have a motion to adopt the minutes as they were read. Recognize the VP Student Issues. Can I have a seconder? Recognize Ms. Mateen from the College of Arts & Science. All those in favour of adopting the minutes as read? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are received.

MOTION USC15: Jackson/Mateen

Chair: Moving along to Item 5.7. Recognize the President.

President: In the interest of time, I would like to make a motion to move on to Item 6.1.

Chair: We have a motion on the floor to bypass Items 5.7 and 5.8 and move to Item 6.1, can I have a seconder for that motion? Recognize Mr. Stehr. All those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing none, Item 6.1. I recognize the President.

MOTION USC16: Dougan/Stehr

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to take from the table, the Executive Committee minutes from May 11th through to August 23rd and to adopt the minutes without reading.

Chair: Can we have a seconder for that motion. Recognize Ms. Whyley from VPRA. All those in favour of adopting the Executive Committee from May 11th to August 23rd raise your placard. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we'll receive those minutes.

MOTION USC17: Dougan/Whyley

Chair: The actual protocol is that there should be a motion to bring the minutes from the table and a second motion to receive them without reading. So if we can have a motion to receive those minutes without reading. Recognize the President and seconded by Ms. Mateen. All those in favour of adopting the minutes without reading. Is there any opposition? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC18: Dougan/Mateen

Chair: Recognize the VP Student Issues.

VP Student Issues: 1. Sean Junor, of O & Y Enterprise, attended the meeting to report on the sponsorship portion of the building project. He distributed copies of the sponsorship package to be presented to potential donors and the campaign letterhead. The Executive also reviewed the recommended schedules of donation levels, add-on guidelines and the potential sponsor list. Mr. Junor reported that Pamela Wallin has agreed to be the Honorary Campaign Chair. He is still working on finding a co-chair from the local community. The next update meeting will be near the end of September. Jason King and Farrah Mateen, the student representatives on the Experience Us Planning Committee, attended this portion of the meeting to discuss Experience Us. The event will be held October 26th & 27th. The Planning Committee and sub-committees have been meeting regularly. Copies of the promotional material were distributed, including the schedule of events. President Dougan will be speaking at the kick-off and VP Wallace has been asked to participate in a panel session targeted to guidance counsellors. The USSU will be facilitating a "What to do on Campus" session. There is also the opportunity to sponsor and promote during the refreshment break. Boom Music will be doing the music for the event. Executive members were asked to assist with soliciting student volunteers; approximately 200 volunteers are needed. Volunteers willing to work for the full day are preferred. After discussion it was decided to limit involvement to the opening speech, participation in the counsellor's session and the student involvement session. Two student senate positions are now vacant. These positions were formerly held by Stephen Avivi and Paul Perrault. President Dougan will apply for an interpretation of the University of Saskatchewan Act relating to the appointment to those vacant positions. The executive will be recommending the following appointments to the Senate committees:

9. Executive Committee – Paul Frank
10. Honorary Degrees Committee – Farrah Mateen
11. Nominations Committee – Jack Wallace
12. Ad Hoc Committee on Non-Academic Student Discipline – Paul Frank

VP Jackson and VP Henderson attended a meeting of student representatives from the U of R and SIAST campuses. The feasibility of working together on joint initiatives was discussed. There is a commitment to maintain open communication on the issue of student loans. It was also not deemed to be feasible to create a provincial lobby organization. There will be another meeting in October hosted jointly by the Kelsey Students' Association and the USSU. Audit Services has completed a draft of the template for review of University administrative units. It has now been sent to senior administration for review and approval. Following this, the Students' Union and relevant groups will be contacted for input into the actual reviews as they take place. President Dougan distributed drafts of the posters that will be given to those groups that we provide sponsorship funds to, recognizing USSU support. We will also possibly be ordering a banner for similar use at events. President Dougan presented information from Sarah Vernon of the Collegium of Work and Learning with regard to the Forum 2000 Conference. Details can be found at www.worldforum.org. VP Jackson presented the special needs parking program and web page to the Executive. The site will be online from August 14th until September 6th with results being posted on September 8th. The program has 106 stalls to be allocated. CBC Radio interviewed VP Jackson with regard to students' rights and availability of housing. President Dougan reported that the Orientation 2000 program and the USSU event at Louis' were progressing and that all further liaising will be assigned to VP Jackson.

And finally, VP Henderson reported that the 1999/2000 audit was completed. The statements will be presented to the membership at the November Annual General Meeting.

Chair: Is there any debate? Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you Mr. Chair. Regarding the minutes just read, specifically of interest to the Student Leaders Meeting. I was wondering if Executive could inform the Council as to why such an organization, being a lobby group.....?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the VP Student Issues.

VP Student Issues: What we've seen in the past is if we look at the organizations of the USSU, compared to other SIASTs, we don't really have the same membership, or the same resources. So, that is one of the reasons is why we put together a lobby partnership with them. What had happened in previous campaigns, such as the Education Matters campaign, were the U of R worked together with us. We just decided that having the actual organizations and the actual buracracy together working on a issue to issue basis, that the communication links would open up between the USSU, the URSU and SIAST.

Chair: Thank you. Any further debate regarding the August 16th Executive Committee minutes? Seeing none, perhaps there should be a motion on the floor to adopt the minutes? Recognize the President, seconded by Mr. Evanisky. All those in favour? Any opposition? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC19: Dougan/Evanisky

Chair: Executive Committee minutes for August 30th. Recognize the VP Student Issues.

VP Student Issues: OK, for August 30th. On Thursday, August 24th, 2000, the Executive Committee took President Peter MacKinnon out for lunch and presented him with a gift (a framed print) to commemorate his first year in office and to thank him for all of the support he continues to lend to student initiatives. President Dougan reported that he attended the Alumni Association Committee Meeting on August 25th, 2000 and gave a presentation on the Students' Union in general, the building project and executive projects for the year. President Dougan reported that he gave brief presentations on the Students' Union to four groups of Resident Assistant (RA) trainees during their training tour on August 28th, 2000. Last year, City Council presented a motion to reduce the transit commissions retained by transit service vendors. For various reasons, the Students' Union was opposed to this reduction and it began lobbying for the retention of its 3% commission. As such, the issue was put before the Administration and Finance (A & F) Committee of City Council. On January 10th, 2000, through the efforts of past President Sean Junor, the commission issue was referred to the city administration for analysis. In the meantime, the USSU was to retain its full commission.

Over the summer, however, the Students' Union account was sent to collections by the city for amounts equivalent to the proposed reduction in commission. On August 28th, 2000, the report found its way before the A & F Committee. President Dougan was present at the meeting and lobbied for the retention of the Students' Union's 3% commission. The recommendation put forth by the A & F Committee for the next City Council meeting was that all vendors above \$300,000 in sales (i.e. the USSU) would retain a 3% commission rate while those below would receive a 1% commission. Also, it was recommended that the Students' Union retain its full commission until such time as the issue is resolved. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th, 2000 at 7 PM. President Dougan reported that Kristin Foster of Studentcare.net/works, a health and dental care brokerage firm interested in the University of Saskatchewan, will be on campus during Welcome Week to administer a needs assessment survey to students. The information gathered will be shared with the Students' Union and will be incorporated into President Dougan's Health and Dental Plan project report. The operations forecast is an annual planning and budgeting exercise that the University must go through that is sent to the provincial government to be used as a basis for funding in the provincial budget. President Dougan reported that the strategic themes of this year's operations forecast are selected faculty growth, information technology, Aboriginal programming, research intensiveness and the student experience. The following groups were ratified: Catholic Christian Outreach, Nursing Students Society, Western Canadian Veterinary Students Association, Education Students' Society and Voyageur Place Residence Association. The U of S now officially has a Teaching and Learning Centre which is designed to help instructors advance their teaching ability. Minister Hagel, U of S Senior Administration and our Vice-President (Academic), Jack

Wallace, spoke at the opening. It is located on the main floor of the library, and is named the Gwenna Moss Teaching and Learning Centre. There was a fire scare at the University on the afternoon of August 28th, 2000. In order to test the airflow in the ventilation system of the Physics Building, a Facilities Management crew inserted smoke bombs into the vents. However, they had neglected to notify anyone within the Physics Building. As such, the building was evacuated and firefighters were called to deal with “smoke coming through the vents”. The Executive will continue the tradition of meeting with officials from senior Administration once a month for breakfast. These breakfast meetings allow the Executive and the Administration to touch base informally and to discuss the issues of the day. The University is finalizing its submission to Ottawa for the Canada Research Chairs Program. The submission outlines the emerging thrusts, or research themes, that were selected from College nominations. These six themes are Materials Science, Health Science, Environmental Science, Identity and Diversity, Technology and Change, and Biotechnology. Gion Bezzola, Director of Security Services and long time supporter of student initiatives, will be retiring as of September 30th, 2000. Bob Ferguson, Assistant Director, will become the acting Director and Robin Hazelwater, Parking Supervisor, will become the acting Assistant Director in the interim between Mr. Bezzola departure and the selection of his replacement. Various activities have been planned and are outlined in the attached document. President Dougan presented a timetable for the Senate By-election and discussion ensued in regard to the various duties that the Executive would play until such a time as USC elects an Elections Board.

A motion was made to appoint the Executive as the ad-hoc Elections Board for the Senate By-election until such a time as Elections Board becomes active; and, move to appoint the President Chief Returning Officer for the Senate.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any debate for the minutes of August 30th? Seeing none, can I have a motion to receive the minutes? Recognize Ms. Stephen, seconded by Mr. Renneberg. All those in favour? All those opposed? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC20: Stephen/Renneberg

Chair: Moving along to the Executive Committee minutes for September 6th. Recognize VP Academic Affairs.

VP Academic Affairs: Thank you Mr. Chair. I will speak to the September 6th minutes. A motion was made to ratify the following campus clubs upon payment of outstanding debts, including fees: Campus Crusade for Christ, Athletes in Action, U of S Debate Society, Frontier College Students for Literacy. Another motion was made to ratify the Saskatoon Engineering Students’ Society, upon payment of outstanding debts, including fees. VP Wallace met with the staff within Counselling Services and discussed ways to cooperatively meet student needs with respect to grievance issues. VP Wallace was asked to provide the names of our USC representatives to the University Secretary’s office as potential candidates to serve on student appeal hearings. VP Wallace reported that he has completed the orientation outline and will be booking the meeting once committee members are selected. President Dougan reported that he had an

interview with Christina Cherneski and discussed tuition and the Stats Canada survey. He was also interviewed by Hot93 on our Welcome Week activities. VP Jackson reported that he had interviews with both Shaw Cable and CBC News regarding housing issues and the Housing Registry. VP Wallace reported that he met with Ian Christison, Academic Dean of Agriculture, regarding the pilot project and he was very receptive to assisting in the project. They discussed ways to get as many professors as possible from the college involved. He also met with Jim Thornhill of the Instructional Development Committee to discuss implementation strategies. At the last BOCOP meeting it was reported by the Law Students Association that law student will not be having reserved stalls in the Law Library. President Dougan reported that he and VP Jackson met with Gion Bezzola, Robin Hazelwanter, and Bob Ferguson on Friday, September 1st to discuss various issues. It was brought forward that pepper spray will be taken away from all police force personnel in the near future and will become a banned substance. In its place, tasers will be approved for use by police forces. Paul Frank has been appointed USC Chair Pro-Tem for the 2000/01 academic year. Orientation 2000 occurred on Sept 4th and 5th. President Dougan spoke at the Kick-Off ceremony and VP Henderson was one of the presenters at the Campus Involvement Session. President Dougan, VP Wallace and VP Jackson worked at the USSU table at the Information Fair. The USSU-sponsored social on the Monday night held in Louis' went over very well. The Saskatchewan Labour Force Development Committee is seeking nominations for participants on a youth reference committee. We have been asked to forward a nomination to the Committee to serve as a USSU representative.

On Friday, September 1st, VP Wallace and President Dougan met with Gorden Barnhart to further discuss the possibility of moving the responsibility of appeals from the Registrar's Office to the University Secretary's office. It was decided to contact the Registrar's Office to discuss possible ramifications and their opinion of the suggested change.

Chair: Is there any debate on the minutes from September 6th? Recognize VP Academic, seconded by the VP Student Issues. All those in favour of receiving the minutes as discussed? All those opposed? Minutes are received. Moving to the Executive Committee for September 12th. Recognize the VP Operations and Finance.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. For the minutes for Tuesday, September 12th, VP Wallace attended a meeting with the School of Physical Therapy to discuss academic procedures and course evaluation. VP Wallace received a letter from the Registrar's Office dealing with the originating call tracking for the U-Star system. Mel Kerr, the previous MSC for the WCVM, a by-election was held and Ms. Sanders is now the MSC. Jon Schmid resigned as the Nursing MSC as he is unable to attend the meeting and a by-election was held. Welcome Week was held September 6th to 12th and the feedback we received was positive. President Dougan attended the President's Club Brunch for those members who have donated over \$1000 to the University. The Huskies played the Dinos on Saturday the 9th and President Dougan participated in the kick off. VP Wallace reported that he received a letter of request from Ron Markin inviting him to sit on the Advisory Board for the Teaching and Learning Centre. The USSU held it's second annual All Staff Training day on September the 10th. Monday, September the 11th

the Executive met with senior administration and the GSA to discuss such topics including parking, the new building, security and BOG representation. Campus Club week will be held the following week and Club Orientation will be held on the 14th. We ratified the Drama Club. VP Wallace reported the Executive are volunteering at the Help Centre and the LGB Centre. VP Jackson met with VPRA to discuss Sibling Week and issues surrounding it. VP Jackson also reported on Special Needs Parking.

Chair: I will now put forward debate on the Executive Committee minutes for September 12th. Seeing none, can I have a motion to adopt the minutes. Recognize Mr. Evanisky, seconded by VP Operations. All those in favour of adopting the minutes for Tuesday, September the 12th? All those opposed? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC21: Evanisky/Henderson

Chair: Minutes for September the 14th. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Aboriginal Students Centre had a Powwow that I attended as a dignitary and participated in the Grand Entrance, and the USSU sponsored the event. We ratified the Chemistry Students Society, Circle K Club, the Jewish Students Association, Marking Students Society, APALA and the ASA. The Chinese Student and Scholar Society requested funding and it was granted in order of \$280 for an event that they want to host around Chinese National Day.

VP Jackson mentioned that in light of Special Needs Parking and the number of appeals that he has had, that he will be lobbying the Parking Office for more stalls. It was mentioned that the very first USC meeting for the 2000/2001 academic term was held on September 13th. Thank you Mr. Chair.

Chair: Thank you. I will now put forward debate on the minutes for September 14th. Seeing no debate, can I have a motion to adopt the minutes? Recognize Ms. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Denney. All those opposed? All those in favour? Minutes received.

MOTION USC22: Sanders/Denney

Chair: Is there any other business that we may have overlooked in Item 6.1? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 7, Motions arising from the minutes. Is there any motions arising from the minutes or reports? Seeing none, we'll move to Item 8, Council Address. Just so the members of Council, this is the informal area where we accept presentations and stuff. Normally this is where you would have guest speakers or speakers from the gallery. Is there any items under Council Address? Seeing none, is there any opposition to moving on to Item 9.1 Honorariums. I'll now put that on the floor. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to release the MSC honorariums from the USC budget. Motion on the floor, do we have a seconder?

Seconded by the VP Operations. It's a tradition that you only speak twice to a motion, but when you get to an amendment, you can speak twice again. There is no time limits, but it is possible to make a time limit if you wish. So we have a motion on the floor that we release the honorariums for the MSCs moved by the President, seconded by the VP Operations. I will now put forward the debate. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. If everyone recalls, we discussed this at the MSC Orientation and there was controversy over the honorariums that were budgeted for MSCs last year and there is \$10 per MSC per meeting that was budgeted for. If this motion passes, that means that that money can be released from the USSU budget and that means that each one of you will receive your honorarium cheques at the end of each month. However, if this motion fails, then that money will get reabsorbed into the USSU budget and likely be taken out at the mid-year budget review. Mr. Henderson might speak to that later. The Executive felt that because of the controversy that surrounded these honorariums last year, that it should be up to the Councilors themselves to decide what you want to do with them.

Chair: Thank you Mr. President. Any other debate? Recognize Mr. Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I am not in favour of an honorarium as my Engineering students have told me and other students have told me that they are not in favour of us receiving honorariums Mr. Speaker. I don't need \$10 a meeting to make me show up. If that is the purpose of this honorarium. I believe that I can represent my fellow students to the best of my abilities without \$10 a meeting. Second of all, student fees are high enough even if this is a very minimal portion of our huge budget, it still makes us as a USC and USSU look more accountable if we are trying to neglect stupid expenses such as this. If you are here for \$10 a meeting, you are here for the wrong reasons Mr. Speaker. I don't think there is, at least there shouldn't be, anybody here that has the attitude of "since I'm here, I might as well get the \$10 a meeting" that's wrong. We are here to represent our fellow students to the best of our ability and I think we are going to get a bad rep because of this. If this honorarium does pass, which I feel it may, I would suggest we give the money to a charity which could use it more than ourselves, which is what myself and I'm sure Mr. Wagemakers will be doing as well. As much as I would like this money to pay the bills or to go and buy a case of beer after the meeting, I don't believe it's my money to use for this and for that reason, I will be voting no against this.

Chair: Thank you Mr. Dobson. I will sort of, a little bit of operational....it's not Mr. Speaker, it's Mr. Chair. Recognize Mr. Metzger.

Mr. Metzger: Thank you Mr. Chair. Some students in my college also expressed concern about the honorariums. They felt that it's not worth their students fees to pay us to come to meetings. So, I would just like to say, that on behalf of my students, I will be voting no.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the VP Student Issues.

VP Student Issues: I'm just going to go back here, Mr. Chair. I was an MSC in the past and I understand where you guys are coming from. This \$10 does not represent much in the whole grand scheme of things, but what the organization is tried to do is basically just to recognize all of the work that you guys do for us. All of the committees you sit on, all the time you spend here and doing this for the students of this campus. I will be voting in favour of this, because of that. I recognize what you guys do for us, and I hope your students do too. This isn't to give you a reward for coming here, this is the money to replace the money that you are spending to volunteer and to represent the colleges your in. It's just to replace that \$5 that you spent on supper, or the \$3 or \$4 that you spent on parking. So, I'm speaking in favour of this and I will be voting in favour of this because I feel it's just a small token of our appreciation given back to our student leaders.

Chair: Recognize VP Operations.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just for procedural information. If this motion does pass, the process that will occur is that cheques will be issued in each of your names and what you do with them after that is your responsibility, whether you want to pass it along to another organization, that's up to you.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Ms. Sanders.

Ms. Sanders: Thank you. I would like to let it be known that the WCVM goes along with the College of Engineering. What you said, we think it's an honour to be here to represent our fellow students and I'll be voting no.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I will be voting for this motion and it's not because I'm greedy. I do believe that I give a lot to students and I think that this recognizes that. It also keeps us in line with some of the other campuses, like the U of R. I don't believe that it is in any way a dishonour to our students to give us \$10 a meeting to represent them here. I would just like to say Mr. Chair, that I sincerely hope that issues such as our relationship with CASA and the lack of lobbying organizations to the federal government, etc. will be receiving as much attention as this issue has, seeing as it's far more important.

Chair: Recognize Mr. Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: I'm speaking for this as well. For my own personal situation here, I have been involved with student politics for quite some time, never once getting an honorarium, not that I feel we should get it all the time. It's just a nice token. I know I work, and I don't know what everyone else's situation here, but I'm not here to make money. I think it's just a nice token, it's not a huge sum of money and I don't think anyone here will be motivated or not motivated to come to the meetings over \$10. I will be voting for this.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. I will also like to speak in favour of this. I agree with the comments from my colleague from Engineering, that if everyone was here for \$10 a meeting, they really don't want to be here. I was on Council last year and some Councilors here did not take their positions here seriously and I think this is a very important body to the USSU. In fact it's so important that in the building expansion, there is going to be \$100,000 spent on a new chamber. If we want to be taken seriously, I just think this will make us more respectable.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the Councilor from STM, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to say that I will also be voting in favour of this. \$10 doesn't sound like a lot, and it is a part of everyone's student fees and it holds us more accountable with what we are doing in our colleges and how we returns such matters and communicate with USC.

Chair: Recognize Ms. Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I feel that this honorarium will probably attract more attention to the position of MSC. I am voting for this because I would like to see the honorarium given at the discretion of each Councilor.

Chair: Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I would like to amend the motion as it reads that if this motion passes, MSCs who have demonstrated their contempt for the motion can voluntarily decline the honorarium.

Chair: Perhaps you can tell me how you would like the amendment to read.

Mr. Hitchcock: Perhaps we could put in the on the back page of the Sheaf.

Chair: I will try to interpret it. You would like the amendment to the motion the original motion is to release the honorarium to the MSCs and you would like to amendment perhaps to add that those who voluntarily decline the honorarium that you want their names printed in the Sheaf.

Mr. Hitchcock: No, that was just an example. What I'm saying is that

Chair: Perhaps the motion should read that you can voluntarily decline the honorarium, is that appropriate?

Mr. Hitchcock: Yes.

Chair: Do we have a seconder for the amendment? Recognize Mr. Schweitzer. I will now open this for debate. Recognize the VP Student Issues.

VP Student Issues: I've spoken in favour of the motion and I will be speaking in favour of the amendment. This allows that those who chose to accept that money, to use that money any way they feel appropriate, and those who are not interested, allows them to decline, which should satisfy everyone in this room.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Ms. Debiegne.

Ms. Debiegne: Thank you Mr. Chair. My only concern with the amendment is that if you do publish the names of the students who don't accept the honorarium, is that could be misinterpreted by the general public. There is potential for that because some Councilors may accept the money and donate it to a charity.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: That was just an example of how we could recognize those who didn't accept the honorarium.

Chair: Any further debate on the amendment as discussed. Perhaps we'll move to a vote then. Is there any opposition in moving to a vote. The amendment as moved by Mr. Hitchcock and seconded by Mr. Schweitzer, is adding to the original motion, that you can voluntarily decline your MSC honorarium. That is the amendment that we are voting on here. All those in favour? All those opposed? Amendment is passed. Abstention is noted to the President. So, the amendment passes.

MOTION USC23: Hitchcock/Schweitzer

Chair: Back to the original motion, the MSC honorarium, with the option to decline. I have no one on the speakers list as it stands now. Mr. President.

President: Call the question.

Chair: Is there any opposition to calling the question? All those in favour? All those opposed? Question will be called. Moved by the President, seconded by the VP Operations, the motion now reads to release the honorarium which is \$10 per MSC per meeting to be released from the USC line item, and it can be voluntarily declined. All those in favour? All those opposed? Recognize Mr. Dobson, Mr. Metzger, Mr. Wagemakers and Ms. Sanders all in opposition and the President and VP Academic both wish to be recognized as abstaining. Motion as amended passes.

MOTION USC24: Dougan/Henderson

Chair: The next agenda item 9.2, USC calendar of events. This was tabled on September 13th, 2000 and in order for this to be considered, it has to be brought back to the table. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to accept the USC calendar of events from the table.

Chair: Is there a seconder for the motion? Recognize Mr. Wagemakers from the College of Engineering. All those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing no opposition, the USC calendar of events is now under Business. Recognize the President.

MOTION USC25: Dougan/Wagemakers

President: Point of procedure Mr. Chair. Do we have to make a second motion to accept the USC calendar of events.

Chair: Yes, what we did is bring it from the table, so it's no active. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to move to accept the USC 2000/2001 calendar of events.

Chair: Do we have a seconder for that motion? Recognize Mr. Stehr. There is a motion on the floor to accept the USC 2000/2001 calendar of events as is appears in front of us. Is there anyone that doesn't have that document to refer to? Seeing that everyone has a copy in front of them, recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. This calendar of events outlines all of USC meetings for the year, and some other features such as the Advantage 2000 conference, which is listed. It also lists University Council meetings for those of you who will be attending them. The USSU Annual General meeting is listed at November 22nd at 2:30 p.m. According to our Constitution, we have to have it by the end of November. That was a date that we set arbitrarily. With the endorsement of this calendar, you are endorsing that date for the AGM. Following through until February on the second page, you will notice that on the 12th nominations open for Executive and there are a few items that refer to the elections. If we endorse this document, we are also endorsing the date for the USSU General Elections. The rest of it is pretty straightforward and I hope you support it.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any debate on the USC calendar of events? Seeing none, can we have a motion to move to a vote. Recognize the VP Academic Affairs.

VP Academic: Call the question Mr. Chair.

Chair: Is there any opposition to calling the question? OK, we'll put it to the question then. All those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing none, the USC calendar of events is adopted.

MOTION USC26: Dougan/Stehr

Chair: Moving on to Item 10, New Business. Is there anything for New Business? Seeing none, is there any opposition to moving on to Item 11, Questions and Comments for 30 minutes? Just so everyone knows....recognize Ms. Debienne.

Ms. Debienne : Just a point ofI would like to make a motion??

Chair: I am going to call that out of order. The best thing to do, is that while we are under Item 11, make a motion to go back to Item 10, and if people are in favour of going back, then we can do that. You can do that right now if you like.

Ms. Debienne : I would like to make a motion to go back to Item 10.

Chair: Is there a seconder to go back to Item 10. Recognize Mr. President.

President: Just a point of order Mr. Chair. In the procedures for USC as outlined in the document that all MSCs received, New Business, is for items that you want to have tabled until the next meeting, then they will show up as Business. When the agenda was adopted, there was no Business under there I would suggest that we hold this motion until Any Other Business.

Chair: I'm going to call that out of order right now. The point of information is taken, it's out of order. We have a seconder I believe, we have the motion to go back to Item 10 Ms. Debienne.

Ms. Debienne : I will withdraw it.

Chair: So, that motion is withdrawn, so we're back to Item 11 and the point of information from the President was well taken. New Business is for items that you want to bring up as Business at the next meeting. Item 11, Questions and Comments. The rules are still in place, this is sort of like considering informally. Please address everything to the Chair. The floor is now open for questions and comments. Recognize the VP Operations.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would hope that most of you have received an e-mail on the USC list serve. If you did not, it means that either we have an incorrect e-mail address for you or you have not provided us one. If that is the case, please see me later.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have a couple of items. First of all Greg Adelman from the College of Agriculture sent his regrets, I forgot to mention it. Secondly, in terms of the calendar of events, I just wanted to point out the on November the 15th Minister Hagel, the Minister of Education, will be stopping by the Council just to say a few words. In terms of the next meeting, September 27th, it's listed as a referendum discussion, I just wanted to mention that StudentCare.net/works will be here to make a presentation to yourselves regarding health and dental plans in Canada. Lastly, I just wanted to mention that our Researcher and Policy Coordinator, Greg Yelland, has tendered his resignation. He is moving on to bigger and better things. He has found a web-based survey job, so his position will be vacant.

Chair: Thank you Mr. President. Recognize Ms. Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just wanted to mention that the MSC Orientation put on by our Executive was very helpful. Just wanted to say job well done.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the VP Academic Affairs.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. For all the MSCs who expressed concern at the MSC Orientation and for those who weren't there. I need to hear back from you as to whether you can make it to the Thursday University Council meetings at 2:30 p.m. If you could let me know then I can deal with that issue as soon as possible, because we need student representation as quick as possible. I would like to have them for the next meeting. Please let me know by e-mail at Jack.Wallace@usask.ca. or at 966-6968 please leave a message.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a couple of questions, perhaps one of the Executive can answer for me. First of all, I think Server Intervention Training is still taking place on Saturday, can someone please tell me how we sign up for that. And the second is I have had various questions from students in Engineering about the new building and money and why this money isn't going to fix old buildings and stuff like that. I was wondering if it would be possible for the USSU to put out perhaps an information pamphlet that explains where all of this money is coming from and where it's going. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'll speak to the building questions and Scott will speak to the Server Intervention training. In regards to the building and why money isn't being spent on the existing structures on campus, we discussed this at BOCP and the University doesn't want us to delve into the academic side of campus, and that is solely their domain and they don't want us to interfere with that. If any of your students have those types of questions, the fact of the matter is that we are not allowed to. As MSCs hopefully you will be able to disseminate that information as well. Point well taken on

the pamphlet. This year is going to be all about communicating what the new building is about and we are in the process of trying to schedule meetings with all of the college societies to come around and talk about general things like the Executive projects, the building, etc. That is something that is on-going. One more item, that VP Jackson asked me to remind you of, is that if any students want to get a little bit more information about the building they can check out the USSU's web site at www.usask.ca/ussu. There is a button on the main page that goes right to some pictures and description of the new building.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Operations.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. In regards to the question about Server Intervention. My apologies, I said I would send out that information and I did not. This Saturday if you would like to attend the Server Intervention Training, you need to contact Joan Kripki at Student Affairs and Services. When I get back to the office, I will send out that information by e-mail.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. I was just curious about the Server Intervention. Do people have to be of age to attend or not?

Chair: Recognize the VP Operations.

VP Operations: No, you do not have to be of age to take the training; however, you do have to be of age to serve. So, for those of you who know individuals that are under age, but are wanting to serve later on in the year, this would be a good opportunity for them to take the training.

Chair: Recognize Ms. Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a question in regards to Server Intervention as well. Are there other days that it will be held?

Chair: Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have three comments to make. First of all, I think all of those under age soles who would like to take Server Intervention Training are trying to get on to the wrong side of the bar. In terms of the MSC Orientation, there were a couple of questions that came forward, one of which was regarding the removal of MSCs and Executive members. I just wanted to point out that at the time, I answered incorrectly. I gave the definition of what it was before the Constitution changed, so now for MSCs or Executive members to be removed, a vote of non-confidence has to be passed with at least a two-thirds majority and a petition signed by 5 % of the members. If 5% of the membership put together such a petition, I'm sure that the Council would entertain it. I just wanted to point that out to everyone. Secondly, in terms of the

building project, one of the Councilors from Commerce had pointed out the projected revenue students would be able to have in terms of all the new rental space and tenants, and it comes out to roughly \$1 million dollars of which all of it goes to pay the mortgage.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. Quick question about the radio show that Mr. Dougan is hosting on Mondays, what is CFCR's station?

Chair: Actually, I do have a list here but if there is no objection, I would like to have the President answer that.

President: Thank you. CFCR is 90.5 on the FM dial.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the VP Student Issues.

VP Student Issues: One of the things that I forgot to bring to Council tonight, and I apologize for that is posters and bookmarks that I would like you all to take back to your colleges regarding the issue of carpooling. The University, for the first time, has gone on-line for carpooling. One of the things that I attending this year and will be reporting on is the carpooling conference. The conference was paid for by the federal government, not one penny of the students hard earned money went to this. If any of you are around the office in the next week, please stop in and pick up the posters.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the VP Operations.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. President. With regards to the questions about Server Intervention, there are additional times for October, but they haven't determined how many or when. I will get that information to you as soon as it's available.

Chair: Recognize the President.

President: Thank you. Just one final point. If any Councilors would like to get any items on the agenda, you can put them on as long as they are received before noon the day before Council. You have the ability to submit those items to the USSU office and we'll put it on the agenda for you.

Chair: Thank you Mr. President. Recognize Ms. Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like some clarification about where the Shineramma head shaving is taking place.

Chair: Recognize the VP Operations.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. The room has been changed to Physics 103.

Chair: Recognize the VP Academic.

VP Academic: Actually I would like to encourage you all to pool your money together so we can make sure that President Dougan is bald.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Ms. Debienne.

Ms. Debienne: I just wanted to speak to that as well. That is our college's fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis and last year we raised \$13,000 and this year our goal is \$15,000. It would be wonderful if you could all come out.

Chair: Recognize Mr. Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Could I get a little clarification on the time.

Chair: Mr. President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I will be in Physics 103 tomorrow at 5 p.m.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the VP Academic.

VP Academic: Thank you. I would like to ask the Councilor from Physical Therapy how close they are to getting the President's head shaved?

Chair: Ms. Debienne.

Ms. Debienne: We are not that far away.

Chair: I've expired my speakers list. Is there anyone else who would like to speak to Questions and Comments? Seeing none. I just have a couple of things to clear up myself. First of all with names, I apologize for any mistakes I've made. Something about the rules. If you guys could open your binders to the Roberts Rules of Order. Just a couple of things that we've discussed with the Executive. Section 8, there is no page number on it, the reference sheet that has the motions and amendments on it. Just a couple of things we need to add. On the first sheet, it sayshow many times a person can speak to debate, it needs a time limit and you also need a two thirds majority on that. What it is, it comes down to this. It doesn't say what majority, the thing to remember is that whenever you're trying to as a council, limit a members privileges, like say you can only speak once or only for 5 minutes, that requires a two-thirds majority. Another thing is that when we motion to adjourn, we need a seconder, but it's not debatable. So, someone just make a motion and someone seconds it and we go right to a vote. If there is a challenge to the Chair, it's up to the Chair as to whether it's going to be debatable or not. I can't foresee any reason as why it wouldn't be debatable, but the advantage that the Chair has at that time, I would get to speak first to explain why I made that rule and the debate would go on. Other than that the rules are here. That's all. Does anyone else have anything to add in Questions and Comments? Seeing none, is there any opposition

to moving to Item 12, Any Other Business? Is there any other business? Recognize the Councilor from Physical Therapy.

Ms. Debiene:??

Chair: Certainly, I will take it as a point of information. What you can do, is there are two ways in which to do it, one is bring it up under new business tonight, and it will become an item for business next week, but it also has to be in writing so we can all see it, so that has to be accepted by the President by noon the Tuesday prior to the meeting.

President: Point of procedure Mr. Chair. If it doesn't fit into Business or New Business, it can be brought up under Any Other Business, but if someone would like to put something on, just get it on beforehand. According to the procedures that we've brought forward at the MSC Orientation, you can bring forward any agenda items up under Any Other Business.

Chair: So, it is appropriate to bring up anything under Any Other Business. Is that clear to everyone? Great. Any items for Any Other Business? Item 13, motion to adjourn please. Recognize the President, seconded by Mr. Dobson. All those in favour? All those opposed? We are adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

September 27th, 2000

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Minutes and Reports for Action**
 - 5.1 USC Minutes: September 20th, 2000**
 - 5.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 5.3 Operations and Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 5.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 5.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 5.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 5.7 Code of Conduct Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1 Executive Committee Minutes: September 19th, 2000**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 8. Council Address**
- 9. Business**
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, September 27th, 2000

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP, (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson VP, (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson VP, (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Chantelle Debiene, Physical Therapy
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Todd Schweitzer, Education
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce

Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Kris Denney, Education
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Devin Guedo, ASSU
Constance Swarbrick
Janna Sander
Nicole Hounjet
Kristin Foster, StudentCare.net/works
Lev Bukhman, StudentCare.net/works

ABSENT

Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Student Representative, Voc. Ag.

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

Chair: First of all we'll make sure we have quorum. Quorum is present. Does anyone not have an agenda? Are there any motions to amend the agenda? Recognize Ms. Debienne.

Ms. Debienne: Under New Business I would like to add a resolution to add a photocopier in St. Andrews College.

Chair: So the motion, I believe, is that there be a photocopier placed in the School of Physical Therapy? Do we have a seconder to have this resolution placed under New Business? All those in favour of placing the School of Physical Therapy's resolution under New Business? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the motion passes.

MOTION USC27: Debienne/Stephen

Chair: Under New Business, 10.1, School of Physical Therapy Resolution. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to move to add 8.1, Council Address; Presentation By StudentCare.net/works and I would also like to further move Item 8 to Item 5. I would like to add Item 3.1 Ratification of the Member of Student Council for ISC. One more thing, I would like to add Elections Board minutes for September 27th. Thank you.

Chair: We have two additions and one movement. I will just read it off in order; to add 3.1, Ratification of the ISC Representative to Council, move Council Address, Item 8 to Item 5 in the agenda, and under Item 5, 5.1, Studentcare.net/works on the agenda. Is that correct? Is there a seconder for the motion? Recognize Councilor Johnson. I'll open the floor to debate if anyone has any concerns about shuffling the agenda. Seeing none, perhaps we'll move to the vote. All those in favour? All those opposed? Motion is carried.

MOTION USC28: Dougan/Johnson

Chair: We'll now adopt the agenda as amended. All those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing none, the agenda is accepted as amended.

MOTION USC29: Dougan/Henderson

Chair: We'll move along then. Item 3.1 is the Ratification of the MSC for ISC. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to ratify Freda Whitedeer as the MSC for ISC.

Chair: Thank you, do we have a seconder for that motion? Recognize Councilor Mateen. I'll now open the floor to debate. Is there any debate on the subject? Seeing none, we'll move right to a vote then. All those Councilors in favour of ratifying Freda Whitedeer as the MSC for ISC? Those opposed? Seeing to opposition, the member is ratified.

MOTION USC30: Dougan/Mateen

Chair: OK, the next item on the agenda. Item 4, Introductions and Announcements. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I sent out the Server Intervention dates for October. If you didn't receive them, they are October 4th and 19th from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The location is still to be determined. You need to register with Joan from Student Affairs & Services and all of that information is in your e-mail. Also, this is the last week to revalue your old copy cards, Friday at 4:30 p.m. As of this morning we've revalued \$33,000 worth of copy cards, so a lot of people are turning their old cards in.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have two announcements. First of all I would like to introduce the President of the ASSU, Mr. Devin Guedo. And the second announcement is to my co-councilor, who was in Regina this past weekend and received an award as Junior Citizen of the Year. From what I understand there were 70 nominations submitted and she was one of four people to win this award. So, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate her.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to announce that the ASA will be passing their budget this weekend and special events coming up are the United Way Blitz on October 4th and the Bean Feed on the 5th.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just two quick announcements. As you hopefully received, I have carpooling posters for you. If your people from your college are interested in carpooling I would ask that you direct them to my office. My other announcement is that if all Councilors could hopefully be available from October 9th and 10th from 4 – 7 p.m. open we are looking to have a discussion and Wine & Cheese for the City Councilor candidates and I'm hoping to have some students show up at this, and I would hope that you'll all be there. The reason why it's being held over two days is that we're trying to get as many candidates as possible to come out. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to introduce Kristin Foster and Lev Bukhman from Studentcare.net/works and they will be giving a presentation to Council in the next little while. I also have a number of announcements. First of all, Appointments Board, the applications for appointments are due tomorrow by 4:30 p.m. so anyone who is interested in applying to any of the boards, please remind them that tomorrow is the deadline. I encourage everyone to come out and apply. Also, Advantage 2000 is this Friday and Saturday, and I know that a number of you have registered, but for those of you who haven't, there are only about twenty spots left. Some USSU events that are up and coming on Monday, October 2nd Victoria Williams will be playing at Louis'; on Tuesday, October the 3rd Sarah Harmer will be at Louis' and then from the 4th until the 7th there will be a Film Festival at Place Riel Theatre.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have one quick announcement, the Chemical Engineering students are having their fall BBQ on Saturday, September 30th at Sid's Garage. Tickets are \$15 and you can pick them up at their office.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Debieenne.

Ms. Debieenne: I would like to introduce Jody Marshak, a student in Physical Therapy.

Chair: Thank you. Are there any other introductions or announcements? Seeing none, is there any objection to Item 5.1, Council Address. Seeing no opposition, I need a motion is consider informally. Moved by President, seconded by Councilor Evanisky. Is there any debate on considering informally? All those in favour? Is there any opposition to that? Recognize President Dougan.

MOTION USC31: Dougan/Evanisky

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The two presenters are from Studentcare.net/works, which is a health and dental brokerage firm. They will tell us who they are and a little about health and dental and what's been happening with it in Canada. Then we'll present the findings of our survey that was conducted here over Welcome Week. I will hand the floor over to Kristen.

Ms. Foster: First off I would like to thank you for having us. It's great to be back here. I'm from Saskatchewan and I live in Vancouver now, so every chance I get, it's kinda fun to come home. I am the Pacific Director of Studentcare.net/works, which has somehow been roughly translated to include Saskatchewan. I work with several Student Associations to design and implement and research and administrate student health and dental plans. I'll move straight to the outline, which is a little more pertinent. This is

something I've put together of just the basic aspects of student health and dental care in Canada and some of the questions that we will be addressing I guess. Just a little bit about who we are, why a student health and dental plan is necessary and why more and more associations across the country are making this decision to implement programs for their students. First of all, the ever-exciting survey results. I was here on campus during Welcome Week and surveyed the students to find out what their thoughts are on this. Basic benefits that typically student plans can cover and how it works and communication strategies, will be the gist of what we are covering now.

Mr. Bukhman: My name is Lev Bukhman, and I'm the Executive Director of Studentcare.net/works, so I'll tell you a little bit about who we are as an organization and I guess how we are involved in student health plans. We are a bit of a unique organization. We were started by students. I founded the organization while I was a law student and were basically a dumping ground for washed up corporate and never were of student government. We were founded basically four years ago by a group of people who felt that the traditional way that health plans were provided primarily by insurance brokers, the plans that this is what you want, this is how it should be done, and we saw that a lot of associations weren't really happy with their plans. Although, they liked having a plan, there were lots of problems and complaints from students about the way the plans were designed and how they were administered.

Because of our involvement with student government, we thought there was an opportunity to create an organization that would be dedicated exclusively to designing, implementing and administering plans for students. In fact, that is all that we do. We are not involved with any other corporations. Our entire focus is on providing the best possible health and dental plans for students and to provide the resources to the associations to enable them to have the best possible plans for their students. We've played a number of different roles in the past and unfortunately on occasion we do have to be insurance brokers because part of that role is to negotiate the best possible deal for you and your students in setting up the plan and to review that on a regular basis to ensure that you are always maximizing the value that you are getting out of it, because ultimately, this thing will only make sense if you provide a valuable service for students. Second of all, we provide a lot of administrative resources that are necessary to execute and to have the level of service available to students that are using the plan. Thirdly we have developed a whole bunch of new resources from going out and negotiating directly with insurance companies and being able to use their purchasing power to encourage them to reduce the cost of health care for students. And finally a lot of Internet and other organizations to make the insurance experience as hassle free and as painless as possible for your students. Enough about us, what's far more important is really why in fact are we even here, why are we even talking about a student health care plan. I really feel that it's important for you to understand the bigger picture, which is how the student health plan functions. It's important for you to understand how it works. First of all, our health care system used these days, a lot of issues are being tossed around. One of the things that people that neglect in that discussion is the fact that we already have in Canada a split public/private system, which complement each other and theoretically that sort of A plus B, public system plus the private system will equal out. The public health system covers the core health services under the Canada Health Act, which are things that they

must, by law, cover and those are the core expenses. Things like your doctors fees, surgeon fees, nurse fees, hospital stay and so on and so forth. That makes up for about 70% of total health care spending. The private system are all of the expenses not covered by our core health care system things like prescription drugs, dental care, ambulance services and there is a range. The concept behind all of this is that these sort of optional services are less important than your core services. That 70/30 split is for the overall system as a whole. But in fact, if you look at the demographic splits and divide up in terms of age, both the consumption of both public and nonpublic in fact changes very dramatically. The reason is that people consume 2/3 of their total lifetime health coverage during the last 6 months of their life. So, in fact young people, although if you think of your consumption you may have required hospitalization or something, but the majority of you, your health expenses were minimal. In fact, for young people, probably the majority of health care expenses are things that are not covered by our health care system. They consume prescription drugs, vision care, physiotherapy, and dental work. So, there is you look again, you can see the average spending for a U of S student, if you take \$100 a year as the hypothetical number about \$60 – \$65 of that will be in non-public insured health services. And really that's the fundamental reason why we are talking about a student health and dental plan, so we can create a mechanism to protect students against the risks that are involved in the current different kinds of health care expenses. Whether one exists or not, it does not at all effect how students consume their health care. In most cases they incur very little and the reality is the reason why student associations across Canada have brought these plans into effect is first of all to provide an equal level of access and protection for all students that so everyone can be assured that if they need it, they will be able to provide themselves and access the health care that they need without enduring undo financial hardship and in some cases having to forgo or pass up those health care services. Are there any questions about that before I go on? So, that is the core mission of the student health plan. The issue of student health plans really started up in the early 1980's and has grown since then. Today approximately 450,000 students across Canada are covered by some variation of a health plan. Initially it was just health plans that were brought in and then people realized that dental care is probably the single biggest cost people have to deal with, so that was important to have that type of coverage in effect as well. Almost all of the schools we work with have both a health and a dental plan. Since we started four years ago, we have actually become the largest provider of student health plans and we deal with about 150,000 students in New Brunswick, Quebec Ontario and British Columbia. We work with UBC, Queens, McGill, Concordia, etc. Before we get into it much more deeply, the mechanics of it, one of the key things as to why we were founded is that the health plan is designed to reflect the real needs of students and that's why that whenever we are working with an association we are very clear, and we actually get input from the students as to what, if any, health plan they need. Then we can begin to shape a plan that is specifically for your school.

Ms. Foster: I threw Concordia in there because I went to Concordia University and was one of the guinea pig students when Studentcare.net/works was just starting out and I finally had a health and dental plan during my last year. It really comes down to the fact that through four years of university there was never a point where I sat around with an extra hundred bucks in my pocket and said, yeah, I'm going to get my teeth cleaned,

this is really what I'm going to spend an extra \$100 on. I really noticed a huge difference when I had a student health plan. It wasn't so much the cost that I had already been expending, prescription drugs, etc. It was all the things that I had been avoiding such as dental care and eye glasses and all those lovely things that you tend to put on the back burner, because you never have the money when you are a student. I just wanted to get through that in. That's how I ended up doing this. And one of the things that I do is come on to all the different campuses and do surveys and try to get a lot of student input early on to make sure that whatever benefits are implemented are reflective of what those particular students on that campus in that province, need and want. The whole methodology on how the survey works. It is by no means a quantitative analysis. I didn't run around swiping student ID cards and making sure that everyone participated only once. It's a qualitative analysis. It's a lot of talking to students and getting their opinions on what they are needing and what they use in their day to day lives.

Mr. Bukhman: So, I think the most important question to ask is, OK, this is great, a health plan is wonderful, why don't we simply make one available for students and if they want one, they can simply get one. Why does the USSU have to hold a referendum? The answer is that basically there are two ways to deal with the reality that students on this campus are not in some way covered for their health expenses. Number one is either to leave the issue alone, and to say well if you have a good year, that's great and if you don't that's too bad for you, you're on your own. Is it the role of the USSU, is it in your mandate to provide this insurance for your student body? That is the question that most student associations have acknowledge that students health is a part of their ability to function as a student at university and is a worthwhile initiative to take. The second question is that if you decide that that is what you want to pursue, the question is how? One option is to allow students to purchase a health plan individually and in fact individual health plans exist. The problem is that they are extremely expensive and they we cover the same as on an individual basis, but it would cost the individual upwards of \$400 - \$500, which is in fact out of the reach of most students and it's really sometimes not an adequate solution to students needs. The second problem with individual health plans is that, you've probably heard on the ads, you know, no questionnaire, and the reason for that is that the in fact screen applicants to weed out the people that would put in the most claims. One of the principles of the student health plan is that we provide everyone, regardless of any health problems or situations they may have. Essentially, it's the same coverage for a student that is healthy than a student who may have some problems. Finally, the cost, as far as sex goes, is that females have to pay more than men do for their health care under an individual plan. So, the reason why associations have looked at putting a group health plan in place is first of all it's cost. By putting in place a student health plan on a collective or group basis to cover the entire group, you can get that at a small fraction of the cost of an individual program. The actual cost of the plan by the way depends on what coverage you want to put into the plan and again the reason why the Saskatchewan health care doesn't cover everything 100% is because there are limits on their financial resources in terms of what and they have to make some choices in terms of what is and what is not covered. Similarly, the ideal health plan if it were to cover everything 100%, and students wouldn't be able to afford the cost of that kind of coverage. So what we do is balance that out. The second major

reason is that the plan is available to all students regardless of any situations that they may be in, so it's totally non-discriminatory. The third reason is that typically, again, students being that they may be covered under their parent's plans. Their parent's plans may not provide them with the coverage they need. Parent's plans are traditionally employee plans and they are designed to cover employee needs, not to cover families. There are some benefits that are normally put into university health plans that are not available in employee plans. A small example of that would be the tutorial coverage, in case of disability or whatnot, this would help to cover the cost of special education to assist them in keeping up with their courses. It's a small example and finally a lot of students will be able to combine the two plans to cover up to 100% of the costs. If your parent's plan has a large deductible and the students plan premium for the whole year is \$150, it's a pretty good value for the student to have an expanded amount of coverage. So, that just gives you some ideas about why associations have been putting this type of thing into place to cover everyone. Questions?

Ms. Foster: Please feel free to interrupt us, that's why we are here.

Mr. Johnson: I have a question. Do the premiums ever go up?

Mr. Bukhman: Do they ever go up? The answer is for long term they do. And the reason for that is that there is inflation in health care costs and also the premium that you pay for your plan is reflective of the costs that are built into the plan. So, health care costs have tended to run significantly above inflation in some years. For example, the Association of Dentists gets together every year and ups their fees guide by one or two percent. It's not very much year to year, but over the scope of five or ten years, three percent over ten years. So, in the long term, it will creep up. There are a large number of strategies which we design to help control those cost increases and to make sure they stay level as long as possible. The premiums go up across the board, not on an individual basis. The basic concept is this that everyone has equal access to the services that that pot provides, regardless of whether they actually use them or not. It's important to keep in mind that whether or not. So, traditionally the way that this plan works is that cost of the plan is applied to everyone is raised through student fees, that's why it requires a referendum. The also happens to be a very good way to say, hey this is actually something that we want, does this makes sense for us to bring this in? Whether or not they actually want a collective health plan themselves, and be able to levy the fees and the cost. Some associations have taken the position that the health plan is a service like any other and we pay into it and whether they use it or not is up to you. I guess the best analogy is that if you are paying an athletics fee and whether you have a Y membership or if you go to a private health club, you still have to pay the fee. That's the logic that some of the associations have taken although the majority have agreed that there are students who in fact have other coverage and they are comfortable having the option of not paying the fees. The basic difference between that is that the cost is a little cheaper if everyone has to chip in. If some people opt out, it does increase the cost for those who chose who are left in. I would say 90% of associations have taken the position to allow an opt out. Again, that is a decision that you make.

Ms Mateen: I was just wondering is there any plans to do a further survey of the students for better statistical information?

Mr. Bukhman: In terms of relevance, what do you mean?

President: The survey that was just a preliminary gauge for our campus' interest. I guess the ultimate statistical tool we use is the referendum and that's when the students say whether they want it or not. And that's where we'll look for most student input and students voice their opinions through the ballot.

Mr. Bukhman: We surveyed 310 students to give you some example of when they survey in the US on opinion poles on Presidential elections and things, they usually survey between 1000 and 1500 people to represent 250 million in the US. We surveyed 310 to represent 15,000 here. The point is that it's just to give us a basic feel and the reason why we make an effort to get samples on campus is to make it vaguely representative within a variance of five or ten percent and I think you can see in the numbers in Aaron's reports the interest.

Last year at UBC when we did the survey initially, we surveyed 250 people and the feedback was very similar to the U of S and again the councilors couldn't believe that there would be that much support for a health plan. They went out and surveyed another 700 people and in the end the results were exactly the same.

Ms. Foster: That being said about the survey, there are a lot of other ways that students can be involved throughout the process and I think that it really contributes a lot to having awareness out there and to have information workshops and to have councilors go back to their colleges and invite comments. In a way the survey, if you have concerns that don't fit neatly into the boxes, there are other ways to address them. That is a part of the process as we go along. I think it's really important to have flexibility for student input.

Mr. Urmson: For the opt out does that depend on our parents plan, what rules apply for the opt out? I don't think I should have to pay for it if I don't want it.

Mr. Bukhman: That is a very legitimate perspective and we're not going to ignore students who are saying, you know, I don't believe that I should have to pay for the plan if I don't want it. The approach that most associations across Canada have taken is that is a collective decision of the student body to bring in a plan to cover all of the students.

Ms. Foster: The last question on the survey is "do you believe that the Students' Union should implement an opt out option, even if it meant a higher cost for other students.

Mr. Urmson: Does it say why you can opt out? I don't think I should have to have a reason to not want the plan.

Mr. Bukhman: That question is very important. The role of the survey is to give you a preliminary indication about why there is an interest on this campus or not for the USSU to initiate the process. The survey does not answer how students should feel because there is no reason listed.

President: If you remember the Ad Hoc Committee for Health and Dental....

Ms. Foster: It's up to you and the students to decide. There are consequences and there are choices as to how expensive it will make it and how realistic it is. I think it's really important that the referendum questions be very clear about that and I can talk to you after about examples of other associations. All the students are automatically enrolled and can only opt out with equivalent coverage and I think that it's really important that during the awareness campaign that it's stated very clearly if that's the choice. In order to keep premiums at an affordable level for everyone and if the plan that you choose to put to referendum has a conditional opt out what has happened at most other campuses, is that the students need to know that. But, that being said if the decision was made and you wanted to go to referendum with a different design, with whatever benefit structure, it's all yours to do.

?: I'm just curious as to what other universities have this plan in place already, and how successful have they been?

Ms. Foster: We have eighteen. McGill, Concordia, Queens, UBC,

Mr. Bukhman: Aside from the question, the number of schools that have that health plan across Canada and again from west to east, University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, Quantlan College, Campolano in the Okanogan, BC, University of Calgary.

President: The only post secondary education in Alberta that doesn't have a plan, maybe other than some of the smaller colleges, is the U of A. And they have had two referendums in the last two years fail.

Mr. Bukhman: I think in terms of large universities, the only ones in Canada, that do not have health and dental plans would be the U of A, the U of S, Manitoba and Lavall. So, those would be the only ones. NAIT, SAIT, Winnipeg, Ontario, U of T, York, Queens, Western, Ottawa, Carleton, Windsor, Ryerson. Basically every university in Ontario has one and in Quebec as well, except for Lavall. Dalhousie, Memorial, U of NB. In a short synopsis, the majority. Approximately 350,000 and 400,000 students in Canada are covered by some sort of a health plan.

President: When I was talking about the U of A, they brought forward a managed care plan both times, which is providing.....

Mr. Bukhman: I won't say that we have never had a referendum that has failed. Our normal recommendation to our clients is that after three or four years, that the plan

be put back to referendum to renew the mandate. In all the cases where we've done that, the vote in favour of the plan was higher in the second referendum than in the first. On average, in almost all of the referendums that we've seen, have had voter favour of about 70-75%. The survey is of these students first impression and hopefully during the referendum campaign there will be a lot more information provided to students. Pro's and con's. The question is the kind of decision that students make. In our experience if students are properly informed and if they have a high degree of input in shaping the plan, it's been our experience that the results have been very positive.

Ms. Foster: There is no reason that any benefit that you want covered couldn't be covered. Health practitioners can be taken to whatever the U of S students need. Just a couple of quick examples; UBC made the decision not to include massage therapy, and physiotherapy because they are covered under the provincial health plan and they also made a decision not to cover eye exams as it's covered under the BC medicare and there stats show that most of their students are from BC. Other universities in Quebec have made different choices based on Quebec medicare. A lot of what would be designed around is what you already have and where the gaps are. What is important?

? : How do you come to that conclusion? Is that where we come in?

Mr. Bukhman: I think that most of the associations we work with in fact do cover alternative therapies.

? : Could you provide the USSU with the different costs?

Mr. Bukhman: Sure, I think that's great.

Mr. Metzger: What is the scope of the coverage for prescriptions and for eye care? I would be interested in seeing what options you have.

Mr. Bukhman: Yes, in terms of the options, there are no limits. It's up to you whether you want broad coverage to cover all drugs prescribed or whether it makes sense to make limitations. That however, is reflected in the cost. There is no inherent limitation from our end. It ultimately lies with you. In terms of the pay mechanism, it would be a pay card. You would go to a pharmacy and show them your card and the portion that is covered is billed directly to the company. So, the cost out of your pocket is minimal. You can renegotiate if the options change.

President: Council will decide to go to referendum and depending on what we put in the plan will determine the cost. As a Council this year, through the Ad Hoc Committee on Health and Dental, is come up with a plan that we think is suitable and bring it forward to Council for approval, get everyone's input and move forward from there. We'll come up with the numbers, and what it covers. We'll also have a referendum every three years to see if it's what the students want. The plan, if we go forward with the referendum, will be responsive to students. I hope everyone keeps that in mind.

Mr. Bukhman: There is nothing inherent in the plan lets youyear to year. By law it's illegal to cover anything that is covered publicly. If the government of Saskatchewan comes out and says great we've got a lot of money from Jean Cretien, and our first priority for this money is to provide dental care at 100% to all university students of this province. That would be the most fabulous thing in the world. First of all it would reduce the cost of the plan a great deal and then you could say either decrease the premium or broaden the drug coverage or some combination of balance. Keep in mind the cost of the plan in relation to what it covers. The more it covers the higher the cost. Hopefully you can find a happy medium point. It should change from year to year because the plan will evolve over time to meet students needs.

Ms. Foster: These are just suggestions of things that have worked at other Universities and I'm sure you guys have lots of ways to go about getting student input. Make sure that everyone is aware of the entirety of the plan so that when it comes time to referendum students can make an informed choice. I have had a lot of success with holding information workshops in different colleges and panels and engage in the same kind of discussion we're having here tonight. That is a lot of the support I provide to Studentcare.net/works. The other thing that I think to emphasize is the website and the web strategies that we have to get the information out there and to get students to contribute. Frequently asked question will come up outside of this room. There are also testimonials from other campuses, what they think of their health plan and the details of their coverage. Assuming that all goes well, and if the USSU Health and Dental Plan starting up and one of the services that we offer is a really extensive communications infrastructure to make sure that the students actually use their plan. There is no point in going through a referendum is students don't use it. There is a package mailed out to all students at least once a year to make sure they have that in their hands. All of the forms are downloadable off the web site. If you're travelling there is a special section, if you want to opt out, if you want to sign your family up, that's all on the web site. If a conditional opt out is what you want to do, to keep the premiums really affordable, there are ways to make that effective and accessible. There really is a lot of support going into making sure that students who can opt out, can opt out on line without a four hour line up. There are ways to make sure that doesn't happen. There is a 1-800 number and a call centre for students to use. Really an effective use of their health and dental plan or an effective withdrawal from the plan, if that's what students wish. Typically we are pretty intense for the first three weeks of the year because that's when new students have a lot of questions. Then we continue throughout the year we offer support through different events and being a present on campus and allowing students to interact and have some sort of access and control over their own benefits.

Mr. Bukhman: Are there any questions at this point? We've covered a lot of ground in an hour. There are a couple of things we didn't get into tonight. We've covered and summarized the opt out plan because it is an important issue for students. We've talked about the survey, the options available in putting your health plan into effect and we've talked about some of the communication steps that are required. First of all we'll make sure that all students have a say and that the plan is reflective of what they want. Our role in all of this covers a couple of things. First of all we are specialists in

health care, we have a lot of experience in working with other schools. Our role is to provide guidance in your choices. Our role is as advisors and to go out and get the best coverage and deal from the suppliers. We'll give you whatever resources we can and whatever you want to help you in getting the message out to students when you are campaigning.

Ms. Foster: Resources also in administering the plan. A big concern for a lot of associations is that this is such a large project that is almost beyond the scope of what a student association can do on their own, so that is where the service providers come in, you know talking to the university, figuring out exactly how the data is going to be transferred back and forth and how they opt out and how it's going to be credited back to students accounts or is a cheque going to be issued to everyone. All of those different things that take up a lot of time and would require a pretty large commitment of time and resources from the association if there weren't a separate body who could devote the time and energy necessary. To process all of the data entry and keep the web site up to date.

Mr. Bukhman: Believe it or not, it does sound like a lot of work to be done, there is actually a framework that we follow and if you know what questions to ask, the issues become a lot simpler to address.

The reality is that the plan has to be passed by the students because if it took an hour to explain this concept, multiply that by 15,000 students on campus, and for all the students to have all of their questions answered, and we have a lot of resources in place for that. We have a call centre that handles about 150,00 and 170,000 calls a year. The reality is that surprise surprise, students don't always know how their institutions works. So part of our role is to provide resources not only to the association, but the students as well.

Ms. Mateen: So, if there was perhaps a referendum this year and students did vote yes for the plan, when would it be in place?

Mr. Bukhman: It could start in January.

Ms. Foster: Then you have all of the people that are voting in that referendum, all of the Councilors who are sitting here who are going to put in a lot of work on this and all of the students that are involved, volunteers, etc. will see the results of that action. That is an incredible action on campus.

Mr. Bukhman: If there is an opt out, one of the services that we had operating was the Total Health Plan Management on behalf of the student association and that could include having a kiosk staffed by us to provide information to students. Making sure that all of the information is up to date, etc. There is actually one more thing I have to talk about that Aaron asked me to an it is important, especially given the history at the U of S. As I mentioned before, one of the cost control things that we've developed is out networks. It's a bit of an odd term, but one of the key things is to understand the difference between networks and the dreaded managed care. To give you a basic history, managed care concept evolved in the U.S. to control costs. Managed care from what I understand was the major problem with the referendum last time around at the U of S.

What managed care does is this; it was an application to a dental plan, it said OK, we're going to have a dental plan for students and students are going to pay X amount of money into the plan and the plan is going to cover a wide level of benefits, such as 80%. But, you could only use the plan at one of five or six dentists that are set up in a network and so if you were covered by the student plan the only way you can use the plan is at one of those dentists, and it was a small number. It has to be small number because of the way that it works is that all of the funds that the students pay into the plan are actually divided up amongst those dentists, and the more dentists there are, the less of the pie they get and that poses a limit on to where and when you can go. Rather than the insurance being paid by the company for every visit or service that is being performed, in fact they are paid a flat amount and are responsible for providing whatever is the appropriate level of services that are involved. If your revenues are fixed, this is what you get and the cost of the services that you provide to the population there is an incentive involved because you maximize your profit by minimizing your expenses. So, the major problem with managed care is that they see major disincentive for the health care provider to deliver required health care services. And that can compromise the doctor patient relationship.

Ms. Foster: It's a flawed system to being with, but when you think about a student environment, and that most of us are only students for a limited amount of years, there is a clear failing when there is an incentive that when you know you're only going to be on the plan for a couple of years, then you're going on to some other job with another plan and it really has a significantly low limitations in that dentists can say well maybe that treatment can wait. I think managed care is a flawed system, but it's particularly inappropriate for a temporary student.

Mr. Bukhman: The reason managed care came around mostly becauseanyone had the great desire to compromise the quality of service, but it came around because the traditional type of insurance plan is expensive because those services are expensive and if the cost of the service is expensive, it's billed to the plan and that cost is passed along to the people that are paying into the plan and in this case, it's the students themselves. So, years ago when we first began doing student plans, and we looked up the traditional plans, they were very expensive and the insurance companies were pushing this managed care, saying it's really cheap for students, but when we looked into it a little more deeply, we saw that it was flawed and it was especially flawed for students. That's why it failed. So, over the years we've said to people that are going to put it to referendum, that it won't pass and it doesn't. We do not market managed care to any of our clients anymore. If one of our clients asked us to put it into effect, we would have a bit of a dilemma. So, there were the choices, this traditional insurance or managed care and we wanted to find a third way to make sure that students receive a proper level of care and that if there was some way to receive and negotiate some savings, that we could pass that on to students. The way we've done this is the following, and again, I want to say that this is only one of the services available to you, and there is no reason why you would have to take this approach, you might say you just want a traditional plan. The way that this system develops works the following way; there are two parts to it. There are two components; component number one is a plane, simple old-fashioned insurance plan. This plan covers 80% of the checkups and services. This is a plan that students have, they pay the

premiums for. If you make it 60% instead of 80% it will cost less, if you make it 100% instead of 80% it will be more. It's that relationship is what you pay is what the insurance is covering. You can use that insurance with any practitioner of your choice. The only one small variation that we make is that we structure that insurance in a way that allows, if you think of it this way, if the student plan covers 80% of the cost, that means the student pay 20% and the total is 100%. All that we allow is that if the dentist wants to absorb the cost of the remainder of the student cost, well then the insurance company will still pay the 80% and the student doesn't have to pay anything. It's not something the dentist has to do, to offer a savings, the savings goes entirely to reducing the students out of pocket cost. People can do that with their own dentists, and the problem with the traditional plans is that they wouldn't allow you to do that. So, that's one small change that we made. How does this network? The only thing that we do is if students want to publicize the fact that the dentists are willing to do that, we allow those dentists to publicize that through a directory on our web site. That is the network. It simply gives the students more choice.

Ms. Foster: It's a lot of information and it's kind of confusing. I think this is probably enough and we'll leave some information with you. I think we're done taking up all of your time. Good luck!

President: Thank you guys. I think we got a good footing for the health and dental and I think the Ad Hoc Committee will be looking into this in a lot more detail and more information will be forthcoming at future meetings. Once again, I would like to thank Lev and Kristin. If you have any questions, Kristin will be around tomorrow in my office from 10 a.m. until noon. Thank you very much.

Chair: That looks like everything we'll consider informally. Unless there are any objections, we'll move along here. Is there any opposition to that? Seeing none, we'll move to Minutes to Report for Action. Now we've had some comments going through every one even though there are no minutes reported, so if there's no objections, this time and in the future, perhaps what we'll do is review the Minutes to Report for things that we have, so I won't go through the ones if they don't have anything. Is there any objection to moving along? Seeing none then, we have two items on our Minutes and Reports for Action, 6.1, USC minutes of course and Item 6.6 which is the Elections Board minutes from September 22nd. Moving right along, Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I move that we adopt the USC minutes from September 20th without reading.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock. Do we have any debate on the motion? Seeing none, all those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing none, minutes are received without reading.

MOTION USC32: Wallace/Hitchcock

Chair: Moving on to Item 6.6, Elections Board minutes to report for September 27th. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Elections Board met earlier today and announced the two successful candidates from the Senate By-election. So, the two new student senators for the remainder of this term are Tera Schneider and Johnson Kong and subsequently Elections Board made a motion to destroy the ballots.

Chair: Thank you. Can I have a motion to receive the minutes? Recognize Mr. Hitchcock. Do we have a seconder for that? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers. Is there any debate on receiving the Elections Board minutes? All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC33: Hitchcock/Wagemakers

Chair: We have two new senators. Having expired number 6, we'll now move on to Item 7, Minutes to Report for Information. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Motion to receive the Executive minutes without reading.

Chair: I think that's in order. Do we have a seconder for that motion? Recognize Councilor Geenen. Is there any debate? All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC34: Hitchcock/Geenen

Chair: Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes to Report. Do we have any motions arising from the minutes? Seeing none, we'll move along to Item 9, Business. Nothing there, so moving to Item 10, the only thing is 10.1, the resolution for next week that will come up. Perhaps we can get the Councilor from Physical Therapy to read the resolution that will be on the agenda next week.

Ms. Debiene: Thank you Mr. Chair. Be it resolved that a photocopier machine be placed in St. Andrews College.

Chair: Thank you. Actually I'm going to get a seconder for that. I think it's already been seconded. Are there any questions about it before it goes onto the agenda? I think that would be appropriate at this time. Seeing none, moving along to Item 11, Questions and Comments for thirty minutes. Can we have a motion to go into Questions and Comments? Recognize President Dougan. Do we have a seconder? Recognize Councilor Sanders. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing no opposition, we are now in Questions and Comments for thirty minutes. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I had asked last week that all the MSC's let me know if they are going to be attending University Council or not and I didn't receive very many responses so what I'm going to do right now is read out people who cannot attend and people that said that they would attend. After the meeting or sometime before

Wednesday of next week, you need to let me know. People who will not be sitting on University Council are; Kyle Dobson, Ben Wagemakers, Trent Evanisky, Andrew Urmson and Drew Hitchcock.

People who will be sitting on University Council are; Clint Johnson, Cam Metzger and Farrah Mateen. That's what I know for sure, so please let me know.

Chair: Further questions or comments? Recognize Devin Geudo. In order for him to speak, I think it's appropriate that the Council vote on giving him speaking privileges. Recognize the President.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. If I may, I would like to move to grant speaking privileges to all guests.

Chair: I think that motion is in order. Can we have a seconded for the motion? Recognize Councilor Mateen. I'll put that right to a vote. All those in favour of allowing guests in the gallery speaking privileges? All those opposed? Seeing none, the guests in the gallery have speaking privileges. You can speak as much as you like, time permitting in the thirty-minute session for questions and comments.

MOTION USC35: Dougan/Mateen

Chair: Go ahead Mr. Guedo.

Mr. Guedo: I just had two questions regarding the Senate By-election. I was wondering what the voter turnout was and I was under the impression that there was only one polling station in Lower Place Riel, and I was wondering if there was university wide election campaigning done?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The voter turnout was about 127 votes which is listed on the Elections Board minutes, which roughly translates to about .75% of the voting population of students on campus. Because of the vacancy existed on the Senate, according to the U of S Act, which is provincial legislation, we were forced to have the by-election. We elected those people to attend one meeting coming up on October 20th, and for that reason there wasn't a ton of resources that went into it, we made sure that everything went through due process, but we didn't spend a lot of money inundating the campus with posters or hiring people to work at polling stations. There was the one polling station in Place Riel, which should have done better than it had, from our impression. Having had traffic studies done in Place Riel saying that there are 21,000 people that go through every day. Unfortunately none of those 21,000 were interested in voting. So, everything went according to policy and because it was required, that type of procedure would never be used for a general election or for a referendum, but for the by-election at the beginning of September, we felt that that was the best way to get it done.

Chair: Thank you. For the record, Mr. Guedo is the President of the ASSU? Is that correct? Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: I was just wondering if that was 127.....?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. The 127 was voters, so of those voters.....that isn't information we could release. Since I forgot to introduce this during Introduction and Announcements, I would like to congratulate them at this time.

Chair: Thank you. Are there any further questions or comments? Recognize Councilor Debiene.

Ms. Debiene: I was asked to report on Shineramma, and the numbers haven't been released yet, but we were around \$12,000.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything further? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just one final comment; I'm surprised nobody raised the issue of my hair.

Chair: Anything further? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Wallace: Doesn't it look pretty though?

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Jackson: I would also like to add that they would never raise enough money to shave my head.

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to move to close Questions and Comments.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder? Recognize Councilor Renneberg. Any debate? All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Questions and Comments are closed. Moving along to Item 12, Any Other Business. Is there any other business at this time? Seeing none, recognize Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

Chair: Thank you. Can I have a seconder? Recognize VP Jackson. All those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing none, meeting is adjourned.

MOTION USC36: Hitchcock/Jackson

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, October 4th, 2000

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: September 27th, 2000**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3 Operations and Finance Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.7 Code of Conduct Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: September 26th, 2000 and September 28th, 2000**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 School of Physical Therapy Resolution**

New Business

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, October 4th, 2000

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Kris Denney, Education
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Craig Blechinger
Shawn Blackman
Jody Marshak
Rhonda Petford
Uyen Hoang Nguyen
Ginelle Paziuk
Kara Shipman
Christopher Wiechnik

REGRETS

Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

ABSENT

Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Student Representative, Voc. Ag.
Todd Schweitzer, Education

Meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m.

Chair: Does everyone have a copy of the agenda? Call for quorum. I see that there are more than thirteen people here, so we'll move on to Item 3, Adoption of the Agenda. Is there any changing or additions to the agenda at this time? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to add Item 5.1, Studentcare.net/works and under the Appointments Board, 6.5, minutes from October 3rd, and under New Business, 10.1, Be it resolved that the Students' Union undertakes a Health and Dental referendum for the undergraduate student body.

Chair: Can I have a seconder for the motion as those three items. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock. Is there any debate on the addition of those items? Seeing none, lets go to the motion as presented by the President. Item 5.1, Studentcare.net/works information for Council Address; Appointments Board, minutes from October the 3rd, and add Item 10.1 which is a resolution by the USSU with regards to Health and Dental. All those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing none, those items are now added to the agenda.

MOTION USC37: Dougan/Hitchcock

Chair: Just an item of speaking clearly, some of the areas are a little grey, so please speak up so the minutes are complete. Any other items with regard to the agenda? Seeing none, I will move on to Item 4, Introductions and Announcements. Recognize VP Operations and Finance.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a reminder to Council that Thursday, October the 19th is the last day for Server Intervention. It runs from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in Arts 100 and please register with Joan Kripki if you wish to attend. The other thing is I have your cheques from September. I'll pass them around, please take yours. Also enclosed is a sheet to fill in your contact information, so please fill it out and return it to me.

Chair: Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you. I would like to introduce Shawn Blackman. He is the Academic Affairs Officer for the USSU.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Debiegne.

Ms. Debiegne: I would like to introduce you to our Co-Presidents for Physical Therapy and as well we have Leslee Merkowsky and Jody Marshak from the School.

Chair: Thank you. I recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. I would like to introduce Kristen Foster from Studentcare.net/works, who will be speaking to us a little later. I would also like to announce some of Louis' upcoming events. On October 12th, Wayne Lee the hypnotist will be at Louis'. We're going to try to get Henderson on stage. And lastly, I would just like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chair: I recognize Councilor Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to announce again, that our Academic Awards night will be held tomorrow at the Travelodge. You can get tickets. It's \$12 for the supper and \$12 for the dance afterwards.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to announce that we are going to have our StubbleJumper/Bean Counter Pub on October 19th and as to date the location hasn't been determined, but that's coming up in the next little while.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have a quick announcement. Next Thursday, October 12th is the Commerce Small Town Pub Crawl. If any of you are interested in going, please let me know and tickets go on sale tomorrow morning.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. First of all, I've been talking about the Civic Election campaign, and I've shown your Presidents, and here is some of the information we have circulating around the City right now on billboards and on buses. So, I'll be passing them around so you guys can look at it. Also, the USSU has a Film Festival that starts tonight and goes through until Saturday night. It's \$2.50 a movie, \$1 for pop, so just show up!

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Urmson.

Mr. Urmson: As everyone probably knows, the C95 Radio Marathon is tomorrow and we're trying to raise money in our college and the others that are in the Health Sciences building, and you should all do the same as the money is going to breast cancer research.

Chair: Is there any other introductions or announcements? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 5, and 5.1. Is there a motion to consider informally. Recognize President Dougan. Is there a seconder? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers. All those in favour of considering informally? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we are now considering informally for the Council Address.

MOTION USC38: Dougan/Wagemakers

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Next week, there will be a resolution coming to Council go to referendum for a Health and Dental plan for undergraduate students on campus. Last week we had a presentation from Studentcare.net/works, and we are not going to rehash that presentation, but if you happened to get any feedback from the student body, Kristen Foster had the opportunity to be here tonight and this is really the last chance we'll have to ask questions and get some more clarification from someone who is in the industry. So, I'll hand the floor over to Kristen and if you have any last questions before next week, more information will be forthcoming, but if you have any questions, I would strongly encourage you to ask them as this time.

Ms. Foster: I think last week there was a lot of information and I apologize for the length of the presentation. So, I thought I would come back and see if you guys had any other questions. I just wanted to let you know that I'm going to leave a bunch of business cards with Aaron, so that if any of you would like to get in touch with me directly, send me an e-mail, because as you end up talking with people in your colleges, you may have some specific questions that come up. I guess since I'm here, is there anything that wasn't clear last week or any issues that have come up?

President: Very briefly, could you clarify the difference between the difference between managed and non-managed care and network?

Ms. Foster: Yeah sure, that's probably a good thing to go over. You guys are probably more familiar with managed care than I am. It's not something that Studentcare.net/works does. Managed care, tends to limit because the entire premium is split between a set number of dentists for example. It can be in any profession, but it usually is dental work where it comes up. So, in fact, what ends up happening in reality, is that the only way for a dentist to maximize any profit is by minimizing their service and trying to be as cost effective as possible in seeing students and keeping the visits short and sweet. On the other hand, the fee for service type of program, pays the dentists for every service. The network part of it that we went over last week, it's an interesting idea. It works and if that's a component that you would like to add to your program, that's great. But in reality, it's completely separate from the insurance. The money that students pay to have health and dental is entirely separate from whether or not there are a group of dentists in Saskatchewan that are willing to provide a discount. The whole network is a glamorous term for a list. A list of dentists who are already happily providing student discounts and who want that information relayed to students. What makes it possible is that the insurance benefits that we organize are fixed on the provincial fee guide, so no matter what a dentist charges, it's always going to be a percentage of what the fee guide says that service should be. So, if your dentist is going to offer you a discount, whether he is on the network or not, if he's just some guy in your home town that wants to cut you a break, that discount is going to go to you, the student and that's it. The insurance is not involved in anyway, which is really distinct from managed care. So, it's just another way of designing insurance benefits that allows you

guys to use discounts and if the service provider is already in touch with a lot of students, it then makes sense for us to provide that list of dentists to the students who wish to use it. If they don't want to use that dentists, that's perfectly fine too. We've got students in China and everywhere using their dental benefits using the dentist of their choice. And that's a big thing for me personally, is the choice available to students.

?: The thing that kept on coming up at our meeting on Monday was the opt out option. So, there is going to be a flat rate that every student is going to pay, and then you have the choice of taking your parents' plan, right?

Ms. Foster: That's sort of how it works at most universities. You guys can chose to do something different, but it would cost a lot. It's a flat fee, which is included in tuition, meaning that it can be covered by grants, bursaries and student loans. If you are already covered, you can fill out the form on the internet, and you get your money back. If you are not already covered, the amount that is going to, generally the student premium will be cheaper than any other coverage you can get. It's a big question in student health care. There is that sort of balancing, there are a lot of students and a lot of opposition to a plan that automatically includes everyone, but if you don't do it that way and there may be a lot of students with pre-existing conditions and they definitely, the premium rates will be definitely more than twice of what they are at other universities.

So, it's a tough call, but considering all of the other universities that we work with across Canada, have chosen to have an automatic inclusion, than people who are already covered can take that 5 minutes of inconvenience and fill out the form. Rather than make it more expensive for everyone. It's not impossible, but it's up to you. Does that help? Well, I'm here if you need me, so pick up a card from Aaron, and have a good weekend.

Chair: I need a motion to go back to considering formally. Recognize VP Wallace. Seconder President Dougan. All those in favour? Is there any opposition?

MOTION USC39: Wallace/Dougan

Chair: Seeing none, we'll move to Item 6.1, USC Minutes for September 27th, 2000. Is there any opposition to receiving these minutes without reading. Recognize VP Jackson. Seconder Councilor Adelman. Any debate? Seeing none, we'll go right to a vote? All those in favour? Is there any opposition? The minutes are received without reading.

MOTION USC40: Jackson/Adelman

Chair: We'll now move on to Item 6.5, Appointments Board minutes and report for October 3rd. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Appointments Board met on October 3rd, we actually met on the 2nd as well, but the minutes won't be coming forward until the next meeting. The first item, we talked about the appointments policy and we made some revisions and passed the policy as amended. Then we went in to interview for all of the positions for University Students' Council as well as University Council and the broader

University community. After the interviews were done, we went through deliberations and the appointments were made. The appointments schedule is the addendum to the minutes and then in terms of the next meeting, the Appointments Board will only be meeting on an as-needed basis from here on in.

Chair: Thank you. Any questions? I understand that we don't have photocopies, so is there any objection to receiving the minutes as read? Seeing no objections, the minutes are received. Next on the agenda is Item 7, Executive Committee minutes for both September 26th and 28th. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. For the Executive Committee for September 26th, we received a sponsorship bid from Student Health and we moved to sponsor the rental of the table in the tunnel. Shinnerama, on September 21st, VP Henderson, VP Wallace and President Dougan all had their heads shaved for this cause as over \$1000 was raised specifically for that purpose and in total \$10,500 was raised by U of S Students which was forwarded to the foundation. The Executive ratified a number of campus groups and VP Henderson also reported that the Pharmacy & Nutrition Students Society had paid their fees, and are therefore ratified. The Teaching and Learning Centre – VP Wallace reported that he met with Ron Markin and the Professors Handbook was also reviewed.

VP Wallace attended the Instructional Development Committee meeting regarding course evaluations and Dr. Atkinson also attended and spoke in favour of the project and offered funds. VP Wallace met with the ASSU and the STMSU regarding grievances and the process. It was also reported that the Executive met with the ASA. They also met with the Campus Chaplains. University Council passed a motion moving the responsibilities regarding academic appeals to the Secretary's Office from the Registrar's Office. VP Wallace, Mr. Blackman, Dr. Pezer and Tasha Elliott all met and introduced themselves to one another. Server Intervention, VP Henderson and VP Jackson attended a planning meeting with regards to the training. VP Wallace reported that he attended the Sexual Assault Intervention training hosted by the Centres of the USSU.

Chair: Is there any opposition to receiving the minutes as read? Seeing none, the minutes are received. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. For the Executive Committee minutes for September the 28th, we received a sponsorship request from Huskie Athletics, and it did not fall within our mandate, so we denied that. We ratified student groups as listed and also reported that the Kinesiology Students Society and the Law Association had both paid their ratification fees. VP Jackson reported information with regards to the candidates for the City Council elections and it was reported that Mark Kissel, the CASA National Director, will be here the week of October 18th to 20th and the events surrounding his visit.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any opposition to receiving the minutes as read? Seeing none, the minutes are received. We'll now move on to Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports. Are there any motions arising? Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Can we ask questions here to?

Chair: No, this is just if there is a direct motion coming from those minutes. Any motions arising? Seeing none, we'll move along to Item 9.1, The School of Physical Therapy Resolution. Just before we view that, there are some copies, I guess available, but I would like to say something about resolutions in general. The Roberts Rules of Order, and the convention for our Council, is that when a motion is placed under New Business, it is received in writing, so there is no discrepancy when it comes up the following week, to make sure everything is OK when it comes up under Business the following week. We received this today in writing, and in understanding that this is sort of a new procedure to us all, it's no problem, but if there is a difference between, it says "Be it resolved that a photocopier machine be placed in St. Andrew's College School of Physical Therapy, it says, if you go back to the minutes from last week, the motion as was read out was that the resolution was to add a photocopier in St. Andrew's College, so there is a discrepancy between those two. If there is no objection though, we'll accept the new resolution that has been handed to me. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, 9.1, recognize Councilor Debiene. Is there a seconder for this resolution? Recognize Councilor Geenan.

Ms. Debiene: OK, I will just read it out. Whereas the USSU mission statement claims that the USSU is committed to meeting the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students through advocacy and services, and whereas the students of Physical Therapy pay Students' Union fees, as all other undergraduate students at the U of S, in order to benefit from the advocacy and services provided by the organization, the School of Physical Therapy take ninety percent of their classes in the St. Andrews College building, we do not have access to the many services available to other students, and we do not have a photocopier on site at our location and whereas we decision to remove the copier in the building was based on absolute monetary value, not considering the population in the school equals ninety in the fall semester and equals sixty in the winter semester, and where reasonable access to the services was considered in this decision not to remove the copier machine from one other building, but this college, so the same rationale was not applied to the School of Physical Therapy, be it resolved that a photocopier machine be placed in St. Andrew's College for the School of Physical Therapy.

Chair: Great. So, it's open for debate. Everything to be read out here is called a preamble, and the only thing that you are going to be voting on, if it comes to a vote, is the "be it resolved" part. That's the only actionable part here. This is the operative clause. We are writing that on the board so there is no discrepancy here. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: I move that we suspend the rules of debate, specifically the number of times a single person can speak to a motion.

Chair: We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a seconder? VP Wallace. I'm going to put this to a vote because it does require a two-thirds majority because it does effect privileges of the councilors. It's non-debatable, and the motion again, is to give unlimited speaking privileges. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? I see two oppositions, that rule of debate has now been suspended. Recognize VP Henderson.

MOTION USC41: Henderson/Wallace

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just before I start, I have circulated a copy of the information. Is there anyone that doesn't have a copy? The information details the rationale behind the reasons of the copier not being replaced within the College of St. Andrew's and it details the cost associated with that. I would just like to go through the equipment maintenance, just so that everyone is aware of the costs. First of all, we went from 34 to 30 machines. The four coin-operated machines located in the Health Sciences library, the Education library and the Murray Library, we removed those because of low capacity. It details why the machines were switched with regards to the Escro unit. Moving on to Section 2.2, St. Andrews College copier. It details the reason why it was not replaced and that was because of the copy volume, which was around 18,000 copies per year. The next machine, details the Kinesiology machine, which was scheduled for removal as well, however, because of their great distance to the nearest machine, was not removed.

The Council and President and MSC of that college are aware that it will be removed. There was an addition machine in Commerce during February, March and April of last year. The machine was removed from Commerce and put in the Residence Building because the volumes we felt that would support it. Because it was such a successful event, we decided to put the machine back in there. We have one in Lower Place Riel and one in the Main Library. It also details the test locations of some of the special features including the document handlers. The last sheet details the volumes for each machine starting with the highest and going to the lowest volume. With regards to machines that were removed, using the ranking, it was machine number 21, with 94,000 copies last year, machine number 27, which does 57,000 copies in year, machine number 41 which does 40,000 copies in a year, machine 32 which does 18,000 copies in a year and machine 34 which does 8,000 copies in a year. So, as you see, we didn't just pick the lowest ones. With regards to the detail of the cost as I have indicated on the front of this memo, the cost would be approximately \$14,670 which includes the cost of the copier, the cover, the base unit, the card reader, locks, screws, warranty insurance, tax and depreciation. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Just one other comment I would like to say, and I don't mean to keep interrupting here, but it's polite to say, before you speak, whether you are speaking for or against the motion and it's just so we know where you stand. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I am speaking against the resolution. I would ask that all of the members of Student Council and the guests here think back to the MSC Orientation with the USSU and as you recall from that day, student fees make up less

than 20% of the operating revenues of the USSU, that's not to say that we don't respond to students needs and we don't value the student input into our services, however, the reason why we have such a large operating revenue and hence an operating budget, is because we run four business that are the operations of the USSU, Browsers, Louis', the Print Shop and the photocopier fleet. The remainder of our budget is made up from student fees; however, those four operations provide the rest, approximately 80% of the money we use to fund all of the other services that we offer as a Students' Union. So, if we loose money from one of our other operations, basically we loose money going into the services. We only have a few options then, and those include decreasing the services that we offer, and that isn't something we are willing to do, our goal is to continually diversify and increase the services we offer to the students at the U of S, and the only other option that we see, would be to increase student fees and nobody wants that. The fact of the matter is, is that this was a business decision and if we follow through with this resolution, if it passes, is going to set a precedent. You'll notice that there isn't any photocopiers in the Physics Building, and if this goes through, what's to stop them asking to one as well. There are other instances that other groups on campus that could do the same. Where does it stop? I think this is a dangerous precedent to set and I really urge everyone to think carefully about this, from not only a political perspective, but look at the business perspective as well. I urge you to vote against this resolution.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize a person in the gallery, Ms. Marshak. Please stand up, state your name and college.

Ms. Marshak: Thank you. My name is Jody Marshak, and I'm a student from the School of Physical Therapy. I am in favour of this motion. I come here tonight, not only to support my school, but to provide some additional insight. As a Physical Therapy student, we often experience feelings of isolation, to prove my point, I'm sure that prior to this evening, people have been in this room and have never heard of St. Andrew's College or knew what vocation the building housed. Secondly, it is as it currently stands, first year students aren't able to take reference books and required materials out of the building. With no copier, these students have no way of replicating necessary and useful information needed for their classes. In addition, Physical Therapy student will now have to use copiers in other buildings. Students will have to truck through the rain and snow during the winter months as we do not have the privilege of walking through the cozy and warm tunnel. St. Andrew's College has limited resources to help their students studing there. For example, there is a library in the building, although it is not accessible to Physical Therapy students. We do not have a computer lab, not even as much as a simple computer available for student use. By having a copier, it was one less service we didn't have. Lastly, in a struggle to be heard, mainly because of our small size, I ask you as students who represent and serve, by providing the School with a service that is most greatly appreciated.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Debeinne.

Ms. Debieenne: I just wanted to speak to the President's comments. The USSU making an effort to diversify it's services, and this being a business decision, and while I

recognize the importance of that, I think that the primary issue is serving students and as Jody just said, this is effecting our students greatly, largely due to the fact that we feel quite disenfranchised from the rest of the campus, largely due to our location. I guess the question is, are we looking at this as a business decision or as a social issue?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: I would just like to speak to some of comments. With regards to the need of the students of Physical Therapy to access reference materials, understand that your Prof's have put the reference materials within locations within your college that your don't have to copy them from. As I have tried to make the last two of your meetings, and failed to be put on your agenda for them for some reason, I could have explained that to you and offered alternatives such as the Print Shop. They would be glad to work with your Prof's and copy material for you ahead of time and have it ready for you to pick up. The information with regards as to where the money would come from. It would have to come from the USSU's capital budget. There is no money within our operating budget to do so, so we would have to overexpend our capital budget. If we have \$300,000 of revenue and \$300,000 of expenses because we run a balanced budget, we won't be spending \$315,000.

With regards to your comment about being within a building, I've been in the building approximately 12 times this year, so I'm very much aware of where you are located.

Chair: Just a comment about debate. It's best to be preventative and answer your questions through the chair. It's nothing personal and I won't allow it to be. So, please whatever your comments are, good, bad or ugly, please direct them through the chair. As the speakers list goes, I have no one left, so are there any further comments. Recognize Ms. Christainsen.

Ms. Christainsen: I would just like to ask a question as I'm a little confused. How much money does it cost to run a machine?

Chair: I'm actually going to call that out of order, because as soon as you ask that question, that is the end of your speaking ability because you have to make a motion, or make a point of order, so you can't continue to speak after that. It would be a point of information.

Ms. Christainsen: I would like to know how much the photocopier is.....

Chair: I'm sorry, so you're not actually asking to call the question, you have a question? I'm sorry, I misinterpreted what you said.

Ms. Christainsen: I just wanted to know how much money would the machine need to make to cover the cost of the copier.

Chair: Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. To address the question from the Councilor from Nursing, the machines all operate on a break-even basis; however, there are some machines, because of the lower volumes, they need to be subsidized by other higher volume machines. The way this works, is each copy is calculated as a tenth of the copy for revenue side, and the cost depends of the services and paper used and whether there is double siding, so it's pretty hard to say. Most machines are on a break-even basis.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: The College of Arts & Science has access to all copiers in the Murray Library, Commerce, Print Shop and Place Riel, where the College of Physical Therapy has to walk outside, which is just a point for debate. What I would like to address the Council, is that considering there is no library in the Arts Building and there is no reference materials to be copied, could we move the copier from the Arts Lounge to St. Andrew's College. So, I would like to ask the Council what they would think of a motion like that?

Chair: Thank you. Is there any further debate? Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: There is no library of that sort, but there are two levels of classes, where students have to copy notes, etc, so I don't like that idea.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Debiegne.

Ms. Debiegne: OK, I would support that motion. That of course, opens a new can of worms, but I would just like to share an anecdote from my College. About an hour ago we went to the Health Sciences Library to make a photocopy and we waited in line for 40 minutes before we were able to make a copy. I think that our access is very hindered and I think that that's important that we share that with our Executive.

Chair: Recognize the gentleman in the back, sorry I don't know your name.

Mr. Blechinger: ..it says in the Sheaf that Health Sciences lost one of their copiers, so they are down to three, so that is just making even harder on people over there.....

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you. In regards to waiting in line for the copiers in Health Sciences, so do the students in Health Sciences, and so do a lot of other students. So, if we were to solve that problem by putting a copier in Physical Therapy, then there is going to be another one in Health Sciences and another one wherever else there is a line up, and it's not worth it.

Chair: Any further debate? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Once again, I'm speaking against the resolution. To respond to the Councilor from Physical Therapy's previous inquiries. In terms of diversification of Students' Union services, that's something we do on an on-going basis. This photocopier switchover to the new models is one such improvement to our services. The copiers have more options, they're faster and although in this period right now, as they've only be out about a month, I expect that there will be line ups for a while until people are used to dealing with the copies and the options that they can provide. The fact of the matter is is that this was a sound business decision considering the volume of that copier and the photocopy fleet is a business as it is on the operations side of the USSU. I would just also like to add that the USSU is very responsive to students' needs and as Scott Henderson, the VP Operations and Finance, mentioned, he had attempted to attend the Physical Therapy Council meeting to discuss the issue and he as not allowed to attend.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a few questions. First of all, why wasn't this brought up at last year's budget meeting, but that meeting is in the past, and we can't change it now. These issues were obviously not around then. One of Councilor Hitchcock's comments as to why can't we move a copier from the library or something like that to Physical Therapy. Just going through the VP Finance's report here, it says that in recognition of Item 1.2 on this report, the coin-operated copiers will remain in the current three library location and a fourth added to Vet Med, so we added four units there, but we don't have enough to add one to Physical Therapy. So, I was just curious was this wasn't taken into account.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just speaking to the libraries themselves. There is a contract in place with the library and we will continue to provide certain services, one of which, is the copiers that are already there. So, we are bound to them by contract. With regards to the remaining ten copiers which are not in libraries or in library accessible locations, those are also there because of demand. With regards to the Escro unit, the machine that you saw there prior to, only allowed coin usage. You couldn't use a copy card. The machine now can accept either and can also add value to your card. We haven't taken away any of the card reading machine, so that has actually added service.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the person in the back there.

Ms. Hoang Nuyen: I realize this is a financial decision and I totally understand the implication, and if you are looking at numbers, the College of Kinesiology uses less than we do. So, I would like to know how you justify this. I realize that Scott wanted to attend one of our meetings, but it was a matter of time not available.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: I'm not sure if this is a point of order or information about the resolution as it reads. It says a photocopy machine be placed in St. Andrew's College. Now, if we were to pass this, I'm not sure who to ask this, probably yourself Mr. Chair, if we were to pass this, does that mean that it's up to the USSU Executive to decide whether they want to buy a new unit, or move a different unit in there from a different location, or does it necessarily mean purchasing a new unit?

Chair: Certainly, we'll take that as a point of information. I'm not in the position to rule how they would react. My prediction would be that the motion would read, it would have to be followed through, but because the Executive is responsible for day to day operations, they would have to implement that. Whatever that means. However feasible that is. They are the micromanagers of the daily operations. That would be my understanding. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you. I'll speak to that inquiry. The copier would have to be purchased and the cost I've indicated on the first sheet. We are still negotiating with the company whom we've purchased the others from. We are trying to see if we can get the price reduced by reducing some of the features or capabilities. It would have to be purchased through the capital budget and with regards to the access for Kinesiology students, Mr. Chair, I recommend that the Councilor from that college speak to that issue. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I realize the numbers for the students in Arts are far bigger than Physical Therapy, but it's a question of priorities. On one hand you have students who have a library and have reference materials that have to be copied, and on the other hand you have people who just want to copy notes because they missed class. Now to me, that's kind of stupid. It is a business decision, but it's not all business. Why we are here is to provide services to all students, not matter what college they are from. And like I said, the Arts students have access to numerous copiers that are only about five minutes away.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. The issue here, Mr. Chair, as I understand is an issue of service. To remove a copier from another location on campus reduces service in that area. So, you are taking one evil away, but implementing another and I think that is inappropriate discussion point to be bringing into this debate about this issue.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I don't think in a democratic body.....

Chair: I'm going to call that out of order. Please address your comments through the chair. I would appreciate that.

Mr. Hitchcock: Mr. Chair, all governments have resources and whether it's the federal government or the USSU, you have to make choices with those limited resources. I understand that those choices are not always popular, but I would like to ask the Executive how discussion and debate on a topic such as this is inappropriate?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Geenan.

Ms. Geenan: Thank you Mr. Chair. As you all know, I'm from the College of Kinesiology, which is basically a good ten minute walk from the nearest copier. I also realize that when we move into the new building, our copier will be removed, and our nearest spot will be, depending on where we go, will be either the Biology building or Engineering. As a potential student of Physical Therapy, I will be voting in favour of this resolution. I don't see why the students of Physical Therapy and have their resources depleted.

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. I will be speaking against this motion for a number of reasons Mr. Chair. What I have heard tonight is questions being asked, what is the difference between copying notes and copying library material? I think all of our students are customers and if we look at the numbers, these customers drive this business and they allow us to provide a service to the rest of this university. When I was an MSC, we demanded the fiscal responsibility of the USSU and now that I'm an Executive member of the USSU, I still demand that. The reason I'm speaking against this motion is because, like Mr. Henderson has said, if you overspend your budget, you're not following it and we have a responsibility to the people who passed it in the past, that they knew what they were doing. I speaking against this because we cannot, in good conscience, go against the budget that was passed by all of your predecessors less than six months ago.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just want to say in regards to removing a copier from Arts to put it in St. Andrew's. An inconvenience is still an inconvenience. I know for a fact that the copier on the second floor of Arts, because I'm up there all day, is used by more than 90 students a day. So, whether you are going to make people walk from Arts to Murray Library, it's still inconvenient.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Debiene.

Ms. Debiene: Thank you Mr. Chair. Regarding Mr. Jackson's comments about fiscal responsibility, there is still a great deal of flexibility within the fiscal responsibilities recorded. There were some decisions made as to where the machines would be placed and how and it didn't always jive. We do applaud that a decision was

made regarding the Kinesiology, being off campus and still being afforded the opportunity to have a copier in their building. Furthermore I think that if 90 students make one copy of if 90 students make 100 copies, I think it does make a difference in terms of numbers and this is why I recommend this service for all undergraduate students.

Chair: Thank you. The floor is still open. Recognize President Dougan.

President: I would like to call the question.

Chair: There is a motion to call the question, so what that means is we need a seconder. It's not debatable, however we do need a two-thirds majority. What this is effectively doing is stopping anyone else from talking. So, this is just to call the question, it's not in any way to vote on the motion. Is there a seconder? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers. It requires two-thirds majority. All those in favour? Is there any opposed? Recognize Councilor Geenan, Councilor Hitchcock, Councilor Debiegne all in opposition. Seeing none, I declare the speakers list closed.

MOTION USC42: Dougan/Wagemakers

Chair: So, now we move on to the substantial question. As it reads here, that a photocopier machine is placed in St. Andrew's College for the School of Physical Therapy. That's what we are voting on right now. Moved by Councilor Debiegne and seconded by Councilor Geenan. All those in favour of the motion as it reads on the board raise your plaquards now. All those opposed? Does anyone wish to be noted for their opposition? Seeing none, I declare that the motion fails. It did not receive the required majority to pass. I have a point on information coming up I believe. Recognize Councilor Dehienne.

MOTION USC43: Debiegne/Geenan - DEFEATED.

Ms. Debiegne: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion that a copier be removed from the Arts Building to St. Andrew's College. Can I do that now?

Chair: No. The way you have to do it, is put it back on the agenda for New Business because this motion is completely defeated, so we'll move on to the next agenda item. This is just a procedural thing. You are bringing up a completely different motion, but you have to be careful not to bring the same things up, because you'll be called out of order because you already voted on it. At this time, I won't recognize any other motions for this. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I think what Ms. Debiegne was getting at was whether she could make a whole new motion aside from this and in that case, we could look at this under Any Other Business, Item 12.

Chair: Umm, this is a little difficult because this is where we are going to get....OK, can you repeat the motion for me.

Ms. Debiene: I would like to make a motion that a photocopy machine be removed from the Arts Building and placed in St. Andrew's College for the School of Physical Therapy.

Chair: I'm going to rule that that is out of order. The Physical Therapy resolution has been voted down. The proper procedure is that we go to New Business and it will come up under Business at next week's meeting. So, I can see that we are not in New Business yet, we can add it under New Business right now and it will come up next week. Under Any Other Business, I don't think that's the place to try and get motions reconsidered. I think it's for other items other than substantial resolution, because usually they have to be in writing and we have to know about it before hand. So, essentially, the way I'm viewing it, is you're presenting a whole new idea. Sure, we talked about it, but it's basically a new idea. Councilors, in my opinion, need a week or so to look at the idea and then come back to discuss it. Other than that, we'll keep moving along here. Item 10, New Business, we do have a resolution under there, the USSU Health and Dental. Moved by President Dougan and seconded by VP Jackson. I have it in writing. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The resolution reads that the USSU undertakes the Health and Dental Referendum for the undergraduate student body. I might add, in the 2000/2001 academic year.

Chair: So, that's an item for New Business. It's not debatable at this time, but it will be placed on the agenda for next week. Is there any other New Business? Seeing none, I'll move to Questions and Comments for thirty minutes. Is there any objection to this? Seeing none, we'll begin. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to announce where the cheques are for Councilors. I will have them in my office.

Chair: Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. Regarding University Council, I need to know from all of you who will be sitting on Council. I would like to thank the Councilors from Engineering, Mr. Chair, who got back to me. As well as the Councilor from Vet Med and the Councilor from Law, who both also got back to me. If the rest of the Councilors could get back to me as soon as possible, we are ready to move on with the Orientation as soon as next week.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a question in regards to the civic election campaign. I know there is a wine and cheese scheduled for the 10th of October and I'm just curious if VP Jackson could tell us where and at what time.

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. Tomorrow morning I'm having at 10 a.m. in Upper Place Riel, a press conference on the civic election campaign that the USSU is running. Further to that, you will be receiving along with all of your council, a letter from the USSU inviting you out to the session in Marquis Hall on October 10th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. We will be inviting all College Societies. We will be inviting all of the mayoral and city council candidates. Hopefully you'll all come out.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. Regarding the Executive minutes, I was reading through the portion about the Student Health sponsorship request and I was wondering how that cannot fall within the USSU's mandate? My other question concerns the civic election and.....

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. Just to respond to the Councilor from Law's inquiries about Joints in Motion. The sponsorship request that came forward to the Executive was in regards to a gentleman who was a former Huskie football player and he is attempting to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and specifically they are trying to raise funds for him to travel to the next Huskie game and run to raise funds there as well. And what this gentleman would be doing is running laps at the next Huskie game, so for the entire duration of the next football game, he's going to be running laps and he's attempting to raise pledges for that. It's not that it's not a worthy cause, but the USSU doesn't budget to give money to charities. Even in our campus group funding and other sponsorship funding, have to be a direct benefit to students. We'll help with the cost of setting up the vent, but we will not donate cash.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. This is an issue that was brought to me by a student in Engineering and I already talked to the Executive, so they are aware of it. It has to do with the prices of food on this campus and how outrageous some of them are. An example brought to me was the sub shop. I was curious as to whether the Executive has looked into any of this. I know I talked to them, and I was wondering if you've found anything out. But also, as a Council this is definitely an issue we should look into because it effects all students. It's just getting way too expensive to eat here. I was just wondering if you would like to speak to your societies and get some feedback as to what they would like us to do about this.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I just have a question regarding the Civic Election Wine & Cheese. I'm under the impression that this is going to be a situation where they can answer questions publicly, because if so, I think this is a great opportunity for us to really

do some damage. I think we should get some of the Councilors to prepare questions. This is a great opportunity for us, so I would be willing to work with anyone on this.

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Speaking to the remarks from Mr. Dobson, I received the e-mail just the other day, and since then I have called John Olson, of Food Services, and I'm going to meet with him shortly to discuss the issue and I will bring that back to this Council. Just another comment, in regards to October 18th, when Mark Kissel, CASA National Director, comes to Saskatoon, he will be visiting campus. It is part of the national campaign for CASA, Canada's Renewable Resource. There will be some sort of activities surrounding the arrival of the "brain" and if anyone is interested in volunteering, please let us know. It should be a lot of fun. There should also be some good media coverage. Aside from being here at Council, Mark will also have a table in the tunnel set up with CASA's corporate display.

Chair: Recognize Council Whyley.

Ms. Whyley: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to speak to Mr. Dobson's comment about the food issue. I would have to agree with that. As a rez student, we are forced to purchase a meal plan, which means we have to eat on campus. With that, we pay a certain amount of money, then we are allocated a certain amount back which we can use at the buffeterias or food services. Now, for an example, if you go to the Arts Buffeteria, you might notice that a 600ml bottle of Coke costs \$1.85 and canned pop is \$1.25. If you walk down the stairs, to say a Coke machine, you can find a bottle for \$1.50 or a can for \$1.00, but we can't purchase that. So, I would say that I would be willing to work on that issue as well.

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I have a few comments. Comments about the Civic Election Reception, the USSU isn't really looking to damage the candidates. We are trying to invite them onto campus and get them interested in student issues. Last election, we had 22% of the Saskatoon population vote. We are 20% of the population of Saskatoon. So, we're just trying to make sure that all of the constituents across campus come out and vote. The USSU will be putting out a vigorous poster campaign, explaining who can vote, outlining who can't vote, and hopefully all of you and your college groups will come out and vote. The format of this reception is going to be mayoral candidates will get 5 minutes to speak each and people will be allowed to ask questions and the rest of the time will be just a general meet and greet. I would hope that, and this is an open invitation, to come and grill these candidates on the issues. And there are a lot of issues.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Renneberg.

Mr. Renneberg: Thank you. I would like to bring on an invitation or comment on the food issue. I think this would be a great time to promote STM cafeteria. The food there is great, and the prices are good.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you Mr. Chair. The USSU doesn't have to officially sanction certain questions being asked. There is information that the USSU has access to, that we don't and they are the perfect ones to engineer this thing. And the point that 22% of the people in Saskatoon are voting, that makes it all the more, it gives us all the more power. The students are such a large part of the population, we might actually get somewhere. I think there are issues such as housing and parking, and I think it's time to do something about it. I think it's time to take an active role and arm the students with set questions, and if that means we're going to upset the Mayor or City Councilors, so be it. Honestly, what can they do to us, that they haven't all ready. It's our duty to make them aware that what they do and what they don't do effects us. Maybe this is an opportunity for the present Executive to initiate some real change.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Seeing as how we are all talking about great places to eat, I have already indicated to Councilor Dobson, I will also refer you all to Louis' because they have reasonable prices.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. If it is the wish of Council to have some questions prepared for the reception, I have a number of questions, so I don't have a problem with that. But,for the Boards here and we have proved to City Council and if we don't vote in this election, next time they are not going to respect the students. With this first campaign, what we are trying to do is raise awareness of the campus and the potential people who may be running in the future. We do have some serious questions to ask, but at the same time, I don't want to scare them off into potentially never coming to campus again. If you have any concerns, please let me know.

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just wanted to mention, in keeping along the same lines as VP Jackson, that I do feel that the USSU is in a position to make a very effective change this year, but I think we have to be careful when we invite politicians to our campus, not only civic, but provincial and or federal, that we are not coming off as confrontational or verbally attacking these candidates, because if we start doing that, we will never get another politician on to this campus again. I have some reservations about embarrassing politicians when they come to an event that we invite them to. However, we will take them to task on the issues. We will take them to task on what they've said, but it has to be done in a polite manner. I commend you for wanting to prepare before hand, and I think that would be valuable for all of us.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Ok, I'm done with the Wine and Cheese. I do have a questions, considering we are voting on this referendum next week, and I'll have some questions next week. What is going on with the College of Dentistry? What are we going to do about that?

Chair: I think it might be appropriate if President Dougan answers this question.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. As a matter of fact, we do have an elected representative from the College of Dentistry. That person's name is Amardeep Gill, and unfortunately I haven't been able to get in touch with him. The President from the College of Dentistry is aware that this person hasn't attended Council and has had no contact with us. There have been no efforts to contact us from this individual and I'm continuing to engage this person so I can go over the Orientation material with them and to ensure that they are up to speed. I agree this representative would be an entrical part of the Health and Dental issue.

Unfortunately, we can't wait for him and we have made efforts to reach out to the college, and nobody has reciprocated. I guess that's all I can say is that we will continue our efforts to get in touch with him.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Geenan.

Ms. Geenan: Thank you Mr. Chair. I don't want to rehash the copier issue for Physical Therapy, but I do have one question. Is it possible to move a copier from one location in Health Sciences to another location that would be more convenient for the Physio's to use? Rather than shuffling other copiers around?

Chair: Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you. As I indicated previously, the contract with the library dictates where the copiers have to be placed.

Chair: Any other questions or comments? Seeing none, can I have a motion to close questions and comments. Recognize VP Jackson, seconder Councilor Evanisky. Is there any debate? Seeing none, all those in favour? Is there any opposition. Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 12, Any Other Business.

MOTION USC44: Jackson/Evanisky

Chair: Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: I move to adjourn.

Chair: Thank you. Any opposition to moving to Item 13, Adjournment. Seconded by Mr. Adelamn. All those in favour? Opposition.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, October 11th, 2000

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: October 4th, 2000**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3 Operations and Finance Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report: October 2nd, 2000**
- 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.7 Code of Conduct Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: October 3rd, 2000 & October 10th, 2000**
- 7.2 Executive Projects Document: Foundation for the Future**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 BIRT the USSU undertake a health and dental referendum for the undergraduate student body in the 2000/2001 academic term. (moved by President Dougan, seconded by VP Jackson)**

New Business

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, October 11th, 2000

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Kris Denney, Education
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Michael Kolibab, Vocational Agriculture
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCV
Todd Schweitzer, Education
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair

REGRETS

Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Greg Adelman, Agriculture

ABSENT

Amardeep Gill, Dentistry

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Chair: Order please. I see we have quorum. We'll go straight to the adoption of the agenda. Does everyone have a copy of the agenda? Do we have any changes to the agenda this evening? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to move Item 9.1 from Business to Item 10.1, New Business.

Chair: Is there a seconder for the motion to move Item 9.1. to Item 10.1? Recognize Councilor Johnson. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, are there any other changes to the agenda? Recognize President Dougan.

MOTION USC45: Dougan/Johnson

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Under Item 12.1, Any Other Business, I would like to add the matter of absences from University Students' Council.

Chair: Do we have a seconder for that? Recognize VP Jackson. This motion, if I may get some clarification, is it for a committee referral or to discuss? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. It's for a committee referral.

Chair: I think that's in order? I think a committee referral would be an appropriate way to deal with this. All those in favour of placing an new item on the agenda, the matter of absenteeism? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, that item is now added to the agenda.

MOTION USC46: Dougan/Wallace

Chair: Are there any other changes to the agenda? Seeing none, we'll go straight to a vote then. All those in favour of adopting the agenda with the two changes? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the agenda is adopted. Next Item, Introductions and Announcements. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would first of all like to welcome Michael Kolibab to Council. He is the member from the School of Vocational Agriculture. I would like to mention to everyone that tonight there is free concert at Louis'. The band that's playing is shades of culture. Also, in terms of Louis' events is Wayne Lee, the Hypnotist, it should be a good show. Last, but not least, next week at Council and on for Thursday and Friday on campus, we will have Mark Kissel, CASA National Director. We will be doing some small media events around his presence on campus. More information on that will be forthcoming, but I would like to have some support from the

MSC's, mainly trying to get this information out to your respective colleges, and the information will be released next week.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a quick announcement about the fundraiser for breast cancer. On Thursday night we kind a got a challenge from Rambling Dave. Our Director, myself and a couple of Engineers went out and raised over \$400 and me and? both donated our \$30 for MSC honorariums for September and Friday morning, we had raised \$500.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a reminder, that if you haven't already, to please give me back your information sheets. Secondly, the last Server Intervention will be next Thursday, the 19th in Arts 100 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Also on Tuesday on October the 17th, is the campus club meeting to be held in Place Riel Theatre at 5:00 p.m. So, if you have any clubs you would like to get information to or from, please come out.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you. I would just like to announce that on next Friday, the 20th, the ASSU is putting on a pub crawl and next Council meeting I'll be bringing some tickets by.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Sanders.

Ms. Sanders: Thank you. The Western College of Veterinary Medicine would like to invite you guys all to VetaVision it goes from Thursday at 12:00 to Sunday at 5:00 p.m. and it's from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. You'll be able to stick your hand in a cow's stomach if you've never done that before and you can learn a lot about pet handling and stuff like that.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have three quick announcements. The first is next Friday is our sixth annual Rabbit Drop and tickets are here and so if anyone would like to purchase one all of the proceeds from it go to the Children's Health Foundation. Secondly is next Friday as well the Commerce Students' Society is holding their three-legged pub crawl. And also next Thursday is the first of three conferences for the Western Business Games and we're sending 4000 this year to Lethbridge to compete on behalf of the U of S. We're having a beer night to support that.

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. First off, I have a number of posters here for the Election Campaign "vote or shut up" and we are pushing these hard. Please take a couple for your college and put them up. Last night we had the Civic Election Reception and we had 11 candidates out for mayor and city council and I would like to thank those members of Council who came out, however, I would like to voice my dissatisfaction on the attendance. I did get a number of regrets from some of you, but at the same time, we did spend \$600 on the reception. I did talk to you here. I talked to BOCP and unfortunately we really didn't get a very good student turnout. The only power the USSU has is for students to come out and voice their opinions, so please at least go and vote.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you. On that note, on November 3rd, there is going to be a Grievance Workshop/Conflict Resolution Seminar put on in Place Riel from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. For those MSC's that can make it, that would be great. It's an excellent opportunity and increase your resources. It would also be a good idea to bring members from your college societies, because it would be beneficial to you all. You will be getting further information.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Those of you that don't already know, Experience Us! is coming up on October 26th and 27th and this is a large scale recruitment event for students across the province. Currently we have over 3000 people registered, which exceeded expectations, therefore we are looking for volunteers.

We need at least 250 and the deadline is next Friday. I've brought application forms for volunteers, so you if you could bring those to your college society offices, that would be great.

Chair: Any other introductions or announcements at this time. Recognize Councilor Whitdeer.

Ms. Whitdeer: I just have a brief announcement. Friday is a showcase of Aboriginal talent and it is to officially launch the Aboriginal Entertainment and Cultural Showcase and it's this Friday from 7 until 9, the admission is free. So, if you're not busy come by.

Chair: Anything else? Seeing none, if there is no opposition, we'll move on to Item 5, Council Address. I don't see any item, so if there is no opposition, we'll move to Item 6, Minutes and Reports for Action. Item 6.1, USC minutes for October 4th, 2000. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to move to receive the minutes of USC for October 4th, without reading.

Chair: Do we have a seconder? Recognize President Dougan. Is there any debate? All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC47: Henderson/Dougan

Chair: Moving on to Item 6.5, Appointments Board minutes for October 2nd. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. The minutes from October 2nd, should have come to the last meeting, but it was an oversight. They basically outlines when the board first came up with the policy and strategies to deal with appointments, interviews, and questions, and then we just scheduled the following meeting time.

Chair: Is there any opposition to receiving the minutes for October 2nd? Seeing none, the minutes are received. Moving on to Item 7, Minutes and Reports for Information. Executive Committee minutes from October 3rd. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. First off, the committee ratified a number of groups. It was reported that Executive had attended two college society meetings and VP Wallace visited both the Education Students' Society and the Agriculture Students' Society to discuss the procedures for Academic Grievances. I reported that I attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting for the Mayor Candidates Presentation and President Dougan reported that he was interviewed by Global.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any opposition to receiving the minutes as read? Seeing none, we'll move on to Executive Committee minutes for October 10th. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you. First off I reported that there will be a grievance workshop on November the 3rd. The Committee ratified a number of groups. We also moved to grant the Saskatoon Commerce Society \$80.80 worth of Coke product for their Rabbit Drop and we also sponsored the Malaysian Students' Society in the amount of \$300 for their Cultural Night. There was also a sponsorship request from "Blurred Boundaries" in the amount of \$150, which we also granted. VP Jackson reported that he attended the Muslim Students' Association Supper and it was also noted that the Civic Election Press Conference was held on the 5th.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any opposition to receiving the Executive Committee minutes for October the 10th? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 7.2, Executive Projects Document; Foundation for the Future. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Has everyone got one of these packages? We still have some left at the front if you need one. This is a comprehensive Executive Project Plan from the Executive to Council and to all students on campus. This document is basically the testament of the accountability, and as well as a symbol of vision we have for this year as the Executive of the USSU. You will find documentation on the summer

accountability reports that the Executive have drawn up, project plans and as well as our conference reports. Rather than going through it in totality, because Council is familiar with Executive project plans, we just be going through our individual summer accountability reports briefly and then going over the conference accountability reports very briefly as well. We really encourage any questions or feedback that you might have. Keep in mind that this isn't a dead issue after this meeting. It is our guiding force for the year in terms of all the planning we've done and the projects we are working on. If you have any other questions over the course of the year, related to what is in this document, please bring them forward. So, I guess I'll start off in terms of summer accountability reports. For general activities over the summer. I worked office hours from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. throughout the summer. As well, that will be continuing throughout the rest of the year. In terms of daily activities, I had a lot of correspondence to go through and I try to respond accordingly as much as possible. I also attended a lot of meetings, both internally and externally to represent the USSU. I also had a lot of media contacts, and participated in a number in interviews. Other than that, I basically worked on my projects. So, those were basically my day to day activities throughout the summer. In terms of my portfolio, a lot of those things are on going and I've been meeting with the Student Leadership Development Committee and that's been taking up quite a bit of my time as I'm the Chair of that committee, and also busy with organizing the Advantage 2000 Conference which occurred a couple of weeks ago. In terms of tuition, as a Students' Union, myself, I've been continually lobbying against tuition increases that aren't tied to inflation, which is the policy of the USSU, and as well I also lobbied against differential tuition, which is also a policy of the USSU. Regardless of this, the BOG increased tuition this year. In terms of accountability and Executive Projects, through the Executive Committee, we've been reviewed and revising the processes we use for projects. That's something that's still on the go, building up our accountability structure. As a member of national student associations, we have a responsibility to keep in touch with the different members throughout Canada and as well, as a member of the Board of Directors for CASA, I myself have additional duties as such. Over the summer, we also liaise with a number of student associations across Canada. We talked about.....on the Students' Union. We also provided some courtesy for Leslee Church, the President of the U of A Students' Union, we gave her a tour of our facilities and discussed issues. We also did the same for the University of Manitoba Students' Union representatives when they came down for the CASA Regional Meeting. Although, the President isn't a member of the Senate, I'm responsible for coordinating the student members of the Senate and as such, we ran the by-election. Lastly, over the summer, one of the things that happened, was the issue of transit commissions, which we dealt with. There has been a whole assortment of meetings and events that we are obligated to attend. The regular ones are presented for you in the document, as well as a brief description of what my role is at those meetings. In terms of projects, there is a brief project progress report. It goes over Orientation, Health and Dental Plan and Education Matters Legacy Campaign. It also goes through the conferences and whatnot that I've attended, which I'll be speaking to a little later. Over the summer, I did completestudies, building my requirements for the year for the constitution for the USSU.

Chair: Thank you. Any other Executive comments? Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: This summer I kept my office hours as 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and they will be the same all year long. There was a lot of paper work and settling on areas of attack. Other daily activities is and were I also met with Aaron Dougan, being the VP of Student Issues last year and discussing his projects and my duties. Establishing a Sexual Assault Centre will also be one of my duties for the year. Events over the summer; I sat on a focus groupthings that President Dougan is also responsible for and I also met withwith regards to the changes that are going on with that group. My projects include the Civic Election Campaign, student loans information and working with transit on creating relationships with the administration staff over there. So anyways, I'm working with the people over there and I'm also taking a couple of classes. Thank you.

Chair: Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. My daily activities mainly consists of dealing with student grievances, coordinating things with University Council. One of first things I did when I was in office is develop a Help Centre & LGB Centres Volunteer Orientation, so that the volunteers know where to refer students that have academic grievances. My portfolio includes dealing with academic grievances, making sure that representation at University Council is all set up. Dealing with Senior Administration; over the summer I spent a lot of time making sure I know the Senior Administration and making sure that they know myself and the USSU so that we can work together on a lot of issues that are global to the University.

I am also responsible for the Academic Affairs Officer. Some of the events I attended over the summer, you can see on the list. I attended the Dean's Retreat, University Senate, a meeting on proposed revisions to University Council, USSU Building Launch and a number of other events that you can read up on. Universal Standardized Evaluations, student grievance tracking and DisOrientation. I'm working towards a four year Honours Degree in Sociology and over the summer I completed one three-credit unit class and I'm taking nine during the regular session.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. My summer accountability is on page 20. Office hours during the summer were pretty much 9 - 5, the majority of the time. Daily activities, general office correspondence, dealing with numerous student groups and college societies and the never-ending questions. Portfolio duties; I spent a significant amount of time on campus group policy, funding requests, etc. The monthly financial statements, I meet with the managers to go over them every month. It's a four-hour meeting. As I indicated, the photocopier, and card reader technology change over took a significant amount of time. I also sent out a few e-mails on the list serve. You can see some of the events and meetings I attended throughout the summer as well as information about the projects themselves. Over the summer I completed a six-credit class and I'm enrolled in another one.

Chair: I believe we've heard from all of the Executive. Is there anything else?
Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just moving on past the different project plans for the Executive, so Conferences and Travel. In this section we'll find the accountability reports from the Executive for the conferences and travel over the summer months. I'll just turn your attention to two of them; SuperCon 2000, which was attended by all of the Executive. This is a conference that occurs every year and it's an introductory orientation conference for student leaders from across Canada. It allows student leaders to meet and discuss relevant issues. Basically it gives a great opportunity for networking and to find people that have dealt with similar projects or ideas that you may be working on in the coming year. That conference was in St. John's this year and it was May 31st to June 3rd. The other travel that I will speak to is the "Western Canadian Students' Association Tour" and what this was, and this was attended by the entire Executive as well, was a road trip that we took to visit a number of student associations throughout western Canada and it was to gain insight and ideas and contact with what other student associations are doing at their institutions. It proved to be very valuable and a lot of the ideas we gleaned from those travels have found their way in through a lot of the projects and goals that we have set for ourselves this year.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have a quick one to report on, which is the Canadian Academic Round Table or CART. Basically what this is is a conference that Students' Union academics can go to and assess issues that are pervasive across Canada, because a lot of universities are facing the same problems at the same time, so it's a good chance to get some of that information out and find some solutions together. That's kind of what this is all about. You can see from the list that there is a breakdown of what the sessions were. Speakers included.....who is the editor of McLean's magazine, etc.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. My apologies, I forgot about the CASA Annual General Meeting, which I attended. This occurred right after the SuperCon 2000 Conference, it was in Fredericton. This was the annual general meeting for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. At this conference we developed the national action plan for the year which is the campaign we'll be running and came up with a strategy for the federal election, should it happen. We also reviewed the audited financial statements from the year previous and made some amendments to the bylaws of CASA. At this conference as well, the different Regional Directors for the Board of Directors of CASA were elected and that's where I was elected as the Regional Director for the Prairies.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I'll be speaking to two conferences that I attended. The first one being the Commuters Connection Workshop, which was basically a carpooling conference to actively promote the ride share programs for campuses. We saw that come up with the Students' Union going ahead with the www.carpool.ca program on campus. Environmental issues, etc. were discussed. It was a two-day session in Vancouver and as stated here, it is something which the Student Issues Board will be discussing and debating for a long time hopefully. The benefit was to implement the carpool program on campus. To look aton campus and how we can promote them and the recommendation that I had given was if anything like this ever came up again, and all costs were covered by the federal government, would be to attend. The other conference I'll be speaking to is the Students' Union Development Symposium on page 72, which is focused on developing President Dougan's and my portfolios. With the Student Issues portfolio being a high bred internal/external, we decided that both of us should attend with the projects that we were both working on. The sessions attended are on the back page as well as the itinerary. Some of the key areas were local issues with the civic government, the federal government and post secondary education. Both President Dougan and I are working on that. The benefits are stated there and the recommendation was for both the President and the VP of Student Issues to continue to attend.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'll just speak on the MoneyCon which is on page 7. It was July 8th to 13th in Calgary. It was a conference for Finance VP's or Internal as some people refer to them. We discussed a significant amount of detailed information. If you would like to refer to the session descriptions, which are on the pages following. There is a lot of information there, so if any of it is relevant to you, please come to my office as I have a PowerPoint file as well as manuals of information that I can give out on fundraising, charitable status, sponsorship, etc. This is my second year attending the conference and I found it very beneficial. My recommendation is also that the VP Finance attend next year.

Chair: Thank you. Anything further from the Executive. Seeing none, I think it might be appropriate at this time to open the floor to questions with regards to this document. Are there any questions? You also have an opportunity, of course, during questions and comments. Anything pressing at this time? Seeing nothing, we'll move on to Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes. Are there any motions? We'll move to Item 9, there is nothing under Business this evening. Moving along to Item 10, New Business, we have a resolution which was brought up last week. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The resolution reads as follows; that the USSU undertake a Health and Dental referendum for the undergraduate student body in the 2000/2001 academic year. Moved by myself and seconded by VP Jackson.

Chair: Since it's not up for Business this evening, there is nothing to discuss, so we'll move along. Item 11, Questions and Comments for 30 minutes. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Just to clarify why Item 9.1 has been moved to Business, we were to discuss Health and Dental issues this evening and to make a commitment to either go to referendum or not on a plan for students, however unfortunately, the report isn't quite as complete as it should be and secondly, we still haven't had any contact from the representative from the College of Dentistry. There will be some information pertaining to that coming up a little later. Next week will be the discussion on the referendum question, whether we as a council feel we can report or not. The report will be finished for tomorrow some time and each one of you e-mailed through the MSC list serve to make yourself aware of that. You will be able to pick it up and peruse it over the weekend before the next meeting so that you can come up with any questions.

Chair: I'm actually going to rule that out of order, but I think the point is taken. I'm not sure if we actually moved into Questions and Comments, or were you referring back?

President: I thought we were in Questions and Comments, my apologies.

Chair: Sorry. I don't think there would be any opposition in moving to them, but I never asked for that. We will move into Questions and Comments if there is no objection to that. Seeing none, we'll now move into Questions and Comments. The time is 7:48 p.m. Recognize Councilor Denney.

Mr. Denney: Thank you. I was asked at our last Council meeting how much the referendum is going to cost this Council?

Chair: I'm going to rule that order, because as a point of information, it should be directed to me, however I think it's a question for next week. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. If you take a peak through this projects document, there is an outline and preliminary budget for the referendum, which really hasn't changed since. To go to referendum, depending on when it was held, it would either cost basically just the promotions and advertising if we were running it in conjunction with the General Elections, or if we ran it alone, it would cost another substantial amount of money if we were to go to referendum this term. The budget that you see there is for a referendum this term which includes promotions, honorariums, printing, etc for a total cost of \$8500.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Johnson.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you. At our last Council meeting for STMSU there was an issue brought up regarding the Health and Dental plan of the timelines. What basically came out of that is what we wanted to know is there going to a contract drawn up so that they

can read it over and make their own opinion from there, so they can make a more informed decision?

Chair: President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. In terms of process and getting information out to the students, before we even talk publicly outside of these meetings, we have to commit to one first. So, as soon as we do that, the second step from that is that we need to commit to a brokerage firm or some kind of company that can negotiate the terms with an insurance company or we can start our own trust, which has a lot more involved issues with it, but those decisions have to be made at the next meeting. Subsequent to that once we've committed to going to referendum, the Ad Hoc Committee on Health and Dental will go away and work on a plan, they will build it from scratch and we're trying to get a new cross-section of campus on to that committee, and they will bring back a plan with a benefits package and a price to Council. Council will then have to approve that plan, then the referendum question will be draft, because we need to know what the cost is and the details of the plan before we start promoting it and actually have a ballot on it. Then the referendum date can be set and from there and it's strict promotion to make sure that everyone is aware, that number one, this is happening and what the plan is all about. Then there is the referendum itself and ultimately the students will decide whether they like this or not through their ballot.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to encourage you all to use the USC e-mailing list to share information about upcoming events, etc. Just another way for you to get the message out.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have a question in regards to Health and Dental as well. We had a question come up at our last Council meeting as well, just kind of a general question. In regards to other campuses who were unable to pass their referendum and I noticed from previous schools, there was one that had gone through two referendums in the last four years and they had failed. I was wondering why ours failed last time, and if the reasons were similar? And if that has been looked at?

Chair: Recognize Councilor Geenan.

Ms. Geenan: Thank you Mr. Chair. We also spoke about the Health and Dental plan at our Council meeting, and the general concern that came up was if students think that this is a good idea for the campus, and they vote yes, what happens to them if they opt out. What happens if they think that it's a good idea, but it's not for them personally? How would that be taken into consideration?

Chair: Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: I was a little disappointed in the surveys I saw for the Health and Dental plan. I think it's one thing to ask if you are in support of the plan but it's a different issue to ask if you are willing to pay such an amount of money on top of increasing tuition and increasing living expenses. I think it separate distinct question and they have very different answers and to jump right into a referendum is a

Chair: Thank you. I recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. To start off with, the question from the College of Commerce. The U of A in the last decade or four or five years have had two referendums to deal with Health and Dental and at the time, it's my understanding, is that they brought forward managed care. As we've seen in Canada, where there is a College of Dentistry and someone tries to implement managed care, it doesn't work because it's contrary to a lot of the opinions of the Dental College. The managed care tends to compromise doctor patient relationships and the level of care given. So, that was an issue not only at the U o A, but also at the U of M, who ran a similar referendum during 1998 and 1999. They went through the same process as we did. There was an initial referendum, which was postponed because of illegal campaigning against the referendum, so it was delayed. They held the referendum at a later date and it failed. One of the other things that was an issue here at the U of S was clarity of process. That is something we've been striving for. This is going to be very sequential and Council is going to be included in every decision that we go forward with. It's really good to hear that you are talking about this in your Councils and we need to know what the concerns are so that we can address them. If the students don't want this to occur, that's fine too. To speak to the second question, if it goes to the question, student will be able to opt out. Right now there isn't a plan and there is nothing set, there are no premiums. When the Ad Hoc Committee meets, they will decide if they want opt out allowed or if we want universal enrolment. The trend across Canada is that students can opt out with similar coverage. Through that Committee though, they will have to power to put together a plan to bring to Council. The third question from the College of Arts & Science about the survey itself. The survey itself was only to gauge interest. It was a tool to see how much people were willing to pay. Quite frankly, all it did was say, OK, these students looked at it, and they said that there was 86% were in favour of a health plan and 83% were in favour of a dental plan. All it was to gauge interest. That statistical cross section of campus were willing to go to that, whether they were interested in it or not. Part of that survey was also a very preliminary indication of cost, which range of costs students would be willing to pay. The survey was only two pages, so it's very preliminary. I think everyone has to keep in mind that we are not going to referendum on the basis of that survey alone. For the last basically three to four years we have been either in referendum or investigating and researching health and dental plans. In 1998 and 1999 a plan was brought forward after months of investigation and the plan failed because it did have some drawbacks, those would be considered to be managed care, a lack of a transparent process because there was a lot of opposition on campus to the plan. Since then, we have continuously investigated different companies and different plans that are offered on other campuses. It's not going to be a decision that is taken lightly. The reason we are bringing it forward

is because we think that the cost of any health and dental plan wouldn't be justifiable in terms of the differed health and dental care added on campus as well as the benefits that the students would see from the money they would put into it. So, we are not jumping into it. It's been thought out. It hasn't been decided yet. It's up to you guys as Councilors and hopefully that decision can be made next week.

Chair: Thank you. Further questions or comments? Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you. I just have one other question regarding health and dental and that is at point Dentistry has not been a part of the decision making process and I'm just wondering if there is going to be a representative from Dentistry showing up at our meetings, will we still go ahead with this referendum if it's voted in favour with or without Dentistry's opinion?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to suggest that we can go forward, but the fact of the matter is that this is something we feel, as elected representatives from across campus, that we should do.

And as an Executive as elected representatives for the entire student body that we should do. I don't think we should hold back any longer for Dentistry. We have waited five or more meetings now, I believe to hear from Dentistry. The College and the Society are both aware that this is a project we are undertaking and I haven't heard anything. So, I would like to suggest, and although it would be nice to wait for input from Dentistry, and although I would like to a member from the College to sit on the Ad Hoc Committee, that the decision for the referendum can move forward without them.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. This is a question for VP Henderson. You mentioned using the USSU mailing list. I was just curious as to how we can get on the list and what kind of information we can send out on the list?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I was speaking about the USC mailing list; however, there will be a new e-mail list serve set up hopefully by the end of the week called the "Buzz@usssu.usask.ca" where any student will be able to subscribe to. That information will be set up through our Communications Department, so that is any College Society wanted information sent out, they could contact our Communications Coordinator, and it would be included.

Chair: Thank you. Are there any further questions or comments? Seeing none, perhaps we can get a motion to close Questions and Comments. Recognize VP Wallace and seconded by Councilor Geenan. All those in favour? Is there any opposition?

Seeing none, we'll now move on to Any Other Business. We do have Item 12.1, the Matter of Absenteeism for Members of Students' Council. Recognize President Dougan.

MOTION USC48: Wallace/Geenan

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to refer the matter of absences of the Member of Student Council for the College of Dentistry to the Code of Conduct Committee.

Chair: Thank you. Is there a seconder for that? Recognize VP Wallace. Perhaps we can have the name of the MSC?

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The elected representative is Amardeep Gill.

Chair: The motion that I understand that you want to refer to the Committee is that the absenteeism of Amardeep Gill, the MSC for Dentistry, be referred to the Code of Ethics Committee. I'll leave that open for debate at this time. Simply, just discussing the referral to the Committee. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. According to the Code of Ethics for USC, there is a responsibility to attend Council and this is outlined under Article 7 in the Code. If any Member of Student Council who misses two consecutive meetings, is eligible for removal and because the Member from the College of Dentistry hasn't attended any of our meetings to date and seems to have made no effort to contact us, even though we have tried, we thought it was an appropriate time to get the Committee to investigate this.

Chair: Thank you. Any other debate on referring this to the Code of Ethics Committee. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. I was just wondering who is on the Committee?

Chair: Thank you. Actually, I'll ask for that when we are done this because I will need to know as well. If it's Council's wish to refer this, then it would be required to know who the Members are who sit on the Board. Is there any other debate? Seeing none, perhaps we can have a motion? Seconded by VP Wallace. All those in favour of referring the matter of one Amardeep Gill, the Dental Students Society representative on University Students' Council to the Ethics Committee? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the matter is now referred to the Council Code of Ethics Committee.

MOTION USC49: Dougan/Wallace

Chair: As the Chair, it is outlined under Item 10 in your binders, that the USC Council Code of Ethics, it is required that a formal complaint be received by the Chair on taking notice that this is a formal complaint and as such the duty of the Code of Ethics Committee is to meet within seven days of receiving a formal complaint. So, we will do

so. At this time I would like to call, for the record, those members who are on the Committee. Myself, Paul Frank, is the Chair. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'm also a member of the Code of Ethics Committee as well as Trent Evanisky and Andrew Urmson.

Chair: So, we also have President Dougan, Councilor Urmson and Councilor Evanisky. We are all present, that's appropriate, so it will be referred to the Committee and hopefully there will be something for the next meeting because we have to meet within seven days. Any opposition to moving to Item 13, Adjournment. Can we have a motion? Recognize VP Henderson, seconded by VP Jackson. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Meeting is adjourned.

MOTION USC50: Henderson/Jackson

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, October 18th, 2000

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

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- 5.1** Mark Kissel, National Director of CASA

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1** **USC Minutes:** October 11th, 2000
- 6.2** **Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3** **Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report:** October 12th, 2000
- 6.4** **Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5** **Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.6** **Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.7** **Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report:** October 11th, 2000

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1** **Executive Committee Minutes:** October 12th, 2000
- 7.2** **Health & Dental Plan:** Final Report

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

- 8.1** Council endorsement of the recommendations in the Health & Dental Plan Project Final Report

Business

- 9.1** BIRT the USSU undertake a health and dental referendum for the undergraduate student body in the 2000/2001 academic term (moved by President Dougan, seconded by VP Jackson).

New Business

- 10.1** Council decision on verbatim minutes
- 10.2** Motion to approve Studentcare.net/works as a Health & Dental Plan brokerage firm for the USSU (moved by President Dougan, seconded by VP Jackson).
- 10.3** Move to re-allocate \$8,500 to the Elections Budget for a stand-alone Health & Dental Referendum (moved by VP Henderson, seconded by VP Wallace).

10.4 Council Endorsement of the Civic Election Letter (moved by VP Jackson, seconded by President Dougan).

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, October 18th, 2000

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Kris Denney, Education
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Todd Schweitzer, Education
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Robin Mowat

ABSENT

Michael Kolibab, Vocational Agriculture

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m.

Chair: I think we have quorum. We'll move to the adoption of the agenda. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to amend Item 9.1 to be resolved that the USSU undertake a non-managed care Health and Dental Referendum. I would also like to move Item 10.2 to 9.2, strike 10.3 and add 9.3, move to hold the non-managed care Health and Dental referendum in the first term as a stand alone referendum and I would like to move Item 10.4 to Item 9.4.

Chair: Alright. The first one, Item 9.1, is going to change. Do we have seconder for those changes? Recognize Councilor Adelman. The motion is to move Item 10.1 stays the same; 10.2 to become Item 9.2; Item 10.3 to be struck, and Item 10.4 would then become Item 9.3. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. Can I add 9.3, the motion.....

Chair: Sorry, my apologies. With an addition to the agenda as Item 9.3; to be read as follows, move to conduct a non-managed Health and Dental in the first term as a stand-alone referendum, so essentially to say that we are going to have a referendum. Item 9.4 would then be councilor endorsement of the Civic Election letter. These are considered as substantial movements from New Business to Business. We haven't seen these things before and the normal procedure is that things sit in New Business, then comes up as Business during the next meeting. I have hesitation in moving them to Business right away, because it's sort of, if you haven't been at the meeting tonight, discussing them tonight, you are going to miss the discussion on them. However, it is within the priority, and if it's an urgent matter and the convention is to do something of this sort. We will require a two-thirds majority to move the things around. I'll take some points of information on that if anyone has any questions on that. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you. Could you repeat that?

Chair: Sure. Do people want to write this down? 9.3 will now read move to conduct a non-managed care Health and Dental in the first term as a stand-alone referendum. VP Henderson moved, and VP Wallace seconded. I just want to make it clear that this by any means, is not normal procedure. I don't want it to become a normal procedure that we move stuff from New Business to make it Business right away. We need to get some notice that these things are coming. I think under the circumstances, it's appropriate at this time. We'll actually do it piece by piece, and we're going to vote on them separately. Recognize President Dougan.

President: I prefer to do them all at the same time. Whatever is the pleasure of Council.

Chair: OK, we'll put all three in one vote. The motion is to add Item 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4 and I've already indicatedbefore we go to a vote. The vote will require a two-thirds majority as a substantial matter that could intrude on the Councilors ability to discuss the situation. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the items are moved.

MOTION USC51: Dougan/Adelman

Chair: Is there any other changes to the agenda? Seeing none, we'll move along to Introductions and Announcements. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Henderson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a reminder that tomorrow night is the last Server Intervention Training for this term. It's from 6:30 - 9:30 in Arts 100, and the contact is Joan Kripki at Student Affairs. If your group wants to organize an individual session, that's a possibility and you can contact Joan for that as well.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Sanderson.

Ms. Sanderson: Thank you. I would just like to invite everyone to VetaVision which is being held Thursday, October 19th to Sunday, October 22nd. For those of you who don't know about VetaVision, it's a chance for everyone from the Vet College to advertise the Veterinary career field as well as help you with your pets. It's more hands on this year.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you.I would like to remind everyone that volunteers are still needed for Experience Us! we still need about 250.

Chair: Recognize councilor Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to announce that Drag kick off will be Wednesday, October 25th at noon in the Bowl and there will be a blood drive against the Engineers that day also.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Johnson.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you. STM is bringing back it's annualtournament. It will be Friday, November 3rd in the STM cafeteria. There will be weigh-ins from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. and then the wrestling part will start at 2:30. It's \$5 to wrestle and \$2 to just come in. It will be licensed for the entire event.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to introduce Robin Mowat, who is a concerned student from Arts.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. I have one announcement and two introductions. I would like to introduce Shawn Blackman, the Academic Affairs Officer for the USSU and Mark Kissel, the National Director of CASA who will be addressing us later. For all of you who have picked up your press releases, posters, stickers and post cards from the office, thank you. I would like to encourage you all to bring out your constituents to the small conference and we'll herald the brain onto campus.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have two quick announcements. The first being the Commerce Sixth Annual Rabbit Drop which will be held this Friday and there are still tickets available. All the proceeds go to the Children's Health Foundation. As well, there will be hot dogs and drinks available, so come out and grab some lunch. The second thing, with the result of our new building, the Commerce Wing, we are having a grand opening of the Commerce Students Lounge next Wednesday, so you can join us for drinks. So, come and check it out.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Jackson: Today and tomorrow we have advance polling stations set up in Upper Place Riel from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for the civic election. I would hope that you will all come out and vote, and we need numbers. We have to show them that we have people interested in the issues of transit, parking and housing.

Chair: Thank you. Are there any other introductions or announcements at this time? Seeing none, we'll move to Council Address. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to move to sit as committee of the whole please.

Chair: Seconded by VP Jackson. All those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing no opposition, we are now sitting in committee of the whole, informally.

Mr. Kissel: Thank you. My name is Mark Kissel. I'm the National Director of CASA. I'm here tonight to let you know what CASA is. I'll just go over a little bit of what we are going to do. We are going to talk about what CASA is and we are going to talk about our National Action Plan that is happening for the entire year and about the federal election strategy for the upcoming election and I'll let you ask a few questions. To start of CASA is an alliance of 18 representative students' unions across Canada. We represent and defend the interests of over 300,000 students. Our head office is located minutes from Parliament Hill. Myself, as the National Director, there is also a Board of Directors, voting members, Aaron Dougan is one of our voting members as the Prairie Regional Director and we also have three staff members. CASA hosts three conferences during the

year. The first one is our annual general meeting, this year it was in Fredericton. This is where we set and review our policies and budget, choose our Board of Directors, set our National Action Plan and we also discuss various strategies for the year. There are two more as well. There is our October lobby conference which is actually coming up in about a week and this is where we launch our National Action Plan. We do a lot of things over five days. Mr. Dougan, as one of your representatives, will come up and talk to the members of Parliament on your behalf. The third one is our internal review in February and that's where we sit down together over a few days and discuss what's worked this year and what hasn't. This is a kind of general overview and I'm going to elaborate on all of these issues. CASA was founded in 1995, so we're only about 5 years old. There were a few key principles that were mandatory when we were formed. The first one is political support. That's all we talked about and all we really had time for. That's all we did was talk about post secondary education. The second one waswe have 18 students' unions represented by CASA. Everyone sits around a table and everyone is equal no matter the size of the school. Members tell me what to do. I'm the Director, not the Chair. I don't Chair meetings, we have someone to do that. You tell your Executive and then they will tell me. Policy development is pretty simple, we develop policy that effects students across Canada to present real solutions to real problems. Very simple. When CASA was first formed, we wanted an easy in, easy out policy in the organization. The reason behind that is is that student unions at the time, were having a hard time joining with other student unions in other places.

So, we wanted to have clear and flexible by-laws and however you guys want to join CASA, you can join. As long as it's under, and done by your Executive. If you guys join by referendum, its fine, as long as it follows your constitution. The fourth one is very important as well, that's for federal jurisdiction always. We don't touch provincial matters. Not to say that we don't keep tabs on them, but education is a provincial issue, but there are a lot of things that come from the federal government. So, that's a brief overview of what CASA is all about. The next part is a higher structure of CASA. It's a lot easier to follow in your handbook. At the top of the hierarchy are the people that we represent. You guys are elected by these students to represent them and we represent 18 member associations across Canada, universities and colleges. The third prong is the Board of Directors. We have five regions and the Board meets three times a year and because the members can only afford to meet that many times. Myself, the Board of Directors talks to me. I'm on a one-year term. The National Director is usually elected, but from now on we're change to a hiring process. We felt that that way we'll get the best lobbyist. I take care of the head office team. There are only three people, being Communications, Government Relations and Research and Policy Coordinator. It's a very small office. Board of Directors consists of seven members consisting of five Regional Directors, a treasurer and myself. We took a map of Canada and chopped it up into five different regions by provinces. It's not by number of schools or students, it's split up by provinces. There is a Chair, a Secretary, three standing committees being Budget, By-law and Policy. Mr. Dougan is the Chair of the standing committee on CASA By-laws. The committees meet through out the year and the members are selected at the AGM. They meet by e-mail. Membership in CASA are flexible. It doesn't matter if you want to take out an observer membership first, then join full, that's great. We don't

have a hierarchy process, but we do have three different levels. At the top is full membership, you pay 100% of our fees, full speaking rights at all of our functions. Associate membership, which is a two year plan where in the first year you pay 50%, and the second year you pay 100% moving up to full membership. The bottom is observer, you don't pay fees, you don't have speaking rights. Any school is more than welcome to run any of our programs. They all get our press releases, it's all the same to us. Membership does have its privileges. Our budget is approximately \$275,000 a year. It's might seem pretty small, but we are still able to get good results for students. I say approximately, because it fluctuates every year depending on student fees and that sort of thing. The reason it changes it because the fees come from each member association, not the individual student. It's from your general Students' Union fund. It's however you want to do it. If you really want to break it down though, it's about \$1 per student. The fees change our budget. We have a maximum and a minimum ceilings on our fees because we have larger schools, like you guys, you pay the maximum, which is \$25,000 and we also have a minimum because of the small schools which is \$2000. How fees are actually calculated, we take the total number of students that you represent as a union and we also take the total annual gross revenue of all of your services, like Louis' for example, all of the revenue that's generated by them, so if you guys had a health plan, that would be counted as in and out fees, but we take those numbers in to account and it comes out to the amount of fees. It's pretty simple. That's what CASA is all about and there is more information in your handout there. Let's talk about our National Action Plan.

Last we had "Education Builds a Nation" and you might have seen hard hats or the bricks on campus. This year we decided to have our second national campaign, being "Education - Canada's Natural Renewable Resource, It's Time to Reinvest." So, what that's all about is that when we all got together to formulate this plan, we started out with some main goals we wanted to achieve this year. These are in no particular order, the first one is to rebuild campus infrastructure. A report was released this summer saying that \$3.6 billion dollars was needed to bring all of our buildings up to code across Canada. \$1.2 billion dollars was needed immediately. I know you guys need a lot here, probably about \$100 million I think. At the U of M it's about \$200 million. The second was is to restore the Canadian Health and Social transfer. That's a pretty important issue. Back in 1993 when the present government came into power,a lot of social programs. Recently this CHST is an all-encompassing moneyfrom the federal government and it is dealt out to the provinces and territories with no strings attached. Then there is health care, and education and a lot of other social initiatives and they have cut out a lot of programs from the CHST transfer and we've seen tuition rising up and that's not fair. This is a very broad topic, but what we are focusing on here is interest rates on the student loans. Currently when you graduate, the average student debt according to statistics Canada is \$19,000. Once you graduate, you have a period of payments set up for 10 years. That average amount, with interest totals about \$30,000. It's currently prime plus 5% and we would like to get it down to prime plus 2%. It will make sure that the government doesn't make money off of the students. Those are the few things we are working on this year. Beginning in September I started on a cross Canada tour with the hostage brain. I don't know if you guys will have a chance to come out tomorrow, the brain will be making an appearance on campus. It's a brain I've taken hostage on behalf

of all students and it's representative of students minds being held hostage because of a lack of funding to post secondary education. This is being circulated all across Canada and the brain will be presented to the government of behalf of post secondary education students to make sure that they know what is happening in our schools across Canada. What we are asking you to do in the meantime is to sign some post cards and send them off to your local members of parliament. These are to keep the pressure up over the year. I know that the politicians will get sick of seeing these things, but it's just a reminder of how important post secondary education is. You might say that there are 201 MP's across Canada and we only represent 18 schools in 20 ridings, and you might say, well what's happening with those other ridings? They are getting a massive postcard from myself. Please stop by tomorrow and I'm looking forward to seeing you all. As far as our federal election strategy goes, as you may or may not have heard in the media, they are thinking about calling a federal election sooner rather than later. We tested it , the King's hands, during the by-election when Joe Clark was elected. We through everything, newspaper, radio, television, door to door, signs on the road, we are ready to go, we have a plan of action. We are mainly focusing that you guys as students get involved and get out there and vote and as well as informing the general public about post secondary education. I'm going to make a small plea to you. Students are really the untouched resource in this country. There are 1.2 million of us. Less than 7% of students vote. We don't have a big say there up in Ottawa because they think we don't give a care about what they are doing. We can make a difference. So, please vote. Mr. Dougan may wish to throw some more in. Thank you very much.

Mr. Hitchcock: CASA will be involved with the federal government? Would CASA look into a federal policy on Education?

Mr. Kissel: We are currently lobbying for a first resolution, if it every passes, something called the PanCanadian agreement on education. Instead of writing it as a federal jurisdiction, we wanted it along the same lines as the health care act. Health care is a provincial jurisdiction issue. They have a Health Canada Act and a Health Minister, but it's a provincial issue and education is the exact same way. Why don't we have an Education Minister? Why don't we have an Education Act? That's what we want to know.

Mr. Johnson: You said that the government is making money off of the interest of student loans. I guess in the long run, they should be taking that revenue and putting it back into education.

Mr. Kissel: Well, we want the interest cut, that's it. We don't want them to cut it completely, because then it would cost money. To tell you the truth, the government is always saying they're broke. They keep on saying that they are loosing \$165 million a year on student loans. Recently banks have backed out of student loans and the government is taking it back over. To tell you the truth, when it's all said and done next year, once the banks switch over the administration of the student loans back to the government, there won't any money left over. So, this is a good opportunity to speak up. There is no surplus this year.

Mr. Hitchcock: What is your relationship with the CFS in Ottawa?

Mr. Kissel: Certainly. We have a cordial relationship. They are right across the street from us. We do talk and I try to set up meetings, but they don't always follow through. It's not that we haven't tried.

Ms. Debiene: Can you speculate on why they don't respond or partner with CASA?

Mr. Evanisky: We talked a little bit about the strategy for the federal election, can you go into a little bit about the direction of the lobby efforts you guys undertaking?

Mr. Kissel: With regards to the federal election? We have CASA'sunderway here right now. The Executive is going to be on a walk around with the students here, raising awareness of education. We also have radio ads which are being heard as we speak. We don't have a lot of money and our greatest focus is to raise the awareness of the student issues and focusing on campus issues. As well as making sure students know the platforms of the leaders.

Mr. Evanisky: How successful was it in the past?

Mr. Kissel: If you look at the seven different candidates running, four of the five partiescost as much to run the ads, or for students to go door to door. We got very positive feedback and reaction to it.

Mr. Johnson: Just out of curiosity, do you think CASA was responsible for Prime Minister Cretien getting a pie in the face?

Mr. Kissel: No, definitely not. We don't throw pies, we don't throw macaroni and cheese, we are looking for real results by talking one on one with these people. Everything that we have done, or most of everything that we have done in the past five years is in our package here. It's pretty effective and if you have any other questions, let Aaron or myself know.

Ms. Mateen:

Mr. Kissel: That's why we have one vote for each school. No, there hasn't been any.....everyone has a fair say. We only have two schools in Ontario and there is room for expansion. I've never heard of any problems with the representation being disproportional.

Mr. Wagemakers: Is it a real brain?

Mr. Kissel: No, it's not. The reason why is because it's illegal to transport a real brain by airplane. Internal organs are not to be transported, so it's a replica. It looks very real.

Mr. Johnson: Do you foresee any difficulties on the way there or trying to get into the Parliament?

Mr. Kissel: Last year the only problems we had is when we had built a bowl on Parliament Hill. The American Embassy is across the street and they thought it was a bomb truck that was parked outside. The RCMP didn't care. Thank you so much for having me you guys. I'll stick around for the rest of the meeting and I'll be around for the next two days. Either with Aaron or at the display in Place Riel.

President: Just a reminder for anyone who doesn't have stickers, post cards or the posters, you should probably come and grab some and at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow the brain will be brought onto campus in Upper Place Riel and Mark will be there all day to answer your questions and he'll be in the Tunnel on Friday.

Chair: If that's all we have for the Council Address and sitting as a Committee of the Whole, I think at this time I move that we continue on. Recognize VP Wallace and seconded by VP Jackson. Unless there is any opposition, we'll move to Item 6. Minutes and Reports for Action, Item 6.1 USC Minutes for October 11th, 2000. Recognize VP Wallace. Unless there is any objection, we'll receive the minutes without reading. Recognize Councilor Geenen.

Ms. Geenen: I would just like to make an amendment to the minutes as my name is spelled wrong. Thank you.

Chair: I'll take that as opposition to receiving the minutes. Can you indicate which page?

Ms. Geenen: It's page 11 and page 13. That's all so far. Thank you.

Chair: Because there was a change there, we will now have to vote on receiving the minutes. Recognize President Dougan and seconded by VP Jackson. All those in favour? Any opposition?

MOTION USC52: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: Moving along to Item 6.3, Operations and Finance Board minutes for October 12th, 2000. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Board met, however, we didn't have quorum so no business could be passed. The Board members introduced themselves, I discussed what the Board would be doing for the year and the process for Clubs and set up a tour for the Board of the operations and services of the USSU. I also discussed a little bit about the budget process and what we are going to be doing with that and in the minutes it was noted that the next meeting is Thursday, October 19th, however, that has been changed to fit people's schedules, it will be on Friday, October 20th.

Chair: Thank you. Because there is a change in the minutes as read. I will need a motion to receive the minutes as changed. Moved by VP Henderson and seconded by VP Wallace. To receive the minutes as read. All those in favour of receiving the Operations and Finance Board minutes for October the 12th as read and changed? Is there any opposition? The Board minutes are now received.

MOTION USC53: Henderson/Wallace

Chair: Moving along to Item 6.7, Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee to report for October 11th. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Code of Ethics Committee met on October 11th to discuss the absence of the Councilor from the College of Dentistry. The Committee decided that there was a violation of USC Code of Ethics, specifically Articles 7 & 8. The outcome was that the Committee decided that the matter warranted pursuit and that Mr. Gill should be notified of the complaint and requested to present a statement of defense to Council. The Committee shall reconvene to discuss the matter further on October 23rd at 12:30 p.m. in the USSU Boardroom.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any debate on the minutes? Seeing none, I'll take it that Councilor Evanisky has moved to receive the minutes as read. No opposition, the Code of Ethics Disciplinary minutes for October 11th are now received. Is there any opposition to moving to Item 7.1 Executive Committee minutes for October 12th, 2000. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. Minutes for October 12th. We ratified the International Studies Students Association. And we sponsored the History Undergraduate Students Association for their "Meet the Profs" Night.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any opposition to receiving the minutes as read? Seeing none, the minutes are received. Item 7.2, Health and Dental Plan, Final Report. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I am pleased to present the final report on Health and Dental plans in Canada. If anyone doesn't have a copy, I have some more up here. They were available on Monday for everyone to look at over the last couple of days. I won't go through it verbatim, but I would like to highlight some certain sections, specifically under Investigation and Research, Why A Student Health & Dental Plan? As it's mentioned here, one of the goals of the USSU is diversify and renew the services we offer to the students, to serve their needs better. As you can see from what is written in here, health care is on the rise, students have less income and often times don't have access to basic health and dental care. Not only does this effect them physically, it can also effect their studies if something serious should come up. Recently, you are all aware, a convenient sample study was done. Convenient sample just means that it had a minimum amount of surveys done, just to gauge interest. The survey was very much in

favour of a health and dental plan. The figures in here will show some of the different aspects that students were interested in. Also on campus last year there was a report released through Student Health that dealt with student health behaviours and knowledge on campus. Some of the interesting facts and figures from that report also suggest that there is a need for a health and dental plan on campus. As well, as some of the colleges across campus, there are some issues which would lead one to believe that combined with all of the other issues, that there really is a need for health and dental at the U of S. This plan, if approved by Council, will really benefit students here. As you know, we sort of have a sorted history here with health and dental concerning that a referendum was run during 1998 and 1999 and it did fail. You can see through some of the research that this has occurred at some other institutions on campus, and one of the predominant reasons, from what I have been able to get is due to the managed care component. You can see trends at other Canadian student associations, many many across Canada have a health and dental plan and they are quite varied, but it will just give you a feel for what's out there. What some of the fees people are paying, what they are getting as far as coverage. There is a section on health and dental providers and I would like to focus on three of those providers, predominantly the top three student health plan providers are Gallivan & Associates, Campus Trust and Studentcare.net/works. For obvious reasons because of our past history with Gallivan, they were kind of struck right off the start.

Also, when you compare Studentcare.net/works and the services they offer to Campus Trust, they are a better brokerage firm and a better service provider for health and dental. That is the company I've recommended. One of the things I would like to include in the report is an analysis why I recommended Studentcare.net/works and I'll just go over a few of them now. As I've said they are competitive, if not the lowest quote we've received across Canada. They are actually the only company in Canada that focuses specifically on student plans, rather than alumni and employee plans on campuses. They can provide full access to services over the internet and an on campus facility which would be covered through the premiums, as well as a toll free call centre that will have staff on hand that would be familiar to our specific plan, so that any kind of detailed questions could be answered. They offer great communications and support throughout the referendum stage and also through the entire year. They would handle all of the promotions, posters, etc. Lastly, they will work to make things click with University Administration in terms of getting the database of student information so that they could collect fees, then do the refunding for the opt outs and whatnot. So, those were the major reasons I have recommended them as our broker. You can see that their premiums, and these are ballpark premiums, I might add, are a lot less compared to the other companies. Also, there for comparison is a plan by another insurance company for individual health and dental coverage. As you can see, the coverage is fairly minimal and the costs are quite high. So, in terms of an analysis in general, the first question is whether or not this falls within our mandate, and I think it does. It would really diversify the services we offer our students. The second question is how to we implement such a regime? Do we do it on an individual basis, or as a collective group? Because of the benefits associated with a collective group coming forward and getting a plan, the premiums for the level of coverage you would get are very reasonable and we can make sure that the plan we get doesn't loose the student focus that we need in this environment. And the third and final

question if whether we have the right to implement health and dental fees? Simply put, yes. If we run a referendum and the students say that this is something they want, then we can have the constitutional right as a student government to implement those fees and provide this service. In terms of a referendum, there are a number of issues relating to this. So, once the decision has been made, we have to decide whether we want to have a referendum as a stand alone aside from the general elections, or whether we want to have them together. That will play into the timelines that we have for the referendum. In terms of managed care, I know we talked about this before, there is a section in there that clarifies it for everyone. We really recommend that it's something we don't go forward with. There are a number of other issues that require further analysis and if the motion is moved forward today and if the resolution moves forward today, those issues will be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Health and Dental. And that's about it for the report. There is some substantiating documentation in the appendices. And then there are the recommendations, which reads as follows; the USSU contract Studentcare.net/works as their health and dental insurance brokerage firm, that the USSU develops a non-managed care plan for implementation at the U of S, that the USSU goes to a stand alone referendum in the fall to adopt a health and dental plan and the last recommendation has some wording issues, but that we go to a stand alone referendum and to extend those funds from the elections line item within our budget. That's about all I have to say.

There is also a flow chart attached to the back of that page that outlines the timelines that we would likely follow if we go to a stand alone in this Term 1. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Anything else with regards to the Health and Dental Plan Final Report? Questions? Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you. Is it in order to ask a question right now regarding this point?

Chair: I believe it is. There are limits on debate at this point, because it's just motions to report for information, so I think it's open to debate? So, go ahead.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you. I'm just curious as to the percentage of student population that would be required logistically for any changes to the constitution for a referendum to be accurately held. My second question would be what percentage of the student population turned out last time, and what percentage would you be comfortable with?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. One of the flexible things in our bylaws is that there is no minimum requirement. We put this question before the students and we advertise it as such, and if they don't come out and vote, quite frankly, they are making the decision not to come out, so there is no minimum requirement for referendum. If such a requirement were placed half the Executive and the Senate members and the Sheaf Board of Directors for the last three years wouldn't be in office. Because, as you all know, voter turnout has been rather pathetic. The last time the health and dental

referendum was run in 1998/1999 I believe the voter turnout was about 13% of the student body.

Chair: Thank you. Are there any further questions? Recognize Councilor Denney.

Mr. Denney: Thank you. I have a point of information and that is, how much per student is this going to cost, ball park figure?

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. There isn't a cost figure right now. When we get into the motions, I can speak to this a little more, without going out of order here. What we would like to do today is commit that there is a need for a health and dental plan on campus. If we identify that need and we endorse this report, we move forward from there and we say that because of that need, we are going to commit to a referendum, but before we set a final date for a vote or anything like that, we need to have the Ad Hoc Committee develop a plan with all of the stakeholders on campus, bring that plan back to Council for approval, and then once that plan is approved, say if everything goes forward tonight, in two or three weeks from now we would have a plan brought back to Council, then the referendum date would be set and we would go from there. Timelines permitting of course. The cost varies, so therefore the Ad Hoc Committee will have to balance what is in the information we have and the feedback from students.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Debiegne.

Ms. Debiegne: Thank you. Just a point of information, I was wondering if perhaps the VP of Operations & Finance could tell us where the money would be coming from?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just as a point to your question from before. The plan at UBC which was recently passed, which has very good coverage, a mid catalogue plan, it cost every university studentfor both health and dental. There is no guarantee that ours will be that high or that low depending on what we want to see. To answer the question from the Councilor of Physical Therapy, the terminology and that wording, I have to apologize for that, it's not appropriate wording. We do have a line item for elections, and that's where the money for a referendum would come from. The reallocation was a misprint, I just didn't understand.

Chair: Thank you. Anything further for minutes to report for information? Seeing none....recognize Councilor Debiegne.

Ms. Debiegne: I guess on page 12 here is also says though, that this line item is not budgeted for in the 2000 budget process.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. VP Henderson might be able to talk a little bit more about how the budget works, but currently, there is a line item for Elections and we can use that money for this referendum.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. With regards to the referendum being a stand alone or along with the regular elections, it all depends on when the money is allocated. If this goes ahead with further motion later on, it would be an over expenditure of that line item. So, we are not actually moving something, it would just be an over expenditure.

Chair: Thank you. Further questions? Recognize Councilor Metzger.

Mr. Metzger: Thank you. On page 13, it talks about the models of insurance coverage, and I don't fully understand this paragraph. Basically there is two ways; there's a low risk and a high risk. Can the Executive expand on that a little?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. That model of insurance coverage talks about the types of insurance that you can get with different companies across Canada. There are three models in there. The first one is a fully insured plan and with that, say if we approached Sun Life through our brokerage firm, and they negotiated a plan for us, and we wanted a fully insured plan, we pay a premium and then we would not be responsible for any deficit that is run because we paid the insurance fee, but if there was a surplus, we don't get it back, the insurance company keeps that. If we go with the administrative services only, the insurer would only administer the claims, and we are responsible for the risk, but we would also get a surplus back. In terms of the last model, the retention based one, it's sort of a highbred model, you can think of it sort of as an overdraft, we would put up a little bit of an extra cushion of the total premiums, so that if the claims exceeded our projections, we would still have money to draw from. The insurer isn't out any money and they don't stop with the claims. It's not high risk, it's in between. As long as you build up that reserve for the next year, it doesn't effect your claims projections as much as it would if you ran out of money.

Chair: Just as a side, in regards to 7.2, if there are specific questions about line items or something in the report itself, perhaps we'll move to Item 8.1 and there we can deal with the issues freely in regards to that motion coming up there. Those really will be your only opportunities to question specific things in the report as if you go along to Business, when you're asking at that time, ask about specific motions there and there is a specific resolution, so this is really an item 7.2, that should be dealt with in 8.1 for clarification. Of course, in Questions and Comments, as well. Like I said, when we get

to Item 9, Business, the comments and debate have to be central on the issues there. Again, you will only be able to speak two times. So, keep that in mind. Are there any other questions? Seeing one, we'll move to Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes to Report, specifically 8.1. We are now on Item 8.1, there is a motion under there. Motion reads as follows; Councils endorsement of the recommendations in the Health and Dental plan project final report. Can I have a mover for this? Recognize President Dougan, seconded by Councilor Geenen. Thank you. We'll open this up for debate. So, the motion is now in debate. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Basically what this motion is all about, we are asking Council to approve this report, which basically endorses the fact that we see the need that is representative within this report and we also approve and adopt those recommendations that are within the report.

Chair: Further debate, I will remind Council on speaking times. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you. Just recognizing that the National Director from CASA is here, and he brought up a point that I had forgot about, we might one day have a universal bus pass or universal computer fees, I'm just curious whether implementing a health and dental mandatory fee would also raise student fees, and by how much?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I will just speak to the Councilor form Arts question. There is obviously still too early to determine how much student fees would increase, but it would be a dedicate fee, and as President Dougan has identified earlier, the recommendation would come back to Council and the Ad Hoc Committee would come back to Council with a fee.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Sorry, I don't think was completely clear on that. I'm just curious that if we pay these health and dental fees, will our CASA fees also increase?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. I would just like to speak to that. As the National Director said, we pay the maximum, so that would be it. It's also an in and out fee, so that wouldn't factor into the bottom line as what CASA recognizes as part of our budget.

Chair: Thank you. Anything else? Recognize Councilor Urmson.

Mr. Urmson: Thank you. I have a question about the first term. By the time we get to the end of this it's going to be near the end of November when we have a referendum, so
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Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. To speak to that last concern, from the Students' Union Development Symposium that both VP Jackson and myself attended this summer, and through various conversations with different health and dental companies, to assist student groups in running referendums, and just from our own experiences in trying to run a health and dental referendum in the past, all of the advice and all of the recommendations have come back as saying that it's more beneficial to run a referendum as a stand alone in the first term. If you think about all of the exposure that this plan has been getting, back at your Council, how people are asking questions, how people want to know about what we are doing, and that there is a lot of concern about managed care and about the actual components of the plan, If we decide tonight to go to referendum and we wait until after Christmas, all of the momentum would be lost and the key time to run a referendum according to what we have learned, is anywhere from mid October to mid November, and we are pushing that envelope a little because it wouldn't be occurring in late November, if all goes according to time lines. We feel that that would be the most conducive time to run a referendum using the information we have been given and that also allows us the option, if we need to investigate this further, and that there is a possibility that if the students are in favour of this, we could implement this in January. That still has to be worked out with Administration, to see about the collection of fees and whatnot. Like I said, we're not sure if that's something we can apply here, but those are some of the reasons why we recommended to hold the referendum in the first term.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you. This is a question, I'm not sure if it's been addressed yet, but if we endorse this document and the recommendations inside, then the recommendations that are in here go through, what happens to the issues that require further analysis, when are they analyzed and do we get to vote on that?

Chair: Thank you. I'll leave that up to the Executive to answer. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. As I mentioned a little earlier going through the report, the issues that require further analysis, the Ad Hoc Committee will take care of that and they will look at these and bring recommendations and a plan back to the brokerage firm and they will crunch the numbers with the insurer and they will come back with number for us and the Ad Hoc Committee will determine if those numbers are fair or if they need to do some more negotiating and from there they will bring those numbers back to Council for approval. Once we have the package endorsed by Council, then we set the timelines for referendum and it's estimated to be two to three weeks.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have a question in regards to the referendum in November and implementing it in January and my question would be for those

students who are on student loans, would they be billed with their tuition in the fall for the amount owing, and what if they don't have the additional money? How are they expected to pay for it?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. Again, that issue has to go before Administration, so we don't know if it's possible to implement it for January. I think we have to get all of the information out to the student body. Mr. Dougan and the Ad Hoc Committee will be looking at that option. It's only an option if it pleases the Ad Hoc Committee and this Council.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Debiegne.

Ms. Debiegne: Thank you. A further point of clarification to Mr. Dobson's question,I'm still unclear if the Ad Hoc Committee does come up with a new plan that we don't agree with, is a referendum still going to take place?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Sorry it came out that way, the plan will be devised by the Ad Hoc Committee, they will then bring it before Council because they have no power to approve such a plan. Council has to approve it and once that happens, Council will have to set a referendum date, which is something that neither the Executive Committee nor the Ad Hoc Committee can do. Once that referendum date is set, the question been brought forward that's when the referendum will occur. This Council has all of the control, for all of the steps are going along sequentially to make sure that all of the steps are transparent and that you as Councilors have input along the way.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. My concerns with the referendum.....in terms of ...is it possible for the Ad Hoc Committee my only concern about throwing support behind this motion is that a few months down the road.....

Chair: Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Just going back to the referendum percentages, I was wondering if it's within the Council's power to set some sort of minimum voter turnout. Just looking at the time lines, today is already October 18th and we are looking at a referendum a month from now. Arts & Science is a large college and we need time to get this information out the all of the students, so I'm just wondering if say only 200 people out of 18,000 people voting, I think I would have trouble with that.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: To speak to your first point, the Constitution sets that out and we really can't contradict that. Further to that, as a former Arts and Science MSC, I think it's well within not only the ASSU, but the Arts & Science MSC's will be able to get this information out. The USSU also has to deal with that, through the Board of College Presidents to make sure that every student on this campus has as much information on this as possible to vote.

Chair: Thank you. Anything further? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: My first question was answered, but the second to speak to, according to the students, what we could actually do, is have Councilors go into classrooms in their own colleges to let them know what's going on.....

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: I realize my speaking privileges are over, but may I answer the question?

Chair: We pretty much left this open, so go ahead.

President: Please refresh my memory.

Mr. Hitchcock: There was some talk about the input that the Council was going to have and my question is is that we are not the Ad Hoc Committee, and they are the ones deciding on the plan, so what kind of input are we going to have? I support the health and dental plan, and if I vote today I don't have any security.....

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just to reiterate one point. The Ad Hoc Committee doesn't have the ability to pass the health and dental plan. They have the ability to come up with the recommendations and if the Council wishes that they go forward with several alternative models, then the prices for those plans will be brought back. I think it would be in the best interest of the Committee and the Council to have that information for themselves. The Ad Hoc Committee is a committee of University Students' Council. It doesn't have the authority to make decision, but it does have the authority to make recommendation, which Council can then approve or not. In your approval process, you are able to make amendments if you deem that necessary or reject a plan.

Chair: Thank you. Anything further? Perhaps a motion to put this to vote would be in order. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock. Seconded by Councilor Evanisky. I see opposition to put this to a vote. Motion 8.1, Council endorsement of the recommendations of the health and dental plan project final report. All those in favour of that motion? Any opposition? Seeing no opposition, the motion passes.

MOTION USC53: Hitchcock/Evanisky

Chair: We have a point of order from the Councilor from Dentistry, Mr. Gill.

Mr. Gill: Can I ask for a delay in this vote, 9.1? I have a couple reasons why.

Chair: Certainly. 8.1 is dealt with, and we'll move to 9.1, but before we do that I have a point of procedure. Can we delay the Business, certainly if it's the will of Council, you can delay anything, or table it to the next meeting or another set meeting. That would require a simple majority to table the motion. Once we get into that business and once you are on the speakers list, you can make a motion to table the resolution. Is that clear? We are on Item 9.1, I will read the motion that I have from New Business last week, so it's Business this week. We ratify that the USSU undertake a Health and Dental referendum for the undergraduate student body in the 2000/2001 academic term. I have it moved by President Dougan and seconded by VP Jackson. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Mr. Chair, I would like to make an amendment at this time for the motion to read that the USSU undertake a non-managed care Health and Dental referendum, just to clarify that.

Chair: So, we have an amendment. I just want to make sure that the seconder from the main motion is OK with it. The amendment is now open for debate. Is there anyone that wishes to speak on the amendment? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Call the question please.

Chair: I think that's in order at this time. We'll put that straight to a vote then. All those in favour of inserting the words "non-managed care". All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the amendment is accepted.

MOTION USC54: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: We are now back to the main motion. Recognize Councilor Gill.

Mr. Gill: The College of Dentistry would like to delay this motion for one more week, just to get some additional information on the Studentcare.net/works plan. We want to talk to the College of Dental Surgeons and the Licensing Board and specifically we would really like to talk to the faculty of Dentistry. We don't want to vote for or against something that we have no information about. The Councilor from Law was what happens yes now and later one what happens if you don't like the plan. We would just like to delay this motion for one more week.

Chair: Thank you, I will recognize the motion to table this motion as amended to next week. Do we have a seconder? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock. I will now open the floor to debate with regards to tabling the motion. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. On the issue of the Item of Business 9.1, and the resolution that follows. I am speaking in opposition to tabling this we have had this motion tabled

now for two weeks. The third week, we've put it on the table and the fact of the matter is that what this motion speaks to isn't which company we are going with, or which plan we bring forward, and there is still time to investigate, what this motion speaks to is that we have seen and identified the need, as part of the motion we have previously endorsed, we have identified that need, and we see that as something we want to move forward with and what this motion allows us to do in principle, agree that this is something that we would like to work on this year, and gives us license to go forward from here. So, I really don't think that tabling this would be in the best interest of Council or the students on campus. Thank you.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you. I have a question for the Councilor from Dentistry. I'm just curious that if further investigation with all of these other groups would be completed within one week?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Gill.

Mr. Gill: I will have three or four people, including myself and the Student Dental Society working on getting that information together. This report doesn't really help us out, it just gives us a plan. We just want some concrete ideas about what we are supposed to be voting on.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'm also speaking against tabling this for one week. I would hope that the College of Dentistry would be doing all of that and by tabling this by one week, I don't think it's going to change anything. I would hope that the College of Dentistry would get all of that and I would also like to congratulate President Dougan on researching and going forward with this report. I know he didn't just pull this information off of the internet, I know he spent a lot of time on it. He has rectified a lot of the problems that I had personally with the plans. All that this basically says is that we see the need and that we want to go forward.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you. I think that it's really important that as a Council we address this as a framework. What we are talking about is a referendum. There is no meat on these bones. That's the whole point of the Ad Hoc Committee. I would like to congratulate President Dougan giving the Councilors so much power in deciding how much goes around those bones and I think it's really important that we decide, in principle, not on any facts, about the actual plan itself, but just in principle, that we go to a referendum. It is in fact up to the Councilors to decide what the exact plan is, so there are a lot of details not available, but they will come with the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee. I guess Mr. Chair, that I would like to ask all of the Councilors to keep that in mind when we have discussions and when we make the votes on these motions.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. I'm speaking for the motion. This isn't just an issue of what the VP Academic said as bones without meat because we just endorsed the report. While I support that, I don't think it's going to do any harm to put it off one more week, if that mean the College of Dentistry would be more comfortable with it.....

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Debieenne.

Ms. Debieenne: Thank you. I just want to say that I think that there is a need to move forward because I think President Dougan did a good job in getting us the information we needed.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Christensen.

Ms. Christensen: I was just wondering, this motion has been tabled for a while already and I was wondering how delaying this for another week would impact an already tight schedule. If we keep delaying this, will the option of having a referendum in November even be possible?

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: I just want to speak once again to this amendment. I think that there is enough time to investigate the plan of benefits. There will be a two to three-week window and during which time. So, over the span of the days that we have between approving this in principle and to the time when we have a definite plan, and when we set a date for the referendum, I think that there is enough time to investigate. I think this is the time that we have to make this decision. If we hold it back any longer, it's getting to be fairly late in December. I would just ask for your support in defeating this motion. I do think we've waited long enough. We have identified the need, and I think we should show a little leadership and move forward with this.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: A sense of urgency has developed to get this motion passed....there is no need for us to say that this has to be by November, the important thing is to get this passed by our members.....If we have to sacrifice one more week, it's not going to kill any motivation that we have. It's more important to get the plan through rather than get it through right now. To satisfy the College of Dentistry, we should give them the extra week, I'm all for that.

Chair: Thank you. I forgot to mention that was your second time speaking, so if you have anything else, go ahead, otherwise I will just assume you are finished. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'll speak next.

Chair: OK, recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: I would like to call the question.

Chair: I have one more person on the speakers list, Mr. Jackson, do you have anything? I now have nobody on the speakers list, so can I please have a seconder to put this to a question? Recognize VP Henderson.

MOTION USC55: Evanisky/Henderson

Chair: OK, we'll now decide whether we should table this and the motion has been put forward by Councilor Gill and seconded by Councilor Hitchcock to table this, Item 9.1 until next week. All those in favour? All those opposed? I'll ask for abstentions, seeing no abstentions, the motion to table has failed.

MOTION USC56: Gill/Hitchcock DEFEATED

Chair: We are now back to the original motion as it reads there. The last person I had, I believe she spoke. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: With this going ahead, this allows the framework for us to bring the Dental College and the Dental Society to the table. This will allow us to strike an Ad Hoc Committee on Health & Dental, and also for the College of Dentistry to bring the information that they need and to research it. It's very important that the Dental College and the Dentistry students are on side with this. And that the Dental Association is on side, and I think that President Dougan has done everything in his power to make sure that that will happen. But to allow that to happen, we have to pass this. We have to make sure that we can do this in a timely fashion and to go forward with momentum and get the information out there. I would hope that you all vote in favour of this.

Chair: Any further debate? Perhaps someone can make a motion. Do we have a seconder? Recognize Councilor Evanisky. I'll put this to a vote. All those in favour? Any opposition? I'll ask for abstentions at this time as well. Recognize two abstentions, do you wish to be recognized in the minutes? So, the motion passes.

MOTION USC57: Dougan/Evanisky

Chair: We'll now move on to Item 9.2, Motion to approve Studentcare.net/works as a Health & Dental plan brokerage firm for the USSU. This was moved by President Dougan and seconded by VP Jackson. We'll now open debate. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. As I mentioned earlier, and I won't rehash it all, Studentcare.net/works is, in our opinion, the most student focused and student friendly health and dental company on the market. Basically the plans that they provide are

customized to our students. What we ask for is what they give us, so there shouldn't be any concerns about whether they are stuck on a certain template, because they are not. By going with this brokerage firm, what happens is that we will sign a contract with them and if the referendum passes, then for a period of three years, I believe it is the standard, we would be with that company. If the referendum fails, we have no obligation to that company. They offer the most services, and the most support. I really encourage everyone to vote in favour of hiring this company.

Chair: Any debate? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: As Studentcare.net/works was the biggest question mark the Student Dental Society had, I move we table this until next week.

Chair: Do we have a seconder? Recognize Councilor Gill. I'll open that for debate now. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I was just like to express my regrets that the Councilor of Dentistry couldn't join us for the past few meetings, because we were hoping for some guidance from the college.

Chair: I'm going to call that out of order. Ms. Mateen perhaps keep your comments regarding other persons to questions or comments. Right now we are speaking specifically on tabling this motion, Item 9.2. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. I don't want to sound negative, but I am also in opposition to this amendment. We as an Executive, through this project and through my report, have already investigated this company. We presented you with the bare facts of what they provide and there are numerous pages on the company at the back of the document. Because of this information, you have basically the entire structure, the entire operation of this firm in your hands. The plan and the benefits are blank right now. By allowing us to move forward and hire this company, what we are doing is allowing them to find solid figures for us and negotiating with insurance companies for the lowest price possible for the best coverage. Once again, if this doesn't pass, and we don't have a company for another week, this will delay the process once again. The Ad Hoc Committee will not be able to meet and make decisions without those prices and quotes. That is a process that we can get started on right away. Maybe it's not getting across and I'm just not understanding the concerns from the College of Dentistry and I apologize for that. Considering that the plan is blank and what we ask for is what they provide and they are the best company and through what is written in the report, I hope everyone can see that. I would suggest that we move forward with this.

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I would like to speak for this. Imagine if you will, the USSU coming to this body, in the first three weeks in Council, having a question, having a price, having a company, having timelines set up and having everything basically that the Ad

Hoc Committee is going to have to deal with, done already. This body not having any control over it, and only being able to vote on one motion, going forward or not going forward with it. That happens, and I was a part of that. Mr. Dougan was a part of that. We have done everything in our power to change that, and at every step of the process, we are going to involve not only you,

Chair: Order. Perhaps, VP Jackson, you can turn this into something to do with the tabling of this motion.

VP Student Issues: By tabling this for another week, it sets the process back. I think by tabling this, we are going to slow it down. President Dougan has gone out and found this company and we are very open and transparent about it. We think as a recommendation, that this is the time to move forward with this company and I would hope that you will all go along with us on this.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Gill.

Mr. Gill: Everyone wants to move forward with this, we have no problem with that. We are wondering why we can't contact the Faculty of Dentistry at the UBC, whose students are involved in this same plan, and ask them what they think of the plan and the company. We don't know how this company handles the claims, everything about it, there just isn't enough information that the College of Dentistry feels comfortable enough about right now that we wish to go forward with this right at this moment.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: I'm speaking against tabling this motion. We have heard two presentations from this company in the last month, and we have had ample time to take this back to our Councils and to our constituents, and there is no reason to delay this any longer.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. First of all, I just want to say that I have tremendous gratitude.....but all we've heard tonight is that Councilors have the power in this process, and so on and so forth, but at the same time the Executive is standing up and saying that this is the best company, and this is what we are going to do. The bottom line in tabling this motion is about respect. It doesn't matter if the Councilor from Dentistry was absent, what it is, is this body extending our respect to our fellow Councilor and to members of the College of Dentistry by giving them time to go over this. This is not going to mean they are going to turn down the company, it will likely make them more comfortable with the process. To me that's important in politics, we all have to be on board. My question is, by tabling this for one more week, what would we really damage?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you. It is my understanding through these meetings and speaking with the Executive that in order to hold an effective referendum all MSC and colleges have to be a part of it and I think that Dentistry plays a major role in the last referendum, and if they require more info, then so be it. Dentistry has not been a part of our earlier discussion, so I'll speak to tabling this motion.

Chair: Thank you. Sometime the job of a Chair is to sort of step out of the role and give you some guidance with my experience and I think at this point there are three or four things that are happening. Now, we have already passed this resolution, this motion, so it's basically saying, we are having a referendum, the tabling of the motion was defeated and the next part we are at is Item 9.2, and the motion was to approve the company. It doesn't speak anything about the referendum, or about anything further beyond the company becoming the broker. We are speaking specifically on tabling that motion. It's my job to sort of interpret how the cards will fall, is that the referendum is going, no matter what. It's your right to decide if you want to table the firm brokerage, and the referendum goes and the broker is decided next week. I just want to make that clear, because things may be getting a little blurry. Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Please call the question.

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'm wondering, considering this motion, seems very defendant because of the urgency on Item 9.3, if we might table this until we can deal with that motion first. I think that's possible.

Chair: I guess that is a point of order. We'll have to deal with this tabling first, then with that tabling. So, first things first. We have a motion, we have tabling of that motion, we have a call for the question, then we have another question on the tabling. We'll deal with the question being called, then if we don't go to the question, it's quite appropriate to amend the table to another place. Recognize Ms. Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you. I forgot my Roberts Rules of Order at home, but could you just clarify what we are voting on.

Chair: Sure. It does sound repetitive, but you need to understand what's happening because you are voting on this. We are on Item 9.2, the motion to approve the company as the brokerage, the next step was to table that and that's what we are discussing that, we get down the speakers list and Councilor Johnson moved that we call the question. The President brought up a point of order, which is essentially an amendment to the table, and that is in order only if the question has not been called. We still have speakers on the speakers list. Do we have a seconder for calling the question? Recognize Councilor Adelman. I am going to leave this open for debate because I've still have two people on the speakers list. This is simply to point out why you should be allowed to speak, does that make sense? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Point of order Mr. Chair. My question still hasn't been answered, and I expect it to be answered.

Chair: That's not a point of order, that's debate in regards to closing the speakers list and I'll take it that you are against calling the question. I have two people on the speakers list, and as well as Mr. Hitchcock speaking against calling the question. So, that's where we are right now. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to open the speakers list and let them speak if they wish.

Chair: I hope this is going to clarify some things. Recognize Councilor Johnson.

Mr. Johnson: Can I withdraw my motion, obviously there is some more debate? I would like to make it after everyone has had their chance to speak.

Chair: Certainly, I think that's appropriate at this time. The motion to close the speakers list has been withdrawn and the seconder of the motion, Councilor Adelman, do you wish to second the withdrawal? OK, So, does everyone understand? I have two people.

Mr. Hitchcock: I would like an answer to my question.

Chair: I will call that out of order, do you wish to be on the speakers list?

Mr. Hitchcock: Yes.

Chair: Anyone else? President Dougan is next.

President: If I may defer my speaking privileges until Mr. Hitchcock speaks.

Chair: Certainly, that's appropriate. I have Councilor Whyley then.

Ms. Whyley: I would like to waive.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. What are the chances that anyone can answer my question? What is the sense of not extending this courtesy and respect to the Councilor from Dentistry, why is this so important that this has to be done right now?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan. This is your second time speaking to the motion to table.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. First of all I want to speak to a comment that the Councilor from Law made earlier, and that was the matter of respect. It's not that we are trying to disrespect Dentistry and we do value Dentistry so much that in August before

the school term even began, I myself had a meeting with the President and explained to her that this was a project we were going forward with and we were hoping to get some input from the College. We did put that out and also, as a group, whenever we encounter Dentistry students, made it an issue to let them know that this was something we were going forward with and would want their input. From the onset, ladies and gentleman, and Mr. Chair, we have attempted to get input from Dentistry and other stakeholders on campus. By going forward with this tonight, I don't think that we are disrespecting the College of Dentistry and I think that we are saying that according to what is in our documentation with this company, and because UBC has just passed their referendum, I had extensive conversations with their President and they, and considering some of the remarks I got from others across Canada, they gave glowing marks to Studentcare.net/works.

Everyone on campus, from what I've been told, was very pleased with the plan and in fact they have never failed a referendum and have never lost a client yet, and that's because they are student focused and they are student friendly, and like I've already said, they can build a plan for us from scratch. Their company structure is outlined in the document.

Chair: Order. Unless you can tie this into the motion of tabling, this is speaking to the motion itself.

President: Thank you for the guidance Mr. Chair. To speak to the question, itself, in terms of urgency, if we want to hold a fall referendum, it is of utmost urgency that we make those decisions tonight. We have consulted, we given information, and tabling this motion hinders the process only further. I believe there is ample time to do investigating into the company. They will put together the plan that we want. Tabling this motion serves no purpose whatsoever.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen. I believe this is your second time speaking.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I was just wondering if I could have the outline should Studentcare.net/works be adopted as our company with regards to the extra seven days?

Chair: Thank you. I'm trying to decide if that has anything to do with the tabling. I'll accept that. I can't recognize President Dougan, as he has spoken twice already. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Jackson: As President Dougan said before, if we go ahead with this company, it gives us a chance to start negotiating with companies, and if we table this tonight, that puts our students, across the campus, at a disadvantage, because we are losing seven days to renegotiate. We want to make sure we have the best deal for students. Seven days from now, what are we going to accomplish. We need to give this company the ability to negotiate on behalf of the U of S students.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Urmson.

Mr. Urmson: I have a question, how are the we going to go forward to negotiate

Chair: Thank you. The question deals with the tabling, but we are running out of people to answer the questions. President Dougan and VP Jackson have both spoken twice to tabling this motion. I see the difficulty in tabling this, unless and I hate to point this out Council, but unless there is a suspension on the rules of debate, then we will have to continue with each person only speaking twice. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to suspend the rules of debate, specifically how many times one person can speak to a motion.

Chair: We have a new motion on the floor to suspend the rules of debate. Recognize VP Wallace. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you. I would like to speak in favour of this motion to suspend the rules of debate to allow the person who knows the most about it to speak to the questions.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Denney.

Mr. Denney: I'm against this motion for the simple reason that we have been on this for about 45 minutes already.

Chair: Is there anyone else that wishes to speak to this? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: I would like speak in favour of this motion also, as it is in the Council's best interest for the appropriate person to answer their questions.

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. I would like to call the question.

Chair: On the number of times a person can speak? I think that is appropriate at this time. All those in favour of suspending the rules of debate? All those opposed? Recognize Councilor Denney as being opposed to that motion. Motion passes.

MOTION USC 58: Henderson/Wallace

Chair: Speakers list is now open. Back to tabling the motion. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. Would it be appropriate for Councilor Urmson to restate his question.

Chair: I'm not going to recognize that as a point of order. I think the President can answer the question.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to answer the question from Councilor Urmson in regards to what delaying this by seven days would mean? To answer that quite frankly, if we don't sign with Studentcare.net/works tonight, then they can't start negotiating on our behalf. Therefore, we don't have the numbers for the Ad Hoc Committee to come up with the best plan possible. They might be able to have some prices ready for us so we know where we are in the process.

Chair: Thank you Mr. President. Recognize Councilor Christensen.

Ms. Christensen: I was just wondering, if the motion wasn't tabled tonight and assuming it was passed, couldn't the College of Dentistry do their research they wanted to do anyways, and if for some reason we found out Studentcare.net/works wasn't a good idea, could we make a motion to not go with them?

Chair: I'll take that as a point of order. Procedurally, you're out of order. You guys want to cover everything tonight don't you? If it does pass, it gives the Executive to go ahead and use this company as the broker, so that could be as soon as this evening. If something were to happen and you wanted to reconsider that vote, it would have to be reconsidered before the motion is actually put into order. So, if they've called them to notify them that the motion passed, and you moved to reconsider, I would probably recognize that out of order, because the motion has already been acted upon, so it's already enforced. Then you get into an idea where if it's the majority of Council wanted to challenge the Chair, and say, No, we want to reconsider it. It would rule it out of order, but you could challenge that again, but then you get into difficulties of defaults with the broker. In essence, once you've told them they are your brokerage firm, and as soon as the Executive feel fit to act on that motion somehow indicating to them, then the motion, in my opinion cannot be reconsidered. What you are saying here is yes, they are our brokerage. Recognize Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I would envision if the USSU does not table this motion, as a monopoly. The Council should extend this courtesy to the College of Dentistry. Bottom line is that this has been going on for six months and I don't think another seven days is going to hurt. I urge the Council to let the Student Dental Society have this time to become more comfortable with their decision.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: First of all would this be a move from November 20th to the 27th or from November 27th to December 4th and secondly I would like to suggest that if the Councilor from Dentistry started researching this tonight, maybe seven days from now he'll feel the same way.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Renneberg. I think that this is just confusing the issue and speaking in accordance with Mr. Hitchcock, it appears thatI don't see it that way, I see it more as execution. As representatives for our colleges, we have an obligation to students to provide information. Studentcare.net/works is not a new company, that has just sprung up. They have implement plans at several other universities that appear to have gone over successfully. So, I don't see how tabling this one issue by seven days, there is plenty of time between this meeting and the next meeting to investigate. I don't think it is a matter of this broker, it's a matter of whether we want to implement. I don't think this is doing anything other than confusing the issue.

Chair: Order. Councilor Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: I would like to call the question.

Chair: We have a motion to call the question on whether we should table Item 9.2. Recognize Councilor Johnson. All those in favour of tabling 9.2? All those opposed to tabling? The motion to table has failed. We are now back to the main motion of Item 9.2.

MOTION USC59: Gill/Hitchcock

Chair: I believe the only two people who have spoken to that are President Dougan and Councilor Hitchcock. So, I have nobody on the speakers list at this time. Recognize Councilor Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: Call the question.

Chair: Thank you. Motion on the floor by Councilor Adelman to call the question. Seconded by Councilor Johnson. I have nobody on the speakers list at this time. Is there any debate on calling the question? Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Just a point of order, by passing Item 8.1, the endorsement of the recommendations, in these recommendations, it already says that we go with Studentcare.net/works. Does that effect the voting in any way? I'm not sure what the rules of procedure are. By endorsing these recommendations, I thought we were already going with them.

Chair: Because that's a good point of order, I'm going to rule on it and call on President Dougan for some clarification. Item 8.1 is simply a motion arising from the minutes to report. This is how I would rule, my understanding is that Item 8.1, Council endorsement of the recommendations of this document, is simply a very broad, nothing set, and I'm sure there are some points in here that might be set, but it's just a very broad understanding. If for some reason, is in conflict with one of these motions, I would say that the motion overrules the document and speaking in law terms, would have no adverse effect on the document. Calling the question. President Dougan do you have anything to say about the point of order?

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just to clarify, in that section 8.1, what we did was referred to the report, and if Council has looked at the report and approved it, then they would believe in the content of the report and they agree in principle with what is in that report, including the recommendation. However, they still are only just that, recommendations. That's why this point was brought forward separately in Business. That is exactly what our Chair had said, but I just wanted to expand upon it a little.

Chair: So to answer your question, in a big, long round about way, I believe the Executive had interpreted it the same way as I would. These motions are more substantive than the document. We have a motion to put this to a question, because we've had so much debate, I'm going to put this to a vote as to whether or not we should put this to a question. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, I will now move to the vote on the motion.
The motion is to approve Studentcare.net/works as the health and dental plan brokerage firm for the USSU. Moved by President Dougan and seconded by VP Jackson. All those in favour of that motion? Is there any opposition? Is there any abstentions? Recognize Councilor Gill as abstaining. The motion passes.

MOTION USC60: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: We are now on Item 9.3. I'm going to step outside of my shoes here and give you some guidance. We've been at this for two and a half hours and we have yet to have anyone indicate that they would like a recess. I would just like to remind you that you do have the power to do that. Item 9.3, I'll read it. Move to conduct a non-managed care health and dental in the first term as a stand-alone referendum. This is what I had handed in to me. Moved by VP Henderson and seconded by VP Wallace. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just for clarification, it should read move to conduct a none-managed care health and dental referendum in the first term as a stand-alone referendum. My apologies.

Chair: Two of those things sounded like... actually, because I've already read this out and we taken it as a motion already, I'm going to have to take those as amendments. I think including that word is important. It would be different if it was just a spelling mistake or something. If you can tell me the words again, I'll write them on the board. Is that acceptable. We have a motion put forward by President Dougan and seconded by VP Wallace. The amendment is to change the wording. Recognize Councilor Gill.

Mr. Gill: Thank you. I would like to know what the real rush is here? Rather than spending two or three weeks, why don't we put five or six weeks and get everyone on the same page.

Chair: I'm going to call that out of order at this time, we are speaking specifically about the amendment. This question is directed more towards the main motion. You can bring that up later. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Call the question.

Chair: There is a motion to call the question brought forward by VP Wallace and seconded by Councilor Adelman. We'll put that right to a vote as to whether to accept the amendment or not. All those in favour of accepting those amendments? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the amendment passes.

MOTION USC61: Dougan/Wallace

Chair: We are now back to the original motion. President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just wanted to speak on behalf of the motion and explain why we would prefer November as a timeline for the referendum. Basically, once you start getting into the second term, usually a lot of the school spirit, a lot of the momentum that occurs during the first term when everyone gets back to school is lost. You lose a lot of people in terms of involvement and people are busy with their schoolwork and don't pay as much attention to these issues. Our philosophy is that we want to bring this forward and get the maximum number of students aware and involved in this process. We really feel that having it in term one would be the best way to facilitate that. As I mention earlier, from our discourse with other groups and institutions that have done referendums in the past, every one of them has specifically mentioned that mid October to mid November is the best time to hold a referendum. I think that we can do that and it will be more conducive to a good referendum.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Denney.

Mr. Denney: Thank you Mr. Chair. I am speaking against this motion here for the simple reason that our College has four hundred and fifty of our students interning or out of province right now, which is roughly one-fifth of our student population, therefore we won't have the optimum number of students from our College voting.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: Thank you. Call the question.

Chair: OK, do we have a seconder for this motion. Recognize Councilor Johnson. I am going to open that for debate because we have only had two speakers on the motion. Is there any opposition to calling the question? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Just a point of order Mr. Chair. A motion to call the question is non-debatable according to Roberts Rules.

Chair: OK. I'm going to, from recollection, I think it is debatable, and I'm going to allow the debate only because there has been a lot of debate on the issues and there has only been two speakers. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Can I make a motion to adjourn?

Chair: A motion is out of order. Calling the question takes precedence over adjournment. I'm going to look that up because I'm not positive. I think you can adjourn after a certain amount of time and everything gets tabled to the following meeting. Sorry you guys, please bare with me. You're challenging me tonight.

Mr. Adelman: Can I withdraw my motion to call the question so the motion to adjourn can stand?

Chair: I guess that would be in order.

Mr. Adelman: I withdraw.

Chair: OK. The motion to call with question has been withdrawn. We are back to the original speakers list, and there is no one on the list. Perhaps this would be the time for Councilor Hitchcock to stand up and say his motion again.

Mr. Hitchcock: Everyone is tired and hungry and thirsty, so I move we adjourn.

Chair: OK, I just want to make sure it doesn't conflict with the rules of order. Motion to adjourn immediately requires a majority to adopt a seconder and it is not debatable. So, it's a motion that takes precedence. I will recognize the motion at this time, however, I will indicate to Council that we still have some items under Business, and if those things are not discussed this evening, they can be brought up next week. For whatever reason, Council decided, with a two-thirds majority, that those things would be discussed this evening, because of urgency. So, I would advise you against this motion. I know it's 8:55 p.m., but for whatever reason, Council, three hours ago, thought these were important matters. So, motion to adjourn. We'll put that straight to a vote. All those in favour? All those opposed? Thank you. Are there any abstentions? One abstention. OK, So we are not adjourning and we are back to the speakers list. Item 9.3. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you. I would like to call the question.

Chair: I think that's in order at this time. We are not going to debate. Seconded by Councilor Denney. All those in favour of moving to conduct the non-managed care health and dental referendum in the first term as a stand-alone referendum? Is there any opposition? Recognize four Councilors as opposed to the motion, do you wish to be recognized in the record? Recognize Councilor Denney. Motion passes.

MOTION USC62: Henderson/Wallace

Chair: Moving along to Item 9.4, reads Council endorsement of the civic election letter. Moved by VP Jackson and seconded by President Dougan. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: This doesn't have to be controversial at all. It's just a letter from me to the Editor of the Star Phoenix. We could have just sent it out, but we decided to come here and get an endorsement from the Council. I would just hope that you would endorse this.

Chair: Anyone else? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Wallace: Call the question.

Chair: That would be in order at this time. With that, unless there is any opposition, we'll put that straight to a vote. All those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing none, the Council endorses the civic election letter. Motion passed.

MOTION USC62: Jackson/Dougan

Chair: Moving along to Item 10, New Business, Item 10.1 Council decision on verbatim minutes will be discussed next meeting I believe. Moving along, is there any opposition to moving to Questions and Comments for 30 minutes? Seeing none, the time is 9 p.m. and we'll be in Questions and Comments for 30 minutes. Recognize Councilor Gill.

Mr. Gill: Thank you. Now that everything has passed, when does the Ad Hoc Committee get together and when will you notify all of the stakeholders?

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. The Ad Hoc Committee will convene as soon as possible. We do have elected members from USC including Mr. Urmson, Ms. Whyley and Ms. Mateen as well as we have extended an invitation to the College of Dentistry to have a representative and my understanding is that it will either beI apologize I can't remember the name, but I received an e-mail today that either one of two individuals will sit on the Committee. As well, Cam Metzger from Pharmacy & Nutrition and we would also like representatives from Student Health and possibly a couple of students at large. The Appointments Board did go through the applications. VP Jackson also will sit on the Committee as Vice Chair. We will meet as soon as possible to discuss preliminary issues and getting things going.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. I was going to move to adjourn, but some people may have more questions.

Chair: Anyone else? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just wanted to remind everyone that tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. is the press conference for the heralding of the hostage brain on campus. It should be good. I encourage everyone, if you don't have any post cards, please stop by the booth that Mr. Kissel has set up, or my office. I would like to thank everyone here tonight for their diligence in going through these motions and the choices and decisions that you've made.

Chair: Thank you. Anything else? Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I would like to thank Mr. Kissel for coming here tonight, he sat through an excruciating meeting.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Move to close Questions and Comments.

Chair: I think that's in order. Seconded by President Dougan. All those in favour? Any opposition? Questions and Comments are closed.

MOTION USC63: Dobson/Dougan

Chair: Item 12, Any Other Business. Is there anything at this time? I do have something to say. I apologize to President Dougan, he is correct. When a motion is made to call the question it is not debatable and the vote is taken immediately, it needs a seconder and a two-thirds majority. Also to suspend a particular rule, the ...is not debatable. I apologize for that. Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Move to adjourn.

Chair: All those in favour? All those opposed. Meeting is adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, October 25th, 2000

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1** USC Minutes: October 18th, 2000
- 6.2** Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report
- 6.3** Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: October 20th, 2000
- 6.4** Student Issues Board Minutes and Report
- 6.5** Appointments Board Minutes and Report
- 6.6** Elections Board Minutes and Report
- 6.7** Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1** Executive Committee Minutes: October 17th, 2000

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

- 8.1** Operations & Finance Board Elections

Business

- 9.1** Council Decision on Verbatim Minutes

New Business

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, October 25th, 2000

PRESENT

Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Freda Whitedeer, ISC
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Robin Mowat

REGRETS

Aaron Dougan, President
Clint Johnson, STM
Todd Schweitzer, Education

ABSENT

Kris Denney, Education
Michael Kolibab, Vocational Agriculture

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Chair: I see we have quorum. Before we get to the adoption of the agenda, I have a couple of comments as well. There was some concern in the variance in the rules of procedure and Roberts' Rules of Order. Unfortunately, I'm not perfect, and that's going to happen. It's your guys job to watch the rules as well. After three hours, it's a little hard to keep track of what's going on. You guys have to be vigilant as well and if you think for any reason, a rule is not being followed, put up your placard and we'll recognize you. I do owe an apology to the people trying to adjourn the meeting last week. I think that was alluded by Councilor Hitchcock. Looking at the minutes, I can point out, on page 33, some of my comments are not objective. I shouldn't be advising Council on their motions, but I do want you to be aware that if you have a question about procedures, you need to understand the implications of some of these rules. Some of these rules are very powerful, and the consequences of which, I shouldn't really be commenting on. So, I apologize to Councilor Hitchcock and I will refrain from getting into things in the future. Are there any questions on the rules or procedures? It is kind of complicated because we do go by Robert's Rules of Order and what is in the modified rules overtakes what's here. Adoption of the agenda. Do we have any changes to the agenda at this time? Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: The only change that I see is 7.1, Executive Committee minutes for October 17th, 2000, with President Dougan not being here today, unfortunately, those minutes are not ready for Council.

Chair: So, what's the motion?

VP Student Issues: To remove them please.

Chair: Do we have a seconder for that? Recognize VP Wallace. We'll go straight to a vote. All those in favour of removing the minutes for the Executive Committee for October 17th, from the agenda? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, Item 7.1 is now removed.

MOTION USC64: Jackson/Wallace

Chair: Any other changes? Seeing none, we'll need a motion to adopt the agenda as changed. Recognize VP Jackson and seconded by Councilor Mateen. All those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing no objection, the agenda is now adopted.

MOTION USC65: Jackson/Mateen

Chair: Move to Item 4, Introductions and Announcements. Are there any? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you Mr. Chair. On Friday, the Chemical Engineering Students are putting on Halloween Pub in our Lounge from 3:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There will be drinks and contests, dress up.

Chair: Any other introductions or announcements? Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to introduce Brian Cormier.

Chair: Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you. I just have two announcements. First, yesterday was the first Academic Affairs Board meeting and the minutes will be ready for next weeks USC. On Friday, November 3rd from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. there will be Grievance Workshop put on by the USSU, Student Affairs and Services, and the University's Secretary's Office. It would be a really good idea if we had all of our MSC's there because this is an event for Faculty, Administration and students, so we need to have fair representation there. What I ask is that each MSC bring out five students to come out. I'm also going to be e-mailing the College Presidents. It's important that we have a big student turnout for this. If you have any questions, or if you didn't receive an invitation, let me know so you can take this back to your College Societies.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Renneberg.

Mr. Renneberg: Thank you. I would just like to remind everyone that on November 3rd, like the Grievance Workshop, the STMSU is putting on the Arm Wrestling Competition. The last time we had it was seven years ago and it was pretty much dominated by the Ag College. But it's going to be \$7 to wrestle and \$3 to watch. We are selling tickets at our office or in the tunnel from Monday, October 30th to Friday, November the 3rd.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a couple of announcements. Commerce will also be having a Halloween Pub. Ours starts at 5 o'clock and continues on to 9 o'clock, so for whatever reason you have to go to the Engineering Pub, you can still make it to ours afterwards for a little bit of fun. Also, at that will be the first annual banana squash. There is a huge target set up at the reading room and for \$2 you can throw a banana. We will also be having a Western Business Games raffle and tickets are just \$2. Just to let you guys know, at the Rabbit Drop, we raised \$1500 for the Children's Health Foundation.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Debiene.

Ms. Debiene: I just wanted to announce that Medicine and Physio are also planning an event for this Friday. It doesn't involve any vegetables or bread. It's a pub

crawl that starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Sutherland, it's \$7 and it's going to go to Whiskey Jacks, that Pat, then back to the Sutherland, so it should be a lot of fun. Hope to see you all out.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to announce that Drag will be going on November 3rd and tickets will be going on sale next week.

Chair: Thank you. Any other introductions or announcements? Recognize Councilor Whitdeer.

Ms. Whitdeer: Thank you. I just have a few announcements. The Native Studies Department will be having a forum on what the vision of the department should be and admission is free, so you're all welcome to come. Another one is the Aboriginal Students' Centre is having a night at C-weeds on Saturday, November the 3rd. It's \$10 a person, and it's a fundraising event for.....

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. I will be having my Student Issues Board meeting for the first time on Friday. It will be 2:30 to 3:30, and I know that Mr. Henderson will be having his Operations & Finance Board Meeting from 3:30 until 5p.m. that day and I hope that the Councilors that sit on both of the Boards will be able to make it to these Board meetings as much as they would be to the meetings going on in the respective college society venues.

Chair: Any other? Recognize Councilor Geenen.

Ms. Geenen: Kinesiology is having a Halloween Dance on Saturday night. Tickets are \$5 and drinks are \$2 each at the Sutherland Hall. There are prizes for dressing up and tickets are available in the tunnel and I have some on me as well.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Whyley.

Ms. Whyley: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to say that Residence is holding their Annual Fall Frolic on Friday, it's a Halloween Dance as well. Tickets are \$5 and if you would like to come, just talk to me.

Chair: Is there anything else? Seeing none, if there is no objection, we'll move to Item 6 because there is nothing under Council Address. Item 6, Minutes to Report for Action, Item 6.1, USC minute for October 18th. Is there any objection to receiving the minutes without reading? Seeing none, we'll accept those minutes without reading. Item 6.3, Operations and Finance Board minutes to report for October 20th, 2000. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just to quickly go through the minutes. I informed quorum at this meeting, so thank you to those who attended. The board members introduced themselves and I also informed the Board that Councilor Hitchcock has resigned. I handed out binders and instructed the members to pick them up on Monday once I've had a chance to include the September budget. We went over the minutes from the last meeting, we reviewed policies and ratified a couple of groups, and reviewed funding requests. We also reviewed the mid-year budget process and as Mr. Jackson already said, my next Board meeting is on Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the USSU Boardroom.

Chair: OK, so moved by VP Henderson and seconded by VP Jackson. All those in favour of receiving the minutes as read? All those opposed? So, minutes are received.

MOTION USC66: Henderson/Jackson

Chair: Moving to Item 7, nothing, so on to Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes to Report. Operations and Finance Board Elections, recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to open an election for the one open position on the Operations and Finance Board.

Chair: Is there a seconder for that? Recognize Councilor Renneberg. So, there is a motion to elect an MSC to fill the open position on the Operations and Finance Board. I wasn't here when you guys did the initial elections, but the normal procedure is that people get nominated, put their name on the board, then see if they accept the nomination, and if there is more than one person, we'll have to go to a vote. Do we have any nominations? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: I would like to recognize Greg Adelman.

Chair: Do you accept that nomination?

Mr. Adelman: Sure.

Chair: Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you. Sorry Mr. Chair, maybe at this time it would be appropriate to put up the members who are not on a Board.

Chair: OK.

VP Operations: Councilor Wagemakers, Councilor Adelman, Councilor Christensen, Councilor Gill, Councilor Kolibab, Councilor Schweitzer, and Councilor Whitdeer.

Chair: Thank you. We'll take that hit list as nothing amusing. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you. I would like to nominate Councilor Debienne.

Ms. Debienne: Sure.

Chair: Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: I would like to nominate Councilor Whitedeer.

Chair: Do you accept?

Ms. Whitedeer: Yes.

Chair: Are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? Seeing none, I think we'll go to a vote. I will call the nominations closed. We have three people standing for one position on the Operations and Finance Board. Maybe each of you can give a quick speech on why you should be nominated. We'll go in reverse order. Recognize Councilor Whitedeer. Is there any specific reason why you should be elected to this Board?

Ms. Whitedeer: Can I go next?

Chair: Sure, recognize Councilor Debienne.

Ms. Debienne: OK. I think that I could bring an objective and I do have a vested interest. I would like my College to get a photocopier, so that would be a large part of my interest in sitting on this Board. Of course, I am also going to be objective about it.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: I am up there because Mr. Henderson has been bussing me about not being on a board.

Chair: Thank you. Councilor Whitedeer.

Ms. Whitedeer: I think having an Aboriginal person on the Operations and Finance Board would be good for the University.

Chair: Thank you. I'm assuming we're going to do it by ballot. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you. If I could ask the three members that have let their names stand, if you can attend the 3:30 – 5 p.m. meetings on Friday? Just so we know if there are any time conflicts.

Chair: Is there any conflict from the three candidates. Seeing none, I don't see any reason why none of them could stand. I guess the best thing to do is to go to a vote and perhaps VP Jackson could inform me of how this works.

VP Student Issues: OK, we hand these out and they write who they want.

Chair: One person?

VP Student Issues: Yes, there is one position.

Chair: I will hand out this paper and we'll be sitting informally, so please don't talk, fill your ballots in and drop them in this box. Does everyone have a ballot? VP Wallace is walking around, if you would just like to throw them in there. Order. We are not in recess, so please keep quiet. Order please. There were 21 ballots, Councilor Debiene, your name will be added to the Board. Congratulations. I think it's appropriate for VP Henderson to make a motion at this time.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to have Councilor Debiene stand on the Operations & Finance Board.

Chair: Thank you. Is there a seconder for that? Recognize Councilor Stehr. Any debate on that motion? Seeing none, all those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, Ms. Debiene is now appointed to the Operations & Finance Board. We'll now move on to Item 9, Council Decision on Verbatim Minutes? Any opposition? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: I would like to make a motion to table this Item. Part of this decision involves having other options available other than having verbatim minutes. Those are not available, as President Dougan was not here today. I move that we table this until next week when we have an opportunity to provide enough information so that Council can make a reasonable decision on this.

Chair: Thank you. So the motion is to be tabled. Is there a seconder for this motion? Recognize Councilor Stehr. As for the Robert's Rules or Order quick reference here, I feel a motion of duration of a set time needs a vote. VP Wallace made the motion, and we'll need a seconder. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: I would like to call the question.

Chair: All those in favour of tabling this Item until next week, so it will appear under Business for next week? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the Item is tabled until next week.

MOTION USC67: Wallace/Jackson

Chair: Seeing no other items under Business, we'll move to Item 10, New Business and there is nothing there, so we'll move along to Item 11, Questions and Comments for 30 minutes. Is there any opposition to moving to Item 11? Seeing none, the time is 6:36 p.m. and we are in Questions and Comments for 30 minutes. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to congratulate VP Jackson on the Civic Election polling station that he held in Upper Place. And I was wondering how many votes were cast at the station?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I wasn't there for the last half and hour. I know that we had just under 200 votes. I think it was around 194, so I was happy with it. There was about 35 different poles across the city and about 1400 voted at the advance polls. So, I think we did quite well.

Chair: Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just for information for those of you that have events happening in the next couple of weeks, our Programmer, Greg Hartz, will be out of the office for the next couple of weeks as he is having knee surgery. So, if you are needing assistance, let me know.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. These questions, I was going to bring them up last week, but seeing as we were going so late, I decided to wait. After I skimmed through this Executive Document, I had a couple of questions and comments. It concerns the Student Loan Information Campaign. I'm suggesting is why would the Students' Union not include an information campaign, an outline on our position, as to what is wrong with the program, what we are advocating, or we could add CASA, what they are advocating and where they stand on these issues. The benefit I see to that is that we are showing our members that we are not just messengers for the government. It's valuable to give them the information, and I commend you for that, but I also think that that's a tremendous opportunity to add on our position. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. I have Councilor Whyley next on the speakers list, but if it's OK with you, maybe it would be appropriate for VP Jackson to respond.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. With the Student Loans Information Campaign, what we had been doing, and in effect what CASA has been doing, is we understand the realities of the student loans program and right now they are in the choosing mode of a service provider. CASA has had and still has their National Director sitting on the job interviews for these service providers. So, what we have been trying to do is lobby to make sure that the groups that we do bring in to run the program are the best for students.

With the campaign, we will be disseminating as much information as possible, but on a provincial and federal basis, I have been working with CASA and the U of R Students' Union on a campaign for student loans that will be happening in January. It's not in that document because it's very new. Basically we are coming together to create more avenues to get to the government on that. One of the things that we could do is that the choosing of the new provincial leader for the NDP party, we could make this an issue and I know that I'm going to be buying a membership to the party, so I will get a chance to vote for the leader and someone who will have the power in this province. So, I will personally be getting involved in that and I think it's something that we can make some positive movement on. We are not trying to just relay the information to the student body, but unfortunately the reality of student loans today are service providers and we have to make sure that our students have the best information so that they can make the right choices for their future. The unfortunate thing is that we have to go to a private institution for the service provider.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Whyley.

Ms. Whyley: Thank you. I just have a quick question about the Grievance Workshop. This is obviously academic in nature and as the Councilor for Residence, am I obligated to attend?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you. To answer that questions, it's not necessarily an academic workshop, it's just with regards to grievances. Vera Pezer, who is the member from Student Affairs and Services, as well as Gordon Barnhart, deals with both academic and non-academic issues, so it has a conflict resolution aspect to it, which is why it's beneficial for everyone on campus. There will be both academic and non-academic. Gordon Barnhart, who is the University Secretary, he is in charge of both. This is an excellent forum, so yes, it would be wonderful if you could all come out.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. First of all I would like to say how happy I am to be working with the USSU on a project like this. Very exciting. Secondly, thank you to Mr. Jackson for answering my question, but I would like to reiterate that even if I simply say it's true, that is the reality of the student loan program, but I do think that it's important to stress how important it is to let our members know what's going on with the loans. I guess that's it.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Thank you Mr. Chair. My question is for VP Jackson regarding this student loan campaign as well. You mentioned that CASA is currently sitting in on these meetings for the selection of the administrator for the student loans. Which types of providers are being looked at and has the USSU expressed any suggestions for these?

Chair: Thank you. I have Councilor Mateen next on the list, do you mind if VP Jackson responds? Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: There is probably a list of about 50 different organization because of the way that NAFTA works, the government of Canada had to open up to any organization within North America. So we have everyone from Jim's Taco Stand right to a group or business owned by CIBC called EduLinks. They are the front running group that has come forward that will probably be running the program. We haven't come out in favour of anybody. From my understanding of it, there really isn't a lot of difference in the groups, it's just where they are based. EduLinks is the leading company, so that's where we would be leaning to, but I don't have the information from the meetings that CASA and CFS's national chairpersons sat on, but we do have out input there and we are having our respective leaders asking questions about where student loans programs are going, what they can do for students that other groups may not be able to do and where they envision student loans financial aid programming going in the future.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. Recognizing that it does take some time to build events on campus, do we as a Students' Union have an action plan for the upcoming federal election and if so, what is it?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: With the federal election coming up, the USSU really hasn't budgeted for a federal election campaign, we don't have a lot of money in the lobbying area. I know that President Dougan and myself will be sitting down this week and talking about it. So, as it stands right now, I couldn't give you a number, but I think it would likely be about \$500 to really run something. Nobody really believed that there would be a federal election in the next budget year for the USSU, so we will be looking at where we saved some money as an Executive during the summer and where we can spend some more money. I know that in the past we've run meet and greet type wine and cheeses bringing in all of the different constituency groups and from there I don't know what we'll be doing, that's something that will be talked about in the next little while.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Jackson. Thank you Mr. Chair. If I could just make a recommendation, I had the opportunity to attend a wine and cheese and I thought it was great for the people that came, but the unfortunate part about that was that because it was expensive and because we couldn't invite as many people as we would like to, and perhaps my suggestion would be to have an open event and perhaps serve KoolAid instead.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: That was one of the discussion points that came out of the deconstruct of the civic election campaign was the fact that a lot of the students didn't show up. So, we will not be looking to have a pub for the members of our constituencies but we might be looking at a few different venues. There might be a chance of having a debate on campus in mid November before the election, probably the week of the 13th, once all of the parties are selected and nominated. I know that the last federal election campaign that we ran, we had over 60 – 80 students come out to that event. It was a lot better attended then the civic election campaign.

Chair: Thank you. Are there any other questions or comments?
Anything...recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you. I would like to make a motion to close questions and comments.

Chair: Thank you. We have a motion to close questions and comments, we've only gone for about 15 minutes, is there a seconder? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers. All those in favour? Is there any opposition to that? Seeing none, questions and comments are now closed. Moving to Item 12, Any Other Business, I see nothing there. Perhaps we could have a motion to move to Item 13, recognize Councilor Stehr and seconded by Councilor Adelman. All those in favour of adjourning at this time, raise your placard. Any opposition? We are now adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, November 1st, 2000

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: October 25th, 2000**
- 13. Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report: October 24th, 2000 and October 31st, 2000**
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: October 27th, 2000**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.7 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report: October 26th, 2000**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: October 17th, 2000 and October 24th, 2000**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 Council Decision on Verbatim Minutes**

New Business

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, November 1st, 2000

PRESENT

Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Todd Schweitzer, Education

Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Freda Whitedeer, ISC
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Ginelle Paziuk

REGRETS

Kris Denney, Education
Aaron Dougan, President
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce

ABSENT

Michael Kolibab, Vocational Agriculture

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

Chair: I see we have quorum tonight. Does everyone have a copy of the agenda in front of them? Great. Move to Item 3, Adoption of the Agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda? Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make two amendments. The first one being Business, 9.1, Council Decision on Verbatim Minutes. I would like to remove that as the Executive has not been able to bring any information back to Council on that yet. It's pending, so for now, we'll just remove it off the table for now. The second one is 12.1, Any Other Business, the Student Issues Board Election, for a seat being open on my Board.

Chair: I will deal with those separately if you wish. Do we have a seconder to remove Item 9.1 from the agenda? Recognize VP Henderson. I will allow debate on that if there is anything. It's actually, if you remember, Council Decision on Verbatim Minutes was tabled to this week and now with the motion in front of us is to remove it from the agenda all together. Is there any debate in regards to that? Seeing none, let's go to a vote then. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, Item 9.1 is removed.

USC MOTION68: Jackson/Henderson

Chair: The second motion was to add Item 12.1, Student Issued Board Election. Recognize VP Wallace as a seconder. All those in favour of adding Item 12.1? Is there any opposition? We now have added Item 12.1.

USC MOTION69: Jackson/Wallace

Chair: Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to add under 8.1, Expenditure of Money Policy.

Chair: Do we have a seconder for that? Recognize VP Wallace. The motion is to add Item 8.1, Expenditure of Money Policy, arising from the Operations and Finance Board Minutes. We'll put that to a vote. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, that will be added to the agenda as such.

USC MOTION70: Henderson/Wallace

Chair: Are there any other changes? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to add under 8.1, the Resolution for the Law Students Association.

Chair: Item 8.1, under Business?

Mr. Hitchcock: No sorry, Item 9.1 for Business.

Chair: Do we have a seconder for that motion? Recognize Councilor Gill. It's my interpretation of the constitution and the rules of USC, that that would be inappropriate at this time, so I'm going to rule that out of order, adding that straight to Business. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to challenge that ruling.

Chair: Ok. There is on the floor, under the Adoption of the Agenda, a challenge to the Chair. Do we have a seconder for that Item 9.1, the Law Students' Resolution be added to the agenda, that I challenged? Is there any seconder? Recognize Councilor Schweitzer. What happens now, is I'm going to open it to debate and we'll go straight to a debate. That will be my usual response to a challenge to the Chair. The Chair speaks first and last before it goes to a vote. It's a simple majority vote, which I will ask the question, do you sustain the findings of the Chair and all those in favour, etc. I will speak first with regards to adding 9.1, the Law Students' Resolution. The first time I became aware of the resolution was today at pre-council and I ruled that out of order because as we've decided previously, items for Business have to go to New Business, then to Business the following week.

There are opportunities at certain times, when something is substantially crucial, that it has to be discussed right away, and I don't see that in this resolution, so that was my ruling. I will now recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I'm not sure if Council will grant me a favour on this one. This issue is considered an emergency by my College Society, so we are taking action. We feel it's important that the USSU supports the motion. I brought it to the office yesterday morning and what I recall from the USC Orientation, the members told us that as long as we had something to take to Council, it would be heard. So, I was acting on that assumption. The problem that I see is that they expected me to come back in the afternoon, and correct the typing specifics, while I had class. I came back today as soon as I could to make some minor corrections. Even if that argument doesn't pertain, I'm asking that because this is such an important motion for our College Society, I'm asking you to suspend the ruling and deal with what this body is supposed to do and that is the work of our membership and I don't think the

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'm speaking in favour of the Chair and his ruling. The reason for that being, is as you are all aware, at the MSC Orientation, you were told that and this was spoken clearly to, that if you did get something in on time, the day before by noon, it would be in the minutes and it would be reflected, but it would be

under New Business, so to the conversations that we all had at the Orientation, I think you all know that the rules are and in keeping with it for some sort of level of ruling here, that they go to New Business, then the following week under Business. I hope that we will follow that in the rules that we have set out.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. I understand all about the rules, but we have to remember that there is a time for suspending these rules and that's where the Students' Union and this Council come into play. And I think we are doing a tremendous injustice to our members if we can't suspend these rules and let them get in the way of doing our work. This isn't the Supreme Court of Canada. Even if the Chair and Mr. Jackson are correct in saying that these are the procedural rules, I ask you to overlook that in the interests of the members of my College.

Chair: Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I think that one of the things that we need to think about is why we have this rule in place. Mr. Chair, I am speaking in favour of your ruling. In order to make accurate decisions on issues that come to this Council, the whole point is to put them under New Business for review, so the Councilors have a reasonable amount of time to find information and the rules and procedures on this issues. Not giving people time to review the information may hinder their ability to make accurate and informed decisions in this Council. So, in favour of the Chair's ruling, I would ask that the Council vote against this motion.

Chair: I have VP Jackson next, but I'm going to allow Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'm not sure what the solution is, but I'm just wondering if it would be possible to go through with the challenge to the Chair and ask us to look over the information and give the Councilor from Law a chance to present his position.

Chair: I'm just going to ask, are you in favour of sustaining the Chair or opposed?

Ms. Mateen: Opposed.

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. I am also in favour of sustaining the Chair. If you look at the preamble...

Chair: Point of order. Are you speaking on the resolution or on the challenge to the Chair?

VP Student Issues: I understand Mr. Chair. We need to follow the rules of order here because it does name the USSU and the USC in here many times, and I think to give all of the Councilors and all of us a chance to think about this and a chance to understand what this really means. We need at least one week to look at this because this does effect a lot of people.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Gill.

Mr. Gill: Thank you. I'm saying that if it's an emergency for the College of Law, then I think that rules shouldn't, in emergency situations, can and should be changed.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: All the information that you're talking about will be given to you if the motion is passed. It's a very simple preamble and a very simple motion we will be dealing with if you allow this to pass. I'll be glad to answer any questions. There's no need to be doing any vital research, other than what I can give you tonight. Now, I do understand the rules, but I don't see how your ability to do your job and to help the Law Students' Association will be hampered by this. For the life of me I can't understand why you wouldn't challenge the Chair, why you wouldn't put this through. We are looking at taking action as soon as possible, and if this doesn't go through this week, then it might be too late. So, I ask you once again, despite the arguments given from both sides on procedural rules, please challenge the Chair.

Chair: Anyone else? Any other comments? Seeing none, I will close the speakers list in reiterating that the Roberts Rules of Order and the modified Roberts Rules of Order in your binders are intended to be followed, and sure they are flexible when they need to be, and we've seen times when we had to move directly to Business, and I don't deem this as such and because of the substantiveness of what's in this resolution, I deem it to be out of order. I would like, some people came in a little late, and I think I have 21 members here, perhaps we should have someone count. I think there is 21. Please include VPs. There is 21, so we'll move directly to a vote. Will the ruling of the Chair be sustained? All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Thank you. The ruling of the Chair is not sustained.

MOTION USC71: Hitchcock/Gill

Chair: The Item comes to Council as Business, 9.1. The next step is that rules require at least a two-thirds majority to put it under Business. I would deem it to be a two-thirds majority requirement. We'll put that directly to a vote. All those in favour of placing the Law Students' Resolution on the agenda as Item 9.1? All those opposed? Do you wish to be recognized in the minutes? Two abstentions, Councilor Christensen. The item is now under Business, 9.1.

MOTION USC72: Hitchcock/Christensen.

Chair: Any other changes to the agenda at this time? Seeing none, if there is no opposition we'll move to Item 4, Introductions and Announcements. Any introductions? Recognize Councilor Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: Thank you. This Friday November 3rd will be Ag Bag Drag. Tickets are \$25 for a guy-girl couple. They are available at Place Riel Kiosk and in the Ag Lounge, which you can talk to the ASA's Public Relations Officer if you need tickets.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: CASA has a national campaign going on right now with the federal election, all parties involved. The three areas that CASA has deemed as key areas in this election are increased funding to education, increased funding for infrastructure on campuses and lowering student debt. So, I have a number of pamphlets and I hope that you will take them to your Councils and hopefully some of them are asking questions about what some of these parties stand for and what they have to say about education. So, I will be handing those out. Also, the USSU will be putting on a reception inviting all candidates from all of the four ridings in Saskatoon to come to a Wine and Cheese, where we will invite all students, all candidates and Council, as well as BOCF. It will be November 20th at the Faculty Club from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. I would like to stress that I need you guys there. We are leaders on this campus and as such, we need to show our faces. The USSU spends money to make sure that all of the students get information about all of these issues and if it's leaders aren't even showing up it's events, what the hell good is it? Pardon my language Mr. Chair. We need you to come out to these events. If we have poor turnouts, what will end up happening, is the politicians will quit listening, and if that happens, we have no leg to stand on to lobby. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you. Next week we are going to be having our annual Pie Throw and if you don't know, what happens is for \$10, you can contact us and you can send a pie out to anybody on campus or in the city. All you need to know is what time and where they are. The person gets for choices; they can either take the pie, for another \$10 they can redirect the pie, for \$20 they can buy they pie, or they can choose not to participate. So, next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. I know next week we'll probably come to Council, so be sure to give us a call because it's all for a charity.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to remind Council that end of Friday, at 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in Place Riel Theatre, there is a Grievance Workshop, at which I have asked all of the MSC's and I have spoken to most of the Presidents as well, to ensure that at least 5 students from each college, and each group that is represented in this Council, to bring out 5 people. It is absolutely fundamentally important that we show some leadership in these particular issues, because they involve

every person in every college, whether academic or non-academic. This is the first time that anything like this has ever been done on campus and this is the first time that anything like this has been done in Canada in a post secondary educational institution. We have finally come together with Administration to work on this, and I would really like to be able to show them that our students actually care about the grievance procedures on campus and about trying to solve some of the problems. So, this Friday, November 3rd from 2 – 3:30 p.m. in Place Riel Theatre.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Renneberg.

Mr. Renneberg: Thank you Mr. Chair. This is just an announcement that from 4 until 1 o'clock in STM. It's an all ages event, so anyone can come. It's \$3 to get in and there will be prizes.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you. I would just like to announce that Wednesday, November 5th, the ASSU will be having a movie night sometime after Council. We'll be showing Ferris Bueller's Day Off and Army of Darkness and it's \$2.50 a person.

Chair: Thank you. Anything further? Seeing none, if there is no opposition, we'll move to Item 6, Minutes to Report for Action. Item 6.1, USC minutes for October 25th, 2000. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I would like to make a motion to accept the minutes without reading.

Chair: Is there any opposition to receiving the minutes from USC for October 25th? Seeing none, the minutes are received. Moving to Item 6.2, Academic Affairs Board minutes. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Academic Affairs Board met Tuesday, October 25th at 7 a.m. The Board introduced themselves and VP Wallace briefly outlined the Board's responsibilities his projects for the year. He also discussed the history of course evaluations and the need for standardized evaluations. He also noted that the current status of the evaluations was that they had been referred to the Instructional Development Committee of Council. VP Wallace informed the Board that they would be reviewing the Academic Grievance Professors' Handbook. The next Academic Affairs Board meeting was scheduled for October 31st.

Chair: All those in favour of accepting the minutes for Academic Affairs Board for October 24th, 2000? Is there any opposition? Thank you. Moving along to Academic Affairs Board minutes for October 31st, 2000. Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. We met yesterday at 4:30 p.m. The Board introduced themselves to each other. VP Wallace reviewed the new standards for

promotion and tenure and we discussed the course evaluations. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7th.

Chair: All those in favour of receiving the minutes? All those opposed? Seeing none, the minutes are received. Moving along to Operations and Finance Board minutes to report for October 27th, 2000. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Last Friday the Board met and welcomed Councilor Debiegne to the Board. We ratified those groups listed and the Saskatchewan Vocational Agriculture Association. We moved to grant some funding for the Physics Society for a conference and to Golden Key International for an event they were holding and to the College of Law Follies for one of their shows. We also reviewed the Expenditure of Money Policy, which we will be discussing later on in today's meeting. I neglected to add something to the minutes. The Board reviewed the September financial statements, and with that change, I would like to move that these minutes be accepted.

Chair: All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the Operations and Finance Board minutes are received. Moving to Item 6.7, Code of Ethics Discipline Committee minutes to report. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you. The Committee met on October 26th and the Committee reconvened to receive and discuss a statement of events from Amardeep Gill, the MSC from Dentistry. Upon deliberation of the statement, we decided that no further action would be taken at this time. Any further unexplained absences, however, would result in the recommendation of Amardeep Gill's removal from the office of MSC for Dentistry. Such notification shall stress the importance of the attendance at the USC meetings and notification prior to the meeting if attendance is not possible. The Committee shall not meet again until required.

Chair: Thank you. The minutes are received. My understanding is that the Code of Ethics Discipline Committee has to make a recommendation to the Council, is that correct? What is the recommendation to Council?

Mr. Evanisky: The recommendation was basically to dismiss the charges at this time and to let everyone know that any further unexplained absences would result in his removal from Council.

Chair: That is sort of an odd way to deal with it. Maybe it should come up under Motions Arising from the Minutes. I am going to deem that it has to come under 8.2. The minutes in here, just so I can clarify to everyone, made a recommendation to the Council in the minutes. So, that's what we see there and I think it's appropriate that the recommendation fall under Motions Arising from the Minutes to Report, so that Council can discuss the motion if need be. Would the two members agree with that? Sorry, my apologies, I don't want to try and control Council at all, but unless there is any opposition, we are going to add Item 8.2, which is the recommendation. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we'll add 8.2, the Recommendation from the Code of Ethics

Discipline Committee. By approving these minutes, you're not approving the recommendation per say. All those in favour of accepting the Code of Ethics Committee to report for October 26th? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are received. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Inadvertently, there are no minutes ready for last week's meeting from the minutes from the Code of Ethics Discipline Committee for October the 11th, that wasbut if it's to the Chair's agreement, I can read these into the minutes.

Chair: I think the best way to deal with it, would be to deal with it as a separate Item. Can we have a seconder to add that set of minutes to the agenda? Recognize Councilor Mateen. Is there any debate? Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just wondering if this is out of order because the October 11th minutes have been read at an earlier date?

Chair: Sorry, my apologies. VP Jackson, would you like to withdraw?

VP Student Issues: Yes.

Chair: So, the Code of Ethics Discipline Committee from October 26th have been approved, and we'll now move to Item 7.1, Executive Committee for October 17th. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. On October 17th, it was reported that we received a thank you from Gion and Mrs. Bezzola for the retirement luncheon. I reported that both myself and Councilor Evanisky met with the Instructional Development Committee of Council regarding the Course Evaluations. Both VP Henderson and myself attended the final meeting of the stakeholders for Experience US! to discuss preparations. On Sunday, the 17th, the Executive gave a visit to the VPRA Council and on the 16th we visited the STMSU Council.

Our Executive members met with the GSA and Senior Administration to discuss various issues at a breakfast meeting. There were two students looking to raise money for arthritis and the Executive granted the two students for the Joints in Motion training team \$200 in sponsorship for Upper MUB and on November 29th President McKinnon will be hosting a dinner for the Executive and the College Presidents at his home.

Chair: Any opposition to receiving the minutes? Seeing none, the minutes are received. Moving along, the Executive minutes for October 24th. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. For the Executive Committee for October 24th, the Civic Election, on Thursday October 19th, both President Dougan and President McKinnon cast their votes at the advanced poll set up by the USSU. The mini budget, on Wednesday, October 18th, Paul Martin released a proposed mini budget for the federal government and President Dougan was interviewed by Global on the issue. CASA national campaign on Thursday, October 19th, CASA's hostage brain tour kicked off at

the U of S campus with the heralding of the brain to the Student Centre. Commerce Students' Society Rabbit Drop on Friday, October 20th, it was held and approximately \$1500 was raised for the Children's Health Foundation. President Dougan reported that he attended morning sessions at the University Senate on October 20th. The U of R Students' Union Executive visited on Friday, October 20th. On Sunday, October 22nd, Prime Minister Chretien announced a federal election, which will be held November 22nd. VP Jackson reported that the Young Liberals, and the Young NDP and the Young Canadian Alliance will be bringing forward candidates to debate the issues on November 2nd. The Executive and the USSU received a thank-you from Angela Haward, the organizers for Campus Incarceration, which will be held on November 14th. The Executive also received an update on the Building Project. Mr. Junor reported that he had started preliminary meetings with various business contacts.

Chair: Thank you. Motion to receive those minutes. Any opposition to receiving the minutes? Seeing none, the minutes are received. Moving to Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes to Report. We have two Items under #8, Expenditure of Money Policy. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. As I explained to the Board, what this streams from is the procedure for the expenditure of money, now of which is a policy. Significant differences from the procedures to the policy was that we needed all of the existing managers and added services such as the Help Centre and the LGB Centre and Safewalk and Student Crew. In paragraph below 1.5, we made a change in our cheque run days from Tuesdays to Wednesday and under 3.3, the very last bullet, each Executive is responsible for his or her line item. Those are the main changes from the procedure.

Chair: Do you have a seconder? Recognize Councilor Sanders. I'll open the floor for debate on that, since it is a change to the expenditures of the USSU. Any debate? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. I just have a question. Can you verify what it means for each executive to be responsible for his or her line item?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you. All it extends from is that anything that they code in when they hand in their receipts for technical aspects, like a credit card, all receipts must be returned and at which time they code it as appropriate to their line item. So, within their meeting line, they are free to expend as they chose. It's not up to myself, or to administration to decide how each executive is going to spend their line item.

Chair: Ok. We'll put that to a vote then. All those in favour of accepting the Expenditure of Money Policy, please raise your placard now. Thank you. Is there any opposition to that? Seeing none, the policy has passed. Item 8.2, The Recommendation from the Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you. Do you want to make a motion on this then?

Chair: I believe in the actual minutes there is part of it.....motion of recommendation.

Mr. Evanisky: I would like to make a motion for Council to accept the Code of Ethics Committee's recommendation, that no action has been taken at this time towards Councilor Gill from Dentistry, however, any further unexplained absences will result in the recommendation of his removal from Council.

Chair: Do we have a seconder for that? Recognize Councilor Christensen. I'll open the floor for debate on that at this time. Is there any debate at all? All those in favour of accepting the Code of Ethics Recommendation? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the recommendation has been accepted.

MOTION USC73: Evanisky/Christensen

Chair: Moving to Item 9, the Law Associations' Resolution. The mover is Councilor Hitchcock. Does everyone have a copy of the resolution? Please extend your hand if you need one. The seconder is Councilor Gill. Does everyone have a copy now? Something from my perspective, I was just presented with this today, and I'm sorry I have to look at the constitutionality, and I don't like to enforce too much, but it is part of my job although the ultimate lands on the Council; however I do have some hesitation in allowing number four in because it is directing the Executive to do something. My inclination from my past experience is that we don't direct the Executive to do specific things, but as for going through the bylaws, I can't find anything that states that the portion....or any part of this resolution runs foul. Just be aware that perhaps that the spirit....I'll rule it within the constitutional bylaws or Roberts' Rules of Order. So, with that I'll now open the floor for debate. Perhaps Councilor Hitchcock can speak first.

VP Operations: Point of information Mr. Chair.

Chair: Yes, go ahead Mr. Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Under, in the Constitution, Article 6...

Chair: I'm going to take this as a point of order, rather than a point of information.

VP Operations: OK, Article 6, Subsection, USC shall have the following powers of duties; one of the Items in Section 3 clearly dictates "to establish policy and direction of the USSU and in areas effecting student affairs, and to give direction to the Executive Committees. It does not allow for an Executive member to give direction....it does not give this Council the ability to give direction.

Chair: I will let everyone find it first. We are looking at the USSU constitution on page 4, Item B, which outlines the USC power of duties. The point of order is

particularly to Item iii and as he read the purpose of the USSU. I'm going to call that point of order and the reason being, I will read it very broadly in that it says policy or direction and although it is direction to a particular members of the Executive, it is to be taken as the Executive as a whole. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I would like to challenge the Chair.

Chair: That's appropriate at this point. VP Jackson would like to challenge the Chair. It's going to get a little confusing here. Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Point of order. May I discuss point 4.

Chair: That's out of order at this time.

Mr. Hitchcock: I don't believe it.

Chair: That's out of order at this time. My duty as Chair is to interpret the things that come in before you are able to read them, and I just got this today, so I'm working with what I have. So, we are dealing with the challenge to the Chair by VP Jackson. Do we have a seconder for the challenge to the Chair? Recognize VP Wallace. I encourage the members and even the members of the gallery to, at any time, if you are confused about things, please let me know by bringing up a point of order." So, we have a challenge of the Chair, my interpretation of Page 4, of the USSU Constitution, Item 6, Subsection Item iii. As before, I will open that up for debate after I speak and I will close the debate with my comments. The vote will simply be a two-thirds majority and the question will be to sustain the challenge of the Chair. Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Point of order. Before we get started on this, Subsection 6 says....

Chair: I will call that out of order at this time, anything other than the challenge to the Chair is not on the floor at this time.

Mr. Hitchcock: Point of order Mr. Chair.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: You said it needs a majority to pass....I was under the impression that it was two-thirds.

Chair: No, in the Roberts' Rules of Order, and I'll double check, but it's a simple majority to sustain a ruling of the Chair. Obviously if you don't sustain the ruling of the Chair, it's overturned.

Mr. Evanisky: But only half is needed?

Chair: 51%. Although it is our first time dealing with it tonight, I'll double check.....yes, it says to sustain the Chair's ruling, the members decide by taking it to a vote and it needs a seconder and a majority vote. So, if I can go back to my opening statement with regards to the challenge of the Chair. I am interpreting Item 3, on page 4....no Item B, Subsection iii as being very broad. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: The Subsection iii clearly states that it gives direction to the Executive Committee. If it meant to certain people on that Committee, it would have said that. But to that, it says to the Executive Committee, so I would hope that you would overrule the Chair on this and that you would allow us to continue on with this because unfortunately our Constitution states that to interpret the USSU Constitution is a power of the USC. This also sets a dangerous precedent in what Executive Members have to do and it infringes on their duties and their rights in the jobs that they have. So, I would hope that you would support overruling the Chair on this decision and keep it in your hands.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Constitutional debate about whether Council has the right to influence Executive would be an interesting one; however, I feel it's very unnecessary. If you read the motion, it just says that.....

Chair: I'm going to call that out of order. I recognized that already. We are speaking strictly to sustaining the Chair's decision. It's limited to that. The motion that was originally on the floor is not debatable at this time. Please direct your comments appropriately. Recognize VP Wallace. No? Is there anything else? Recognize Councilor Christensen.

Ms. Christensen: I don't know if I'm the only one here, but I have no idea what you guys are talking about. Can we get a little clarification?

Chair: That's fair. I'll allow VP Jackson to attempt to clarify this.

VP Student Issues: OK, right now we are voting on whether or not to sustain the Chair's ruling. He had made an interpretation of the Constitution and so we are ruling on whether or not to allow him to make that interpretation.

Chair: Yeah, we have the original motion, which is the resolution. In particular, I wanted to address some concern with Item 4, although I can't find any substantial clauses in the Constitution in my reading that would not allow any Item on the resolution, including #4, to be looked at. The ultimate decision for interpreting the Constitution is quite clear, it's the USC; however, I am sort of the screener for things like that. And that's part of the duty I have, is to look at those situations, because you have bylaws and Roberts' Rules of Order, and I'm supposed to be the person that has an idea of all of those. So, with regards to Item 4, I'm allowing it in. There was a challenge. They made it to the actual Constitution, Item B, #3, you're ruling it on a Constitutional basis is what

you want to do. You're challenging the Chair and saying that it should not be allowed. If you read Item 4, Section B, outlining the powers of Students' Council and Item 3, I have taken to interpret very broadly, and again I'm not the ultimate decider of this, but I have to make some sort of summary for you guys. Item 3 reads to establish policy and direction for the USSU in areas effecting student affairs and to give direction to the Executive Committee with respect to the same. So, that's where we're at right now. We're challenging whether we should sustain the ruling of the Chair or overrule the Chair. Is everyone clear on that?

Ms. Christensen:?

Chair: No. The effect is if we are simply doing the ruling of the Chair, I've ruled that it is Constitutional from the way I see it. The whole resolution, there is no problem with it. Now, that's been challenged by VP Jackson and the seconder was VP Wallace. They are saying that no, my interpretation of that is incorrect and that's very legitimate because they likely have a better understanding of the Constitution. So we are deciding whether it is Constitutional and or not. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would be in support of sustaining the decision of the Chair. I think that the Constitution is vague enough to allow this to go through. When I read it, like you said, I thought it was very broad. And just because we support the decision of the Chair, doesn't necessarily mean we support the resolution. Thank you.

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Just once again, I would hope that you would support your Constitution, which you are to uphold. Number 6 clearly states that you have the powers and duties to interpret the USSU Constitution and nobody else. So, I would hope that you would support your Constitution, which you are elected to uphold.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock. Is this a point of information?

Mr. Hitchcock: With the result of this ruling, if you are overruled, do we move strictly to the resolution without debate as to the Constitutionality of it?

Chair: So, what you're asking is if it would be stricken from your resolution? No, it wouldn't be stricken from your resolution. Your resolution as a whole would have to be disregarded. Because of Item 4, if my ruling is overturned, would not be entertained at this time.

Mr. Hitchcock: Would we be able to debate the constitutionality on the floor because it clearly.....what it's saying right now. So, would I have a chance to put forth the arguments on behalf of the Law Students' Association as to why this is constitutional. Even accepting the interpretation by the Executive?

Chair: No. You haven't presented it yet. It's on the agenda, but it hasn't been presented yet. So, the difficulty we get is I got it today, so I need to decide if it's constitutional and if someone tries to put something forward that doesn't adhere to the Constitutional Bylaws, I have to rule that out of order before it even comes up. Do you understand what I'm saying here? So, we're not even at the point where you can discuss it yet because I've ruled that it is constitutional, but I've had some hesitation on it. I was challenged.

Mr. Hitchcock: Just let me understand this. If a Councilor brings a motion, even though the USC has the power to interpret the Constitution, the Chair can rule that it's unconstitutional, then that person won't even get to argue before Council as to why it's constitutional.

Chair: Yes. And the reason being is that we can't have frivolous things to come through. I would be the first person to say, that with the recommendation of the Executive Committee, to try and determine whether it's appropriate it. Like we should all sell Dilly Bars on Friday. That I would have to deem as unconstitutional with regards to the bylaws or a financial question, like we must spend \$100,000 on something. That's quite clear in the Constitution that that can't come to Council, it would go straight to the Operations and Finance Board. So, I have to be that first revolving door in interpreting it. I opened up, maybe a can of worms, by saying I'm allowing this, but I have some hesitation. But it's going to be dealt with in the same way. You want to deal with the substantive matter, the resolution itself.

Mr. Hitchcock: I think it's a defacto ...of Council rights if you can rule a motion unconstitutional before it gets to Council because, like I said before, I'm not directing the Executive in any way. The VP is absolutely right, you have the power to interpret the Constitution and supporting our Constitution doesn't mean accepting the interpretation of it, it means interpreting it for yourself. Now, what we have here isand that says that this body cannot direct the Executivehow can we have a parliamentary system.

VP Jackson: Point of order Mr. Chair. We are not speaking about the federal governments, we are speaking about a non-profit organization.

Chair: Order. If both of you can tie it in somehow to the challenge of the Chair in the next three sentences, that's fine, but I don't want this to get unruly.

Mr. Hitchcock: Seeing as how.....the Executive members are members of Student Council, that would imply that, in the Canadian system, we do have a power, a legislative body, that's not the problem here. This isn't speaking to my motion here, but I'll get to that later, but in principle, I would say the Constitution gives the Council power and that means that.....

Chair: I'm going to cut you off there. Thank you. Any further debate? Anyone else? Recognize Councilor Debiene.

Ms. Debienne: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to.....speaking on the motions and voting on the voting and making motions on the motions. So, in the interest of time, I would like to move on.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Was that calling the question?

Chair: I didn't here that. Once the list that the Chair has is exhausted, the Chair has the power to speak on the challenge, so they have to call the question. Is there anyone else that wishes to speak on the challenge to the Chair. I would like to stress the importance of the challenge and the decisions. My last thing I'm going to say is there is some concern about the Chair interpreting the Constitution, but there has to be someone. I think it's purely acceptable, in any organization, that someone try to be objection in interpreting it and the bylaws, and Roberts' Rules or Order. I ruled in favour of allowing Section 4 with some hesitation, however, it is not unconstitutional, and I do recognize that this body has the ultimate decision. So, that's all I'm going to say on that. All those in favour of sustaining the ruling of the Chair? Is there any opposition? Any abstentions? Recognize two, Councilors Adelman and Christensen. The ruling of the Chair is sustained.

MOTION USC 74: Jackson/Wallace

Chair: We are now back to the substantive motion. This is where Councilor Hitchcock gets to introduce his motion.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. First off I would like to thank all of you for letting me bring this before you. In the College of Law, when we pick our classes at the end of the first year, we are told to plan out the next three years, reason being that classes are mandatory and can't always get the right time slots. So, what they do is let us pick the classes, then we randomly get selected to see if we get in them. Now, within our College, we have certain classes that are recommended by the Law Society, as being beneficial to practice Law in Saskatchewan and one of them is the Law of Trusts, which is basically a stepping stone to move on to other areas in Law. What this essentially means, even though it is not a required class, when we are choosing our classes, we get this list and based on that, if you are a third year students, when they picked their classes, the Faculty assignedand so the LSA is very concerned with this, because this increases negative competitiveness both in our College and our students. If we are going off to article in Alberta or Ontario, we are already at a disadvantage because we're coming from Saskatchewan. If we haven't taken such a fundamental course like Trusts, we are at a further disadvantage. We are concerned that this is going to decrease the reputation of our College. These kind of actions are going toBasically, I'm a second year, so I'm supposed to take Trusts next year. For me, this is more than just Truths.....without consulting with the Law Students Association or any of the students. Even when we do go to them to tell them we are concerned about

this, we are not getting anywhere. So, we decided to take certain action now. I'm passing this motion, so that the USSU supports the LSA in saying that its wrong for a faculty to make fundamental changes to academic programming that not only effects our academic life this year, but when we go out into the profession. It says here the USSU

Chair: I'm going to call that out of order actually. Something in the preamble is not a substantial clause, so unless there is a motion to discuss the preamble, you only discuss something substantive.

Mr. Hitchcock: The LSA believes this is more important that just speaking of the Trusts class. This sets a precedent that Faculty's involvement in Colleges making fundamental changes to the academic curriculum without involving the students, basically ignoring them. As the LSA Director, my intention in writing that was not..... The VP Academic to write a letter. My intention would have been writing that at the top. The VP attended our last emergency meeting and spoke of the possibility of writing a letter in support of the LSA. So, this motion is saying that if he does write this letter, that the USC will support him in his position. So, I apologize if there is any misunderstanding with my intention in this motion. To me according to the document strict construction.....supports this as a non pro-active decision with the possibility ofstressing our beliefs.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Point of order before I speak.

Chair: State your point.

VP Student Issues: Where would it be possible to speak on the preamble? In what situation would it be possible?

Chair: My understanding of the convention of the USC, because preamble is not voted upon, is not worthy of discussion. So, I would entertain, if Council wished, a motion to discuss the preamble. But Council has to realize that the only substantive things are after BIRT, meaning "be it resolved that." Definitely, if you would like to make a motion as such.

VP Student Issues: I would like to speak about it, so I would like to make a motion to entertain that the preamble be discussed.

Chair: So you're opening the whole resolution for discussion?

VP Student Issues: Yes.

Chair: Ok, do we have a seconder for that? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock. I'm going to open that for debate. Is there any debate?

VP Wallace: Call the question.

Chair: Ok, we'll put that to a vote then. All those in favour of discussing the whole resolution, including the preamble, raise your placard now. Is there any opposition? Recognize opposition, do you wish to be noted? So, the majority has it. The whole resolution is open for discussion, including the preamble and substantive clauses. Recognize Councilor Urmson.

Mr. Urmson: I have a question. Why did the Faculty decide to cut this class? If the class is so important, why would they decide to pull the class?

Chair: VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: The reason why I wanted to speak about the preamble and the whole resolution is one; I don't believe in the "whereas" section, that it's all true. I would strongly suggest that if you read it over and think about it. The fact that the first preamble point was that the USSU and the USC recognize the importance of receiving an education that adequately prepares students for the demands of their profession. I cannot have a profession as an Arts & Science student majoring in Political Studies. I do not have an official profession, so that would exclude me. The mission and vision statement of this organization is that we represent all students, not only students that have a specific profession. Also, there is no policy stated by the USSU or by USC, that we do believe this. I would agree that it is an unstated fact, but it is not stated, so it cannot be stated as a whereas, so that the resolution as a whole would have to fail because we don't have anything to back it up. Furthermore, the USC and USSU are used very broadly and used in a way that is very dangerous. I think that this is a matter that should be talked about and decided at BOCP. The support of the USSU is not in any way, going to be diminished if this does not pass. We pay \$18,000 a year to the VP Academic to represent all colleges, not just the students of the College of Law. I'm not trying to undermine this, but it dangerous. In the first resolution, the support for the USSU is there automatically. The USC does have the support of the students of this university. I don't think this is something that should be voted on. I would hope that this fails because we do pay a VP Academic Affairs to deal with this, and he is dealing with this. He will speak to that. So, I would just hope that you wouldn't pass something like this. The USSU doesn't usually get involved in areas of academics of this nature. This would be something that BOCP should deal with. I would hope that the LSA would speak to BOCP which meets this Sunday, I don't think four days is too long to wait for. This is not a matter for the USSU or USC as a whole, that we should support. This is something that a specific position in the USSU should work with, which VP Wallace will speak to.

Chair: Just before I allow you, I will mention that this is your second time speaking. Recognize Councilor Sanderson.

Ms. Sanders: Just a question. I was just wondering if VP Wallace is actually writing the letter?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock. I would like to remind you that this is your second time speaking.

Mr. Hitchcock: I would like to move to suspend the rules of debate.

Chair: We have a motion on the floor to suspend the rules of debate. It's undebatable. It requires a two-thirds majority as well. Do we have a seconder? Recognize Councilor Evanisky. All those in favour of suspending the rule regarding the number of times you can speak to this resolution? Is there any opposition? Recognize one person, do you wish to be noted? OK, the motion passes.

MOTION USC75: Hitchcock/Evanisky

Chair: The rules with regards to the number of time a person can speak to Item 9.1 has been suspended until we complete the discussion. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: First I'll answer the Councilor from Medicine's question. The Faculty came to us withthe fact that theyreminder that they didn't feel it was necessary to offer this class every year. Right now Criminal Procedure is being offered every year. Just in response to VP Student Issues comments, in the preamble what I meant by profession, is doesn't necessarily apply to doctors and lawyers, it's any education. As far as the other roles that the USSU has to... I welcome any suggestions. All this is saying is I don't see how this is such a dangerous thing. You're trying to say that USC doesn't have any place in expressing their support to a College Society in trying to advocate for their students. To me it makes this organization useless. A good part of the USSU is this body. When we express our support, that's saying the USSU is expressing their support. This is not going to take away powers from anyone. To me it's preposterous to say we have no right to express our support. The proper channels have already been gone through. This is the best channel I think to go through. If this was happening in your office, wouldn't you bring it here in hopes of everyone supporting it.

Chair: If I could just ask the next speakers if they are speaking to the preamble or the substantive clauses or both. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I will be speaking to both. First off to answer the Councilor from Vet Med's question. I was asked by the LSA at a very early date, when this initially came up, if I would be willing to show support, and we talked about the different issues. I said I would be prepared to try to get some information to the Administration and write a letter in support of student input into this matter and as well putting some effort and time into helping the College organize and answer any questions they may have. What I would like to speak about now, is there is actually three points. First, is the issue addressing the fact that this is a specific college issue. If you look at the mandate of USC, it is to help direct this organization.

That means that you are making decisions about the USSU and about its direction, not about substantive matters within a specific college, especially when it relates to academics. The reason why I'm opposed to this is because it completely undermines my position. The whole reason why I'm here is to advocate on behalf of academic issues such as the issue of the class removal in Law. My goal is to give the USSU support through my position to this issue, not through USC. That completely undermines what the role of the VP Academic is in the USSU. The second point is that the USSU supports student input. I have never said anything contrary to that. That's what I stand for. Is trying to get students input on a one on one basis, on a college level or on a university level. That's what my job is. That's what I do. This undermines what I do, and my duties in this position. Now, my third point. I have met with the LSA, I have put in many hours trying to help and get this organized, to read through documents, to find the proper information to advocate on their behalf and for themselves. The entire reason for my existence on the USSU is to deal with these issues. It is a trite little thing to try to take that away from me because it's opening up all of the academic issues to come to Council. That is not something you guys want to deal with, believe me. The issues that would come to Council would be very specific. A good example is the one that is before you today. The issues in Law are very specific. I had to spend a great deal of time learning about the issue, learning about the problems in Law, and the specifics about Law of Trusts, the faculty and the students. I am in a position to advocate and to make a stand on behalf of the USSU. That is my mandate. That is my purpose. That's what I do. That takes away everything that I do. Mr. Chair I have to say that this undermines every that the academics of the USSU stands for. I urge the Council to vote against this.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I will be speaking to the BIRT. First of all I would be interested in the numbers of students that would be registered in this class. Secondly I would be interested in the cost of the class and thirdly I would be interested inby USC.

Chair: Thank you. I'm going to let VP Henderson answer that.

VP Operations: Thank you. I would like to make a motion with regards to the BIRT area. I move to change under 2 and 3 where it says USSU to USC as it is this body that is voting on it, it's not the USSU. It should encompass all members and you can't force them to all support this, but USC can endorse this.

Chair: Seconded by VP Jackson. Open that for debate. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I guess Ithe USSU thinks we have to have a referendum....but I would like to strike number 3.

Chair: So, you want to strike 3 altogether?

Mr. Hitchcock: Yes. I understand that you want to keep it from being specifically about directing the college.

Chair: Ok, I'm going to call that out of order at this time. We are dealing specifically with the amendments to Item 2 and 3. If you wanted to phrase it as an amendment to the amendment, then that would change it. We're back to Item 2 and 3 and perhaps you can deal with your amendment later. Recognize Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Can anybody give me a reason why the USSU shouldn't support something like this, please do. I thought USC does speak to the USSU, isn't that what we're voting for.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Henderson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. The difference between USC and the USSU is USSU refers to the Executive and us being elected by all students and all of our members. The body here is USC. If the entire membership, who the Executive represents, and everyone else out there, including yourselves as members, decides something, that's fine. That is the difference Mr. Chair.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: The composition of this body is one Councilor from every college of campus and the Executive. That being said, the very fact that we are all here for these meetings and voting on the issues, we are the USSU. Collectively, we do represent everyone. So, if what he is suggesting is that only the Executive has the power to speak to the USSU or any of the decisions they make.....then what is the purpose of USC?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: OK, let me try to tie in some of this. Earlier on we discussed the ...of the USC, one of which was to direct Executive members.

Chair: Please direct your comments to the Chair.

VP Academic: Sorry. Mr. Chair, part of the mandate of the USC is to direct the Executive, not to make statements on behalf of the USSU. We have one spokesperson, and that is the President. He delegates powers as he sees fit. For instance, I deal with Academics. That is something that not only the Constitution delegates, but that the Executive delegates. I am involved in all facets of the academic life. You can't find one that I don't have a finger on. That is where the USSU speaks on behalf of the USSU. Where USC comes in is you guys keep us in check. You make sure that everything that goes on that we are doing is correct, and that we are following the Constitution and that we are doing what's best for students. In that way, you direct us. As the leaders of this organization, you are directing us. That is the fundamental difference and that is why the

USC cannot make outward statements about the USSU. What they can say is that the Executive take a certain direction.

Chair: Thank you. Any further discussion with regards to the amendments of Item 2 and Item 3? Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: This is maybe a point or order or a point of information I think. The way I see Roberts' Rules of order is that if an amendment was made to a motion it had to be friendly to the motion otherwise the entire motion has to be changed and brought up again. Is that not correct?

Chair: No, that's not my interpretation at all. A friendly amendment is simply a spelling mistake or something along that line. It doesn't change the substance at all. Is that clear? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I'm not trying to undermine you. The LSA is grateful for the USSU's help. Once again, Section 2, the USSU is provided direction by this Council, and we are all the USSU.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: If you guys are ever on the news or are asked by the Sheaf to answer a question, you are not the USSU. But if they phone me, I'm the USSU. We're not trying to be above anybody, but the Constitution lays it out. We speak on issues for the USSU. In fact one of the duties of the President is in fact that he is the chief media spokesperson of the USSU. Council does not speak on this. They can recommend things. Unfortunately, I do think that this will set a dangerous precedent. It really puts the USSU in a precarious situation and to almost have an identity crisis. So, I would hope that you would allow for the change from USSU to USC in both of these resolutions.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Sanders.

Ms. Sanders: I would like to call the question.

Chair: That's appropriate. There is a motion to put this to a vote. The question is not debatable. Is there a seconder? Recognize Councilor Gill. It requires a two-thirds majority. We are just talking with regards to the amendment. Is everyone clear on that part? All those in favour of accepting the amendments? Are there any objections? Recognize some Councilors in opposition, do you wish to be noted? Recognize Councilors Hitchcock, Councilor Gill and Councilor Whitdeer. The amendments pass.

MOTION USC76: Henderson/Jackson

Chair: Strike out USSU to be replaced by USC in Items 2 and 3 of the resolution. We are now back to the original motion and I recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Mr. Chair. I would like to strike out Item 3 and Item 1 BIRT I would like to change USSU to USC express their support.

Chair: Item 3, you are moving to strike that out; however, because it's now Council's motion, that will have to be put to a vote as an amendment. I'll take them both at the same time, to change Item 1, and strike 3.

The USC express their support for the students of the College of Law on the position that theand to strike the whole thing of Item 3. Do we have a seconder? Recognize VP Henderson. I'll open the floor to debate on the amendment. Recognize Ms. Debiene.

Ms. Debiene: I would like to call the question.

Chair: That's non-debatable. Two-thirds majority is required. All those in favour of going to a vote on the amendment? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we will now move directly the vote on the amendments. All those in favour of the amendments? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the amendments pass. We are now back to the original resolution.

MOTION USC77: Hitchcock/Henderson

Chair: I don't believe I have anyone on the speakers list at this time. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you. I am just a little concerned about how much this disturbs somefor the year. From the perspective of Arts & Science, I know that we have so many different departments....and I'm just wondering if I brought those kind of issues up every time that it came up, how far we would actually get with this group. Although I am deeply sympathetic for the College of Law, and I completely support his position, I'm not sure passing this resolution would be the right decision.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Sanders.

Ms. Sanders: I'm with Councilor Mateen. I'm from the College of Vet Med, and classes get shifted and cut, and if I had to bring something back, I would like to ask Council to support me as well.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: In terms of how much this is going to cost the University, it shouldn't cost any more, because the tuition covers the cost. We looked at other options, but from our understanding they weren't feasible. Now that this amendment has been changed, all it's essentially saying is that the USC support the LSA in our attempt to try and get a quality education. The Councilor from Arts just said that while she supportsit's not saying that you guys have to do anything, just that you're behind us.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

Mr. Hitchcock: I respect what the Councilor from Law said, and I also respect what Councilor Mateen and Councilor Sanders have said as well. The two points that keep coming back to me are the budget of the University....so what do they cut if they add a class in Law? Do they cut a class in Engineering, do they cut a first year Arts class or a fourth year Kinesiology class? Where do we draw the line? If Councilor Sanders would like to have the class of her's that's going to be cut in her College come to Council, how many of these are we going to have to deal with?

How many times are we going to go over something like this? Are we going to be hearing the same cases? I would hope that you wouldn't pass this. It's not saying we don't support this, but there is not need for this. Why do we have an Academic Affairs Board to deal with these things then? That's what the Boards are for. VP Wallace has already said that he is dealing with this. We can't be having to deal with a resolution every time a class gets cut.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I'm sorry I keep standing up here, but I'm very concerned about some of this. So, we've heard the divide and conquer. Concerning the Academic Affairs Board, do you guys realize that anything the Board does comes to Council anyways.

Chair: Order. I'm going to ask that you refer your comments to the Chair.

Mr. Hitchcock: In terms of theall these motions come. This matter goes to the hear of what the USSU is all about, if all we are concerned about it time spent in the Council, then I suggest next time we cast a blanket vote, put it in on our mission statement. That USC believes that classes should not be cut or changed without consulting with students. We are saying that it's their fiduciary duty to us. If they are going to be making changes that drastically effect our education, then we should at least be consulted about it. All this motion is saying is that you guys support the LSA in our attempt to try and get this class back. We're not saying that the VP isn't doing a good job or that we are trying to undermine an Executive position at all. This is just another means for us to go to our meeting and to show that we have some solidarity in our union and that there is strength in numbers. That's what the USSU is all about.

Chair: Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to speak to Item 2. This particular motion would state that you as a Council will vote in favour of something that is already being done by myself. I am already in favour of the students being consulted by the Faculty of the College of Law in order to get student feedback on these issues. I am speaking on behalf of the 18,000 students that go to this University that are undergraduates. That's what I do, and that's what I get paid for. This again, Mr. Chair, undermines what my mandate is and I urge you not to vote for this.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Ms. Sanders.

Ms. Sanders: I don't know about anybody else, but I think this argument is just going around in circles, so I would like to call the question.

Chair: We have a motion on the floor to call the question. Before we do that, I would like to address two things. I owe Councilor Dobson an apology with regards to the friendly amendment. You can also make a friendly amendment to something that hasn't been brought to Council yet or it's been read out.

The other thing is during the speakers list, some of you look like you're ready to speak next, and it probably is true, but however, as Chair I get to decide who speaks where, and I try to get both sides of the issue out equally. There is a motion on the floor to call the question, can I get a seconder for that? Recognize Councilor Johnson. I have VP Jackson, Councilor Whyley and Councilor Johnson at this time on the speakers list. I just want everyone to know that, but I'm not going to let you speak. This is not debatable, it's two-thirds majority. All those in favour of going to a vote on the resolution? Is there any opposition? So, we are now going straight to a vote. I will remind Council although we opened the floor to the preamble, we are strictly voting on the BIRT portion. The Law Students' Resolution reads as follows after the preamble, Be It Ratified That the University Students' Council express their support for the students of the College of Law on the position that the Law of Trusts should be offered in the January 2001 term. Item 2; University Students' Council informally requests that the College of Law respects the needs and wishes of the students, who are the main stakeholders in the academic process. Item 3; the University Students' Council formally support the USSU Vice President (Academic Affairs) in his decision to write a letter to the Dean of Law, in which he supports the position taken by the LSA and the students of the College of Law. That is the resolution that we have before us. All those in favour of this resolution, raise your placard now? All those opposed? Thank you. I have a number of people in opposition, does anyone wish to be noted? Recognize VP Wallace, Councilor Christensen, Councilor Renneberg, VP Henderson and VP Jackson, being in opposition to this resolution. I will also call for any abstentions at this time. Recognize Councilor Mateen as abstaining. The resolution fails as it did not get the required number of votes.

MOTION USC78: Hitchcock/Gill DEFEATED

Chair: Item 10, New Business and I will remind Council that the suspended rule has now been re-implemented, so we are now back on the main agenda. There is nothing under Item 10, moving to Item 11, Questions and Comments for 30 minutes. Is there any opposition in moving to Questions and Comments for 30 minutes? Seeing none, we are now in Questions and Comments for 30 minutes and the time is 8:04 p.m. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to announce that Carl Schlosser, the Food & Beverage Manager for the USSU has tendered his resignation effective November the 10th.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. What is the process in the future if a motion is brought forward and the Executive's opinion of it is unconstitutional, what is the process for that?

Chair: The ultimate appeal, in my opinion, is to the Council. So, you can challenge the Chair, in that way, which you did already this evening, the USC has the ultimate say. Another reason why I would or would not rule something constitutional is because, essentially I am the facilitator of the debate and I signed my name to the documents as such, so I have some obligation there as well. But, for future reference, if we rule something unconstitutional, is that what you mean?

Mr. Hitchcock: Yeah, is it still going to be on the agenda, so that we can have debate on it or not?

Chair: The best way to deal with that, I don't remember any circumstances, where something has been right out rejected. We would probably allow it. My understanding is, and the way I interpret it, is that you put it under New Business, and at that time when it is brought up, I would probably decide whether it is constitutional or not, without delving into the main matters, and then the next time, again, the ultimate decision maker is the USC, and any decision of mine can be challenged, which you saw this evening. So, I would allow in New Business, but I would probably state that it's unconstitutional, through it out, then go from there.

Mr. Hitchcock: How close was the vote?

Chair: There was no call for dividing the question, so it's just avote, and from my tallying there was not a majority not passing the vote. There are rules in the procedures, that as soon as the vote is called, if you don't like the results, you can ask for a recount or a vote by ballot. Any other questions or comments? Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I think we heard the word Constitution about 20 times tonight, however, every time I heard the word

Chair: Thank you. Are there any other comments? Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Just a comment if I could, two weeks ago tonight, we voted to go forward with a Health and Dental referendum this term and in doing so, I wasn't aware that President Dougan was going to be gone for two weeks, because that would have changed my vote in voting for the referendum to happen this semester. I'm a little disappointed that nobody informed us that he was going wherever he was going. I understand he was sick last week, but nobody informed us that anything like this was going on, so that would have changed my vote and we also had a fairly good argument on whether or not

we should move the vote back one week and the Councilor from Dentistry has requested that and we had a heated discussion on whether or not all of this stuff was going to get done and I'm wondering what gone done Mr. Chair.

Chair: Order please. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. I understand your concerns. That is why we took some preventative measures. I myself, is on the Ad Hoc Committee and am the person who is taking over the Committee while Mr. Dougan is out of town at the CASA conference in Ottawa at this time. He will be back on the 9th of November, so from now until his return I am running that Committee. The Committee has met a number of times. We have already met with Student Health and as it stands right now, we don't have any decision to bring to Council. We have set up a schedule, which we will be making some decisions in the upcoming week or two.

Hopefully we can go to referendum in the first term and it's something to be discussed at next week's Council meeting when the Ad Hoc Committee on Health and Dental has some decisions regarding that. Does that answer all of your questions?

Mr. Dobson: Yes it does. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything else at this time? Recognize Councilor Gill.

Mr. Gill: I was just wondering where we can get a hold of that schedule?

VP Student Issues: I am available now, or at anytime during the day in the office. In the Executive document, it states my office hours, which are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday, so I am accessible at any of those times. Or via e-mail at ussu_vpstdnt@sask.usask.ca. So, that schedule is there and that's about it.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything else? Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Move to close Questions and Comments.

Chair: Ok, do we have a seconder for that? Recognize Councilor Adelman. We'll go straight to a vote on that. All those in favour, please raise your placard. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, Questions and Comments are now closed.

MOTION USC79: Mateen/Adelman

Chair: Moving to Item 12, Any Other Business. We do have something here, Election of Student Board Member. I think we'll use the same procedure we've used before. We are electing a new student board member. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: With Chantelle Debiegne resigning from my Board, there is an opening. Before anybody decides that they would be interested in running, we might mention that the scheduled times for meeting are Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. or Sunday

evenings from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m., so if any of you are interested, I would hope that you would be available at those times. I would like to open nominations for that Student Issues Board.

Chair: Nominations now open. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to nominate Councilor Whitedeer to be on the Student Issues Board.

Chair: Do you wish to stand?

Ms. Whitedeer: Yes.

Chair: Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: I would like to nominate Councilor Adelman from Agriculture.

Chair: Mr. Adelman, do you wish to stand?

Mr. Adelman: With the times, I can't make it on Friday, but I could make it on Sunday.

VP Student Issues: Those are the times we've given on average two or three times a month, so it's up to you to decide. We meet for one to one and half-hours each time?

Chair: The real question should be, is there food? Do you accept the nomination?

Mr. Adelman: OK.

Chair: Any other nominations? Recognize Councilor Whyley.

Ms. Whyley: Thank you. I would like to nominate Councilor Mateen.

Chair: Councilor Mateen, do you accept?

Ms. Mateen: Yes.

Chair: Are there any more nominations? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: I would like to nominate Councilor Gill.

Chair: Do you accept the nomination?

Mr. Gill: I won't be able to make it on Fridays, so no.

Chair: Any further nominations for the Student Issues Board? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: I would like to nominate the Councilor from Education, Mr. Chair.

Chair: Councilor Schweitzer, do you accept?

Mr. Schweitzer: No.

Chair: Are there any further nominations? I'm going to close the nominations now. We have four people and we will write one name on our ballot each. The election results, the closest we've had yet...Councilor Mateen was elected according to my results. If we could have a motion to approve the results. Recognize VP Jackson, Councilor Evanisky seconder. All those in favour of accepting the election results as Councilor Mateen is elected to the Student Issues Board? Is there any opposition? No opposition, and the election results are accepted.

MOTION USC80: Jackson/Evanisky

Chair: That's everything for Item 12. Can we have a motion to move to Item 13, Adjournment? Recognize Councilor Christensen, seconded by Councilor Geenen. All those in favour of adjourning at this time? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, November 8th, 2000

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

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- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes:** October 31st, 2000 & November 7th, 2000
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Business

New Business

- 10.1 Elections Board Policy**

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, November 8th, 2000

PRESENT

Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Kris Denney, Education
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Freda Whitedeer, ISC
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Ginelle Paziuk
Stacey Pearen
Andrew Sutherland

REGRETS

Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Aaron Dougan, President
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Grace Sanders, WCV
Todd Schweitzer, Education

ABSENT

Michael Kolibab, Vocational Agriculture

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Chair: I see we have quorum. Just before we go to the agenda here, there has been a request from Executive Office that with regards to the speaking, if you could speak loud and clear. It is very hard to record the minutes. I think that part of it is the way the room is set up. So either stand up and speak to Council, which you probably won't be recorded that well, or speak to the mike. That should relieve any problems in the future. So, we'll move into Item 3, Adoption of the Agenda, are there any changes? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: I move to adopt the agenda.

Chair: Seeing no changes, can we have a seconder to adopt the agenda? Recognize Councilor Evanisky. All in favour raise your placard now. Is there any opposition to that? Seeing none, the agenda is adopted.

MOTION USC81: Wallace/Evanisky

Chair: Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a couple of announcement. A reminder that next Wednesday, November the 15th from 8: 30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Browsers is having a Book Blowout Sale in the Tunnel. The books will be sold for \$1, \$3, or \$5, cash only. Also, on the back page of the Sheaf this week, we have a new service called the "Buzz", if you would like to sign up for it, you can get weekly notices from the USSU. Some of the information we will publish in the Sheaf and on our weekly radio stations. Our Constitution and Bylaws are now available from direct button on our web site and as amendments are due in the next nine days, you may want to look at that for reference if you don't have your binder.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would again like to announce the USSU Federal Election Reception on November 20th at the Faculty Club from 4 – 6 p.m. We are inviting all students to this event. It will include all candidates from all of the four ridings in Saskatoon. If you are looking to come to this or any of the students in your colleges are wanting to come, please send them to the USSU office and we'll have tickets there. Again, it's open to anybody and I would hope that you will send out as many students as possible to this. There will be a certain time for each candidate to speak. It'll be some discussion, then followed by a wine and cheese with these candidates and with the students to ask questions.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just an announcement to Councilors, the nominations for Teaching Excellence Awards will be open on November 13th and will be closed on November 23rd, so if there are any professors that Councilors see fit to nominate, and please let your students know and also promote this as this is one of the largest faculty initiatives of the USSU.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything further? Seeing none, if there is no opposition, we'll move to Item 5, Council Address, where there is nothing, so we'll move to Item 6, Minutes to Report for Action. Item 6.1, USC minutes for November the 1st. We'll receive the minutes without reading if that is the wish of Council. Seeing none, we'll receive the minutes for USC from November 1st. Moving to Item 6.2, Academic Affairs Board minutes for November 7th. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you. The Academic Affairs Board met on November 7th and VP Wallace reported to the Board that the Teaching Excellence Awards would be open from November 13th to the 23rd. He also reported that he contacted Dr. Herbert Marsh regarding the use of student evaluation of educational quality tools and he received approval from him. The Board decided on nine questions from the tool, and the next meeting will be in the USSU Boardroom at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Chair: Thank you. Move to receive those minutes. Recognize VP Wallace, seconded by Councilor Evanisky. All those in favour of receiving the minutes as read, raise your placards now please. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the Academic Affairs Board minutes to report for November 7th are received.

MOTION USC82: Wallace/Evanisky

Chair: Moving to Item 6.4, Student Issues Board minutes to report for October 27th. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: As this was the first Board meeting of the SIB there were introductions for all of the Board members. I reported on the driving issues for the upcoming year, including parking, student loans, civic issues and the major projects. The next meeting was called for November 5th at 7 p.m.

Chair: Thank you. We have a motion by VP Jackson, seconded by Councilor Wagemakers. All those in favour of receiving the minutes as read? Is there any opposition? Seeing no opposition, those minutes are received.

MOTION USC83: Jackson/Wagemakers

Chair: Student Issues Board minutes to report for November 5th. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: A new Board member was introduced at this meeting, Farrah Mateen, as we had a resignation from the Board. Binders were handed out, as well as the

Computing Policy for review for the year. The next meeting was set up, due to quorum not being present at this meeting, and it is to be announced.

Chair: Thank you. Moved by VP Jackson to receive those minutes, and seconded by Councilor Renneberg. All those in favour of receiving those minutes? Is there any opposition? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC84: Jackson/Renneberg

Chair: Thank you. Moving to Item 7, Minutes to Report for Information. Item 7.1, Executive Committee Minutes for October 31st. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. We received a sponsorship request for 3 Engineering delegates to attend a conference on Women in Engineering and it was recognized that they should seek other opportunities for funding through the Presidents' Students Fund. We also received a request from the Education Committee of CUPE 1975 asking to waive the membership fees for the USSU. It was rejected because of these students' access to our services.

Chair: Thank you. Mover VP Wallace and seconded by Councilor Denney. All those in favour of receiving the minutes? All those opposed? Seeing no opposition, the minutes are received. Item 7.1, Executive Committee minutes for November 7th. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Yesterday the Executive Committee met as the Operations and Finance Board was unable to meet due to lack of quorum, so there were a lot of sponsorship requests from groups. The first was that we granted \$300 cash to the Huskie Cheerleading Club, then \$79 in Coke product for the U of S Fencing Club, \$150 for the Fencing Club to attend a conference in Calgary, \$297 and \$260 in Coke merchandise for the Chemistry Students Society. Funding was denied to the Arts and Science Students Union for T-shirts and the LSA was granted \$298 in Coke product.

Chair: I'll take that as a motion to receive the minutes. Seconded by Councilor Wagemakers. All those in favour of receiving the minutes as read? Any opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are received.

MOTION USC85: Henderson/Wagemakers.

Chair: Moving on to Item 7.2, Health and Dental Ad Hoc Committee minutes for November 6th. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: The Committee met and discussed a wide array of questions that were forwarded to us. Also, the Committee made a recommendation that the 2000/2001 Health and Dental Referendum be moved from Term 1 to Term 2, due to time constraints, which was carried unanimously. The next meeting was set for Monday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Chair: I'll take the mover of those minutes to be VP Jackson, seconded by Councilor Mateen. All those in favour of accepting the minutes to report for the Health and Dental Ad Hoc Committee for November 6th? Is there any opposition? Seeing no opposition, the minutes are received.

MOTION USC86: Jackson/Mateen

Chair: If it's the will of Council, we'll move to Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes to Report. Item 8.1, Motion arising from the Health and Dental Ad Hoc Committee minutes for November 6th. Recognize Councilor Metzger.

Mr. Metzger: Thank you Mr. Chair. I move that we move the Health and Dental Referendum to Term 2, due to time constraints.

Chair: Seconded by Councilor Whyley. Just for clarification, do you have a set time that you want to move to?

Mr. Metzger: Just Term 2.

Chair: We'll open the floor up for debate on whether we should move the referendum to the second term. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: From the motion that was passed at Council a couple of weeks ago, we had hoped to go to referendum in the first term, unfortunately, due to time constraints and scheduling, and we are trying to make sure it's our best plan possible, we are asking for your support to move it to the second term. This is impossible to run in the second term. I would hope that you will support this and give the Committee more time to deal with the issue.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. Call the question.

Chair: I think that's appropriate at this time. We'll put that straight to a vote. All those in favour of closing the speakers list and going a vote? Is there any opposition? Seeing no opposition, we'll move directly to a question. All those in favour of putting the referendum question to the second term? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the motion passes and the referendum will be moved to the second term.

MOTON USC87: Metzger/Whyley

Chair: Moving to Item 9, nothing under Business. Moving to Item 10, New Business, Item 10.1, the Elections Board Policy. There is nothing to discuss there, because it's simply there for your information. If there is no opposition, we'll move to Item 11, Questions and Comments for 30 Minutes. Is there any opposition? None, we

are now in Questions and Comments for 30 minutes. The time is 6:25 p.m. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to ask Council's direction on something. The mid year budget was supposed to come to Council on Wednesday, November 29th, that would probably be our last Council meeting as the following one, Wednesday, December 6th is the last day of classes. The 29th is the night of the President's Banquet, so the Executive won't be available for Council as we are required to attend that Christmas social. The meeting of the 29th will be cancelled. So, what I need Council's direction on is, do we have Council on Thursday, the 30th or Tuesday, December the 5th? Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. I'm in favour of the Tuesday. I have some more questions, but I would like to be moved to the bottom of the speakers list.

Chair: I have Councilor Johnson next.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a couple of points of information. First being, about a month ago, I asked about the food prices on campus, what's going to be done about that? I was just wondering where that was going? And, if not, I would like to remind everyone that STM has a wonderful cafeteria. The next point is regarding the motion that just passed on the Health and Dental Referendum. It was pushed and pushed that we have it the first term, I'm just wondering how this is going to make Council look in the future, because it's been in the Sheaf a few times and people didn't like that we were pushing it so quickly. How is this going to make us look in the future?

Chair: Thank you. I recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: With the Health and Dental Referendum, if we are going to make sure that the best question comes out of this, then we have to take our time. We had a time frame of when we wanted to go forward with this, but I would never personally, and I would hope that the rest of this Council would want to go to referendum with a shoty question, because the students don't believe that this is going to pass before, it won't have a chance. So, we have to make sure that those things are taken into account. I don't think this Council is going to look bad for taking the time to make sure that we are getting the best information. I was my intent to go forward and have this referendum the first term, and I thought it was very possible, but unfortunately with scheduling problems, when you have that many people on a Committee, it's tough to make sure that you have meetings as soon as possible. We're trying to make sure that all stakeholder groups are involved and we've had some problems with that. But now we're on track and we hope to be able to bring something forward to you in the next couple of weeks. I think we are on the right track.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Just regards to Councilor Johnson's questions about the pricing of food. I do have a meeting set for next week with John Olson who is the Director of Consumer Services. He is going to advise me of which day they would prefer for the mid year budget Council meeting. If I could ask the Chair to write it on the Board.

Chair: If I may understand, VP Henderson, you would like to get some indication by straw vote. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I would like to recess because the Engineers are here.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: May I speak before the recess Mr. Chair.

Chair: No, I'm sorry, the motion to recess takes precedent. Do you have a set time VP Jackson?

VP Student Issues: Just as long as it takes.

Chair: Motion to recess, seconded by Councilor Wagemakers. All those in favour of recessing for an undetermined amount of time? Any opposition? Recognize two people, Councilor Johnson and Councilor Dobson in opposition. We are now in recess.

Chair: I would like to call back to order. I think we still have about 20 minutes left in questions and comments. We had a suggestion by VP Henderson to have a straw vote, so lets do that. He just wants to get an idea of when people want the mid year budget Council meeting. The best way to do it is to see how many people vote for each day. Again, this is not official, it's just a straw vote. People that would prefer to have the meeting on Tuesday, December 5th, please raise your placards. I see seven. And for Thursday? I see nine. Is that all you needed? Thank you. I have Councilor Hitchcock next. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I would just like for the minutes and for each of you to thank you all for participating tonight and I would also like to suggest that if you would like to participate anymore, President Dougan will be in from his long trip, tomorrow morning at 9 a.m. There are already pies coming to him, but if you would like to get more involved phone 7700 to the Engineers, and they can bring more pies for President Dougan for the small fee of \$10.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I would like to acknowledge Scott Henderson's involvement with this charity and that's pretty generous, I think that deserves to be applauded by Council. I'm a little sick today, so this might not go as well as planned. I wanted to talk to you about last Wednesday, as I've spoken with my Council. I must confess that I left here

last week very disappointed and a little upset and that was also the sediment among my Council. After talking to them and thinking about it, I decided I wanted to say a few things here today. Basically about why I chose to run on this Council and what I think I'm going here on the USSU. To be truthful, it may seem as though the vote last Wednesday is not that big of a deal. I mean after all, the LSA is planning on fighting to get our class back and to be recognized by our Faculty. We are using every means that we can think of and the USSU Executive is behind us. VP Wallace wrote a letter to the Faculty, and I would like to thank him for that. What I want to talk about today is the method ofit was the implication of what was said last week. It was basically two things. First that the USC is not the USSU and secondly that the USC is unwilling to enforce solidarity to a college that came and asked for your help. I believe these are very important things because they go to the very roots of what this organization is about. The first issue is the role of USC in the USSU is a very simple one in my opinion. It's not my purpose here today to start another controversy. I won't speak on it at great length, but I will say, after reading our Constitution, Article 6, is very clear that this Council is the USSU. It's neither inferior nor superior to the Executive. It's true, I don't speak for the USSU should anyone call me, I speak for the students in the College of Law. I believe we have a responsibility and that is simple. It's to remember the principles and foundations upon which this organization is built on. When I thought about these principles, I found three things. Two of them are in our Constitution, in Articles 2 and 3, and the third is common sense. I'm not going to read the Articles out loud, because we all have them in front of us.you will find three very important concepts, the first is to represent and serve undergraduate students, the second is advocacy and the third one, and I think the most important is that we are unified. I think we should stand together for the rights of our members. As individuals and as College Societies, we are weak. We get a lot more strength when we stand together. I'm sure everybody here understands that. So, now we have representation, advocacy and unity. These are the fundamental principles of the USSU. All of our actions should begin here and we should always remember our members when we are deciding these things. I submit to you Mr. Chair, that nothing should ever come in the way of those three principles and anything that does, whether it be procedural rules or personal views, or even our own Constitution should be set aside in favour of representation overall. Last week it said there was a danger that every College Society facing changes to their curriculum would come to Council for your support and one of the motions.....well I say let them come, because supporting them is one of the reasons we are here. If this Council doesn't think it has the time for that, and to me the fundamental question arises, then what is the purpose of this organization and who do we advocate for? Well, I'm here to advocate for students and if the prospect of a large number of motion come up asking for support scares us, then frankly, I would resign today. Mr. Chair we are a union, and our union is strong on simple purposes, most basically is that we stand together. I'm not here to start a big fight, but I just wanted to remind this Council the purpose of this organization and of the USSU, and unfortunately, I think that was forgotten last week. I respectfully ask Council to keep these principles in mind. Thank you.

Chair: We still have about 15 minutes. Is there anything else? Recognize Councilor Christensen.

Ms. Christensen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just wanted to say that when you are deciding for the meeting, to maybe not have it on the 30th, because that's our band concert. Shannon and I are in a band, and we would like to encourage you to come out and listen to our fine music and have the meeting on the 5th. Thank you.

Chair: Any further questions or comments? Recognize Councilor Johnson.

Mr. Johnson: Move to close Questions and Comments.

Chair: Thank you. Seconded by Councilor Denney. I think I'm feeling some opposition here, I'll perhaps we'll leave that to debate. We still have about 15 minutes left. Recognize it as a point of information.

Mr. Evanisky: OK, just really quick. Tomorrow at 3 p.m. in this room, there will be a candidate from the NDP, the Canadian Alliance and the Reform Party here and they will be having a debate and it will be open to any students that have questions.

If you have any more questions about it please see me or Craig. The candidates are Jim Pankiw, Morris Bodnar, and Dennis Grunding.

Chair: Thank you. That's actually out of order. We do have a motion on the floor to close Questions and Comments, we'll put that to a vote. All those in favour? All those opposed? Seeing no opposition, Questions and Comments are closed. Moving along to Item 12, Any Other Business. Is there any other business at this time? Seeing none, we'll have a motion to adjourn. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers, seconded by Councilor Metzger. All those in favour of adjourning at this time, raise your placards please. All those opposed? I see one in opposition. We are adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 30 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, November 15th, 2000

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

- 5.1** Greetings from Honourable Glen Hagel, Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Training Skills

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1** USC Minutes: November 8th, 2000
- 6.2** Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report
- 6.3** Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report
- 6.4** Student Issues Board Minutes and Report
- 6.5** Appointments Board Minutes and Report
- 6.6** Elections Board Minutes and Report
- 15.** Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1** Executive Committee Minutes

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1** Elections Board Policy

New Business

- 10.1** Student Loan Model
- 10.2** Proposed Amendments to the USSU Bylaws

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, November 15th, 2000

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Deanna Denham, Vocational Agriculture
Kris Denney, Education
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Grace Sanders, WCV
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair

REGRETS

Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Todd Schweitzer, Education
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Chair: Order please. I would like to call the meeting to order. It looks like we have quorum. Does everyone have a copy of the agenda? We have a change, from my perspective. Stuff moving from New Business to Business, that might come up this evening. I think we are going to skip that, we don't need to go into challenges of the Chair and stuff like that. Simply a two-thirds majority will move the item from New Business to Business. That's completely appropriate in the Constitution, so we won't have me ruling on that. So, we'll let Council decide on that. Does anyone have any questions? With that, I'll go to Item 3, Adoption of the Agenda. Is there any changes to the agenda this evening. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would first of all like to make some additions under Council Address, Item 5.2, I would like to add "Greetings from the Alumni & Development Office." Under Section 7, Item 7.2 "Canada's Future, Election 2000." And under Section 10, New Business, I would like to add 10.3 "Cancellation of November 29th meeting and 10.4 "Mid-year Budget Review Resolution."

Chair: All right. Do we have a seconder for the changes to the agenda? Recognize VP Henderson. So, the changes are as follows if I understand correctly; add Item 5.2, Greetings from the Alumni and Development Office, add Item 7.2, Canada's Future Election 2000 Document, add Item 10.3 Cancellation of the November 29th meeting, and Item 10.4 Mid-year Budget Resolution. Is there any debate with regards to adding those item to the agenda this time? Seeing none, we'll go straight to a vote. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, those four Item are added to the agenda.

MOTION USC88: Dougan/Henderson

Chair: Are there any further changes? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. At this time I would like to move Item 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3 into Business to become 9.2, 9.3, and 9.4.

Chair: So, the only thing left under New Business would be the Mid-year Budget Review. That will require a two-thirds majority. Do I have a seconder? Recognize VP Jackson. We'll open that up to debate. Is there any debate? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'll be voting against this motion as I would like some time to look over the amendments for the Bylaws and Constitution and

Chair: Any further debate on whether we should move those items to Business? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Unfortunately, the proposed amendments to the Bylaws coming forward to USC couldn't be here before this meeting and for that reason and because all of the amendments have to be in writing this Friday according to our Bylaws, for us to hold our AGM on November 27th, this is our last opportunity to go through them and I would like to strengthfully say that all of the amendments that are within the Bylaws, that we are proposing, are not substantive. There may be one or two things will cause debate, but the rest of it is housekeeping and it shouldn't pose a problem for Council as we go through it.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any further debate? Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Call the question.

Chair: I think that's in order at this time. Again, there is a two-thirds majority required. All those in favour of putting Items 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 to be under Business to read as Items 9.2, 9.3, and 9.4? Is there any opposition? I will call for abstentions at this time as well. Recognize an abstention, do you wish to be noted in the record. Recognize Councilor Christensen as abstaining. The motion fails.

MOTION USC89: Dougan/Jackson DEFEATED

Chair: Is there any further changes to the agenda? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. At this time then, I would like to move 10.1 and 10.3, to Business and since this is the only opportunity in which Council would have a chance to go over the proposed Bylaw amendments. I would like to strike those Items.

Chair: My understanding is to move 10.1 and 10.3 to Item 9.2 and 9.3? Do we have a seconder? Recognize VP Wallace. Is there any debate on the motion? Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I will be speaking in favour of this. The number one reason is because the student loan model is in here. Without the discussion that would take place tonight, the USSU would have to unilaterally make a decision on where we would stand with student loan. Post-secondary Education is here tonight. They are looking for input and recommendations on where we should go with student loans, and I need that by tomorrow. I apologize for not having it ready for last week in New Business and the unfortunate part is I didn't have the meeting until Thursday of last week. We need to get a recommendation to the government, and without it student input will be minimal and will come only from the Executive. I hope you will vote in favour of this.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I recall some talk of the December 6th meeting be possibly cancelled, I'm just curious as to why that would part of 10.3?

Chair: Thank you. It's a little difficult to talk about the substance of the motion because we are just on the order of the agenda, but as I understand, it's just with regards to the cancellation of the November 29th meeting as the motion was put on there. We are just speaking with regards to whether we should move to Business at this time. Is there any other debate? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Call the question.

Chair: Ok, that would be appropriate at this time. I will put this directly to a vote if there aren't any questions. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Is there any abstentions? Seeing no opposition or abstentions, the motion passes and we now have Items 9.2 and 9.3 added.

MOTION USC90: Dougan/Wallace

Chair: Is there anything for the agenda? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to strike 10.2, and I would like to move up the Council Address by the Honourable Glen Hagel, Minister of Post-secondary Education and Skill Training to Item 3.1.

Chair: Would that be appropriate under 4.1? You want it at 3.1? OK, there are two motions on the floor, and we'll vote on them together. To strike 10.2, the Proposed Amendments to the USSU Bylaws, and the second part it to add 10.1, The Honourable Glen Hagel Greetings. Do we have a seconder for that? Recognize VP Jackson. I'll open that up for debate. Is there any concern? Seeing none, we'll put that straight to a question. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, Item 10.2 is strike, and we now have Item 3.1.

MOTION USC91: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: Further changes to the agenda at this time? Seeing none, we will now move to Item 3.1, The Greetings from the Honourable Minister Glen Hagel. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. I'm pleased introduce tonight, the Right Honourable Glen Hagel, Minister of Post-secondary Education and Skills Training in Saskatchewan. We had the opportunity to meet with them earlier today and he is stopping by before he has to catch his flight to bring some greetings from the Legislature and some words of wisdom for us all, so without further ado, please welcome Minister Hagel.

Mr. Hagel: Thank you very much Aaron. I'm not sure where the words of wisdom are, but I do want to bring greetings to you from the Provincial government and the Department of Post-secondary Education and Skills Training. I would like to say to you how much I appreciate that you will have a chance to take a look at the student loan model and we do take very seriously, the feedback that you provide to us and a decision

has not yet been made. I have had a chance to discuss this issue today with the USSU Executive and we are looking forward to your comments and comments from other institutions in Saskatchewan as well before we proceed with my recommendation to the Cabinet. So, I appreciate your willingness to look at that tonight and to provide some feedback. I don't have a lot of time, I thought I would just share with you a couple of bigger picture items that post secondary education looks and to give you an understanding of what we see as some of the bigger issues. I do have about 15 minutes and I know you have a full agenda. Mr. Chairmen is a former speaker of the house and I'm in great admiration of your chairing skills and you move things along rather rapidly and efficiently. I don't want to abuse your time, but I just want to share with you two things. One, the future here in Saskatchewan and the other isHere in Saskatchewan you may be aware that the Labour Department has released a labour market forecast for theand what it told us was some important things for us to take note of and for all of the institutions in Saskatchewan. We are entering into a time now where the post-war baby boomers are starting to retire, and that is a large number across Canada. A little earlier here in Saskatchewan because our average age is slightly higher and we're going to see that occur throughout the course of this decade that we are in. We are starting to see some of the early signs of it already. In many ways this is good news for people who are entering into careers, because what it means is when those post-war baby boomers, are moving on. It also is going to mean that we are going to be heading into a labour market shortage. I don't know, there won't be anybody in this room old enough to remember the 70's, but we will all recognize, but the 70's were a time in our nation in which people were graduating and finding themselves faced with choices about where they would like to go. Through the 80's and 90's, times got tough because our economy changed and one of the things that was happening is that the post-war baby boomers were kind of blocking opportunity for progress. This decade is going to take us back in terms of the experiences of the 70's and I think it's going to become a graduate's decade and it's a good time to be engaged in studies and to be graduating because you are going to have more opportunity to make choices than other people have had over the past couple of decades.

However, what that means is as well though, for the economy of Saskatchewan and other places across the nation, is that we are going to find ourselves in a labour shortage, and that will put some stresses on our economy. Saskatchewan does have one great advantage however, and that is that as we have this baby boom that is leaving the labour market, there is a mini baby boom coming behind which is our first nations and aboriginal people and that will be within, and I promise to you, within the next decade. What happens with that little mini baby boom is that we see that as an opportunity, some people would say, that given the participation in our education institutions by first nations people, that that would be a problem, but we choose to see it as an opportunity, but it certainly does mean for educational institutions across the province, have the ability to ensure that young men and women of Aboriginal ancestry, that they succeed and enter into our economy fully trained and ready to take their rightful place in Saskatchewan. So, when we look at the planning that we are doing in post-secondary in trying to cast our glance 10 years ahead, and say what's the world we are trying to prepare for. Just speaking today, that Saskatchewan Labour Force Development Board is having a conference onin Saskatchewan. I was telling them that the forecast as of next year,

one out of every four people newly entering the labour market will be of Aboriginal ancestry. So, that's where we are now and that's going to be the face of the future, and Saskatchewan's opportunity. The other role that I play, it is my honour to serve as Chair of the Council of the Ministers of Education of Canada. As you will appreciate, Canada is unique in the world. We are one of only two countries that does not have a National Minister of Education. In our nation, education is Constitutionally provincial and many countries in the world, of course, don't have provinces. It makes it a little difficult to act nationally or internationally. Our way of doing that in our nation in the past 30 odd years has been through the Council of the Ministers of Education, by in large. One of the things that's going on in that world, is that at the end of this year, there is a national advisory committee for on-line learning that will be bringing it's report next month to myself as Chair and to the rest of the Ministers of Post-secondary Education across the nation and as well to every minister in Canada. It is plain as the nose on your face, that as we move to the new millennium, and Saskatchewan's second century, which is only 5 years away, that in the world of technology, on-line learning is going to play an increasingly important role. As you engage in this process called life long learning, not only are you initial qualifications, but you will have to keep coming back to upgrade. It's not as though we are about to enter the world of on-line training, as you know it's already there. The Canadian universities and colleges are not there in a big way at all. What we are looking for is this Committee to recommend to us in the nation to take a cooperative approach to between the provinces and their institutions to make sure that we are doing the best we can with our resources. That may not be of interest to you in the immediate future, but increasing to your careers I'm sure. The resources are immense and that's why a collaborative approach is the only one that will work for us. This is going to put great pressures on universities because what it means is that this is an empowering phenomenon for learners and the access to on-line and the ability to draw from different institutions to put together what you want in order to make up the degree that you want and specific training is going to be increasingly available. And the pressure on universities to do things like credit recognition and transfers from other places it going to be immense. This is technology to the advantage of the learners. The will be a challenge to our resources, but at the end of the day, the opportunities will help open up the world to those who may be limited.

In this province on-line education will also help to over come another barrier of geography. For people that are significantly removed from the access to the campus. As I went around Saskatchewan in January and talked about access and affordability to education, over and over I heard people saying to me that tuition are important, but in the real world of affordability is actually the cost of living away from home. And if we can bring the campus to the student, on-line learning is a way this is going to come. This is going to be a challenge for us provincially and nationally it will be the institutions to ensure that when you are making choices, you are informed in making those choices about good quality programs. I just want to say to you that the province sees both of these, the emerging importance of the Aboriginal people in our economy and the importance of on-line learning. I do appreciate your involvement in student government at this level. You're engaging in democratic decision making on behalf of your constituents, something that is very close to my heart and I complement you on taking on the responsibilities of doing that. I want you to know that I value the meetings that we

have with your Executive on an on-going basis and that for me, is very useful to have that input and well as the contact. It's our job to shape the future of our province and being able to hear on a regular basis from students that give thoughtful consideration, it serves our province and I thank you for that. I think we've got about 5 minutes before I need to leave, so if there are any things you would like to say to me or if you have any questions, please do so.

Mr. Hitchcock: I was just wondering, you were talking about the future, and it seems increasingly a move towards appropriate sources with international trade....for me, one of the things that means, is education. I'm wondering what your government's position is on this and if you are against it, are you doing some lobbying to the federal government?

Mr. Hagel: Well, we've have made it very clear to the federal government that our position is that education is not on the table. That has been pretty consistent across the country and in favour of the federal government, I haven't seen any evidence from them that they are going to. Point number two, the position to privatize education, we have certainly seen a significant thrust in Ontario at the university level. It is my view that that's not the way to go. My department officials, after doing a public appearance in January, I told them that I thought, there was a phenomenal message that I heard and it was something that nobody said. When you put it into perspective, because here it was, a new coalition government, there were two ministers holding public hearings. One of them was Minister Melinchuck, the leader of the Liberal Party, and he and I went around. The media were there and anybody could get up and say anything they wanted. It was guaranteed that the wilder and crazier it was, the more likely it was to be in the news. What I found is that in that month, during 15 meetings, media at everyone of them, not a single person said once that they thought that this system of public education that we have in Saskatchewan was not a good system and that we should go in a different direction. What I found phenomenal about that was that in the silence, the sense of the vote of confidence, that what we are doing reflects the values of Saskatchewan people. The concern about private universities is the affordability and the access to quality and there is in this province, in my view, that the universities and our colleges, don't see any changing.

Ms. Mateen: I'm curious as to what your views are about the certain magazine has rated the universities in Saskatchewan and what you see yourself and your government doing to combat that?

Mr. Hagel: As I said to the media today when I talked to them over at the Agriculture Building today, they asked a similar question and I said that we have to be careful here that we are not making decisions about education based on the MacLean's ranking. It's a subject ofPresident MacKinnon and I, one of the things that we have approved is a statement and a document on post-secondary expectations and in that document are important things such as access, affordability, neither of which does MacLean's include in their ranking. It has been the value of Saskatchewan people historically and in the future that we have here a value for people in university and we will always value

affordability, access and equity. I think the two universities are doing a very good job of this and providing a good quality education and the MacLeans' report doesn't provide a good service frankly. MacLean's does what's easy, they measure influence. It doesn't do what is much more difficult or important. The institutes we have here are nothing to be ashamed of and we have much reason to be proud of our graduates and our universities. The Native Law programs both here and at the U of R and the Saskatchewan Indian Federated Colleges are both federally and internationally recognized equity programs for our native peoples. I would also look at things like our regional colleges, a system unique in all of Canada where we take the universities to people in remote and rural Saskatchewan. The Synchrotron project is Canada's single largest science and technology project in the entire nation. Totally irrelevant, not even mentioned in MacLean's. If you want to rise to the top of MacLean's, then you have to be an elite university. And I don't think that's where the Saskatchewan universities want to be or where the Saskatchewan people want them to be. We wanted equality, and we certainly will be looking at things like scholarships and funding. I think there are some signs that recent experiences with funding will effect the rankings. But we are not doing this to please MacLean's, we are doing this to serve the people of Saskatchewan.

Ms. Mateen:I guess unfortunately not everyone.....a lot of people look at it politically and just look at the numbers and I still think that we are capable of a higher ranking.

Mr. Hagel: I certainly accept what you are saying and if are universities raise in rank, that's encouraging in the least. I would be pleased to see that and when we look at what those things are, I think it's important for us to look at the real questions, not at just what a magazine says about us. So, I don't disagree in the least. I sure wouldn't want us to be taking on initiatives and pouring money in just to see us jump a step or two in the MacLean's ranking. Thank you very much for your comments. I'll take one last question, then I'll have to run.

Mr. Evanisky: I think the U of S.....huge push towards research funding, such as the Synchrotron, and I was wondering what your thoughts are on that?

Mr. Hagel: I would hope not. I tend to think not. I was just over at the STM College this afternoon and they made an announcement about some funding for capital renovations from the province.

There is a college that celebrates the importance of the....The Synchrotron will provide opportunity and it would be wise that the university, as well as the community, to see what opportunities may be able to flow from that in terms of applied research and economic activity. That is certainly something we should welcome. Having said that, we were just talking over supper about a federal study that was done in 1999 which was asking the question "where does Canada rank in terms of skill?" I think, quite anticipating that we are, by world standards, behind in the world of technical skills. The conclusion of these results was thatwe're not right at the front of the pack, but we're right in there with the leading nations in terms of technical skill. What it did point to was that the nation is lacking the management and human resource skills that will tend to be

characteristic of people who come from the applied Arts & Science. So, I think there was an important lesson in there to keep things in balance. What we are beginning to see is an increasing phenomenon where people are combining university and technical studies. I think that's a dynamic that we are going to see more and more of and for the good of our nation though, if we look at that study, we can conclude that the preservation of the liberal arts as a part of our education is extremely important for the wealth of the nation. Just one final comment on that. For those of you who may come from that world, studies also do show that if you come out of the Arts area, you're careers tend to start a little slower actually than those who come out of professions, but over the course of your career, you are those who tend to rise to the top in terms of income. Anyhow, I'm sorry I have to run. I would like to wish you well in your own personal studies and again to wish you collectively, here at the U of S well in the challenges that you are taking on as a Students' Council.

Chair: Alright. Moving along. Order please. Don't make me use the gavel. We just finished Item 3.1, and if there is no objection, we'll move to Item 4.1, Introductions and Announcements. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to invite all of you to a free breakfast that the USSU is putting on. It will be on November 23rd, from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in Louis'. Please come down for pancakes, bacon, fruit, toast and coffee where you can meet your Executive and talk about the federal election.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a couple of announcements for Engineering. First of all this Saturday we'll be having our small town pub-crawl. I'm not sure exactly where it's going, but we'll be starting at the Sutherland at about 7 p.m. and the tickets are \$5 from our office. It's a toga theme, so there are instructions on how to make a toga if you are so inclined. Also, next Friday, we will be having our SESS Christmas formal, which you are all invited to. Tickets are \$15 and it starts at 6 p.m. There is a small awards ceremony and a dance after that. The final announcement I have is regarding our Pie Throw last week. We raised, the final numbers are exactly in, but roughly \$3650 for the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation. We would just like to give another big thanks to Scott Henderson for helping everyone get pied.

Chair: Thank you. I think I had my share of Scott's contribution. Recognize Councilor Christensen.

Ms. Christensen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to announce that Friday, November 24th, the STMSU is having a Bachelor/Bachelorette auction in conjunction with the Voc Ags. We were hoping that there will be some people that come out. We would like to get to meet other colleges as well. Cheap drinks at 7 p.m. at the Kooler.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have one introduction and one announcement. I would like, at this time, to introduce a former Executive member, former VP Operations & Finance for the USSU and current Alumni & Development Officer for Students and Recent Graduates, please join me in welcoming Julian Demkiw. I would like to announce the Federal Election Reception where you will get a chance to meet and greet and mingle with the different candidates from all of the ridings in Saskatoon on November 20th from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Faculty Club. I hope to see you all there.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to mention that our LGB Centre is putting on an event called Passion Fruit on this Saturday in Upper MUB.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything else? Seeing nothing, we'll move to Item 5, Council Address. We do have an Item under there, so we'll need a motion to move into Council as a Whole. Recognize President Dougan and seconded by Councilor Stephen. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Do you wish to be recognized in the record? We are now sitting in Council in the whole and we have Item 5.2, Greetings from Alumni and Development. Recognize Mr. Demkiw.

MOTION USC92: Dougan/Stephen

Mr. Demkiw: Thank you very much. I have been involved in these Council chambers, roughly five years I spent every Thursday night doing this. So, I understand and you see all these people, you want to get through it quickly.

So, I won't take much of your time. Basically I'm going to get into the "what's in it for me" factor. As Minister Hagel would say, I'm on the output end of things. So, you may be wondering why I want to come and talk to students. Just to say very briefly and succinctly, as much as the USSU takes care of students, the Alumni Office takes care of alumni needs. I imagine we overlap in some areas, and that's basically my position. I deal with students and alumni. My official title is Alumni and Development Officer of Students and Recent Graduates, so I deal with students and graduates of the past 10 years and less. The three main areas that I deal with are the development of students, the connection of students and alumni and facilitating support to and from students and alumni. So, again, just briefly, on the Development side of things, we deal with things like "Advantage Leadership Conference" in conjunction with the USSU. There is one other initiative that I will be working on with Jack, DisOrientation. I'm not sure if you heard of it last year. Basically it's an event that deals with educating students about career planning, financial planning and things that you would care about after you graduate.

It's been designed by getting information from recent graduates on what they wish they would have known before they graduated. Secondly, connecting students with alumni. One of the big things I've been working on over the last year is the U of S On-line Community, which is a web site that connects students to alumni. There is one function on there called a membership function, which I have actually personally used, as well asit's a great way to connect with other students and alumni. It's for use only by U of S

scholars. You may be at a point where you feel you would like to ask questions of someone in your field, and probably those people would best be the ones that have been there before. It's a good way to get advice. I'm going to be handing these out later, and all of the information is on the back as well as the web site. The third is support. When a lot of people think about alumni, they think of financial support, which is a very goodbecause we deal a lot with fund raising. The Cornerstone Program, I'm not sure if you've heard of it before, but basically what it is is a program that allows students to donate money. Right now we are doing a review of the program. In some ways it's not very successful, there is not a very high return rate. I think it's less than 25 % of students actually give what they say they are going to give. I have my own personal bias. So, this year we are going to look into both student and young alumni financial support from the university. So, if you have any questions about that or any opinions, I would appreciate hearing from you. That's it. That's all I wanted to say. If you ever think of anything regarding alumni, I am the person to contact. The Alumni can also offer some support to campus clubs and college societies, in conjunction with the USSU and on our own. That's it and thank you very much. Please feel free to ask any questions. What I'm trying to do is get in touch with some different colleges, so hopefully I'll be coming to your Council's soon.

Chair: Thank you. Can we please have a motion to go back to sit as a Council. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock and seconded by Mr. Evanisky. All those in favour of going back to sitting as a Council? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we are now on Item 6, Minutes to Report for Action.

MOTION USC93: Hitchcock/Evanisky

Chair: Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Motion on to recess for 10 minutes.

Chair: OK, seconded by Councilor Evanisky. We'll go straight to a vote. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? The motion fails. Back

MOTION USC94: Hitchcock/Evanisky DEFEATED

Chair: So, back to USC minutes for November 8th, 2000. Unless there is any opposition, we'll receive those minutes without reading. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you. I move that the minutes be received with the removal of Councilor Adelman's name from the attendance list.

Chair: So, there is a change to the minutes as received? Councilor Adelman gave regrets? Recognize Councilor Sanders.

Ms. Sanders: I would just like to say that I sent my regrets for that meeting.

Chair: Let me just deal with this one. Is there a seconder to make that change? Recognize VP Jackson. All those in favour of changing the minutes to reflect that? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are to be changed.

MOTION USC95: Henderson/Jackson

Chair: Councilor Sanders, you would like to be placed under Regrets as well? Seconded by Councilor Evanisky. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? The minutes will be changed to reflect this as well.

MOTION USC96: Sanders/Evanisky

Chair: OK, are there any other changes? Motion to accept the USC minutes for Wednesday, November 8th. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are received. I see no other items under 6, we'll move along to Item 7 if there is no opposition to that. Item 7, Minutes and Reports for Information, 7.1, Executive Committee minutes. Nothing to report, Item 7.2, CASA Future Document, Elections 2000. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. This document was compiled at the CASA Conference that I just attended. It is being distributed to all members schools of CASA. I'm not going to go through it in detail. Basically it outlines CASA lobbying initiatives and it also gives an objective view of the five main parties and their platforms with regards to post secondary education. There is a conclusion at the end with all of the information brought forward.

Chair: Order please. As you recall, we didn't want a recess. Recognize President Dougan.

President: So, as I was saying, this document will really help you get your head around or answer any questions that you may have about the platforms. Please read through it, it's very informative. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any debate with regards to the minutes to report for information? Seeing none, perhaps we could get a motion to receive the report. Is it a report or a document. Recognize President Dougan as the mover and VP Wallace as the seconder. All those in favour of receiving the Canada's Future document, please raise your placard now. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the report is received.

MOTION USC97: Dougan/Wallace

Chair: OK, moving along to Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes to Report. I don't see anything under Item 8. If there is no opposition, we'll move to Item 9, Business. Item 9.1, the Elections Board Policy. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The document that you have before you is the proposed Elections Board Policy for the USSU. Basically last year, the entire policy was revamped and what came out of it was a 15-page document in terms of holding elections, referenda, as well as a number of appendices in the back. In total it was about 30 pages and it was very cumbersome and it wasn't formatted very well. So, using the members of the Elections Board as a focus group and certain members of the Executive, we went through the Elections Policy and came up with this as an alternative. Basically, it's been reformatted into an easy to read structure and there aren't any substantive changes. The only notable addition really is the fact that included in this policy is the campaign registration for referenda and there is a section for campaigning for referenda as well. However, it was brought to our attention that that may be slightly deficient in terms of referenda where issues of money are concerned and at this time the Executive would like to pass the policy to the Council but we would also like to have the section on campaigning referred back to the Elections Board focus group for further analysis if possible.

Chair: Thank you. Sorry about that, please continue.

President: So, what we have before us is three options of what the provincial government is looking at. The first one is 100% government run student loan program, which has been commented on quite a bit. The other one is a service provider and the other one is harmonization with the federal program using the service provider that they select. What we need out of this meeting is a recommendation to lobby the provincial government on one of these three options. Originally before we had this presentation on Thursday, November 9th from the Department of Post Secondary Education and Skills Training, we as an Executive were in favour of a government run loans option. A lot of that had to do with our personal experiences with the banks and the stories and experiences that had been relayed to us from students, but also from my perspective. Having been on the Executive last year and partaken in some of the discussion with Minister Hagel and Minister Melnechuck to talk about financial access to post secondary education. There were numerous students who got up and spoke against the Royal Bank dealing with student loans. They had problems with that because the banks weren't accountable, and not giving out all of the information that they should have. The interest they were paying wasn't going to the government for other social services, it was going into the profit margins of the banks. So, those were some of the issues with the banks and the students loans program as it existed before. So, those are some of the reasons why we thought the government run loan option would be the best. However, after the presentation, what we saw was that the sustainability of the government run loan program just isn't there.

Because when they look at dollars, what they look at the administration bureaucratic machine that runs our legislature and our provincial government, they may start off strong and they will have money put aside to run these departments, but they flat out told us that there were a lot of them in the Department that would like to run this, however, we feel over the long run, that when they prioritize which monies go where in terms of the administrative departments within the legislature, we are going to get the short end of

the stick eventually. They don't know how long they can sustain a high level service. For that reason, we having heard that, are looking at the third option which is harmonization with the federal program. In terms of using a service provider rather than the government, I don't know if anyone remembers the service provision that the government used to provide when they did the loan programs. I can tell you, I dealt with them on almost a daily basis and I did not get good service. The banks where an improvement over what the government had provided previously. What is starting to come out of these discussions is that the government, both the federal and provincial and from our discussions with them, is that the service providers will provide a higher level of service for student loans and it will be sustainable. Once they sign a contract with that service provider, that contract is locked in for x number of years and the government is obligated to pay that contract so that the level of service provided to students is maintained. Also, because they are in a contract, they can't be a change of priorities can't happen within the legislature, they can't change the amount of money that they are going to put into to deal with the student loans program. I think the most common misconceptions with the service providers I seem to be hearing, it's not the service providers who tender out to go to the reserves and try to encourage Aboriginals to get involved in programs. The federal government when they put out their tender to service providers, they are specifically looking for a corporation that could accommodate that because that is a priority for them. But in terms of student loans, they actually wanted a service provider that would actually do that for them. Accessibility is not an issue with service providers because the amount of money isn't determined by the service providers. All they do is disburse the money to the people the government says, hey give these people this much cash. They don't assess the students loans, that's still the government. How much you get and how much they give out to students every year. The service provider doesn't deal with designation or default. Basically the amount of people to deal with this, if someone has late payments, up to a certain extent, in the provincial program it was 120 days. If you're late, after 120 days, you are considered to be in default. According to the federal program after 270 days, rather than 120, before you're considered default. So, default rates would decrease if we harmonize with the federal program. It's more flexible. That's the extent to what the service providers deal with. Once those late payments hit a certain mark, they pass it back to the government and they have their own collection agencies. After I went into this meeting with preconceived notion that a government run student loan program would be better, but when we came out of the meeting, we were really questioning that. Because it has the potential to effect every student in Saskatchewan, this is something we really need to come to terms with. Whichever model we chose, and I must say as an Executive, we favour the harmonization now, we have to keep in mind the best interest of all students. IN the long run, in terms of the sustainability and the services that will be offered. This is just an aside, it might never come true, but my, I consider the harmonization of the student loan programs across Canada, would bring us closer toan agreement for education in Canada.

We talked about the social union here in Canada and we have as you know, we have a health care agreement between all provinces, but we don't have one for education. That posses a lot of problems in terms of transferability and mobility and there is no federal

standards or philosophy, and this may be a stepping stone for that. Which is another reason, in my mind, we should move towards harmonization.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: I just have a question for anybody on the Executive. If they were aware of any of the positions that other student bodies across this province were looking at or endorsing?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Johnson.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have a few things in regards to this. In the beginning a service provider, I share Councilor Stehr's concern, I'm position that a service provider, like the pizza guy, is he going to deliver in 39 minutes or less. Next, I don't see why we have to take one platform that's been presented, we can make our own. We have 12 different colleges, I don't see why it would be a problem to get together, and to make all of our needs known. And we ask the government for something, we get no for an answer, then that's what we have to take? Why can't we, we live in a democratic country where it's full of checks and balances, why can't we provide some of these to the government and say no, we are not taking that for an answer, and that's what we have planned. We have 18,000 students on this campus, and the majority of them are likely on student loans. Their parents, I'm sure, want to provide for their education if they can, so let's just say 10,000 students, plus their parents, so we're talking 15,000 people and there is also the citizens of Saskatchewan who worry about the future of our province. Why can't we as a whole develop something and say to the government, look there has to be a change. We can't just have one program that they bring forward, why can't we make our own? That's all I have to say. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I would love for the 12 colleges and all of the students of those colleges to come together and make a decision on this, but I have to phone them tomorrow. I have to give them a position. They brought us the three models, and they said which one is the best one, we developed what we can from our side, and which of those three choices is the best for students. Which one is going to mold this province in the next five years and which one do you want for your students? It's appropriate that this body make recommendations and go forward with it. We have to remember that we are making recommendations, not only for ourselves, and colleges and this university, but for everyone across this province. When you look at the three programs, I was convinced to say the least that the Financial Aid Office in Regina should and could run this program. I think they can do that for two years. But then we start getting into questions of what do we really need. Do we start giving less money to the students that are in Arts, because it costs less. It's just like Minister Hagel said, when they get out after getting a degree, they may start out a little slower than the rest, but over their careers, may end up making more. Do we give more money to Engineers, or Law students?

We are going to have to finance this program from somewhere. Governments are more interested in putting money into roads and health care than they are into financial aid for students. It's a totally different area. And at the end of the day if the government can provide for, we can help them do that by giving recommendations to them. I couldn't believe it when they came to us on this. Up until more than two weeks ago, I didn't think they would come to us with anything like this. We have these three models and we have to come up with some recommendations.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. I would like to say that I am skeptical whenever the government says they can't afford anything in five years. That seems to be the pattern in the last 20 years in our country, our social programs are getting attacked. The common excuse is to cut the funding then three years later when everything has gone to hell, they'll say we have to privatize. I think that our social programs not only have to be defended, but improved. We live in a time of extreme surpluses and there seems to be lots of money and I'm sympathetic to the point that PSE is not a huge issue and doesn't compare to health care. But that doesn't mean we have to roll over and die and just take it. We should be fighting for it along with some sort of accountability. The fact is if a service provider is going to enter in, then it must be a profitable venture. So, if it's profitable for the service provider, why is it so costly to the government. If these costs are so huge, and the government can't maintain them, why would any company want to take that on? Another point I want to bring up is in regards to the Aboriginal people. Sending the private sector, on behalf of the government, the government delegating it's power, it's fiduciary responsibility is a very dangerous thing and costly for the future. I would encourage them and the fact is our constitution is bigger and the federal government is responsible for dealing with it. Anytime they start to delegate that responsibility out to a for profit venture, I think that can easily lead toAnd my final question is, it's pretty clear that PSE wants toI wasn't at this meeting, so I don't presume to know as much as the four gentlemen, it would be my inclination that they have a certain way they want things to go, so they would bring....I worked for the government, I have been a bureaucrat and.....I didn't realize we had to do this by tomorrow and so they come and say OK, you want to talk about the implementation level of the government. What kind of staff they have, computers and technology they have. SGEU is a massive union and they would be more than willing to talk to us about their opinions on the sustainability of this program. They have sources of information we don't have access to and so on and so forth. Just to reiterate, I will be recommending that we stay with model number one. I am skeptical of the governments claims of cost. Especially when it's been running both federally and provincially. I mean Alberta is out of debt. And the danger I see in the way they are planning to run the Aboriginal program. It's something that should not be taken lightly in the future.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Johnson.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'm not sure if IMr. Jackson's credits, but I find it a little convenient on the part of the government. They come to you a week before

and they need the information now. Whereas six to eight months ago, when they found this out, why couldn't they come to us then?

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: In regards to the timeline. They need to get the programming in place as soon as possible. They want to implement it and make sure the process is in place for next year. This isn't something that they can process in one week. It takes time and for them to be ready for April 1st of next year, we should have been going forward with this program previous of September of this year. So, this is going to put a program that would probably pick one of those three models in the next month and a half to two months, then have to be budgeted for in the provincial budget for February and the end of March. The timelines aren't there. This is really the first time that the post secondary education office has come to us like this and asked for our input. They have never really come in the past to the Executive and asked for our opinion. Some other points that were brought up. With the surpluses that we have in Saskatchewan, I don't think Saskatchewan has a surplus, in fact we had an 8 million dollar surplus this year, I really don't think that's very large. When we have an 8 million dollar surplus, and we are trying to save another 5, in fact what we are trying to do is almost double the surplus in this province and create more accountability to the taxpayers in this province. I think that's what everybody wants here. We want to save some money, keep the service and better that service. Why is the program so costly for the government to run and why isn't it so costly for a private sector to run? When the government isn't specialized in some of these areas, which is isn't. The government hasn't run this program since 1995 and they were doing a horrible job, and that's why they passed it to the Royal Bank. What we are trying to do is bring it back up to par. The government never did that. They are sitting down already behind the 8 ball and they are not going to be able to get themselves back up. It's going to cost too much if they ever would bring that program back up to par, where students would get the service that they need. So, I will be supporting, and I would hope that the rest of you would also recommend the third choice with the federal RFP and the best service for students.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Renneberg.

Mr. Renneberg: Call the question.

Chair: We're not putting this to a motion.

VP Jackson: Can we put this to a straw vote?

Chair: Sure. Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Sure, can someone go over the three choices there.

Chair: I think it's the will, I think that was the intention of the whole purpose. Perhaps we'll do a straw vote. I'm going to look for a motion to do that though. This

would be a non-binding vote. It's just meant for direction. Councilor Wagemakers and seconded by President Dougan.

The motion, I think it's the intention of the Executive to get some guidance as to which of the three models Council would be most willing to recommend. It's just a straw vote, so we have some indication of preference here. Mr. Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Point of information. I was just curious whether if this is a straw vote to poll the general councilor or whether the USSU Executive will be voting on this as well?

Chair: There is no mechanisms to limit anyone on Council from voting. They are as much a member as you are. Does that answer your question? It's just an indication. But we'll put it to a vote as to whether we should put it to a straw vote. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing no opposition, we'll go straight to a vote unless there are any points of information about this. Recognize Ms. Sanders.

Ms. Sanders: Thank you. I don't know anything about student loans, so do I just not vote?

Chair: You can abstain. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. With the federal RFP going to 270 days, so before anything would happen with default, the rates would obviously change. When your parents think of defaulted loans, they think of the students who don't pay back their loans and who are never going to. Default is missing three or four payments in a row, and they always have to end up paying their loans back. So, that's one of the more interesting things, because then you don't have these creepy credit bureaus after you at 120. So, that is one of the other areas. So, I've spoke to the default part, the Aboriginal part and there are concessions for students with special needs that the federal program provides for. Whereas the provincial plan has no special needs clauses. So, those are the three main models that the PSE is looking at and I'm just looking for your input. I need to hear all sides of the coin. Any comments that you have or any questions, if I need to explain them better, please let me know. I've likely generalized a lot because I live, eat, breathe and sleep this. So, let me know if you need clarification.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any discussion? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Is there any place....when you are speaking about RFP's you are speaking about the federal program and if we are going to make recommendations.....so all of these benefits that the government is talking about through the service provider, can be possible through the government, so I am reluctant about holding it 270....it's essential to me to move to a service provider then the financial aid office is.....furthermore if things stay with the financial aid office, then that power stays with the government, and they can change it whenever they see fit. Which means we need to successfully lobby it and I would like to take a closer look at this before I make any recommendations on it.

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson. This is your second time speaking to this.

VP Student Issues: I don't have these proposals in front of me. We were given the presentation the Friday before last and then we were asked our comments at a presentation we were given last Thursday. I don't have documentation and I understand that there are issues with the service providers, but like I said before, we are not looking at the collections and the question that I have for the government is that they may be able to provide some of those services, and I know they can't provide all of those services right now. But my question would be can we sustain not only what a service provider could, maybe not this year, and maybe not next year, but could they sustain it over the next 5 – 10 years. Every time they come back and say no, we can't. We can't give that one student, one loan guarantee. We can't guarantee top-notch service for the next 5 years. They don't have the money to do it. President Dougan asked at that meeting if there was anyway to internalize that cost by sharing the technology with another area, but doing some sort of computer crossing with another department. There answer was always no because they don't have the resources. The one on one basis that students would get out of a service provider in that third proposal wouldn't be something that the provincial government for more than maybe a year or two. If we were to push for this to be sustained, they wouldn't be able to put more money into the program. They would be taking money out of students hands, because they would have to fund the program somehow. It would cost \$9 million to provide the service. With a service provider there are mechanisms in place to ensure that the service is of the best quality. One of the other things that goes forward with this idea is the one student, one loan package. I'm not sure is everyone understands that, but potentially in the era of direct lending and the pre-1995 era with the government funding student loans, I could really have seven student loans from different areas that I would have to pay back. There is some consolidation that could come about, but at the end of the day it's still payments all over the place. For the first time in this country, if we are interested in going forward with that clause that would allow for the service provider from the Canadian Student Loan program to come to Saskatchewan, for the first time ever in this country, because we would be the first ones to go forward with this, we would have the chance for our students, when they came out of this program to pay back \$100 or whatever amount they want to one service provider that would make sure all of the people behind the scenes, the provincial government, the federal government, Royal Bank, or whichever group it would be, that they would be the ones to take care of it. When we spoke of a service provider, we discussed what they would have to do to satisfy student needs. Number one was relationship, not only saying we want your money back, but to ask how things are going, etc. Having that relationship so that when students get out, they know what they are responsible for. The number one concern that students have is that the Royal Bank doesn't know who they are. The concern is that the service provider doesn't care and that they are just out to make money. The fact is that they are there to make money, but they are going to have to live by the conditions that the government sets out. I make sure that every time I go to the Saskatchewan government students loans meeting that we have that built in there. The reality unfortunately comes back to the fact that we don't have the money to run a sustainable program in today's world in Saskatchewan and here is a chance for the

students of this campus and this Council to be farther ahead than any other province in this country.

Chair: Thank you. There is a limit to speaking only 10 minutes. I admire your speaking skills to go that long, but I think that it's really with regards to speaking to a motion, I'm not sure is there a motion coming out....

VP Student Issues: I'm just looking for comments.

Chair: I didn't want to limit you, but with regards to a motion, you can only speak twice for 10 minutes. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just thought I would throw in my two cents here. I have a few more things on this issue. I'm a student with a student loan and I've talked to people with student loans and I can relate. There are a lot of problems right now and I think the root of it is with the banks. The problem is accountability. I see a huge opportunity right now. We have the opportunity to obtain a system that is accountable to students and the people of this province. I don't see a service provider doing that. It might be late, what happens then. There are going to be problems between the time that my loan is administered to when I finally get it. What will happen with the service provider, I just don't see anything happening with that. With respect to these service providers with Aboriginal issues, if it's administered by the government, there is no problem with it. The reason why a service provider wants to hook up with an Aboriginal group is to make money. The government already has representation on that. There are various departments that deal with these issues. Then there is affordability. Whenever a government doesn't want to do anything, it's we can't afford it. We have to look at this. Is this something to make money off of? It's just a service. It's a service that shouldn't have to fund itself. Everything goes into this general revenue fund with the government and they can transfer money to this program and I think being a service, that's what we should expect. With respect to harmonization, I don't see any benefits in that either because it's a further rooting of the accountability. One question that I had is that if we are to go with a service provider as a province, what would it take at a later date if we decided that we didn't want to keep it that way, what would it take to get out to it? Are we going to have to wait until the term expires, or is being run by the government something we can't pull out of if we want to. I support government involvement, because that's they only we that we as students can draw accountability.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock. Just a reminder that this is your second time as well.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. I was just wanting to suspend the rules of debate.

Chair: OK, motion on the floor to suspend the rules with regards to the number of times a person can speak. Recognize Councilor Whyley. I'll put that to a vote. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, motion carried.

MOTION USC98: Hitchcock/Whyley

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I understand about the accountability that students are always looking for. Harmonization doesn't mean we won't have accountability. We still have certain standards. When you look at the provincial government, they have already piggybacked on a lot of policies. We saw that happen with the six-month interest free rule, which we were against getting rid of. The fact of the matter is that public policy doesn't include financial aid. If we can save a couple million dollars on a program like this and we are not hurting the policies or the students other than the obtaining of the money, I see no problem of a service provider coming along. I still sit on the commission, which allows me to come and ask questions about the policies that have come to me about students loans. Why are we only allowed to have a \$5000 car? Why does it go directly against my students loans if I have a car that gets me to school and back? I meet with them on a monthly basis and that won't change if a service provider comes along. In fact I'm going to have more questions for them. Unfortunately the sustainability of the service is not there to administer through the government and if that's the way it goes, the quality of the service will diminish over a couple of years. What we are trying to do is create the sustainability of the program and it would be something that we would go forward with for 3 – 5 years. After that period it would be re-evaluated. If anyone has any more comments, please let me know.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: First of all I would like to disagree with VP Jackson that student loans doesn't fit under public policy. I believe that it should. It deals with accessibility, so I think the government should have a complete role with regards to this program. My main point is just a question. Do you have any hard evidence or any reasoning that service would decrease with the government having the entire program because my idea is that the provincial government has many resources to draw on rather than hiring it out. I just don't see the correlation. I was wondering if you had any evidence that service would fall if the government did take control rather than just the usual redderik that the government does this.

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: With regards to hard evidence, I think we saw that in the last budget. The provincial government looked at cuts.....and that area is post secondary education. Not the funding of the university, but the loans that they give out to students. So, I think we've seen that they've talked about accessibility, but in fact they've hurt accessibility and they will continue to cut. I'm not saying that they don't have the money, but they aren't willing to spend the money on areas such as this. Every dollar that they spend is being stretched to the limit and that's going to be stretched even more to save a couple of million dollars, but to keep the service.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I guess just to bring this back to the focus of what we need from you today. We need a recommendation or endorsement. ...

Chair: We have a point of order that we don't know enough about the three models, however, we're just looking for some feedback. There is nobody on the speakers list at this time. We can just do the straw vote right now. Only vote once please. So, does everyone understand what's going on right now? All those in favour of the Financial Aid Office option number 1, raise your placard. I see five. Option number two is for the service provider. Item number three. I see nine. Is that sufficient. All right, the straw vote is done and we'll continue on with the speakers list. I have Councilor Renneberg. You spoke already. Does anyone else wish to speak on this? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just wanted to add that the concerns that were brought forward from those who voted for the financial aid office and the other choices, will be brought forward to the Department of Post Secondary Education and Training. The call for those concerns and the level of service will be relayed to them.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. I would just also like to say. You obviously know where I stood on this. At the same time, I have to take all of your concerns, not just my concerns to the government. I believe that the rest of post secondary education is very interested in hearing these concerns and to settle these issues. These are very contentious issues and I would like to thank you all for this direction. If you have anything else, please speak to me after the meeting.

Chair: Thank you. Perhaps we could close the speakers list. Moved by Councilor Johnson and seconded by VP Wallace. All those in favour of closing the speakers list and moving to Item 9.3, raise your placards now. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we are now on Item 9.3

MOTION USC99: Johnson/Wallace

Chair: We are now on Item 9.3, Cancellation for November 29th. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. On November 29th, President MacKinnon is hosting a dinner for all of the student leaders on campus from the College Societies, the USSU, the GSA and all of Senior Administration. Unfortunately it fell on one of our Council nights. We asked that President MacKinnon change the night, however it's not possible. For that reason we would like to cancel the meeting on the 29th if that's the pleasure of Council. I will make such a motion.

Chair: The motion is to cancel the Council meeting for November 29th. Do we have a seconder? Recognize Councilor Sanders. The floor is open for debate. Recognize Councilor Denney.

Mr. Denney: Call the question.

Chair: All those in favour of closing the speakers list and going to a vote? Is there any opposition to that? Seeing none, the speakers list is closed and we will go directly to a vote. Again, this is a motion with regards to the cancellation of the November 29th, USC meeting. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? I see one as opposed. Do you wish to be recognized? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock in opposition to the cancellation. The motion passes.

MOTION USC100: Dougan/Sanders

Chair: I see no further Business under Item 9, moving along to Item 10, I see nothing. Can I have a motion to go into Questions and Comments for 30 minutes? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Mr. Chair if I may. There is a resolution under Item 10. I believe it was originally 10.4, the Resolution in Regards to the Mid Year Budget Review.

Chair: Sorry, my apologies. Item 10.4 became 10.1 the Mid Year Budget Review and that's up for Business. Thank you for bringing that to my attention. Moving to Item 11, Questions and Comments for 30 Minutes. Recognize Councilor Stehr, seconded by VP Henderson. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we'll now move into Questions and Comments for 30 minutes the time is now 8:18 p.m. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just in terms of the proposed resolution to table until next week. I just wanted to comment on it briefly. The reason that we brought this forward is because traditionally our December meetings, although we are required to have them for our Constitution, are not well attended. The fact of the matter is we do have a mid year budget review that needs to be approved in a timely manner, so what we would like to do is pass a resolution at the next meeting which if quorum is not met at that meetings, allows the Executive to approve the recommendations made by the Operations and Finance Board. I would also like to remind everyone that the Christmas social that was supposed to be scheduled on the 29th will be moved to the 6th as well. I hope to see everyone there. The second thing I wanted to go over very briefly with you. We can't make an formal recommendations, but I think it's important that we go over these propose Bylaw amendments, so I will comment on those now. If you turn to the second page, you'll notice that Article 2 and 3 are both struck. Those are the mission and vision statements of the USSU. You all see that in Article 4 has been added. Just a note that anything that has a strike through is a deletion and anything in bold is an addition. Last year we undertook a strategic planning session with members of the Executive, staff and some students, and from that session, we came up with some long-term goals for the

USSU as well as a new mission and vision and organizational values. These have all been presented to you previously at the MSC Orientation and it's all in your binders as well. You'll notice on Page 3, adding in the undergraduate colleges, schools or groups and the College of Unclassified Studies. This is something that was brought forward at the last AGM and was defeated. It's unfortunate because Unclassified Studies is a recognized academic unit on campus and as such, they do deserve representation and for that reason we have added them into Article 6.

You'll notice that under the Executive duties and powers on Page 4, serving popcorn and serving non-alcoholic drinks was struck. That is not something I really want to do on the 27th. There was one other item that was struck from USC and moved up to the Executive Committee, which was to interpret the Constitution and the Bylaws. Basically, that reflects what already occurs because on a daily basis we do interpret the Bylaws. One of the things that might not be apparent here is that any interpretation that the Executive does is subject to Council. So, that if you have a problem with the interpretations that we make, you can bring it up here. On an ongoing basis, we do interpret our Constitution and Bylaws and we are responsible for doing things on a timely manner, so it would be very good if we could have that authority put into our powers and duties. You'll see that all of the Elections Board stuff was struck. That is from 1998. Last year, the clause on the Elections Board did not pass. This year we brought basically the same article, which was defeated last time, and it just outlines the structure and the authority. You'll see on Page 5 near the bottom, there are a bunch of strike notes under USC. There was a bunch of information that really wasn't needed. Basically it was struck because we know now that we are discriminating against part-time students. If they want to run in Council or other positions, they are able to. They do pay student fees to us. One of the other clauses though is that we didn't want a students who is taking a three-credit class or doing an on-line class. We do want someone who is on campus, so we added in six credits in the regular session. We thought that that would be enough time on campus for them to be an effective representative for their college. Subsequent to discussions from the Elections Board focus group, you'll notice that under the vote for elected Executive positions where only one candidate has submitted a nomination for. That candidate will no longer be declared acclaimed until they receive a vote of confidence through the membership during the general elections. They will run a yes/no vote for that candidate. So, that means that that candidate has to go around with the rest of the other candidates in context and still promote their platform. Also, inmembers mentioned, who the Executive or who the Council member was. Under our rule down toward the end of the page, we clarified that that means special general meetings. Under 10, Referendum, we cleaned up that sentence, if you read it, we took out part of it, just general housekeeping. Article 12, Bylaws on Page 7. One of the things we discussed last year and it wasn't reflected within the articles of this Constitution was that Bylaws are stronger than polices. There is the Constitution, which is your organizational bible, following that is the bylaws, and then there are polices, which can be changed. There are different levels of structure. Bylaws, according to how it's read in here and what we discussed last year, they need to be stronger then a policy. Subject to the Constitution themselves, the USC has the power to pass and repeal any bylaws; however, those bylaws are subject to the approval of the membership at the AGM. So, at the AGM any bylaws that pass or change have to be

approved. So, that was it for the Constitution. If you move into Bylaw 2, which basically governs procedures. There weren't any changes until we got to meetings on Page 2, Article 5. Down below 5.02, USC cross those out because it's all in the Constitution, so it doesn't have to be there. You'll notice the proxies, Article 7. Basically there is one under this section, 5.03, members, it says the same thing. It's something we don't allow in Council. If you can't make a meeting, you can't send a friend to vote for you. We don't allow that. That just clarifies in our bylaws, that you can't send someone in your place. Then in 5.03, once again where it says members, that can be struck. there is no need to reiterate it. Special general meetings are also addressed within the Constitution.

Moving on to Page 4 to Standing Board and Committees, Article 6. Basically what we did was clarify who the Chair and Vice-Chair were. The President was added as an ex-officio member to the Boards that he or she didn't already sit on. It's just cleaning up and formatting. The only major change is the Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee. We felt that a presence on that Committee from the Executive was important. It will still have three Councilors elected by USC, and they each have to represent a separate college and an Executive member. Basically there are three positions open right now. Article 10, the bylaws are addressed in the Constitution, so that's redundant. Bylaw No. 3, that deals with our portfolios and we prefer to make those recommendations nearer to the AGM and we will bring them forward to Council at a later date. Bylaw 4 isn't necessary because USC is the final body on all matters relating to USSU, so having an ombudsperson is irrelevant. It's a through back to a maternalistic time. After discussion, we felt that it wasn't necessary and thought it even infringed on the authority of Council. So, that's where we are coming from on all of these. I look forward to hearing any feedback you may have.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: I would like to introduce Deanna Denham who is replacing the Councilor from Vocational Agriculture, Michael Kolibab.

Chair: For the record is that effective immediately?

VP Operations: Yes.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: One of the questions asked before by the Councilor of Law about elections. On page 5, it states that the elections for the Executive positions and Councilors for USC shall be administered by the Elections Board. We would be looking to have the elections for the USSU and USC all at the same time. Last year we brought this forward and there were some college societies against this and it did fail at the AGM. We have less people running then ever before for positions on the USSU and we are seeing voter turn out decreasing. That really takes away the legitimacy. When you are a \$3.3 million dollar organization and you have less than 1000 out of 18,000 students voting, there is a real legitimacy question there. So, what the Executive would like to do,

is not to infringe on the right of College Societies, but to take back the ability for us to get out to all of the students on this campus. For example, last year's election, we had seven people running for a position, with one being acclaimed. That's pretty hard to get the message out and get the buzz going. If each college had MSC's running, what that would allow for is 13 or 14 different groups having 3 – 5 candidates running. That's a heck of a lot more people announcing that there is an election going on and that there are representatives being elected at this time and it creates more buzz. We need to get out to the student body. We need to show them what they are doing for their \$38.02. There were no major concerns brought up at BOCP about this. In fact, they thought it would be very powerful. If there are any concerns about this, please let me know.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Renneberg.

Mr. Renneberg: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would, on a lighter note, like to know if the lovely MSC from Nursing will be auctioned off at this Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction and if so, me and Councilor Johnson would like to make a challenge to the rest of the male MSC on this Councilor to all match our bid.

Chair: VP Wallace.

VP Academic: I have a question for the two MSC's from STM. I was wondering how appropriate it is for two males to pitch in to purchase one female?

Chair: Out of order. I have three people on the speakers list, but perhaps Councilor Christensen would like to answer the question.

Ms. Christensen: Of course I'm going to be auctioned off, and we're not going cheap.

Chair: Thank you. Order please. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Just two things to note about the elections. When we passed the Elections Board policy another thing I forgot to mention in regards to that policy was the actual job description for our CRO. Now that we have the job description passed, Council can actually vote and hire one. Secondly, if you, in terms of what VP Jackson had mentioned about elections in the Constitution. Last year there was some animosity towards it, however, if you actually read the 1998 elections clause that we have struck out in this Constitution, it does allow the USSU to run the MSC elections. That's not something we're changing from what's in existence. It's just that we chose last year not to make it an issue because a lot of the constituents were against that. This isn't something new and I would just like you guys to keep that in mind.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a reminder to swipe your student cards for attendance and also to remind people of the free pancake breakfast on November 23rd from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Thank you Mr. Chair. I don't think I'm going to pass up the opportunity to have pancakes with Scott. Sounds good. My comment is with regards to the Constitutional amendments that are being shown to us currently. I can't see myself supporting this super voting day. Pulling it away from the Constitutional side, last year President Dougan was involved in addressing student apathy and how we can change this, pushing the USSU in the direction of education the students as to what this body does for them and I was wondering if there are any plans this year to continue that?

Chair: Thank you. I have Councilor Hitchcock next, but perhaps VP Jackson can answer your question.

President: Can I have a little more clarification?

Chair: Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Last year on the Student Issues Board, a lot of the discussion that we had had was pertaining to how we can make the students aware of what the USSU does. It wasn't so much that there wasn't a policy, there was no real program in place. It was a direction that I thought was a positive way to go.

Chair: Mr. Hitchcock is it all right if President Dougan answers.

Mr. Hitchcock: Yeah.

President: Thank you for the clarification. I guess I'll start off withone of the things that I referred to at the Student Issues Board meetings was the fact that I don't really believe truly in apathy, that it exists. I think 10% of our population is probably apathetic. I would say there is about 10% who know what's going on and get involved. Another 10% watch what's going on. Then there is a 70% gap where people just don't know and are not aware. That's the group that we need to hit. As MSC's we need to find those groups within our colleges. Make sure people know what's going on with the USSU and what we are doing. The Buzz Boards and the back page of the Sheaf, as well as the CFCR Radio Show. These breakfasts that VP Henderson has been mentioning are one way to talk to students. It's free and they can just come in and talk about certain issues. The University of Regina has been putting them on for 2 years. This year they had over 1000 people at one of their breakfasts, which financially I hope doesn't happen to us. But that would be fantastic. We've seen this year so far the National Campaign for CASA and getting out the postcards regarding post secondary education. We've also seen with the federal election trying to get out as much information as possible. The document that you received today is one form of that. Please distribute that as widely as possible. We are also renovating our web page to include as much up to date information as possible. So, those are some of the mechanisms by which we are trying to get students involved. I can guarantee that when the elections role around and hopefully there will

also be the referendum happening at the same time. That's one of the reasons why the referendum was referred back to the Elections Board focus group because the one-week campaigning window wasn't felt to be adequate. As much as possible we're going to get the word out. If anyone has suggestions to do this any better, please just come and see us. Another thing is although we use the Buzz Boards and the Sheaf, we also try to poster widely so that students can catch a glimpse on the fly.

Chair: Recognize Mr. Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: I'm not going to speak to the apathy. First off I'm not sure if you know, but Jean Chretien will be on campus tomorrow. A friend of mine is a reporter for CBC. He's touring the Synchrotron from 8:30 until 9:00 and he'll be in the Agriculture Building close to 10:00. Don't get too close though. Regarding Page 3, Section 2 the candidate fee.....

Chair: VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: First off to answer that question, this is just a policy. It's not something in our Constitution, so it can be amended at any time. Further to what Councilor Stehr had said about.....I think this is a large part. I think our elections are a way for us to get out to students and tell them what we are doing. The things we want to do and what sort of vision that we have of where this organization is going and how we are going to take the students on this campus forward with us. So, the \$25 issue is something that we can talk about. One of the things further to that, that's really cool, is where this could lead. Some different things that the USSU is working on. VP Henderson can speak to on-line voting. And going on-line with all of our information. So, basically everyone on this campus would have the knowledge and information about representation about changes and the positions that we are taking. I think it's a real chance to go forward with this. Instead of having 15 ballots across campus, we have 18,000 across this province.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just to speak to Councilor Stehr's question about increasing awareness of the USSU. Some of the things we're doing is increased use of the video information system in Place Riel that display the services that we offer. We are looking at, and you'll see it in the capital budget that comes forward at mid-year, possibly installing 20 terminals in the Students' Centre and a couple of additional ones in Louis' for students to check their e-mail, surf the web and at the same time allow us to provide information to students on the spot. Those terminals will also be used for on-line voting, so that any student can use them. It also allows us to put more things on-line such as the back page of the Sheaf. Not only does that help students on this campus, but we are trying to be more responsive to the off-campus students that we represent. They also pay a fee to the USSU. As we become more technologically advanced, more information is accessible to students on-line and at the same time provide access to that information.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Whyley.

Ms. Whyley: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just had a quick question about the breakfast at Louis'. Probably about 60% of the students in my groups are underage and I was just wondering if they will be welcome to join?

Chair: VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you. As the bar system does not turn itself on until 10 a.m. and we'll be out of there by 9:30 a.m., so everyone is welcome.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Hopefully the fact that the bar system won't be on, won't dissuade anyone from attending. I just wanted to mention, just to address what Councilor Hitchcock brought up on behalf of Farrah Mateen. Nowhere in the Constitution or the policy does it state what the non-refundable fee will be.

It's all outlined in the elections schedule, which is a document that the Elections Board at that time will have to come up with. At that time they will arise at a fee they see fit. Traditionally there hasn't been one for MSC's and that's probably how it will happen this year. There is nothing within the policy or the Constitution that I can see.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Urmson....OK, Councilor Sanders.

Ms. Sanders: Thank you. I move to close questions and comments.

Chair: I think that's appropriate. So, I will call Questions and Comments closed because our 30 minutes has expired. Just for future reference, when that comes up, and we do expire and we move out of questions and comments, unless someone asks to reopen questions and comments. That's my interpretation. Moving to Item 12, is there any other business at this time. Is there any objection to move to Item 13, recognize VP Henderson. Do we have a seconder for adjournment, recognize Councilor Gill. Meeting is now adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

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Call for Quorum

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Adjournment

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Kris Denney, Education
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair

REGRETS

Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Clint Johnson, STM
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

ABSENT

Todd Schweitzer, Education

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Chair: I can see we have quorum. Does everyone have an agenda for this evening? Move to Item 3, Adoption of the Agenda. Do we have any changes? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to add in Item 4.1, Ratification of New Members.

Chair: OK. Seconded by VP Henderson. All those in favour of adding the ratification of the new members? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we'll add Item 4.1.

MOTION USC101: Dougan/Henderson

Chair: Are there any other changes to the agenda at this time? Seeing none, we'll move to Item 4, Introductions and Announcements. The first thing we have there is Item 4.1, Ratification of New Members. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. At this time I would like to make a motion to ratify Deanna Denham as the MSC for the School of Vocational Agriculture.

Chair: Ok, so we have on the floor a motion, so do we have a seconder for that? Recognize VP Jackson. We'll open the floor for debate. Is there any debate on this? Seeing none, we'll go to a vote. All those in favour of ratifying Deanna Denham as the new MSC for Voc Ag? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the member is ratified.

MOTION USC102: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: Are there any other introductions or announcements. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Once again, tomorrow morning, come on out to Louis' for your free pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30. Pancakes, bacon, fruit, coffee and juice, so come on out.

Chair: Thank you. Anything further? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to officially welcome Deanna Denham to Council. I also have two announcements in regards to the day of democracy, November 27th. I call it that because the federal election will be then. There is a polling station on campus at Room 125 Qu'Appelle Hall. I hope that you all come out and vote. If you haven't registered, you can do so at the polling stations, so everyone should be out there voting. Second of all, I would also like to remind you of the USSU Annual General Meeting, which will be at 2:30 p.m. in Place Riel Theatre on the 27th as well. The amendments are posted on the website and copies are also available at our office. They

are basically the same as the ones that came to Council with one slight amendment to the section under Powers and Duties, regarding the interpretation of the Constitution. So, I hope to see you all out there.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have two quick announcements. This Friday, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. all the Clubs in Commerce are having their hockey tournament. This week we are having a peanut butter drive for the Food Bank. So if you have peanut butter, or any other food items that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Commerce Building.

Chair: Thank you. Anything else? Seeing none, we'll move to Item 5, Council Address and seeing nothing there, we can move along to Item 6. Item 6.1, USC minutes for November 15th, 2000. If it's the will of Council, we will just receive those minutes without reading, unless there are some changes to them at this time. Seeing nothing, the minutes for USC for November 15th, are received without reading. Moving to Item 6.3, Operations and Finance Board minutes to report for November 17th. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. Last Friday, November 17th, the Board met and I handed out the minutes for the previous meeting for those who weren't in attendance. We also went through the mid-year budget process. There is a meeting this Sunday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. We had four groups that we ratified and we granted some funds to the IEEE and the Pre Dentistry clubs. The group APALA had submitted a funding request, however, there was not enough information to entertain their request. The next meeting will be this Friday, November the 24th.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder to receive those minutes? Recognize President Dougan. Is there any debate on receiving the minutes? Seeing none, all those in favour of receiving the minutes for the Operations and Finance Board for November 17th? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are received.

MOTION USC103: Henderson/Dougan

Chair: Moving along to Item 6.4, Student Issues Board minutes to report for November 19th, 2000. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: First of all, I made a mistake. That's Sunday, November 19th, 2000. In the areas of housing, the Board discussed the issues of housing in the city, and recommendations. The Student Parking Committee membership was discussed. The Recommendations for the Application of Information Technology Computing Policy was discussed and will be discussed further at the next meeting, being Friday, November 24th.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder to receive the minutes as read? Recognize Councilor Mateen. Is there any debate on receiving the minutes as read?

Seeing none, we'll put that to a vote. All those in favour of receiving the minutes for Sunday, November 19th, raise your placard. Is there anyone in opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are received as read.

MOTION USC104: Jackson/Mateen

Chair: Item 6.8, Ad Hoc Committee on Health and Dental minutes to report for November 13th. Recognize President Dougan.

President: For November 13th, we continued some discussions in terms of coverage. We talked about part-time and off-campus coverage and we also talked about opt out models. Subsequent to that we discussed some of the items that were in the benefits package that was brought forward by Studentcare.net/works during conversations with the Ad Hoc Committee. Finally, we discussed splitting the plans to allow for more flexibility. There were some items discussed during the meeting that were sent away for further investigation. The next meeting was scheduled for November 21st, 2000.

Chair: Thank you. Can we have a seconder to receive those minutes for November 13th? Recognize Councilor Whyley. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, we'll put that to a vote. All those in favour of receiving the minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee on Health and Dental for November 13th as read, please raise your placards. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are received.

MOTION USC105: Dougan/Whyley

Chair: Thank you. Moving along to Ad Hoc Committee Minutes for November 21st. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. At this meeting we had a report on the action items from the previous meeting. We discussed eye examination coverage as well as crowns and major restorative under the dental plan and we also discussed having a message therapist under the health practitioner component of the plan. Subsequent to that, because of the some of the information we received, we recommended the splitting of the plans and the impact it would have in the opt outs. The Ad Hoc Committee decided that we would like to see a split plan to allow for the flexibility and the opt outs that would be permissible. We reviewed the benefits package for a final time and decided on some of the things that came back from the action items, whether they were worth the money or not. We discussed family and dependent coverage and it was brought forward and agreed upon that spouses and or dependents could be covered at the same rate as students. On family coverage or a spouse and an unlimited amount of dependents would be extended at twice the student rate. We recommended the plan that we had reviewed and brought forward to Council and it's coming forward as a resolution and the next time we'll meet is on as as-needed basis depending on how things go.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder for the November 21st minutes? Thank you, recognize Councilor Metzger. I'll open the floor for discussion for the minutes. Recognize Councilor Metzger.

Mr. Metzger: Point of information. On the back page of those minutes is accident insurance. I thought we had discussed that and weren't going ahead with it.

Chair: A point of information should be more directed to me, I'll take that as a question. Recognize President Dougan.

President: It was proposed that we strike accident insurance, but it was mentioned that because it was only .15 per month, I thought the consensus was that we would keep it. It was mentioned by one of the members, and I don't recall who at this time, that we should have as much of a comprehensive package as possible. The \$1.80 this would cost over the course of the year, would warrant inclusion. I thought that we had reached a consensus.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Urmson.

Mr. Urmson: Yeah, I thought that we had also reached consensus on this.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. I would like to propose that perhaps we leave it in for now and when the resolution comes before Council, we can vote on it, if that's OK with everyone.

Chair: Any further discussion with regards to the minutes from the Ad Hoc Committee on Health and Dental for November 21st. Seeing none, we'll put that to a vote. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are received.

MOTION USC105: Dougan/ Metzger

Chair: Moving along to Item 7, Minutes and Reports for Information. Item 7.1, Executive Committee minutes for November 16th. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. We discussed Course Evaluations. VP Wallace reported that the College of Dentistry will be participating in the pilot project. We talked about Teaching Excellence Awards and the fact that nominations are open from the 15th to the 23rd. I reported on CASA, in that I attended the Board of Directors retreat and I also attended the October Lobby Conference where we did a lot of policy development and worked out the declaration of real solutions. It was also mentioned that a conference report would be forthcoming to Council on this. We had breakfast with Senior Administration on November 13th and several campus issues were discussed, including the McLean's ranking and the federal election. We also talked about the University's mandate and administrative reviews as well as the systematic program review. It was

noted that we held Remembrance Day services in partnership with the Chaplains on the 9th of November. The Executive and members from the USSU attended that Premier's Annual Dinner. This was Roy Romanow's last dinner as such. We met with Minister Hagel last Wednesday, as you all know. Then we discussed the McLean's ranking and our response to it.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder for the Executive Committee minutes for November 16th? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers. I'll open the floor for discussion. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: I'm curious to know what our response to the McLean's ranking is. Thank you.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. The McLean's ranking claims to rank the undergraduate experience at institutions across Canada. One of the funniest things about the whole system is that they don't ask the students anywhere in Canada for input. The other thing is that the criteria that they use to come up with the ranking system looks solely at the input. It doesn't look at the output. And if you look at the outputs of our University, all of our graduates, especially considering the student outcomes survey that was just released, that kind of played into this a bit, our graduates are happy and satisfied with their degrees. Employers are happy and satisfied with the graduates that are coming out of the U of S. Another thing is that it took into account certain factors, which are inputs, such as per capita and Student Service and so on and so forth. It didn't take into account however, the fact that we have one of the lowest tuitions in Canada and the fact that we remain competitive on a federal scene on that. So, those are all issues that hinder us, rather than help us with their ranking system. That was the gist of our response.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, we'll put that to a vote. All those in favour of receiving the minutes and reports for the Executive Committee for November 16th? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are received.

MOTION USC106: Dougan/Wagemakers

Chair: Moving to Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports. I don't have anything there. So, we'll move to Item 9.1, Mid-year Budget Review Resolution. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Executive has brought forward this resolution and I'll leave out the importance of the mid-year budget process. I'm sure VP Henderson will have some words in regards to that. This resolution was brought forward because in December we have a meeting scheduled to go over the budget. Unfortunately December meetings don't usually have quorum and this is the last meeting in which we can approve the mid-year budget process and it needs to be approved at that meeting. So, if we don't

meet quorum at the meeting, what we are asking is that the recommendations, which come out of the Operations and Finance Board, be approved by the Executive Board. Basically, USC has the first authority, but specifically for the set recommendations for the Executive Board so that we could approve those recommendations in a timely manner.

Chair: Thank you. Seconded by VP Henderson. I'll open the floor to debate on the resolution. I don't have anyone on the speakers list at this time. Recognize Councilor Debiegne.

Ms. Debiegne: Just for clarification.....can you please repeat what you said.

Chair: OK, recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Basically right now, there is a mid-year budget review that's going on through VP Henderson and the Operations and Finance Board.

And they will be making some recommendations, and I'll let VP Henderson talk a little more about those, but I guess we really need to have the mid-year budget process approved before the New Year. Some of the projects that are included need approval, so for that reason we need to have quorum on December 6th. If we don't have quorum, then that means that the entire mid-year budgetary review process won't be solved for about a month. So, what the Executive is asking, and this isn't in any way a copout for Councilor's not to attend on December 6th, but what we are asking is that if quorum is not reached on December 6th, which is the last day of classes, we are asking that Council will defer it's authority specifically on the recommendations coming from the Operations and Finance Board, so that the Executive Board can approve those recommendations in a timely fashion. That's all we're asking for.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any further discussion on the resolution. Perhaps if it's the will of Council, someone can make a motion to call the question. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Call the question.

Chair: OK, seconded by Councilor Whyley. We'll put that to a vote. All those in favour of moving directly to a vote on the resolution? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we'll move directly to a vote.

MOTION USC107: Wallace/Whyley

Chair: Ok, all those in favour of the resolution for USC for November 15th, raise your placard now. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the resolution passes.

MOTION USC108: Dougan/Henderson

Chair: Moving to Item 10, New Business, Item 10.1 is the Health and Dental Resolution. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to move to table this resolution until January 3rd, 2000.

Chair: So, Item 10.1, the Health and Dental resolution. The rules say that if an item stays in New Business, it basically drops off. So, you can table it to whenever you think is appropriate. So, there is a motion on the floor to table it until January 3rd. Is there a seconder for that. Recognize VP Jackson. I'll open the floor for debate. Seeing nothing, recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Call the question.

Chair: I think that's appropriate. We'll go right to the question. All those in favour of tabling the resolution until January 3rd, raise your placard now. Is there any opposition to that? I see no opposition, so the Health and Dental Resolution is tabled until the new year, January 3rd.

MOTION USC109: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: Seeing no other items under New Business, we'll move on to Questions and Comments for 30 minutes, the time is 6:31 p.m.. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I just about forgot the Councilor from Nursing stopped by today to send her regrets, but she also wanted me to announce that the Nursing Bachelorette Auction is Friday, November 24th at the Kooler starting at 7 p.m. Drinks are \$2.25 until 9 p.m. And yes, Mel will be auctioned off.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to let Council know that Todd Gerein, our Development Coordinator, has submitted his resignation effective December 15th. He is going to be taking off to teach English in Taiwan.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Urmson.

Mr. Urmon: I just have a concern about the photocopiers in Health Science again. Last week it was mentioned thatbooks, journal articles,...something needs to be done. It's getting really bad.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I also have some disappointing comments regarding the photocopiers as well. A lot of Arts students become enraged standing in line for the copiers, especially in light of the fact that one of them usually isn't working.

I also have a question whether there is a volume output document as there has been some concern about the copier moved to the Thorvaldson. So, I'm just wondering if I can have some information to take back to the ASSU.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. First off, with regards to the copier in Health Sciences, there is a recommendation on behalf of the Operations and Finance Board with regards to the two copiers. First the one that will be put into the Health Sciences library and one in St. Andrew's College for the School of Physical Therapy. Regarding the removal of the copier in this building from the second floor to the first floor, was based strictly on electrical requirements. It used to be located upstairs and when they did the renovations and the infill, they changed some of the circuitry, so it was no longer feasible for it to be there, so we moved it.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just a question in regards to the voting polls here in campus. Is it a general poll for every student in the Humboldt riding, or just for those student who live on campus?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. It is a general poll for everyone in the Saskatoon Humboldt riding.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything further? Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I hate to be a harping girl, but on McLean's again, I'm just curious why we're not responding something to the effect of whyand we don't agree with the values of McLean's and they don't coincide with our values. Why do we even keep ourselves involved?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. That's a very good question, however, that's a question for the University, not for the Students' Union. We can lobby the University on that if you wish. The U of S has taken the stance that, and this was decided last year after our poor ranking then as well, was that to pull out and pretend that this ranking system means nothing, would not benefit the university, in fact it would be more detrimental. It would be more contrary for us to pull out, then for us to try and prove some of the things that are considered to be factors in the ranking system or to lobby McLean's to change their system. You've heard the term perception is reality and unfortunately a lot of people read that ranking and they think that's the be all end all in terms of ranking universities in Canada. There are some reports that come out of the states that ranks the U of S just

about tops, in the top percentile of the universities and colleges ranked. It depends on the methodology they use in compiling their information. And it's just unfortunate that McLean's uses only an input ranking system. The University has adamantly said that no, we think it's worse for us to pull out. They set up a committee last year to deal with it to come up with ways to improve research, student services, and factors which would help boost our McLean's ranking. We are often called last place, but really if you look at them, there are three different sectors, so we are actually 15th out of 15th in the doctoral and graduate programs, those who are below us are research and undergraduate degrees and the U of R falls in there and they are 11th. Basically that translates into is that they are 26th out of 26th where as we are 15th out of 26th and if you add on....in terms of classes, the top universities are on the top. It's not that we are totally last place, we're still above a lot of the other universities and colleges across Canada.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything further? I have a question. With regards to the Annual General Meeting coming up on Monday, I just want everyone to be clear that there could be a large amount of people there and it could get difficult for me to Chair. I will be enforcing the rules as I have here, because I don't want it to get out of hand like it did last year. Especially personal attacks, and as MSC's you should know the rules, and hopefully the others will be looking to your for guidance. Everyone gets a placard to vote, so please use them. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just two things. I forgot to mention that President MacKinnon is actually meeting with the President from a university in Ontario, I can't remember the name right now, because neither agree with the McLean's ranking system. So, they are going to try and lobby for some changes. Second of all, there will be placards supplied at the AGM.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything else? Seeing none, can we have a motion to end Questions and Comments. Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you. Motion to close questions and comments.

Chair: Seconded by Councilor Wagemakers. I'll put that straight to a vote. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, questions and comments are closed.

MOTION USC110: Hitchcock/Wagemakers

Chair: Moving along to Item 12, Any Other Business. Is there anything to discuss? Seeing none, we'll move to Item 13, Adjournment. Recognize VP Jackson, seconded by Councilor Evanisky. All those in favour of adjourning at this time? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we're adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, December 6th, 2000

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: November 22nd, 2000**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 7. Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: November 24th, 2000 and November 26th, 2000**
- 8. Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 18. Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**
- 19. Ad Hoc Committee on Health & Dental Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: November 21st, 2000 and November 28th, 2000**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

- 8.1 Capital Budget Motion Arising from Operations & Finance Board Minutes for November 26th, 2000**

Business

New Business

- 10.1 Health & Dental Resolution**
- 10.2 Elections & Referenda Policy Amendment**

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

14. Christmas Social at Louis'

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, December 6th, 2000

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
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Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Freda Whitdeer, ISC

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Chair: Order please. We do have quorum tonight. Item 3; are there any changes to the agenda at this time? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to move Item 10.2, Elections and Referendum Policy to Item 9.1.

Chair: Thank you. We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a seconder for that motion? Recognize VP Jackson. That would require a two-thirds majority. All those in favour of moving Item 10.2 to Item 9.1, please raise your placards now. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, Item 10.2 will become Item 9.1.

MOTION USC111: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: Are there any other changes to the agenda at this time? Seeing none, we'll move to Item 4, Introductions and Announcements. Recognize Councilor Geenen.

Ms. Geenen: Tonight the College of Kinesiology for anyone who would like to come out, it's at the Sutherland. It's at 9 p.m. and tickets are \$7 at the door.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to introduce Leslee Harden, the General Manager of the Students' Union. I would also like to mention that the next meeting of USC will be on January 3rd, 2001, which is the first Wednesday back. Also, the Excellence Awards Ceremony is tentatively booked for March 13th, it's a Thursday, so please keep that date open in your calendars. Also, the Annual General Meeting was good. All of the amendments passed. We had an attendance of only 25 people, which is pretty bad. I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to grant Crystel Knihniski, the USSU Accountant, speaking privileges for this meeting.

Chair: Ok. Recognize VP Jackson as a seconder. All those in favour of allowing Crystel speaking privileges, please raise your placards now. Opposed? Seeing no opposition, Crystel now has speaking privileges.

MOTION USC112: Henderson/Jackson

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: My apologies. I would also like to introduce Crystel Knihniski, the USSU Accountant.

Chair: Is there anything further? Seeing none, we'll move to Item 6, Minutes and Reports for Action. Item 6.1, USC minutes for November 22nd. Unless there is any opposition, we'll receive the minutes without reading. Minutes are received. Moving to Item 6.3, Operations and Finance Board minutes and report for November 24th. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. On the 24th the Board met and I reminded everyone about the mid-year budget coming up. We ratified the three groups listed and we granted funding to APALA for a conference in Calgary, \$300 to the Nursing Students Association for a conference and another \$100 for product for their Winter Wonderland event, \$178 worth of Coca-Cola product for the Voc Ags, \$67.55 for the Lutheran Student Ministry and \$53.50 for table rental. We also reviewed the October financial statements and the Board was also going to meet that Sunday.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder for the November 24th Operations and Finance Board minutes? Recognize VP Wallace. All those in favour of receiving the minutes as read? Opposed? The minutes are received.

MOTION USC113: Henderson/Wallace

Chair: Moving along to the Operations and Finance Board minutes for November 26th, 2000. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. This was the Sunday meeting of my Board. We went over the operating budget and if that's the will of Council, we'll do that at that first. Does everyone have copies? So, just looking at the first page, the annual summary, we'll just go over each department. You'll see the departments listed followed by the annual, April 30th, 2000 budget original projections, which is where we believe the accounts will be at the end of the year. The variances are listed in the far column. We'll just go through each department, noting the highlights. Just going through Administration. The significant ones are revenue, we expect to have an additional \$7500 of revenue as we have some additional funds in our account. You'll notice that the capital revenue of \$17000 wasn't originally budgeted for. Computer maintenance is higher, and you'll see this through all of the departments. Moving along to the contingency fund, we're not going to be putting in as much funds into that, so that's why we decreased it. Copier expenses will be lower by about \$2600 and we intend to purchase additional equipment, so the depreciation is higher. Repairs and maintenance has a variance of about \$4200 and you'll see that through most of the departments as well. That's just the year to date variances, and utilities as well with a variance of \$2800. In parenthesis, it's an asset. It depends which side of the sheet it's on. Is there any questions about the Administration? Moving on to Browsers. It has a variance of \$4200. You'll see book sales and you'll see some corresponding lines with that of \$25000. That's from our September sales because we didn't have as many books in the store to sell. Commissions, we sold the Apple Software to another university, so that's another line item there. Browsers is also selling movies now, so that's a new line item. Bank

changes are a little higher than normal. In the book and CD and movie payment line corresponds with the previous lines. Sales payment line, those are on books that we own, or that people haven't picked up. Computer maintenance is a little higher as well as salaries and wages by about \$2400, and that's with the increased number of staff. Is that all for Browsers'? Next is our Communications and that has a variance of \$716 and the ones to bring your attention to would be the contract labour for updating the buzz boards and we believe we'll save about \$900 in our office in general thanks to our digital camera and our CD burner, so we don't have to buy film, developing or others. Printing we did start with a newsletter, and promotional merchandise, that to bring it up to date. Moving on to Development, which is a new department, which was just created, has a variance of about \$700. We projected revenues of about \$1500 and some of that is because of the advertising expenses we have. Printing is for promotional advertising. Subscriptions, we are going to be subscribing to a fundraising database and that's going to cost us \$1000 over the next three years. Are there any questions for Development? The fundraising database matches with the different funds and grants that are out there. Moving on to Facilities, we expect to make an additional \$21,000 worth of revenue in this area. Poster revenue is \$1000, which we hadn't budgeted for in April. We've had about \$685 so far, so we thought we would budget for it. Depreciation, we expect to do some additional purchases, so there is that variance. For Janitorial for the year, we are below budget by \$3500, so we adjusted that. Repairs and maintenance is \$12,000 and that's the same as the other departments. Utilities are there as well. Moving on to the Housing Centre. We show a variance of \$1600. The sales increased by about \$1300 as there have been a lot more people using it.

The office is now closed for the year as we don't expect to have any more purchases and printing has been increased to show and reflect the number of copies that we are actually making. The Information Centre, we show a difference of \$8200. We are seeing an increase in commissions that we are receiving from ticket sales. Computer maintenance, I've already spoken to. Bank charges have increased. With the second debit and credit card machine, a lot more people are using it, so there are a lot more service charges that we incur. Equipment maintenance increased as we had some adjustments with our oint of sale program. Salaries has been increased, some of that was an error in budgeting for staff that we need in September, as well as a Union grievance. Moving on to Louis', we show a variance of \$93,000. Overall just speaking to Louis' in general, we seen a decrease in the amount of people coming in to Louis' and a decrease in what they are buying, as well as an increase in competition. Sales of draft beer a difference of \$41000 and that's basically because during Welcome Week and Huskie games, we started using canned beer instead of draft beer. Sales of bottles is below by \$21000 and sales liquor \$28000, food \$16000 and non-alcoholic is \$7800. The coat check hasn't been used yet this year, so we removed the line. Commission and vending is \$1400 a lot of that is from the Royal Bank when they removed their machine at the end of October, however, we are looking at purchasing our own. We hope that that money will go back into this line item. We're over in additional revenue by \$2600 for the Beach Volleyball Court and fees of \$425. Not enough people have been playing pool, so that is down as well by about \$2400. We also haven't sold as many Louis' promotional items, so that line it down as well. Our special events revenue is up by \$6100 and that's thanks to some good work with Orientation and Welcome Week. Our sponsorship revenue is also up, and that

includes Coke money that we receive for Louis' and when we get into cost of sales, you'll see that a lot of it changed during the summer. Tournament fees for volleyball, we had more teams entered. The cost of sale of draft is \$5500, bottled beer \$8300 andis \$1600.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: I'm just wonderingmy understanding is that we're receiving.....sponsorship.

VP Operations: For example, we used to get every 10th case free, so that would help our cost of sale, however now, that is illegal, so we do get some sponsorship from them, and that's why our sponsorship revenues increased by \$10000.

Chair: Mr. Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Everything from Louis' seems to be downit seems like they're losing a lot of money.

VP Operations: What we've done is we've looked at where we are right now and what we can do in the next term. So, in January we're going to be doing some aggressive off campus marketing. The student market is pretty saturated right now, so now we're trying reach people off campus. We're doing some advertising on C95 and you're also aware that we've had a change in the management structure at Louis', so we'll have a little bit of savings there.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: It's my understanding that Louis'has lost money as well....I don't understand how we can keep operating it when it keeps losing money?

VP Operations: I think there are some changes....what we are planning on doing, there are a lot of things that we're trying. Some people leave because we don't have a bank machine anymore. Some people leave because the line-ups are too long. So, we do have some plans for the next year. We have to look at the difference between a service that we provide and

Chair: Recognize Leslee Harden.

Ms. Harden: Last year we lost just over \$2000 and the year before we made \$23000, so it hasn't always been at a loss. Also this year there were seven news bars that opened up in the City, which impacts the amount of traffic we have at Louis' tremendously.

Chair: Are there any further questions at this time?

VP Operations: So, cost of sales for food is \$6300, and the non-alcoholic is \$1000. Our concession sales were up by \$623. Advertising, we didn't use as much in Term 1, but we left the money in for Term 2. Bar supplies were up a little bit higher, we had some problems with waste year to date. Computer maintenance was a little higher. Conference and travel, we saved \$2800. Depreciation of \$3200 increased because of some equipment. Kitchen supplies, there was a variance of \$1000. Office and general, we have a new till at the back bar and a printer in the office, so there was an increase there. Professional development wasn't needed in the first term, but we're leaving it in for Term 2. Promotional expenses....we didn't sell as much merchandise. Promotions, we haven't had to do as many things, so that's \$200. Wages and benefits, there's a little bit of an adjustment there and utilities has a difference of \$1100.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Could you expand on the staff costs?

VP Operations: Our staff costs? That's something we don't discuss. This is the political side and we don't want our staff salaries public.

Chair: Is there anything else?

VP Operations: Moving on to MUB. There is a difference of \$2600. There is about \$2000 we are going to see in additional revenue from room rental as well as about \$700 depreciation that we won't have. Moving on to Photocopy, there is a difference of \$21000. Just overall as a note, a significant amount of that is because people brought in every single one of the old copy cards that they had. So, that's why the variance. You'll see the coin op revenue and the coin manager revenue is \$37000 and \$22000 are increased because more people are going to the machines and adding value to them themselves, so it's been decreased by \$29000 because we aren't selling as many ourselves. Copier lease expense has increased by \$2800, because of our payments to Western Business Machines. Copier service expense has been decreased and we have a better service contract charge. Depreciation has been increased by \$13000 as we didn't expect to purchase copiers this summer. Equipment maintenanceLibrary agreement has a variance of \$3300. We were able to save some money there as a result of the negotiations. Moving on to the Print Shop then. We're showing a variance of \$16000. The bindery, we haven't done as much as we thought we would, but we are going to be promoting that in Term 2. Increase of \$5800 in colour copying. We've had a lot more people using it. Copy card sales is also down and that's because people are going to revalue their own cards. Counter copies is down about \$5800 and that's as people are using the machines more instead of standing in line. Coursepack revenue, we have removed that line as the project wasn't able to be done this year, but we hope to do it this coming summer. Fax revenue, not as many people are sending out faxes for resumes. Outsourcing has a difference of \$1900. With the equipment we have in the store now, we're not having to send as much stuff out to get work done. The plotter revenue has increased of \$4300. Resumes has a variance of \$2000 as people are using desktop publishing on their own computers. More people are

buying stock and paper supplies for a variance of \$4000. Computer maintenance is again up. T-shirt revenues, we haven't been promoting it a lot yet, because we are still waiting for a better quality transfer. Copy card purchases, there is a variance of \$17000 because we don't have to buy them. Coursepack sales is a variance of \$1400, we left some money in there, even though we're not going ahead with it, just to put together some focus groups together with students and professors to see what they think. Depreciation has increased slightly due to some of the equipment that we are looking at buying. With a decrease in the number of faxes going out, we have also decreased the expenses for that. Hiring expenses for our Assistant Manager that we advertised for this summer. Copying expenses, we have been using a lot more toner as we have been doing a lot more printing, so there's a variance of \$2000. Stock sales, because people are buying a lot more, we're having to purchase more. We saved just under \$2000 on training and that was due to the fact that we have a full time person instead of multiple part time.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you. I just have a question in regards to the T-shirts, the equipment that is used to create these, have these been purchased?

VP Operations: It has been purchased.

Ms. Stephen: Just from my understanding and talking to people at the Print Shop, it was my understanding that this equipment was brought in to do a great quantity and now after speaking with them.....

VP Operations: Ok, on to Research. You'll see a bunch of the lines have variances due to some projects that our Researcher doesn't have time or there are other projects on the go. There is outsourcing, salaries and contracts will be less as our new receptionist position should have time to assist with some of that. Student Crew and Safewalk has a variance of \$1400 looking at sponsorship revenue and again the salaries part time. We expected to receive money from the Student Enhancement Fund, for the Safewalk and Student Crew coordinators, however, we're not having that granted to us, so we also don't have the corresponding salaries. Revenue is a little higher then expected so far for the year. Meeting expenses we've increased just a little. Office and general, we've also increased it to the year to date, plus a little for the second term. Repairs and maintenance, didn't change too much, except for the year to date variance. The uniforms, we've purchased more then we actually budgeted for. Student Governance has a variation of \$3100. Executive development, seeing as there are no other conferences planned, there is a difference of \$1000 there. We are increasing the meeting line to cover some of the expenses that weren't planned for as listed. Executive retreat has been increased to year to date and our salaries and benefits increased as we have Blue Cross premiums, just like the rest of the office. Lobbying for conferences, there has been reduced costs associated with that. We increased the lobbying for the federal election campaign. We reduced the honorariums line, because of the reduced attendance at meetings by councilors. We've increased printing and Executive costs. Place Riel Theatre, there is a variance of \$11000. The box office, we've seen an increase there at \$2100 due to the Film Festivals. Room

rentals, we've had an increase in the number of people renting the facility this term, which gives us the \$6300, same with janitorial and also maintenance. Are there any questions about any of the operations?

Chair: Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Just about Place Riel Theatre, do we get any money for the "sale" of the ticket booth.

VP Operations: No, we give that to the University in exchange for a place to advertise and it's hopefully going to be part of a larger deal. Are there any other questions? So, just to be clear, the operational budget that we just went over, you're not voting on, it's just to give you information as to where the money is going. The part that you'll be voting on is for the capital additions. If you look at the first page, it details what we might purchase and I'll just go through it.

Chair: Does anyone not have the capital budget forms?

VP Operations: So, for a total we are looking at an increase of purchases totaling \$82,000. So, starting off, the first one is \$1300 for computer memory upgrades. We have 11 machines that we would like to increase the amount of RAM that they have in them for a total of 120 megs each. The next request is to purchase two PowerBooks, two laptops that will be used by our General Manager and our Operations Manager for a total cost of \$8800.

The next is a cash bill counter for \$1400 and this will be used in our office. With people using the value adders more, there is a lot more cash coming into our office, so this will just help some of our staff with that. Next is the purchase of two office chairs, one for our Confidential Secretary and one for our Receptionist. Next is for our Communications Department, it's a purchase of Photoshop 6. Currently our Communications Coordinator is using version 4, so he needs an upgrade, for a cost of \$295. Moving on to Facilities, carpet replacement totaling \$1100. This is to replace the carpet in the Aboriginal Students Director's office and the USSU Operations Manager's office. Next we would like to install electrical outlets and breakers in the Tunnel. This would be for seven outlets, for a total cost of \$6300. Next is to purchase tack boards and to paint the tunnel, for a cost of \$3400. This is so that we can get the papers and everything that is strewn all over the place into some organized fashion. Next is a computer bank in Lower Place Riel. What we would like to do is install 16 computers in the Student Centre at the cost of \$14,000. This will be stations where any students can enter in their user name and password, check their e-mail, surf the web or anything else. So, this would be a free service offered to all students. The next is for Louis', the purchase of an automated teller machine at the cost of \$14,000. What we would like to do is purchase a machine to replace the one that the Royal Bank took out. The reason we would like to purchase one, is that we have spoken to all of the different banks, the Credit Unions, the trust companies, and nobody wants to put one in there. They feel that there is not enough money in it. So, as a service to the students, we are wanting to put this one in. Next in Louis' is another cash flow counter. Once again the amount of cash that they go through,

the supervisors and the staff have to count is quite large. We would like to purchase themachine in Louis'. We have been paying lease payments on it and at this time, we can choose if we want to purchase it for \$3100. The next point is the Smoothie Blender, as well, we have been leasing it for the last three months and we would like to purchase it at a cost of \$595. Moving on, we would like to purchase two photocopiers. One will be for St. Andrew's College and an additional machine in the Health Sciences Building.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you Mr. Chair.?

VP Operations: My Board received copies of all of the quotes and pricing for everything. If the Councilors would like to see all of it, by all means, come and get a copy. What it details is the costs for the different machines. For example, the one machine retails for \$11,000 and we are doing it for \$8900, for a difference of \$2600. The other one retails for \$7100 and we are getting it for \$5700, for a difference of \$1400. Then there is also this product brochure if you would like to see. Next, to make sure that the machines actually work with the rest of the card readers on campus, we would like to purchase two readers, along with the harnesses and installation for a total cost of \$3900. On to the Print Shop, we would like to do some work in the Print Shop to relocate some working surfaces and that will cost \$600. This is also for safety reasons. Right now if someone is working with the numbering machine or perforator and someone opens the back door, they get hit by the door. Also in the Print Shop, currently our risograph machine prints in black and we would like to purchase green and blue at a cost of \$2100. And as I indicated earlier, the numberer is just sitting on a very wobbly table, so we would like to purchase a sturdier table. Earlier I mentioned in the operating budget, the binding, right now the coil binding, you have to take about 5 or 6 sheets of paper and put them in the machine, and manually crunch them down, stack them all and then put the coil through. The new machine would allow you to put in at least 20 sheets, step on a peddle, and punch it through, so it would save a lot of time and we would be able to promote this a lot more to the University departments. I believe that's it.

Chair: Are there any questions for VP Henderson?

VP Operations: So, just continuing on with the minutes for the Operations and Finance Board for Sunday, November 26th. We moved to approve the capital additions totaling \$82,980.

Chair: So, then you'll see under Item 8, that motion is coming up on the agenda. So, I'll take VP Henderson as moving the acceptance of the Finance Board minutes for November 26th. Do we have a seconder for that? Recognize President Dougan. We'll put that to a vote. All those in favour of accepting the minutes and report as read please raise your placards. Opposed? Seeing no opposition, the Operations and Finance Board minutes for November 26th are received.

MOTION USC114: Henderson/Dougan

Chair: Unless there is any objection, we'll move along to Item 7, Minutes and Reports for Information. 7.1, Executive Committee minutes for November 21st, 2000. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. At the November 21st meeting we discussed the issues surrounding the federal election and some of the campaigning that we did for that. We discussed the CBC Radio interview that VP Jackson did concerning Boardwalk and housing in Saskatoon. There was a proposal brought forward by AIDS Saskatoon, which was referred to the LGB Centre and Sean Junor from O&Y Enterprises was present to give us an update on how the building sponsorship campaign was going.

Chair: Do we have a seconder to receive the Executive minutes for November 21st? Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you. I was just wondering how O&Y Enterprises was doing with the sponsorship campaign?

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. As of yet, there are no corporations committed. There are a lot that are interested and Mr. Junor has told us by the end of December or January, we'll find out more then likely whether the banking sector is willing to sponsor. In the next two months, we hopefully will have some good news from the banking sector, but as of yet, there isn't any commitment to funding.

Chair: Any further questions with regards to the Executive Committee minutes for November 21st? Seeing none, do we have a seconder? Recognize President Dougan. All those in favour of receiving the minutes? Opposed? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC115: Henderson/Dougan

Chair: Executive Committee minutes from November 28th. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. VP Wallace brought forward some information on the Registrar's focus group on the Registration Guide. We discussed the Pancake Breakfast, which has about 210 students that attended and we discussed issues surrounding the federal election and the USSU AGM. We also discussed the outcome of the federal election in the Saskatoon Humboldt riding Dr. Jim Pankiw was successful and overall the Liberals won a majority with 172 seats. The we discussed the AGM, which was held on November 27th. The registered attendance was only 25 students and all of the proposed amendments were passed. Copies of the amended Constitution and Bylaws are available up front for everyone.

Chair: Are there any questions for President Dougan? Do we have a seconder for those minutes? Recognize Councilor Geenen. All those in favour of receiving the Executive minutes for November 28th? Opposed? Seeing none, the minutes are received.

MOTION USC116: Dougan/Geenen

Chair: Moving along to Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports. Item 8.1 we have Capital Budget Motion Arising from the Operations and Finance Board minutes for November 26th. I believe you have those minutes that the resolution or motion is coming from. I have Councilor Johnson and Councilor Debiegne as mover and seconder. Is that still correct? I just want to make sure that everyone has in front of them, the correct resolution. Perhaps we can get VP Henderson to read it out.

VP Operations: Move to approve the purchase of the capital additions totaling \$82,980.

Chair: So, that's the motion we have in front of us. I'll open the floor to debate. Is there any debate on the motion? All those in favour of the motion that reads as follows. Move to approve the purchase of the capital additions totaling \$82,898. All those in favour, please raise your placards. Is there any opposition? I see one in opposition, do you wish to be noted? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers. The motion passes. The capital budget is then approved.

MOTION USC117: Johnson/Debiegne

Chair: Moving to Item 9.1, the Elections and Referenda Policy. Does everyone have the document? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to accept the Elections and Referenda Policy as presented to Council in the document.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder for that motion? Recognize VP Jackson? I'll open the floor for debate now. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just to remind everyone what the Elections Board did. We had a focus group and they looked specifically at campaigning for referenda and they drafted a section for that and they brought it forward for your approval. Nothing else in the policy has been changed aside from a few spelling and grammar mistakes and as well, the because the USSU Ombudsperson no longer exists as per the Constitutional changes that were made on November 27th, the reference to the USSU Ombudsperson was removed from the Policy.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any further debate on the policy amendment? Is there anything else? Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: I would like to call the question.

Chair: I don't have anyone else on the speakers list, so we'll move directly to a vote. The motion is to accept the Elections and Referenda Policy as distributed. All those in favour of accepting the Elections and Referenda Policy, please raise your placards now. Opposed. Seeing no opposition, the Policy is accepted.

MOTION USC118: Dougan/Wallace

Chair: Unless there is any opposition from Council, we'll move to Item 10, New Business. We have one Item, 10.1, Health and Dental Resolution, which is up and coming. So, we'll move to Item 11, Questions and Comments for a half an hour. The time is 7:05 p.m. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Thank you Mr. Chair. First off, I would like to commend VP Henderson and the others for a quick and very well thought out budget. Secondly, my apologies for my lateness tonight. I intended to speak about this underneath Introductions and Announcements. Taking place in January, I will have to resign as MSC, as I will be studying in Sweden and I will not be able to fulfil both obligations. I will continue on until time permits. I leave on January 12th, so until that point, I would like to continue on with my role and thereafter, there will be somebody replacing myself, likely through appointment through elections. I would also like, tonight, like to resign as well from the Student Issues Board and allow someone to step in to that position. My apologies to VP Jackson for that.

Chair: Thank you. We'll take that as official notice of your resignation from the Student Issues Board, but you're not resigning as MSC at this time?

Mr. Stehr: No.

Chair: OK. Recognize Councilor Debienne.

Ms. Debienne: I would also like to thank Scott Henderson. I think he put in a great effort into getting the photocopier for our College and for Health Sciences, so on behalf of my College, thank you very much.

Chair: Next on the speakers list, I have President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have two things. First of all I would like to thank Councilor Stehr for the time and effort he put in during the first term. We're going to miss him, but I'm sure he's going on to bigger and better things in Sweden. Thank you for your hard work during this term. Lastly, I would like to mention that we have a Christmas social tonight at Louis' and anyone who would like to participate, please stick around when we leave, because we all have to go in the back door together.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you Mr. Chair. I have a couple of announcements. As some of you may know, today, December 6th, in 1989, the Montreal Masacre occurred. We continue to remember this tragic event on December 6th every year. This morning, myself and 15 other Engineers went to the memorial ceremony at City Hall and did a presentation. So, I just wanted to let you know and if you don't know what it's about, please come and talk to me.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to thank my Board and all of our professional staff that helped me to make this look easy. I appreciate your thanks. I had anticipated having your cheques ready for this evening, however our accounting system had some difficulties today, so I will send them out in the campus mail to your college societies.

Chair: Is there any further questions and comments at this time. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. Move to close Questions and Comments.

Chair: OK, the time is 7:10 p.m. All those in favour of closing Questions and Comments at this time, please raise your placards. Is there any opposition? Seeing no, opposition, Questions and Comments are closed. Moving to Item 12, Any Other Business. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. If it's the pleasure of Council, I would like to open the nominations for the Student Issues Board, as Councilor Stehr has resigned. I would like to fill that position before Christmas, so we can get that person up to speed. But, if there is opposition, we can wait until the first meeting of the New Year.

Chair: Thank you. So, there is a motion on the floor to open elections for the vacant position on the Student Issues Board. Is there any opposition to holding the election? What I'm going to do is open the floor for debate on whether we should open the election at this time. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I would just like to open it now, so that the person would have some time to speak with me over the Christmas holidays. Because all Councilors are not required to come every week, I would hope that every Councilor would have been here to hear about this, and unfortunately, that's not under my control. I would like to open it up to the members that are here tonight. So, the ones that are here will get a chance.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just out of curiosity sake, is there anyone here that doesn't already sit on at least one board?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Debiegne.

Ms. Debiegne: Thank you. I just wanted to comment.....

Chair: There is opposition, so the discussion we're having now is whether we're going to have the election or not. It's not totally inappropriate at this time. Is there any further discussion on that? Ok, we'll now go to a vote whether we should hold the Student Issues Board election at this time? All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Seeing three opposed, do you wish to be noted? No. The motion passes, we will now hold the election for the new Student Issues Board member. As we've done before, we'll put the names on the board. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to nominate Amardeep Gill.

Chair: Councilor Gill, do you accept the nomination?

Mr. Gill: Thank you. It depends what times the meetings are.

Chair: Sure. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: What will be happening, is I will be receiving all of the schedules form all of the members for the second term and after that I will come up with an acceptable time.

Mr. Gill: Sure, I accept.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you. I would like to nominate Councilor Christensen.

Chair: Do you accept the nomination?

Ms. Christensen: Yes.

Chair: Are there any further nominations? Recognize Councilor Renneberg.

Mr. Renneberg: I would like to nominate Shannon Whyley from VPRA.

Chair: Do you accept the nomination?

Ms. Whyley: Yes.

Chair: Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: I was going to nominate Councilor Whyley.

Chair: Ok, we have three nominations on the board, are there any further nominations? I will now consider the nominations closed. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I just have a point of information. Is it proper to allow each member to speak for 15 or 30 seconds?

Chair: Yes, you're right. Each person will have a couple minutes to speak and then we'll do a ballot vote. The person getting the greatest number, will be elected. Ok, I'll start from the bottom. Councilor Whyley.

Ms. Whyley: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would to sit on this Board. I sat on it last year, so I'm familiar with the issues that come up. I should have some time for this next semester and I feel that I could bring a good perspective into play.

Chair: Thank you. Councilor Christensen.

Ms. Christensen: ?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Gill.

Mr. Gill: I would like to say the same thing as Councilor Christensen.

Chair: OK, so we have a ditto. So we'll do the vote by secret ballot. Order please. Order. We do have a person that received more votes than the others. Councilor Whyley, welcome to the Student Issues Board. So, that's it for Item 12. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

Chair: Motion to adjourn. The next meeting is January 3rd. Do we have a seconder for that motion? Recognize Councilor Debiegne. All those in favour? Is there any opposition? Meeting is adjourned.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

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Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

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- 6.1 USC Minutes: December 6th, 2000**
- 9. **Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report: November 21st & November 28th, 2000**
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- 11. **Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 20. **Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**
- 21. **Ad Hoc Committee on Health & Dental Minutes and Report**

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- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: December 7th, 2000**
- 7.2 USC Attendance Matrix**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 Health and Dental Resolution**

New Business

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, January 3rd, 2001

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA
Freda Whitdeer, ISC

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Michel Carpentier, ASSU
Devin Guedo, ASSU

REGRETS

Drew Hitchcock, Law

ABSENT

Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Deanna Denham, Vocational Agriculture
Kris Denney, Education
Todd Schweitzer, Education

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

Chair: We do have quorum, so we'll move on to Item 3, Adoption of the Agenda. Is there anyone that doesn't have a copy? Are there any changes to the agenda? Seeing none, we'll move on to Item 4, Introductions and Announcements. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. First of all I would like to welcome everyone back. I wanted to let everyone know that next week is Campus Club Week in the tunnel. Also, to announce two staff hires; the first is Cathy Dlugan our new Development Coordinator coming to us from the Prairieland Exhibition and the second is Don Smith who is our new Assistant Food and Beverage Manager and he comes to us from the Sutherland Hotel. An update on the photocopier issue; the photocopiers are in stock and the readers and in stock, however the little bars that hold the meters and lock the machines are not available. So, as soon as those are available, the new machines will be installed.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Johnson.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you Mr. Chair. As everyone has probably already read, theCab Race in the STM Cafeteria. The tickets are \$5 and there will be three bands, \$2.50 for highballs and \$2 for beer and at 9:30 everything is \$1.50.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you. I would just let you guys know that coming up this month, January 29th to February 2nd is DisOrientation. It's a joint effort between the USSU and Alumni & Development to try and promote some things that are necessarily taught in the classroom. It's specifically directed at graduates, but every student can attend. You will be receiving, at your college societies, information packages, publicity and pamphlets and I would really like your help getting it out to the students because this is a really big event and we would like to expand on it.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you Mr. Chair. Next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, we are hosting Spectrum. Those who don't know it's a science fair put on by our College. It's completely student run and it should be a good time. Please come and check out the displays. Also, we'll be having a Spectrum Pub Crawl this Friday.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to let you know that Commerce has four non-academic events coming up. The first is tomorrow night we're having a \$5.....all proceeds raised are going to charity. Next Thursday is the annual Commerce Carnival. We would like you to enter teams. The following night is the Ukrainian

Alternative, which is a Ukrainian New Years celebration and tickets will be on sale for that as well. The fourth thing, the week after, if anyone is interested in a hockey game, we have our trip to Edmonton, so please come and talk to me if you like.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything further? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to welcome everyone back and also to remind everyone that there is a New Year's social at Louis' after Council.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to introduce Mr. Carpentier, who is on the ASSU.

Chair: Is there anything further? Seeing none, we'll move to Council Address and there is nothing there, so we'll move to Item 6, Minutes and Reports for Action. Item 6.1, USC Minutes for December 6th, 2000. As per our convention, if there is no opposition, we'll receive the minutes without reading. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the minutes are received. Moving to Item 6.2, Academic Affairs Board minutes for November 21st. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Academic Affairs Board met on November 21st. We discussed the Teaching Excellence Awards and what each member's duties was for it. We had an update on the Teachers Evaluation project. Mr. Wallace informed us that WCVI and Agriculture were not going to do pilot projects and instead it will be conducted in the College of Dentistry. Finally, VP Wallace distributed the University Council Guidelines for Academic Conduct for the Board to review.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder for the minutes as read? Recognize VP Wallace. All those in favour of receiving the minutes as read? Is there any opposition? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC119: Evanisky/Wallace

Chair: Ok, moving along to Academic Affairs Board minutes for November 28th. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Board met on the 28th and quorum was not present. I updated the Board on the Teaching Excellence Awards and explained that the evaluations done this year will be tabulated with the ones being done in Term 2. Course Evaluation update, the principles of the course evaluations are in the finalization stages, so those should be done soon and that's a major step. I went over a couple of the different types of grievances that I deal with to give them a better idea of what I do. Councilor Stephen informed the Board that some universities MSC equivalents receive

the equivalent of three credits for the year and that she would look into that for the next meeting.

Chair: Do we have a seconder for those minutes? Recognize Councilor Evanisky. All those in favour of receiving the Academic Affairs Board minutes for November 28th. Thank you. Opposed? Seeing no opposition, the minutes are received as read.

MOTION USC120: Wallace/Evanisky

Chair: Seeing no other Items under 6, we'll move to Item 7, Minutes and Reports for Information. Item 7.1, Executive Committee minutes for December 7th, 2000. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. First off we discussed the Christmas receptions that we had been invited to and attending. The Executive had attended a dinner hosted by President McKinnon at his residence. We also attended a Christmas receptions hosted by Saskatchewan Economic Development on Monday, December 4th and that was because we partook in the Partnerships for Prosperity Program. We got some feedback on the Christmas Movie Festival. We had 65 students present, and we collected to items for the Food Bank as well. VP Wallace went down to Regina to meet with NEPS students and to talk to them about any issues they might have with their program. A liaison down there was set up. Her name is Erin Orthner and VP Wallace will be meeting with them periodically to speak with them on the issues. There was a focus group for the Registrar's Office on December the 1st and it was regarding the Registration Guide. Feedback was given in regards to that. On December 1st, the federal government announced that college and university student loan programs would be administered through Edulinks. This will be in effect March 1st, 2001 and this will be a five-year contract and VP Jackson also prepared a report detailing the three alternatives for administering the student loan program in the province. We also discussed University Life 101, and there was a graduation ceremony that VP Wallace attended. VP Jackson attended City Council and spoke out against the recommendation to increase transit fairs.

All of the recommendations passed including the fifth one, which sent the fee structure for post secondary education students back to the committee. VP Jackson was also interviewed by Global News considering these transit fairs. Myself, I attended the Board of Governors meeting on December 5th. Some notables of the meeting, Dr. Rick Buntz was appointed Associate VP Technology and Communications for the U of S. We also discussed the mid-year budget review for the university. We also had a joint meeting with the U of R Board of Governors and we discussed issues such as performance measures and other issues. On performance measures, the provincial government is working towards this, basically, they have a plan to have an overall accountability infrastructure for the entire province. The University will have to look at those a little more closely. Administrative reviews, they approved a template the reviews in the administrative units, which means that the Registrar's Office will finally be reviewed after almost a year of us lobbying for that. We also had a joint meeting with Student

Affairs and Services to discuss partnerships, projects and issues and a we also had a sponsorship request from Spectrum 2001, which was granted.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder for the minutes? Recognize VP Jackson. All those in favour of receiving the minutes for December 7th. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have a quick question on Item 4, the Registrar's Focus Group. I was wondering if we could have some feedback on what they about it?

VP Academic: Just some background for you guys. Initially I was approached by Jacque Fraiser from the Registrar's Office to put together a focus group to get students from all different colleges to come and talk about some of the problems with the Registration Guide. We discussed with members from the Registrar's Office, issues related to presentation, what information is given, when it is given and how it's given. There is also a lot of issue with clarity, cost and distribution. A number of issues were dealt with and they received feedback on all of those from a good range of students. The Registrar's Office contacted me about a week later and said that they would like to make this an on-going event to try to get feedback on an annual basis, so they can constantly be updating the guide.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything further? Seeing none, all those in favour of receiving the minutes? Opposed? Seeing none, the minutes are received.

MOTION USC121: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: Moving to Item 7.2, USC Attendance Matrix. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just very briefly, this was a compilation of all of the attendance from all of the meetings in the first term. It shows the attendance rate and how many councilors are attending. It also sort of explains the cut back in the money going out to honorariums, because there is some problems with the attendance, especially when the average is 77%. So, we just ask that everyone be very cognizant of the fact that we need people here to meet quorum. We almost didn't have quorum for the December 6th meeting. There are also some councilors coming dangerously close to having some recommendations being made to the Code of Ethics Committee.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Whyley.

Ms. Whyley: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have a quick question. I was just wondering how this attendance rate compares to last years, before the honorariums were implemented?

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. I don't think anyone kept close record of what the attendance was last year. In terms of the general feeling, I would say we have a better turn out this year.

Chair: Are there any further questions in regard to this? Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Thank you Mr. Chair. I was just curious how regrets fit into this whole scenario, and if a councilor came dangerously close, and one meeting he gave regrets for a meeting he wasn't able to attend, if that would be the same as an overall absenteeism?

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. That would be factored in of course. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to threaten anyone, I just wanted everyone to be aware and of what's happened in the past. If you sent in your regrets and you had reasons for your absences, that's fine, but if there are seven regrets in a row, then there is a problem, because you're not representing your students. It would be your constituents that are being hurt, and we would have to take action on that.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything further in regards to the Attendance Matrix? Seeing none, perhaps a motion is in order to receive this for information. So, moving to Item 8, Motions Arising from the Minutes to Report, there isn't anything. We'll move to Item 9, Business, 9.1, Health and Dental Resolution. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just before I begin with the resolution of which was handed out on November 27th, does everyone have a copy? The resolution reads....

Chair: Just a second here, wasn't this issue tabled? Was it tabled specifically to tonight's meeting? Sorry, that's my fault. Maybe we should have a motion to get it from the table. So, we have a motion to bring it from the table, do we have a seconder? Recognize Councilor Mateen. All those in favour of bringing the Health and Dental Plan Resolution from the table, please raise your placards. Opposed? Seeing no opposition, the resolution is now under Business, Item 9.1.

MOTION USC122: Jackson/Mateen

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The resolution reads "Whereas on October 18th, 2000, USC identified the need for extended Health and Dental coverage for undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan and resolved to address this need through a collective plan and whereas the Ad Hoc Committee was created to develop an extended Health and Dental Plan for student and has done as such, we resolve

that USC approve to take to referendum, the Health and Dental Plan recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee.” The plan is listed below. The plan has coverage, which would be mandatory for full-time students, where there would be voluntary participation from part-time and off-campus students. In other words, they would be able to opt in to the plan. Dependents and spouses may be covered in the same way as the students. There would be family fee for a spouse and unlimited dependents, which would be at the cost of twice the student rate. Opt outs were geared that you could opt out of either the health or dental plan. It’s a conditional opt out model. The health plan benefits are 80% prescription drugs, vaccinations at a \$150 maximum for a year. That comes out to about \$3.78 per month. Keep in mind that these premiums are paid up front at the start of the year, not by month, when they are paid out to the insurance firm. Vision care is \$75 per 24 months, and eye exams is \$150 for 12 months, and laser eye surgery is \$150 once. That comes to \$1.33 per month. Medical equipment, ambulance, dental accident, semi-private rooms, all kind of standard bits and pieces, \$0.15 per month. Paramedical practitioners, such as massage therapist, psychologist, etc. at a maximum of \$300 per category and \$20 per visit and there is also accidental death and dismemberment, which is \$0.15 per month. In total that comes to \$5.97 per month. When we start getting into dental, you have diagnostic and preventative, which would be your check up and cleanings at 70%. Minor restorative, such as fillings, 70% and major restorative, such as crowns and bridges, 50% and oral surgery 50%, endo-endotics, 50%, and periodontics 50%. Recall exams, one every six month to a maximum of \$750 and it was recommended that we split between health and dental plans, rather than the comprehensive plan to allow more flexibility of opting out, because some students may be able to draw from other plans. So, all total for the split plan the annual total comes to \$186.35.

Chair: Thank you. I take it there is a motion to receive this as the plan? Do we have a seconder? Recognize VP Jackson. I also know there is one more minor item here. At the top of the sheet we have Health and Dental Plan Resolution and under the agenda it says Health and Dental Resolution. If it’s the will of Council, we’ll just add the word “Plan” to the agenda, because it may be a little confusing. So, we have a mover and a seconder. We’ll open the floor for debate and I have Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you. I’m just looking for a little clarification on the second page, where it says Studentcare.net/works.....

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The insured is what will be covered through the insurance company and with the network would be, say there is a dentist that is willing to give a 20% discount to students, Studentcare.net/works would publicize his or her name as offering a discount to students. Students still have the choice of whichever dentist they want to use.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: I'm just wondering if you can go into some more detail about the opt out. How will we go about doing that?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan, and just a reminder that this is your second time speaking.

President: Thank you. I would like to make a motion to suspend the rules of debate, in particular to the number of times a person can speak.

Chair: We have a motion on the floor to suspend the rules of debate. Seconded by Councilor Stehr. The motion on the floor is just for this item, or for the rest of the evening? All those in favour of suspending that rule of debate? Opposed? Seeing no opposition, the motion passes.

MOTION USC123: Dougan/Stehr

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. With the conditional opt out model, the way our broker administers this, we've had a lot of conversations in this regard. Basically anyone with comparable insurance coverage can opt out. The term comparable is used loosely and that works better for the insurance companies. They are very lenient with that.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you. I understand that part, but I just wanted to know how difficult this will be to do. I was just wondering if some people opening the registration package and looking at it and they don't need a certain part and choose to opt out.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: The process followed will be somewhat similar to this. Over the summer you would be mailed a package, whether it be with the Registration Guide, or on it's own, there would be a package going out to every student. It would have information on your health and dental plan. If you are a part-time or off-campus student, it would provide you with information on how you can opt in, which can either be done over the internet or manually at the office that will be set up here on campus. If you are one of the mandatory enrolled people, it would give you information on how to opt out, which can be done in the same ways. It's fairly easy and there will be a media blitz run in the first month of school, there is a blackout period in the plan from September 1st until October 1st.

There aren't any benefits, and during the period if you are incurring health and dental costs, once that blackout period is over, you can submit them. That blackout period is so that all of the opt outs can be administered before all of the benefits are turned on and given out. Any claim to incur during that blackout period, you would have to submit

manually, but anything from the other 11 months of the year, you would be able to just use your card.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any further discussion on the plan? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I wanted to bring up a point of behalf of the Executive. We've been tossing this around for a little while, but I guess what it boils down to is that we have developed a Cadillac plan and what we are paying is Cadillac prices. Our goal when we started out was to come up with some extended Health and Dental coverage and it would provide for the needs of basic health and dental. So, we have some concerns about the price of the plan. We had some suggestions, if Council wishes to reduce the cost of the plan to something that is a little more appropriate. If you check in your Health and Dental reports that were given out a couple months back. A survey was done on how much people were willing to pay and the top two percentages were 32% which makes it between \$120 and \$140. So the chief acceptable price range was between \$120 and \$140, so we have gone over that. We feel that this was a good thing for students and we felt that this is something that students should have. Just to give you an idea of some of the things that we have been investigating. Accidental death and dismemberment isn't something that people in our age demographic really worry about. It's only \$0.15 per month, which works out to \$1.80 a year, which could lower the costs overall for students. The dental plan is of course the highest cost driver, so there were some suggestions in regards to that. When we were coming out with the plan, it was questioned by the representative from Dentistry whether major restorative was necessary or not, because once again, people in our age demographic usually don't require those types of services. The other suggestion was to change recall exams from 6 months to 12 months, whereby the plan would cover one diagnostic and preventative for students, so they would have at least one check up per year and the rest would be on them. And also, we talked about if we did remove the major restorative, it would take the plan down \$6.50. If we change the recall exam from 6 months to 12 months, it would reduce the dental premium by 5%, which is about \$5.25, so that's a \$12.25 savings right there. We felt that taking out accidental death and dismemberment would reduce it another \$1.80 and another one that is kind of a piddly little one, is the semi private hospital room, which would take \$.60 out for the year, so that would reduce the overall Health and Dental premiums down from \$186 to \$170.50, which is more within that range that was acceptable to students. We were looking for some feedback on that.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just looking over this proposed resolution, I am quite satisfied and am happy to see it come forward today. Just a suggestion in terms of cost. I don't see a problem with the cost and plan now, I think you get a great deal for the amount of money you would be spending and especially for the coverage out of Canada, as a lot of students travel, so for six month of coverage, you can pay well over \$160.

There are many other things valuable in this plan and hopefully nobody will have to use the accidental in case they loose an arm while studying, but you buy it just in case it happens. For \$15.53 a month, look at all you get, how can you complain about that?

Chair: Recognize Councilor Urmson.

Mr. Urmson: I brought up a couple weeks ago that accident insurance was supposed to be on there, so I don't have a problem with that. I think we should leave major restorative, but the 12 months for recall is Ok to leave out.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I am quite happy with this plan, but I have a problem in the fact that it costs about half of a three credit class, and that this cost is not gauranteed for more then a year, so I can see the premiums going up. It concerns me that it won't pass and although the difference between \$186 and \$170.50, we have to take off more.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: I think that Council should realize that when we are selling this to students, \$186 and \$170 doesn't seem like much, but when we were speaking in the Ad Hoc Committee meeting, Dentistry had said that not a lot of students need major restorative. This isn't to say that in the future, that this Council and the students won't say that major restorative is something that students need.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I don't want to make it sound like we are nit picking with the price, because it really looks that way when we are talking about \$.15 per month. I've been talking to some of my friends that are students and I've thrown the numbers out at them and they don't really seem, they in fact do seem leery of the price and that's my only concern. Because we brought a plan forward two years ago, and it failed. It might not have been the best plan, but back then we recognized that this is something that we felt was important this year. If we bring, when we bring it forward this year, I would really like to see it pass. I think the cheaper we can make it, the more likely it would be to pass, because towards the end of the year, there is a crunch on finances. One of the things to keep in mind, is that the suggestions that have been made, they don't compromise the integrity of the plan. It's still basic health and dental. I think we have to keep in mind that at a later date, with the progressive surveys being done every few years, we can add benefits and change things if we like.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I am in favour with the Executive on making the cuts to lower the price, because right now, ladies and gentlemen, I don't think this is going to pass if we take it to the student body. It's too much money.

A lot of people on campus, well in Engineering, we got an e-mail asking what we thought about this plan and a lot of the options and a lot of them came back and said that they don't want to pay any more money for anything. A lot of people think it's going to be like a lab fee, where a lot of students don't get anything out of it. I think we have to make it as inexpensive as possible in order for it to pass. What Mr. Stehr said about studying abroad and how this is very inexpensive. If you look at all of the benefits, it does seem inexpensive, but how many students are really going to use all of these benefits. Things like studying abroad, many students have no intention of going abroad until they get out of university and get a real job. As the Councilor from Arts and Science stated, we won't be guaranteed that these premiums won't go up. We need to do that. I think that students are going to see that and are going to be scared.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize ASSU President.

Mr. Guedo: Devin Guedo. Has there been any kind of statistically valid poll done? I know you did that poll with 20% of students, but I don't know how statistically valid that was. First of all, I think the cost is extremely high. I don't think anyone is going to want to pay \$185. I would also like to hear the actual nuts and bolts of how you opt out. Do you actually have to go to your insurance company stating that you have insurance and how much it's going to be per year and show it to you guys. Do I have to drive an hour and a half to get this thing? Because that's going to take a lot of time to show that I'm not interested in the plan.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Just to address the issue of information in terms of the nuts and bolts if you want to opt out. It won't be as hard as it might seem. For the most part all you need is your firm name and policy number. There will be a promotional campaign run once this referendum is approved and that campaign is going to have to speak to every single student saying this is the plan, this is how you use it, etc. So, that is something that is going to be taken care of. That information campaign is certainly critical to this. Secondly, to speak to the statistical validity, a convenient sample survey is valid, just not to the same degree if we had found the correct components in each College. So that we could say for example, 86% of Commerce students are in favour, etc. The sample survey is very much like an opinion poll. This is a cross section of the demographic to get a general feel of what they would like to see. This sample survey, that was conducted during Welcome Week, it was overwhelming, about 83%. There was a large majority that were in favour of this and they thought \$120 - \$180 was a fair price. \$180 would be the threshold, it's not saying that all students have a price range, but the majority of those students surveyed said those numbers. The closer we stick to \$150 or \$160, the better. The initial plan came forward at \$168 and since then it's increased to \$186. If we go with the recommendations that the Executive is making, the plan will go

down to \$170.50. That's not necessarily a number written in stone. Studentcare.net/works is still negotiating on our behalf and they might be able to take that down a little further. Although it's not mentioned in here, it's mentioned on these sheets, any contract we go into with Studentcare.net/works is guaranteed for two years. There is a chance that after two years, that cost may increase or decrease. For right now, I think we have a very good plan and it's got everything that the student will need. I don't think that we need to have diagnostic and preventative every six months.

I think that if we can ensure that students have the opportunity to go at least once a year, then the onus is on them to go more often if they so wish. I would like to have it in, but I really feel that it's not necessary at this time, it's something that could be added in later, is a major restorative. Especially because it's only \$6.50 for the year.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Studentcare.net/works is signed with ...and one of the things that they have isand you walk in there and write down your information and we have heard nothing but good about them. The process is simple. We are trying to save students some money and give them the best plan possible.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Again, I think this is very cheap. \$15.00 a month, how can you beat that. I do agree with some of the Executive comments, that we could trim it down a little. We can always change it in the future, but what concerns me a great deal more than the cost, is that we trim it down so far and we're not covered much. My concern is that you won't be paying much, but in turn, you're not getting much coverage. Let's look at the value, and let's not trim it back too far. It would greatly sadden me that they would be willing to compromise the plan if they didn't want to stand in line for a half an hour because this is a plan that would benefit a lot of students on campus.

Chair: I have the gentlemen from the ASSU.

Mr. Carpentier: Michel Carpentier, ASSU. I too think that this planafter reading a lot on it, I've been asking my Councilors how they feel about the mandatory portion of it.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Metzger.

Mr. Metzger: I would just like to say that this is an excellent plan, for the value of it. But I am also in favour of axing the proposed changes. The other question is that, on the back page, it talks about in terms of the cost of a split plan. I'm just wondering if there is any room for negotiation on that?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: I have to say that I do agree with Mr. Stehr with the exception ofinsurance, I don't really think that's necessary. I do see another option here though, that I don't think has even been discussed yet, which is moving to the comprehensive plan. That would probably bring it down about \$15.00. I was just wondering what everyone thought of that option?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you. I have a point that I would like to address briefly. I don't think many students would like to have one plan, but not the other. The likelihood isn't very high. Getting this information out is quite complex and expensive. We are talking about \$0.15 and I've been over this document many times. Most students will only see the \$170 and I think the information is the most important thing to get to the students.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you. I'm just going to put the recommendations we have up on the board. In terms of splitting the plan, which would give us a 5% decrease. From conversations I've had with Lev Buchman from Studentcare.net/works, the price may go down a bit, but what is if you allow for that flexibility, basically you get people who cherry pick. They can say, I don't need health right now, but I need my dental, so I'm going to get all my dental work done right now. The following year, they may not take the dental and opt into health instead, which drives up the premiums for everyone. Speaking to another issue, which is the opting out. The survey that was done, 62% of those surveyed said that was the way to go. 13% said no and 25% weren't sure. So, that's what came out of that survey. I'm just going to put everything up on the board.

Chair: Is there anyone else that wishes to speak? Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. I just have a quick question. With the opt out, that we are obviously going to have, do we have to worry about the premiums going up for the rest of us that decide to remain with the plan, if there are a lot of opt out?

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The way we do is that they take actuarial information and try to estimate how many students are going to opt out. Of course, the first three years, before they get some stats from this location, but what we're looking at right now is a 30-40% opt out rate and that is reflected in our premiums already.

Chair: Is there anything else? Recognize Mr. Guedo.

Mr. Guedo: Thank you. The only concern I have is that people seem to be relying quite heavily on this survey. I'm not a statistician, but I was here when Studentcare.net/works was doing there polls. I know that a lot of those questions are

purposefully designed to get a certain response, and that's why you saw the high rates. The sample wasn't big enough to be statistically viable. The survey was almost ...I started to laugh when she put it up on the screen.

VP Student Issues: Point of order Mr. Chair. Are we speaking about the resolution or about something in the past here?

Chair: I'm going to call that point of order, out of order because he is speaking on the statistical data.

Mr. Guedo: That's my only concern. I think this plan is well devised, and that it's good for students, but I don't think there has been enough work done to see if it will actually pass. I think some more work should be done.

Chair: Mr. Carpentier.

Mr. Carpentier: Thank you. Again, if the majority of students said there should be an opt out.....??

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: The Ad Hoc Committee had a look at that and decided not to go forward with that. If you look at comparative plans at the \$168 level, which we did, the equal coverage would be worth about \$220. That was something that we did look into. I think that President Dougan has done a very good job on making sure that he updates us and that the plan was created with the intent of students being in favour of it.

Chair: Thank you. I have VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you. There seems to be a lot of talk about the validity of the survey was done. In any given poll of people that you are drawing from, a sample size of over 30 is considered a valid statistic. So, if you surveyed 30 people, it's a valid poll. There is another factor that comes in, if you look at the way the survey was done, the percentage of people from each College that make up the population of the University.

Chair: Order. Seeing as we are getting a little restless here, there is some talking going on, so maybe a recess is in order. Unless someone wants to make a motion to recess, I'm going to suggest that if you would like to talk, please leave the room.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to get my point across before we go to recess, because this is bogging us down, and it's completely unnecessary. This wasn't done by a large firm that does this for a living, but it was valid. They were simple yes and no questions, and the way that it was correlated, was that the percentage of people that were surveyed from each college is near or approximately the same as the number of people from each College that make up the population of the University. So, both sides of this survey was valid.

Chair: Thank you. President Dougan.

President: I just wanted to point out where the number on the board has come from. The most recent numbers from Studentcare.net/works were \$185.16, so that's the most recent number of premiums.

Chair: I have three people on the speakers list. The next person is Mr. Carpentier from the ASSU.

Mr. Carpentier: I'm wondering about the survey, whether the last referendum would have been shot down if the opt out issue would have been addressed. I know it was mainly because of the managed care, but I'm wondering if this opt out issue will be the downfall of this referendum.

Chair: Is it all right if President Dougan answers that? Recognize President Dougan.

President: That is actually a very good question. That's something we've addressed in the past. There were two issues that failed the referendum last time. The first was managed care and the second was the opt out. It really wasn't adequate coverage. There was a lot of animosity towards that model, because basically it was at their discretion what they considered to be equivalent or not. So, lets say you had 79% percent coverage on health for prescriptions, and their plan covered 80%, they could say that the plan wasn't equivalent, so there was a lot of skepticism. This time around, there is no managed care. I don't see it as being as big of a problem as it was last time. If we promote this right, it shouldn't be an issue.

Chair: Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: I don't think I'm convinced of the validity of this survey. Validity, from what I understand is how well the survey measuredand I think that the way the questions were worded is an issue. Would you like to vote for George W. Bush for President or would you vote for him because he is a family man in the Lone Star State? There is a difference.

Chair: Next on the speakers list is Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: I may be wrong but it's my impression that this was brought forward to decide to accept this price or to not accept this price. I think we've come up with some amendments that may be possible, and that we should discuss the amendments and move on with this.

Chair: Thank you. We do have a resolution in front of us. There are a couple of options on there. As the resolution stands, I have no formal amendment at this time. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to address the reasoning behind split student plans at this time. Even though it does increase the premiums overall by 5%, it allows for a lot of flexibility. For example, Dentistry students automatically have dental coverage. They obviously don't need the dental coverage, so they would opt out. If it wasn't a split plan, we are basically taking them right out of the system, and there are other students that are in similar circumstances. That flexibility was one of the biggest reasons to have a split plan. The administration of that increases the cost a little.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: I was just wondering if there would be more people who would require major restorative than the number of people who would be covered under another plan?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to accept the Health and Dental Plan Resolution as amended as shown on the board.

Chair: We have a motion on the floor to amend the resolution.

President: Pardon me Mr. Chair. If I may withdraw that and do them separately, that would be preferable.

Chair: Ok. So, we have four amendments on the floor. We need a seconder for each amendment. The first amendment is seconded by Councilor Wagemakers. I'll now open the floor for debate on amendment number one. It's to eliminate the \$5.76 from the split plan. Is that correct? That's the amendment on the floor and we will open it for debate. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Call the question.

Chair: I have nobody on the speakers list, so perhaps we'll move to the question. All those in favour of eliminating the \$5.76 for recall exams? Is there any opposition? Seeing one opposed, do you wish to be noted in the record? No. The amendment passes.

MOTION USC124: Dougan/Wagemakers

Chair: Item number 2, amendment put forward by President Dougan, seconded by Councilor Whyley. Item number 2 is to take away \$6.50, the removal of major restorative from the plan. I'll open the floor on that. Is there any debate on that? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Call the question.

Chair: I think that's in order at this time. All those in favour of removing \$6.50, major restorative, from the plan? Is there any opposition? Recognize one in opposition, do you wish to be noted? Recognize Councilor Urmson. The amendment passes.

MOTION USC 125: Dougan/Whyly

Chair: Moving to amendment number 3, which reads to eliminate the accident insurance, which is \$1.80, from the plan. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Call the question.

Chair: All those in favour of eliminating accident insurance, with the cost of \$1.80, raise your placard now. Is there any opposition? Seeing none, the amendment passes.

MOTION USC126: Dougan/Wallace

Chair: Moving on to amendment number 4, which reads to eliminate \$0.60 off of the total of the plan, to removal of a semi-private hospital room. Open the floor for debate. Recognize Councilor Christensen.

Ms. Christensen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I was just going to say that after working in the hospital, that for under a dollar, you would probably like to have a semi-private room.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Urmson.

Mr. Urmson: I'm in the hospital a lot too, and you want a semi-private room.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you. I agree, I would hate to put anyone through my snoring.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any other debate with regards to this amendment? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Call the question.

Chair: We'll put that straight to a question then. All those in favour of eliminating \$0.60 for the removal of the semi-private hospital room? Is there any opposition? I see lots of opposed, therefore the amendment fails.

MOTION USC127: Dougan/Wagemakers DEFEATED

Chair: So, we have the resolution as amended and we have items one, two and three that have passed and you can take the main resolution as being amended as such. So, we are back to the main resolution. Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Call the question.

Chair: I'm going to put that to a vote, seeing as some people may still wish to speak to this. Do we have a seconder for the motion to go to the question? Recognize Councilor Johnson. All those in favour of moving directly to the vote on the resolution as amended? Opposed? Seeing no opposition, we'll move directly to the question.

MOTION USC128: Wagemakers/Johnson

Chair: All those in favour of Health and Dental Plan resolution with the amendments, totaling \$171.10? Is there any opposition? Seeing no opposition, the Health and Dental Plan resolution passes as amended.

MOTION USC129: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: Item 10, New Business, there is nothing under Item 10, so we'll move to Item 11, Questions and Comments for 30 Minutes, unless there is any opposition. The time is 7:23 p.m. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: First of all I would like to commend the Ad Hoc Committee on Health and Dental for all of their hard work in coming up with this plan. I would also like to ask about civic politics and as we have a relatively new City Council in Saskatoon, I was curious as to whether or not if any of these Councilors have welcomed the new government and whether or not the City was approached with regards to the issues that students have? I was just curious is that has happened or if there is a plan?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Mr. Carpentier.

Mr. Carpentier: I have a question.....when do the Executive expect to hold the referendum?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you. To address Mr. Stehr's comments, one of the major directions I've taken with Student Issues this year is to create those relationships with the civic leaders. After the election campaign, I have already made numerous contacts with most, if not all, the City Councilors and the Mayor. I was at City Council, and I will be giving a presentation to the Administration and Finance Board on January 15th stating the concerns with have with transit fairs and lobbying them to create the post secondary education monthly bus pass. We have approached them, and the unfortunate part of City Council, is that they are not full time. We have wanted to bring them on campus for a breakfast or brunch kind of idea and introduce them to the USSU and the University and

it's just a matter of timing to get them all in one room. I do see it happening in the next month or so and it's just a matter of scheduling.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything further? Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. A number of students in Arts & Science have been talking about the marks and the lack of them through U-Star. I was just wondering if the current VP of Information is involved and if we are going to see an increase in communication between marks and people receiving them prior to the second term. There was a lot of concern about pre-requisites for classes and they don't know if they've passed or failed. It's kind of an academic crisis.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: That is a problem that spreads across Canada. The worst College is probably Engineering because they have the most three credit classes and the slowest professors. It's not so much a problem with U-Star because the professors do a lot of that themselves, it's trying to get someone in Senior Administration to lead theand try to get the marks in. I know we've all experienced this where we receive marks later then we should have. There's always one out of five classes that you don't get. It's not so much a problem with U-Star or the Registrar's Office, which governs U-Star, the slowness has to do with the professors not getting the marks in on time and not getting the exams corrected on time. It's not the people that administer U-Star. I don't want to taint all professors, because most of them are pretty good, but there are always some that get behind.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I was just curious as I was reading the University Calendar that there is a policy that all professors have five academic days, including Saturdays, in which to report the marks to the Registrar's Office. I was wondering if that policy is actually implemented or if that's just for show.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Obviously not. One of the problems that I have encountered and am trying to correct is that with all of the Associate VP's and Presidents and all of the different people that exist and all of the different delegations of Senior Administration and the College Administration, is that nobody is really clear on who has jurisdiction over maintaining that professors get their marks in on time. Is the Dean responsible? Is VP Atkinson responsible? Nobody knows. One of the things that I have been speaking with Senior Administration about is whose responsibility is it? It's not just this specific issue, but there are other issues that are governed by policy, but not enforced. So, my short answer is no, there isn't anyone responsible, and the long answer is yes, there has to be, but I don't know who.

Chair: Mr. Carpentier.

Mr. Carpentier: Thank you, that was all.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. As it stands right now, in terms of planning for the referendum, it is committed for the second term as a stand-alone referendum. In the next section, Any Other Business, this can be discussed. I think we are in overall agreement that the best way to go about this would be to have it with the general elections. If we are going to have a stand-alone referendum in the second term, we are just incurring more costs. We can hold them together to save on costs. The elections policy has recently been reviewed and some changes were made on how a candidate would run and how a referendum campaign would run, so there would be at least one month of campaigning for this. There will be committees who will debate both sides at forums and there will be overlap once the campaigning for the general elections start. That's sort of how it's worked out in my mind, and we'll make a motion as such.

Chair: Are there any further questions? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: I would like to make a motion to close Questions and Comments.

Chair: There is a motion to close this Item. Do we have a seconder for that? Recognize Councilor Stehr. I'm going to put that to a vote, unless there is any opposition. All those in favour of closing Questions and Comments at this time? Is there any opposition? Questions and Comments are closed.

MOTION USC130: Wagemakers/Stehr

Chair: Moving to the next item, Item 12, Any Other Business. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to make a motion to hold the Health and Dental Referendum in conjunction with the general elections for 2001.

Chair: The way I would like to do this is start with a change to the agenda. Let's get it on the agenda first, then the issue can be discussed. So, I'll take this as a motion. Do we have a seconder to add it to the agenda? Recognize VP Jackson. I'll put that to a vote. All those in favour of adding the Health and Dental Referendum Date under Item 12? Opposition? Seeing none, under Item 12, we will add 12.1.

MOTION USC131: Dougan/Jackson

Chair: Do we have a projected date for the general election?

President: March 5th, 6th and 7th, as outlined in our USC Calendar of Events.

Chair: OK, so the motion on the floor is to have the Health and Dental Referendum on the same days as the general election, being March 5, 6, and 7th. Recognize Councilor Evanisky. Recognize Mr. Guedo from the ASSU.

Mr. Guedo: Just on an academic level, I think it would be invaluable information for the USSU to hold the referendum separate from the general elections so just when you view the data whether when it comes to the USSU elections overall across campus whether the apathy iswhich the referendum can define or whether it's just general student apathy, so if we held them on separate dates, it would allow other bodies on campus to address the question of apathy with more data.

Chair: Recognize VP Jackson.

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'll wait.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. That's a good question. I'm just looking back to the Senate by-election where we had a .17% voter turnout. Last year's election, there were no issues and we had a 4.9% voter turnout. I'm of the opinion that you can never have too much interest. One of the issues we've been working on this year is getting people out and vote. I think the more people we can get out to vote and if we combine the election and the referendum, all the better. One of the things that happens at other student unions across Canada that we've seen on our travels, is that there is always at least one referendum question attached to the general election. It's not necessarily related to Health and Dental, but associated with it. It seems that the magic number is three. A lot of universities attach three referendum questions to the elections. Some of them deal with finances, issues, etc. With this referendum, hopefully we'll run a few other questions with it such as, are you in favour of differential tuition, for example. It would help us to get a feel of what students want regarding issues such as that. My inclination would be that we will run them together.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Michel from the ASSU.

Mr. Carpentier: I'm also in favour of holding them at the same. My only concern is that I wouldn't want to see someone have a platform based on the plans.

Chair: Thank you. I have Devin from the ASSU.

Mr. Guedo: I thinkis a good idea, my only comment is that if you put the two together, the referendum and the election, it corrupts the data. It won't give you any new information on....

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. In terms of information on how the election would be held in conjunction with the referendum, if you think back to the last health and dental referendum, it didn't have a great turn out, but it did have a good solid 8 – 10% and we are only at half of that right now. So, we do have some information on that. It's maybe not as pure as we would like it.

Mr. Carpentier: I would hope that it wouldn't corrupt....

President: Our biggest fear as an Executive is that running it together is that people will run their election campaigns based on the Health and Dental Referendum.

Through information sessions, we are hoping that that will be alleviated. Quite frankly, the Health and Dental Campaign will be running for at least three for four weeks before campaigning even begins. During that one week overlap, we are hoping that the candidates will stick to their platform, and of course we have no control over that and it is a danger, however, holding the referendum on it's own will cost upwards of \$10,000.

Chair: Thank you. I have Councilor Stehr on the speakers list.

Mr. Stehr: Call the question.

Chair: I have a motion on the floor to put this to a vote. Unless there is anyone that would like to speak to this. Councilor Evanisky as seconder. The motion on the floor is Item 12.1 under Any Other Business, to have the Health and Dental Resolution at the same time as the General Election on March 5th, 6th and 7th. All those in favour of that motion, please raise your placard. Opposed? Seeing no opposition, the Health and Dental Referendum will be held during the USSU General Election on March 5th, 6th and 7th.

MOTION USC132: Dougan/Evanisky

Chair: Moving to Item 13, do we have a motion to adjourn. Councilor Whitedeer, Councilor Metzger seconded. All those in favour? Opposed? Seeing no opposition, we are adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, January 10th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

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Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

12. Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

13. Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

6.5 **Appointments Board Minutes and Report: January 3rd, 2001**

6.6 **Elections Board Minutes and Report**

22. Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

23. Ad Hoc Committee on Health & Dental Minutes and Report

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7.1 **Executive Committee Minutes: January 4th, 2001**

7.2 **USC Attendance Matrix**

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10.2 Policy on Big Box Retail Revenues

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

12.1 Elections

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, January 10th, 2001

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Deanna Denham, Vocational Agriculture
Kris Denney, Education
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Freda Whitedeer, ISC
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair

REGRETS

Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Chair: It looks like we have quorum, so we'll move on to Item 3, Adoption of the Agenda. Do we have any changes to the agenda at this time? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to strike Item 7.2, as it's a typo.

Chair: We'll just strike that out as administrative. Are there any other changes to the agenda at this time? Seeing none, we'll move to Item 4, Introductions and Announcements. Do we have anything at this time? Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to introduce Julian Demkiw from Alumni and Development.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to announce again that we have Spectrum this week on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please come out and it's \$5 for the entire day.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Whyley.

Ms. Whyley: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to talk about the Rez Ski Trip coming up this February Break. We are opening it up to anyone on campus. It goes from February 19th to the 23rd. It includes four days of skiing and four nights in Kimberley, B.C. for \$400. A \$100 deposit is required.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: I just have a quick question.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stehr.

Mr. Stehr: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to introduce Tera Schneider, who will be taking my position as MSC for Commerce. I'm sure she'll do great. Secondly I would also like to announce that I'll be resigning tonight and will no longer be a part of this body.

Chair: So, you are formally giving your resignation as of the end of tonight's meeting?

Mr. Stehr: Yes, I might have to leave early.

Chair: Thank you. Is there anything else? Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr.Chair. I just wanted to announce a couple of events coming up for the USSU. Finger Eleven will be playing on the 18th at Louis', which is an all ages show, and I'm happy to report that it's sold out. On the 24th the Roy Romanow Commemorative Lecture will occur and Jeff Simpson from the Globe and Mail will be speaking on "Star Spangled" and about the brain drain. On the 25th, which also happens to be Robby Burns Day, there is a comedy night at Louis', so if you'd like to celebrate the Scottish tradition, Louis' is the place to go.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Adelman.

Mr. Adelman: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to announce that the Sask Challenge, a debating tournament, is on from the 24th to the 26th.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Johnson.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you Mr. Chair. STM.....we are going to Provost, Alberta...

Chair: Is there anything else? Seeing none, we'll move to Item 5, which is the Council Address. Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Sorry, just bare with me, I'm having some technical difficulties.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any other announcements? Seeing none, we'll have the Council Address from Mr. Demkiw. We'll need a motion to move to committee as a whole. Recognize VP Jackson, seconded by VP Wallace. All those in favour of moving to committee as a whole? Is there any opposition? Seeing none, we are now in committee as a whole.

MOTION USC133: Jackson/Wallace

Mr. Demkiw: We don't have a video, but Jack and I are going to put on a four minutes skit on drinking and driving.....this is what happens when you stay in University for nine year. No, today we'll be talking about DisOrientation. The information in front of you in the pamphlet describes more of the sessions in more detail. DisOrientation is for students, whether you're graduating or not. It's broken up into five days as you'll see; Alumni Day, Career Day, Money Day, Job Day and Education Day. Just to touch on what each of these days actually cover. Monday, January 29th is Alumni Day. What we did last year, is we tried to bring on Alumni from various colleges to talk about what it's like being an Engineer, what it's like being a Commerce grad. That didn't really work that well because a lot of the colleges do that, which is good. So, we're actually going to try to focus a little more on the interest group side of things. For example, we're going to bring in Aboriginal speakers to talk about Aboriginals in the workforce. We're also bringing in women in the workforce and lesbian, gay and bisexual people in the workforce. It's not just open to those people, it's open to anyone dealing with those issues. Tuesday, Career Day, we have four sessions; Practical Job Hunting Skills, Non

Traditional Job Hunting, Career Planning and Starting Your Own Business. Three of those are put on by University related people and one is put on by an external Human Resource professional. All of them are within class time.

VP Academic: Wednesday, January 31st is Money Day. This is a great opportunity for students to come out and meet some of the members of the corporate community. We are going to have three sessions; Taxes and Credit, Student Loan Payback and a session on Investing on a Small Budget. These sessions are geared towards showing students how to save and manage their money. Again, it's really important that you note that these are members of the business community that are coming to the University to try and create relationships with students and to give you some of the skills that you need that you don't necessarily learn in the classroom. Thursday, February 1st, is Job Day. Again, we have three sessions; Stress Management, Successful Habits for Successful People, and Office Conflict. These are part of being in the corporate world. These will give you some skills and some information about what may happen in the workforce.

Mr. Demkiw: The one specifically, Successful Habits for Successful People, which is put on by Greg Cochlan, he actually does this for executives across Canada. He usually charges \$3000 for an hour, and he's coming to us for nothing. This isn't just Jack and I going out and getting our friends to do this. They are actually very qualified people. It's kind of a mishmash of things that didn't necessarily fit into the rest of things, dealing with issues that you don't really deal with a lot. Specifically, understanding diversity, aboriginal issues, and biotechnology. In addition to this, there will be a dinner taking place on Monday, the 29th. There will be about 80 people there, we are inviting 40 students and 40 alumni. There will be a guest speaker, Ben Moss, he's an engineering grad who is running his own company called DBI Incorporated which is an agricultural and bioresources consulting company. They just signed with a Danish company to develop power from pig manure. They are completely recycling it, so if you are interested in environment issues, you should come to the dinner. It's by invite only. The MSC's are invited to attend, so please RSVP by January 22nd. There is no cost to anything at all. That was one of the things we wanted to do, is to keep it completely free. That isn't any reflection at all on the quality of speakers we have. These speakers are from the community and everyone we asked said yes right away. You don't have to sign up for the sessions, but if you do, you will be eligible for prizes at the sessions. The sign up sheet, next week after you look at this, we are going to send a sign up sheet around to the MSC's and Jack and I are going to try to visit as many of the College Societies as possible.

VP Academic: And we'll bring more information as well. There will be information at the Kiosk in Lower Place Riel. That will be during the entire week before DisOrientation, from the 22nd to the 27th.

Mr. Demkiw: Finally, we know that some of these sessions are offered at times during classes. It's one of the things we can't get around. If you know there are people from your College interested in some of the sessions, if you can say that there would be 40

people wanting to see a specific session, we can probably ask the speakers to arrange something. We would need to know that soon though. So, if there is something you would like to see, let us know and we'll see what we can do. A lot of them expressed interest in coming back.

VP Academic: This is really the only graduation festival that the U of S has. If you look at some of the other institutions across Canada, they have some big celebrations around convocation time. This is geared more towards the entire student population. It would be really good of you guys to promote it. It's totally free.

Mr. Demkiw: Just to give you some idea of how this came up, it started with the USSU wanting to get involved with students at an upper year level. We looked at it from a principle of if we can develop students before they are alumni, they will be all the better for it. Do you have any questions? I hope this is of interest to you. If you don't think student will go for this at all, please tell us because we need the feedback to get an idea of what students like. We set up the students by talking to students and recent graduates to see what they would have liked to know. Career planning was a big thing. If you have any questions, Jack is more than knowledgeable on the issues and myself as well. There will be more information on Tuesday across campus for all of the session. There will also be something in the Sheaf. Thank you very much.

Chair: That's is for Council Address. Perhaps we could have a motion to sit formally again. Recognize VP Wallace, seconded by Councilor Wagemakers. All those in favour of going back to Council formally? Is there any opposed? Seeing none, we'll move along.

MOTION USC134: Wallace/Wagemakers

Chair: Item 6, Minutes and Report for Action. Item 6.1, USC minutes for January 3rd, 2001. If it's the wish of Council, unless there are any objections, we'll receive the minutes without being read. Moving along then, Item 6.5, Appointments Board minutes to report for January 3rd, 2001. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Appointments Board met after Council last week to discuss the Appointment of the Chief Returning Officer for the General Elections. There was recommendation from the Executive Board to go with the same person as last year, and hence ratified James Sproule as the CRO for the USSU Elections. The next meeting will be at such a time after we receive the applications for the Assistant Chief Returning Officer.

Chair: Thank you. Do we have a seconder for the minutes? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers. All those in favour of accepting the minutes? Is there any opposition? Minutes are received.

MOTION USC135: Dougan/Wagemakers

Chair: Moving along to Item 7, Minutes and Reports for Information. Item 7.1, Executive Committee minutes for January 4th. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. This was just a quick meeting. There were two issues discussed; transit fares, VP Jackson is working to get a bus fare rate for students and we also discussed the mid-year retreat that the Executive took part in. We talked about timelines, projects, where we are in the year, and where we plan to be at the end of the year.

Chair: Thank you. I'll take President Dougan as the mover, and recognize VP Wallace as the seconder. Is there any discussion on this? Seeing none, we'll put that to a vote. All those in favour? Opposed? Seeing none, the Executive minutes for January 4th are received.

MOTION USC136: Dougan/Wallace

Chair: Item 9.1, Verbatim Minutes Discussion. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. This is a question of whether verbatim minutes are necessary. This is something that's come up over a number of years with the USSU. It's something that we wanted to bring forward for your decision tonight. According to some calculation done by our Confidential Secretary, because she's the one that types up all the minutes from these audio cassettes, all of the hours that she puts in times her hourly rate, it comes to a yearly cost of \$7500 to bring these verbatim minutes to Council. So, what we need to discuss is if they are needed or not. I know that in the past and specifically in 1996, they brought forward some questions about verbatim minutes. Rather than just scrap the minutes in their entirety, we are going to need something to keep track of the minutes. This is an effort to save money, and still maintain some record of what is done at these meetings. What we are wanting to propose is basically a system of whereby issues based minutes will be taken at the meetings either by hiring a recording secretary. We have now gone to the Dictaphone system so, if we were to hire a recording secretary at the base wage of the USSU, it would be much the same as an honorarium system as how we are paid. The person would do summaries of the discussions, then report to the decisions and the motions that were made. We would still record the meetings, but instead of typing them out in their entirety, we would transfer them to CDs and keep those archived. Those summary minutes would be the ones distributed. We haven't broken it down into a buy-cost presentation, the fact that the matter is that by any reasonable estimation, would save us about \$5000 a year. This is something we wanted to bring forward to you guys for discussion.

Chair: Is there a formal motion?

President: I'll make a motion to move from verbatim minutes to issues-based minutes while retaining a CD archive of all of the meetings proceedings.

Chair: Do we have a seconder for that? Recognize VP Henderson. So, we have a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you Mr. Chair. If the President could, go over of why we would require a second person when there is already someone in place?

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. Before I respond to the question, I just wanted to comment on the research we did around Canada to see how other Students' Unions deal with this. For the most part, there are very very few, maybe four including ourselves, that still do the minutes verbatim. They all use them for the same reasons, they like the detail and they like reading what people have said. I think it's important to point out that anyone who wishes to get that information in finer detail can just come to the office and listen to the CDs. The reasoning behind moving to a Recording Secretary, or perhaps having our Confidential Secretary come to the meetings, is that at these meetings, we are paid an honorarium, and that person would take down those minutes in brief manner, outlining what the discussion was about, and the motions made, and they would basically be done after that meeting. What happens now, is that we take an hour and a half to three hours or more for the meetings on to the Dictaphone and they go back to our Secretary, who sometimes spends upwards of a week trying to get them straightened out. It's quite a production to actually get these minutes produced and it costs a lot of money. In printing costs alone it's a lot of money. On an average Council meeting we are spending about \$18 on copying alone.

The staff costs of having someone do the copying are roughly the same as well, and on top of that the staff costs to have someone type the minutes is much much more, in fact about six times more, totaling roughly \$7500 a year. Now, I guess the fundamental question is are they necessary? Do you read them? Do you refer back to them? If you do, please let us know, but we are suggesting that perhaps we don't need them, and moving to a more streamlined system, that would make the minutes clearer and people could pick them up and understand what's going on without having to read through 18 pages of questions and comments, etc. The discussion would be summarized and if the need arose, they could come to our office to listen to the disks.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize the gentlemen from the Sheaf. Please stand and say your name.

Mr. Cormier: Ryan Cormier. I would just like to say that on behalf of the Sheaf, the verbatim minutes are very useful tools for us. I keep a binder of them and when I have to write a story on what you guys have discussed, I can refer back to them. We publish the concerns you guys have. If we just get these in a summary form, we are going to have to get someone to listen to the disks, and a lot of those people are volunteers. So, I would just like to say that if you do go to an issues-based form of minutes, expect that your stories are going to be less accurate.

Chair: Recognize Councilor Hitchcock. This is your second time speaking.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you Mr. Chair. This question is to basically to find out how this decision is going to effect the Secretary's position that is doing the minutes right now? If this is sometimes taking her upwards of a week to complete, how is she going to fill her time, instead of doing this?

VP Student Issues: Thank you Mr. Chair. The Confidential Secretary will have more time to devote to everything else that goes on in the office. Her job just stop at 4:30 p.m. She doesn't stay for a long period of time after work, but this would give her more time during the day to do everything else in the office that needs to be done. We have two secretaries now, and I think that the office is large enough now, that we do need that. I think another question that has to be asked is \$5000, is that worth our money? We are not doing this for our students, because I don't think they are reading this. Thank you.

Chair: Councilor Wagemakers.

Mr. Wagemakers: I have the same sort of question. If we are going to hire someone new to attend the meetings, are we saving anything in the long run? Are we getting rid of someone?

VP Student Issues: There is going to be other stuff that she will take on.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I guess to speak to a number of comments and questions. In terms of the details that the Sheaf may use, or others may use. The verbatim minutes do a lot for you, and you keep a record of that and that's great, however, for right now, as a Council, you don't get these minutes until the afternoon of the next meeting, and that's not just because we are holding them back, but it's because they are not done. If we moved to this issues-based minutes, they would be able to be out to you a lot sooner, so that when you are going to report to your Council, you would have the official minutes from USC to present. As far as the Sheaf's concern, you could use old-fashioned journalism, and call people and talk to the Executive. I know that the Sheaf attends meetings, and they could continue that. I do agree that they are very handy, but hardly worth \$5000 a year. Moving on to the Secretary's time. The time that she spends on these minutes means that other projects get pushed back and minutes from other meetings and documents get pushed back. She doesn't have time to get to all of those in a timely fashion because these minutes take so much time. In terms of staff costs, if we had someone here at the meeting rather than having her do the verbatim minutes, I can't stress enough that if we have an hour and a half meeting, she spends 4 hours doing the minutes. It's not equal time. She spends at least 4 hours for every set of minutes, usually a lot longer because she is part of our front line staff she gets interrupted and the minutes take a long time to get done. Like I said, it's up to you. If you feel they are necessary, that's fine by us. We don't feel that it's necessary, so that's why we are bringing it forward.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Mateen.

Ms. Mateen: Thank you. I'm just curious to see what we're going to do with the big bucks we are going to save.

Chair: Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. As with any other surplus that's left at the end of the year, it gets put in our contingency fund.

Chair: Is there any further discussion. Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Thank you Mr. Chair. Maybe I didn't completely understand. But this tape recorder only came into effect last year and there were no verbatim minutes before that? Or how was it done? Are we going back to the way it was done before?

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. There has always been verbatim minutes. We have sets that go back at least 12 years. So, it's not something new. We are just trying to redefine how they are done. As President Dougan indicated before, we are one of the few schools that still continues to use verbatim minutes.

Chair: Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Seeing nothing, we'll put this to a vote. The motion on the floor as I understand it, and I could be wrong, but it was moved by the President is that we have an issues-based paper form and a CD rom archive that can be accessed if necessary. All those in favour? Opposed? Seeing no opposition, the motion passes. If you would like to abstain, just say "abstention", so we'll go back to the vote. A revote, so there is no confusion. All those in favour? Opposed? Abstentions, recognize two, do you wish to be noted in the record? Councilors Mateen and Hitchcock abstain. The motion passes.

MOTION USC137: Dougan/Henderson

Chair: Moving to Item 10.1, Decentralized Tuition Model and Item 10.2, Policy of Big Box Retail Revenues. I believe the President just wants to tell you what these are about. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. This year in the operations forecast, the University brought forward the idea of decentralized tuition, meaning that the colleges have a lot more input into how the fees were differentiated between different colleges. The University would charge the base fee, then the College would add on their fees for labs, etc. Basically it was a sentence long, with no explanation. The only information we've been able to find on it is in the Operations Forecast, which I meant to bring, but I copied the one from last year. You will be receiving that information, and I hope you get a chance to look at it. In the next month what we hope to do is talk about this and come up with a policy stance on it so that we can lobby the University. We would also like to talk

about the Saskatchewan Universities Funding Mechanism, which will probably come up under New Business for next week. It's the extra money that the U of S is receiving because we have been underfunded in comparison to the U of R over the years and we currently don't have a stance on how we feel the University should spend that money. Hopefully we wrap all of these up and it will be a revision of the current standing policy that we have on tuition and other fees. That's our hope and I will get the information out to you as soon as possible. Talk to the administrators in your college and your college societies. I really don't know any more than you.

Chair: Thank you. So, those are under Business for next week. So, the President is motioning to table Item 10.2, the Policy on Big Box Revenues. Seconded by VP Wallace. Does everyone understand what's going on. The motion on the floor is tabled. All those in favour of tabling Item 10.2 indefinitely? Opposed? Seeing no opposition, the Policy on Big Box Retail Revenues is tabled. Recognize President Dougan.

MOTION USC138: Dougan/Wallace

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. May I just give a few comments on that at this time?

Chair: Sure, go ahead.

President: This is tabled, and hopefully we'll deal with this after we get the tuition things taken care of. I was hoping that people could give some thought to this. Hopefully you're all aware of the scheme that's going on. The University is going to rent out some of its land by Circle Drive at the end of Preston. They got it rezoned by the City and the last few months there have been some articles in the Sheaf and the StarPhoenix. There hasn't been any indication what the funding from that big box retail scheme will be and I think it would be appropriate for us to develop something in regards to that, especially the low percentage of our operating budget that is used on scholarships and bursaries. So, there will be a draft policy coming forward for your approval in the next little while. If you have any ideas, please see us or bring it to Council next week.

Chair: My apologies for interrupting your comments. We will now move to Questions and Comments for 30 minutes. Recognize VP Wallace.

VP Academic: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would just like to let you know that there are some extra posters here so if you guys have any interest in this, please take one and put it up in your college office. We will be calling to set up a time to visit your college society meeting to discuss DisOrientation.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize VP Henderson.

VP Operations: Thank you Mr. Chair. I received another resignation from my Board. Mr. Metzger has resigned due to his practicum time, and work time for his internship. So, we have election tonight.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: I would just like to take a couple of minutes to thank my co-Councilor Mr. Stehr and wish him well in the future.

Chair: Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Thank you Mr. Chair. I'm just wondering how seeing as we just had a discussion on the verbatim minutes and we talked about costs, I'm wondering if it would be appropriate to bring an informal break down of the costs to Council? I think it would be beneficial to see where these numbers are coming from so we can learn more about the micro management.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Does the President want to respond to that?

Chair: Recognize President Dougan.

President: Before I answer that question, I would just like to mention that Councilor Stehr has resigned his position on the Appointments Board as well. So we elect someone for that position as well later on. To speak to the question from the Councilor of Law, Council just made a decision on that, and I think we made a wise decision, so you have been involved in the decision making of this. I can give you some numbers, but I can't give you detailed numbers because that would divulge the pay scale of our employees and we have a policy against that. As I mentioned, the photocopying costs were about \$20 per meeting and the staff costs were close to that and the staff costs of the actual typing were roughly six times that, so that translates into quite a bit of money. I wish I could give you it in further detail, but I would have to divulge our Confidential Secretary's wage and I'm not comfortable doing that. In terms of decision making, as councilors you are involved in all of the decision making that goes on at this meeting. I would hope that if you aren't comfortable with something that you would bring it up or perhaps if you're not sure about something, that you would ask, or have the motion tabled for further information. I hope nobody feels that they are not a part of the decision making structure of the USSU.

Chair: Thank you. I have Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: I would like to change the topic of discussion a little right now. This afternoon I was reading through the StarPhoenix and in it it had the second annual report of the Canadian Senate Policy of Alternatives and in it it gives a report card for all of the provincial governments and it stated the overall provincial rankings on commitment to post secondary education and apparently this ranking was based on accessibility, quality and public accountability and Saskatchewan ended up second last. First of all, I've never heard of this survey before and I'm curious if anyone else has and I

don't know how credible it is for one, but if it is credible, I think that USC should take some sort of initiative against this.

Chair: Councilor Debiegne.

Ms. Debiegne: I would like to speak to you as a Council. I think it's a little unfortunate that we didn't have anything in hard copy for the verbatim decision. There are more issues here than just the financial cost. I hadn't considered the Sheaf's position until tonight, and it was a really rushed decision, so I think that's unfortunate.

Chair: Thank you. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I haven't seen that article or heard of the ranking, so I would like a copy if possible. We do have a compilation of a lot of statistics and one that is interesting that President McKinnon passed on just the other day, is that the U of S, and Saskatchewan ranks 9 out of the 10 provinces that spends money on post secondary education institutions. The ranking scale is based on the amount of operating grant money per student on campuses. It's just ridiculous. Newfoundland was number one. They spend the most money per student in their University system. Newfoundland is the biggestprovince in the dominion.

Manitoba spends more money on FTE students, more so than Saskatchewan. That is something that will be forwarded to our Council in a document, hopefully in a week and will also be taken to the Provincial government. One of the things I'm responsible for is the Education Matters Legacy Campaign, so we're going to try to get something together on these low rankings that Saskatchewan and the U of S, not only by McLean's, but through this and possible that, to combat it. Right now we are looking at sort of a three-pointed approach. We want to talk about core funding to the universities, the student experience, especially the lack of student services, and about scholarships and bursaries. Those are the three main areas we'll be bringing forward to Council.

Chair: Thank you. Are there any further questions or comments? Recognize Councilor Dobson.

Mr. Dobson: Move to close questions and comments.

Chair: OK, seconded by Councilor Wagemakers. All those in favour of closing questions and comments at this time, raise your placards please. Opposed? Seeing no opposition, the time is 7:04 p.m. and questions and comments are closed.

MOTION USC139: Dobson/Wagemakers

Chair: Moving to Item 12, Any Other Business. Tonight we have Item 12.1, Elections. We have elections for the Operations and Finance Board as well as the Appointments Board. Recognize President Dougan.

President: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to move to open nominations for Appointments Board and Operations & Finance Board.

Chair: Perhaps it would be more appropriate if we did them separately, if that's all right. Recognize Councilor Stephen.

Ms. Stephen: Thank you Mr. Chair. I would like to table this until next week until the Councilor from Commerce is ratified.

Chair: Motion to table it is appropriate. Were you moving to table both or just the one?

Ms. Stephen: Both.

Chair: Ok, do we have a seconder for that motion? Recognize Councilor Wagemakers. I'm going to open the floor for debate on that. I'll open the speakers list. Recognize Councilor Evanisky.

Mr. Evanisky: Thank you Mr. Chair. Could we not just ratify the Councilor tonight?

Chair: I'm going to take that as a point of information. I think you could ratify her tonight. Recognize President Dougan.

President: According to convention and the Elections Policy. Councilors aren't duly elected until I receive a letter from the College Society President saying that they were duly elected. I have received such a letter from all of the other Councilors here tonight. I still have to receive one for Ms. Schneider for the Commerce Students' Society, so until such a time, in our eyes, Ms. Schneider is not duly elected, therefore ineligible to hold a seat on USC. So, unfortunately we can't ratify her tonight.

Chair: So, maybe Ms. Stephen can clarify when she would like it tabled to?

Ms. Stephen: Until the next meeting when she is ratified.

Chair: Does the seconder agree with that? Ok, is there any other debate with regards to tabling this motion? Recognize Councilor Hitchcock.

Mr. Hitchcock: Call the question.

Chair: All those in favour of tabling until the next meeting? Opposed? I see one opposed, do you wish to be noted in the record? OK. Item 12.1 will be tabled until next week and if it's not brought off the table during the next meeting, it will expire.

MOTION USC 140: Stephen/Wagemakers

Chair: Nothing else under Item 12, so we'll move to Item 13, Adjournment. Recognize Councilor Mateen, seconded by President Dougan. All those in favour of adjourning? Opposed? Seeing no opposition, the meeting is adjourned.

MOTION USC141: Mateen/Dougan

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, January 17th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: January 10th, 2001**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 24. Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**
- 25. Ad Hoc Committee on Health & Dental Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: January 10th & January 12th, 2001**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

New Business

- 10.1 De-Centralized Tuition Model**
- 14. Policy on Big Box Retail Revenues**
- 15. Saskatchewan Universities Funding Mechanism**

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

- 12.1 Elections**

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, January 17th, 2001

PRESENT

Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Todd Schweitzer, Education
Craig Stehr, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Freda Whitedeer, ISC
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Andrew Sneddon, Education

REGRETS

Aaron Dougan, President
Kris Denney, Education
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology

ABSENT

Deanna Denham, Vocational Agriculture

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

No changes to note.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Hitchcock announced that the Law Students Association Legal Follies is next week at Persephone Theatre, tickets will be available in the Arts Tunnel next week or at the door.

VP Jackson reported that President Dougan sends his regrets for tonight as he is ill.

Councilor Christensen announced that the SPNSS Out of Town Pub Crawl, travelling to Warman and Dundurn, will be next weekend. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non members.

Councilor Stephen reported that Tera Schneider has been appointed MSC in place of Craig Stehr for Commerce; however, she will not be ratified until Thursday.

Councilor Adelman announced that the College of Agriculture's First Annual Hockey trip is coming up this Saturday. The cost is \$90. The Oilers are playing the Wings. The bus will stop in Lloydminster for lunch. The Sask Challenge is on the 24th and 25th and that's were the Agriculture students do some academic things.

Councilor Johnson announced that STM's Booze Cruz will be February 2nd. Tickets are \$30 each. There is free beer before the bus leaves and after we arrive.

VP Henderson noted that on Monday, January 22nd in Place Riel Theatre there will be a discussion on the new alcohol policy on campus with regards to acquiring Server Intervention training, etc. If you have any questions, please see Scott Henderson.

VP Wallace introduced Andrew Sneddon from the Education Students' Society.

Councilor Stephen announced that Contact 2001 is next Friday. It will be held at the Centennial Auditorium and tickets are \$12. It is open to anyone would wishes to make contact with the business community.

Council Address

No council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes: USC minutes for January 10th were received without reading.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes:

Move to receive the Executive Committee minutes for January 10th, 2001 as read.

USC MOTION142: Jackson/Wallace Carried.

Move to receive the Executive Committee minutes for January 12th, 2001 with the motion numbers amended.

USC MOTION143: Henderson/Jackson Carried.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions were brought forward.

Business

No Business was discussed.

New Business

De-Centralized Tuition Models

The University of Saskatchewan 2000 Operations Forecast was distributed for Council's perusal for the next Council meeting.

Big Box Retail Revenue

Item to remain tabled indefinitely.

Saskatchewan Universities Funding Mechanism

Mr. Jackson reported that there is more information being gathered for the next Council meeting.

Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)

Move to open Questions and Comments.

MOTION USC144: Wallace/Mateen Carried.

VPRA expressed their gratitude to the USSU for funding their annual Casino Night tomorrow. The event is to celebrate alcohol awareness week; therefore, it's a chemical free event.

VP Wallace reminded Council about DisOrientation and requested that they pass on the word to their fellow students.

VP Wallace gave an update on U-Star. It was noted that the reason the Registrar's Office gave for the marks from Term 1 being out late included the fact that the office was closed

over the holidays. VP Wallace reported that he will be attending a meeting this Friday with Micheal Atkinson to discuss the University Council Policy and specifically the clause on releasing marks within 5 working days and who is responsible for enforcing these rules. He will give an update next at the next Council meeting.

VP Henderson reported that the alcohol awareness meeting will be Monday, January 27th in Place Riel Theatre. Each college president will receive a memo about it and each of you will receive an e-mail. The policy that now requires students from a different college to serve at student functions will be discussed.

Councilor Mateen thanked VP Wallace for his attention to the issue of marks being released late. She also requested an update on the new building.

VP Jackson responded by letting Council know that more information on the new building would be coming in the next month.

Councilor Stephen asked what was happening with the Health and Dental referendum. VP Jackson responded that the information would be out in the next three weeks.

Councilor Mateen asked if the next meeting would be cancelled due to the lecture series. VP Henderson responded that if Council was next week, it would be finished in time for the lecture.

Councilor Debiegne asked about the estimated arrival time for the College of Kinesiology's photocopier. VP Henderson responded that he was hoping to hear back from WBM soon and that he would let Councilor Debiegne know as soon as he heard.

Move to close Questions and Comments at 6:37 p.m.

MOTION USC145: Wagemakers/Adelman Carried.

Any Other Business

Elections

Move to bring elections for the Operations and Finance Board and the Appointments Board from the table.

MOTION USC146: Henderson/Wallace Carried.

Appointments Board election nominations that were accepted included Councilor Adelman, Councilor Christensen and Councilor Schweitzer. Each Councilor gave a brief speech outlining the reasons as to why they would like to sit on the Appointments Board. Election was by secret ballot. Councilor Schweitzer was elected.

Operations and Finance Board election nominations that were accepted included Councilor Adelman, Councilor Christensen and Councilor Whitedeer. Each Councilor gave a brief speech outlining the reasons as to why they would like to sit on the

Operations and Finance Board. Election was by secret ballot. A tie was declared between Councilor Christensen and Councilor Adelman. A re-vote was then ordered. Councilor Christensen was elected.

Move to ratify Councilor Schweitzer as the new member of the Appointments Board.
MOTION USC147: Henderson/Wallace Carried.

Move to ratify Councilor Christensen as the new member of the Appointments Board.
MOTION USC148: Henderson/Wallace Carried.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.
MOTION USC149: Dobson/Adelman Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, January 24th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

3.1 Ratification

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes: January 17th, 2001

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report: January 23rd, 2001

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: January 19th, 2001

6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report: January 23rd, 2001

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

26. Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

8.1 Elections and Referendum Schedule

Business

9.1 De-Centralized Tuition Model

9.2 Saskatchewan Universities Funding Mechanism

9.3 Policy on Big Box Retail Revenues

New Business

10.1 Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees

Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, January 24th, 2001

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Kris Denney, Education
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Freda Whitdeer, ISC
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair

REGRETS

Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Todd Schweitzer, Education

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add Item 6.6 Elections Board oral report for January 23rd, 2001.

USC MOTION150: Wagemakers/Dougan Carried.

Move to add 7.2 Report on Athletic Advisory Council Meeting.

USC MOTION151: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

Move to take Item 9.1, De-Centralized Tuition Model, and Item 9.3, Policy on Big Box Retail Revenues. from the table.

USC MOTION152: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

For information purposes, Item 9.2 will remain on the table indefinitely.

Move to accept the agenda as amended.

USC MOTION153: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

Ratification

President Dougan confirmed that he had received the ratification letter from the College of Commerce Student Society.

Move to ratify Tera Schneider as the new MSC for Commerce.

USC MOTION154: Dougan/Hitchcock Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Jackson reported that Thursday, January 25th is Comedy Night at Louis. Admission is only \$5 and photo ID is required.

Councilor Wagemakers reported on February second the College of Engineering is putting on "Energizer." It will start at 8 p.m. and go until 2 a.m. Tickets are \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Also, the College of Engineering will be sending a delegation of its members to the Western Engineering College Competition this weekend. Councilors Dobson and Wagemakers will be competing.

Councilor Hitchcock reminded Council that Legal Follies is this weekend. Tickets are available either in the Arts Tunnel or at the door. Tickets are \$13 and VP Wallace will be performing!

Councilor Evanisky reported that the ASSU will be having a Pub-Crawl this Friday. It's starts at 6 p.m. at the Kooler and there will be free beer from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The Buffalo Jills cheerleaders will be in attendance when the tour stops at the Sutherland.

VP Henderson reported that the copiers are ready to be installed in Medicine and St. Andrews. Arrangements will be made with the delivery people shortly.

VP Henderson reminded Council that there will be a SuperBowl party on Sunday at Louis' and the first showing of Survivor 2 will follow the game.

President Dougan introduced the new format for Council minutes. If you have any feedback, please let the Executive know.

President Dougan reminded Council that the Roy Romanow Lecture is tonight in the Place Riel Theatre. All MSC are eligible for one free ticket. You can pick them up from President Dougan.

Councilor Renneberg reported STM is having their First Annual Booze Cruz to Alberta on February 2nd. Tickets are \$30, which includes much more than the buss ride down.

Council Address

No council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

Move to accept all minutes without reading with the exception of Item 6.6, Elections Board minutes and report due to time constraints.

USC MOTION155: Hitchcock/Evanisky Carried.
President Dougan abstained.

Elections Board Minutes: January 23rd, 2001

Councilor Wagemakers reported that the timelines for the election were discussed and tentative dates were chosen. It was noted that written minutes will follow.

USC MOTION156: Wagemakers/Whyley Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

14.1 Athletic Advisory Council

President Dougan reported that the Committee met last night to go over programming updates and athletic fee for 2000/2001. It was noted that the athletic fee will be increasing for 2001/2002 by 5% from \$56.62 to \$59.47. The splitting of those fees between Campus Recreation and Huskie Athletics was also discussed. Traditionally the split is 70% to Athletics and 30% to Campus Rec. If you have any feedback, please speak with President Dougan.

President Dougan reminded Council that this report is for information purposes only and that USC cannot take intervening action. The increase in fees will have to be approved by the Board of Governors.

Move to accept the Athletic Advisory Council report for January 23rd, 2001.

USC MOTION157: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

**Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports
Elections and Referendum Schedule**

Move to amend number seven to read Tuesday, February 13th, 2001.

USC MOTION157: Dougan/Wagemakers Carried.

Move to accept the proposed timelines for the election and referendum for 2001.

USC MOTION158: Wagemakers/Whyley Carried.

Business

De-Centralized Tuition Model

Move to suspend the rules of debate for this particular issue for a maximum of 30 minutes.

USC MOTION159: Dougan/Evanisky Carried.

President Dougan asked for feedback on the report. He noted that nothing is set in stone at the moment, and now is the chance to make recommendations. He explained that the University wants to maintain a direct entry accessibility tuition and then the high-cost programs, they want to have differential fees. Money from those programs will likely go to faculty, staff, administration and capital. College specific tuition would entail each college being responsible for coming up with their own projects, services and ideas that they would like to implement with their own operations forecast. This would likely include lab equipment and computers.

Councilor Evanisky noted that differential tuition takes potential earnings into consideration; however, his concern was that those earnings are not guaranteed.

Councilor Urmson noted that the College of Medicine is very concerned about differential tuition. The College got hit with a 14% percent increase this year and is expecting the same for next year. His concern was that if this keeps on happening only students from wealthy families would be able to attend university.

President Dougan clarified that the discussion was not on the actual document on differential tuition, but the De-Centralized Tuition Model. The USSU has a standing policy against differential tuition. He asked what the feeling of Council was on Colleges setting their own tuition rates.

Councilor Wagemakers asked about the difference between direct entry colleges and professional colleges. VP Wallace explained that all colleges would have autonomy in deciding what they would do with the tuition fees in terms of the amount charged and what they spend the revenues on.

Councilor Hitchcock noted that his college is concerned that the de-centralized tuition model would eventually lead to differential tuition. He also noted that lobbying against tuition increases would then have to be done college specific and instead of the Student's Union be responsible for that, it would be up to the College Societies to lobby their own College.

Councilor Debiegne questioned the Administration's motivation to move to this model and asked who the Colleges would be accountable to. President Dougan responded by saying that it takes the pressure off of Senior Administration. The Colleges would bare the brunt of the student concerns and media if they were to increase tuition.

Councilor Evanisky voiced his opinion seeing this as a copout by Administration, similar to what happened with the issue of late marks on U-Star.

Councilor Hitchcock commented on the poor visibility that the USSU currently has on campus and how it would further decrease if this happened. He also noted that College Societies, which are ran by volunteers, would not have enough manpower to lobby the Colleges.

President Dougan noted that the USSU continues to lobby Senior Administration against differential tuition, but the University keeps going ahead with it because they think it's the right way to go. He is hopeful that the same thing will not happen with de-centralized tuition and warned that we should be prepared if it does happen.

Councilor Evanisky asked what the Colleges thought of this model. VP Wallace responded that with an institution of the U of S's size, all Colleges are looking for more money to introduce better programs and facilities. The Dean's have communicated that they are on board with the idea because they then have control over their own budgets.

Councilor Johnson asked if this model in any way would decrease the solidarity that the USSU has with the Colleges and President Dougan responded that it likely would not only would affect the USSU, but the students as a whole on campus.

President Dougan asked that anyone with suggestions bring them to him as the USSU is going to work on a position paper addressing this issue.

Policy on Big Box Retail Revenues

President Dougan explained what the University's plan is with the big box retail on campus. The position the USSU will take is that 50% of the money be used for scholarships and bursaries and the remainder be used for enhancing the student experience, including additional funds to student services and residence. building. President Dougan clarified that the space allotments are 100,000 square feet, not 10,000 as indicated in the resolution.

Councilor Whyley noted that she had concerns about pouring money into a new residence building when year after year, less and less students are coming back to live in residence.

VP Jackson mentioned that one of the Student Issues Board's main agenda items was to ensure a good quality of life for student living in residence and that a number of things are currently being addressed with the Residence Office.

Councilor Mateen emphasized how important scholarships are to the image of our University. She also suggested that some research be done into constructing a student parkade instead of another residence building.

Councilor Dobson noted that lower tuition, not scholarships, would help to bring more students to the U of S, and to help enhance the student experience for many more people.

Move to amend the policy to state BIRT, that while USC has concerns with private enterprise on campus lands,.... Should the university choose to agree with this policy, we believe that it would be in keeping with the general fiduciary duties that the University has to its' students.

MOTION USC160: Hitchcock/Urmson Defeated.

Move to accept the policy on big box retail revenues.

MOTION USC161: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

Councilor Hitchcock, Councilor Dobson and Councilor Johnson noted their opposition.

New Business

Review of the Position on Tuition and Other Fees

President Dougan reported that we have to review and update the document to fall in line with the policy changes this year. He asked that Council be prepared to discuss the document and suggest changes next meeting.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Urmson suggested that the USSU do something about the volume of the music at the Treats Emporium in Place Riel. President Dougan ensured that he would inform the Facilities Manager of the problem.

Councilor Mateen questioned President Dougan on the "Foundations for the Future" document and ownership of the kiosk near the theatre. President Dougan responded that the Theatre Kiosk is no longer property of the USSU, it belongs to the Arts Building. He also mentioned that the Education Matters Legacy Campaign is not over. It has been delayed and he is diligently working on it.

Councilor Hitchcock asked that copies of the Health and Dental plan be distributed to Council prior to the campaigning. President Dougan responded that he had just received the finalized copies of the plan and that he would bring copies to the next Council meeting. He also mentioned that the price had gone down by \$.10 and that campaigning was open to anyone.

VP Wallace reminded Council that DisOrientation is next week.

Councilor Whyley mentioned that she had a student come to her with concerns about safety on campus. She asked if there was any system in place to let students know what happens on campus. President Dougan responded that there never was any report made to Campus Security or the City Police about the incident in the library. He mentioned

that the USSU usually finds out about any incidences on campus and that he felt our campus was relatively safe.

Councilor Debiegne responded by saying she felt there was security issues on campus with the peeping tom in the Education changerooms.

Councilor Schneider asked about Browsers moving to Upper MUB. President Dougan responded that it was just an idea and it was currently being investigated.

Move to close Questions and Comments at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION USC162: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

Any Other Business

Elections Board Election

Move to open nominations for the Elections Board.

MOTION USC163: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

Elections Board nominations that were accepted included Tera Schneider.

Move to close nominations.

MOTION USC164: Dougan/Evanisky Carried.

Move to ratify Councilor Schneider as the new member of the Elections Board.

MOTION USC165: Wallace/Jackson Carried.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

MOTION USC166: Wagemakers/Christensen. Carried.

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, January 31st, 2001

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Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
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Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Todd Schweitzer, Education
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Freda Whitedeer, ISC
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair

REGRETS

Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering

ABSENT

Deanna Denham, Vocational Agriculture
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy

Call to Order

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

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add Item 6.6, January 23rd and January 30th, 2001, to table 9.2 under Business and to add Item 10.1, Executive Portfolio Bylaw amendments.

MOTION USC167: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

VP Henderson noted that Item 6.3 should read minutes for January 26th, 2001 instead of January 16th, 2001.

Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Schweitzer introduced Sheri Wallace from the College of Education.

President Dougan announced that Ian Wright, one of the hosts of the Lonely Planet of the Outdoor Living Network will be in Place Riel Theatre for the Eric Malling Memorial Lecture on February 12th. He also reminded Council that they were each entitled to one free ticket. Wednesday, February 14th, Snow will be playing at Louis'. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for the public. On Thursday, February 15th, Hypnotist Wayne Lee will be at Louis'.

VP Henderson reminded Council that starting Thursday Louis' is having a Survivor Party every Thursday night.

Councilor Christensen reminded Council that this Friday is the Energizer.

Councilor Schneider announced that Friday, February 9th is the Commerce Stud Pub. It's at 4:30 in their lounge.

Councilor Renneberg mentioned that STM's Buz Cruz is going to Alberta this Friday. If anyone needs tickets, please see Anthony.

Councilor Whyley announced that VPRA will be holding "Fun in the Sun" where the female students will dress up in beachware and will be heading out to see some dancers. They will then head to the Sutherland. Buses will leave Place Riel at 7:45 p.m. and tickets are \$5.

Councilor Stephen welcomed any "studs" to enter the Commerce Stud Pub.

Council Address

No council address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes: Minutes for January 24th were accepted without being read.

Operations and Finance Board

Move to accept the Operations and Finance Board minutes for January 26th, 2001.

MOTION USC168: Johnson/Schweitzer Carried.

Elections Board

Move to accept the Elections Board minutes for January 30th.

MOTION USC169: Whyley/Johnson Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee

Move to accept the Executive Minutes for January 23rd, 2001.

MOTION USC170: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

Health and Dental Plan

President Dougan distributed the package of information on the Health and Dental referendum.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Poster Policy

VP Henderson noted what information within the policy had changed.

Move to accept the amended poster policy.

MOTION USC170: Henderson/Wallace Carried.

Business

Policy on Saskatchewan Universities Funding Mechanism

President Dougan went through the resolution with Council. The DesRosier report came back stating that the U of S was underfunded compared to the U of R and that some sort of funding mechanism should be put in place to compensate for the impact of the high-cost programs that we offer. That mechanism, the Saskatchewan University Funding Mechanism (SUFM) is an activity-based, cost-driven funding model and it was developed to alleviate any discrepancies in the funding to each of the universities. Over the next three years the U of S will be getting additional money to compensate. The University has committed these funds to academics renewal.

President Dougan clarified that the formula is responsive to different universities as time goes on. The amount of money that the U of R should get relative to the U of S will change. When they plugged in the numbers the U of S was \$7 million short of what we should have received if we were to have equitable funding with the U of R in terms of the programming we have. The priority over the next three years is to get rid of that discrepancy.

Councilor Hitchcock questioned how Council could pass a resolution based on policy. He also noted that this Council is not bound by what last years' Council decided on with regards to tuition and funding. He requested that Council have more information to go over on the SUFM before voting.

President Dougan responded by saying that the policy they were voting on would only be in place for the next couple of years to work with the additional money coming in from the government. He also noted that last years' policy is a standing policy and that he has been lobbying on those same points all year and relevant for this years tuition debate. He assured that the policy will be reviewed this year to make sure it's up to date.

Councilor Schneider questioned why scholarships and bursaries aren't being addressed in the model.

Councilor Hitchcock suggested that the vote on the resolution should wait until the main document is changed to reflect the opinions of this years' Council.

Move to suspend the rules of debate, specifically the rule limiting the number of times a Councilor can speak to this issue.

MOTION USC171: Wallace/Evanisky Carried.

VP Henderson spoke on the issue of policies and procedure statements from previous years. He noted that the decisions made in the past did reflect a vision and a direction, and that we should follow it.

After lengthy debate on tabling the vote on the resolution, Councilor Sanders asked the chair to call the question.

Move to close the debate on tabling.

MOTION USC172: Sanders/Jackson Carried.

Move to table the accepting of the resolution until after the tuition document is discussed.

MOTION USC173: Hitchcock/Johnson Defeated.

President Dougan noted that scholarships and bursaries fall under endowment funds and what this model speaks to is operating funding, hence tuition.

Councilor Mateen noted that we should be cognizant of how this will effect the U of R as well. She also asked why the resolution does not include anything on differential tuition.

President Dougan clarified that the U of R received a budgetary increase this year, therefore they are not losing any operating money. The issue of differential tuition was not included in the "be it resolved" statement because it is already in the standing policy.

Councilor Evanisky suggested that Council put together a standing policy that could be changed in a couple of weeks, giving the Executive something to take to the SUFM now.

President Dougan explained that this was a review of Bylaw 2. He noted that a document with proposed changes to the Bylaw will come to Council next week to be voted on.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Hitchcock asked the Executive why some students didn't get funding for the FTAA. He also asked how much money the USSU would make off of the Health and Dental plan and requested an update on the new building, specifically regarding the implementation of a dedicated fee.

Mr. Cormier of the Sheaf warned that he would be writing a report card on USC and invited comments from all Councilors. You can reach him at 966-8689, preferably before Monday.

Councilor Whyley suggested the minutes be available to Councilors earlier so they would have a chance to review the documents and solicit input from their colleges.

VP Henderson spoke to Councilor Hitchcock's question regarding funding to the FTAA. The campus club funding line item has been exhausted. The group appealed to the Executive Board and as a result, received funding from the Executive sponsorship line item. President Dougan expanded by saying the \$80 for ratification is for insurance only. Without insurance, the clubs would not be able to book rooms or hold meeting and events on campus.

President Dougan gave an update on the new building. The sponsorship campaign has not been successful as anticipated. The consultants are continuing to build relationships with corporations to open boardroom doors. He assured that there would not be a fee put forward for students to pay for the building as long as he was President.

President Dougan spoke to the issue of the availability of the Council minutes. He explained that it's a transitional period right now, and is hoping to be able to commit to having the minutes done a day or so earlier.

Councilor Hitchcock asked if the reason why the corporate sector has stalled is because we are not getting money from the students. He also commended the URSU position on student loan harmonization and noted that if anyone had questions about the position on privatizing student loans, that they should come to see him.

President Dougan reported that a memorandum had been sent to the Treats Emporium about the volume of the music. He also explained how the Place Riel Theatre ticket booth space was ceded to the College of Arts & Science as part of an ongoing negotiation with the University.

President Dougan addressed the question regarding corporate funding for the building. He noted that the corporate sector doesn't regard 20 years of a student building levy as support from current students.

VP Jackson spoke on the issue of privatizing the student loans program. He thanked Council for their support on the issue and that the decisions made here had influenced government policy. The students of Saskatchewan will be the first in Canada to have only one student loan to deal with.

Councilor Stephen asked about corporate sponsorship and who was responsible for soliciting the corporate sector.

VP Jackson responded to a question about student loans information campaigning. He noted that the process was slowed by the federal election and that he is hoping to have the information out in March.

President Dougan responded to the questions on expansion. Two professional consultants, one local and one in Toronto, both employed by O&Y Enterprise, are working on soliciting corporate sponsorship.

President Dougan also responded to the question from Councilor Whitedeer regarding student loans. He noted that the USSU focuses on grassroots issues, not social issues. With regards to student loans, the harmonization program offered the most benefits and diversity for u of S students, therefore it was the appropriate choice.

Councilor Hitchcock voiced his opinion on the student loan issue. He suggested that there likely are a lot of students on campus that don't agree with the model.

President Dougan spoke to Councilor Hitchcock's comments, noting that the decision was approved by a majority vote at Council and that he would hope all Councilors would accept and abide by it.

Councilor Geenen asked if something could be done about the icy sidewalks outside of the Williams Building on Cumberland.

Any Other Business

Move to go to an "in camera" session.

MOTION USC176: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC177: Henderson/Renneberg Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, February 7th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

- 5.1** President McKinnon – Tuition at the U of S

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1** **USC Minutes:** January 31st, 2001
 - 6.2** **Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.3** **Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report:** February 2nd, 2001
 - 6.4** **Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5** **Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6** **Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 27. Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1** Executive Committee Minutes: January 30th, 2001 and February 6th, 2001
- 16. Term One Accountability Reports**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1** Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)

New Business

- 10.1** Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees
- 10.2** Executive Portfolio Bylaw Amendments

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Any Other Business

Adjournment

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ABSENT

Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Deanna Denham, Vocational Agriculture

Call to Order

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

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add under 6.2, Academic Affairs board minutes January 30th and February 6th; add Academic Grievance Report under Item 6.6; 10.2 to move to 9.2 and to add 12.1, Election.

MOTION USC178: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Dobson reported that this past weekend the College of Engineering sent eight delegates to the Western Engineering Conference. The U of S won two categories; the first and second year design, and placed second in corporate design as well as in explanatory communications. All eight delegates will be continuing on to the Canadian Engineering Competition in Victoria in March.

President Dougan introduced President Peter McKinnon who will be addressing the Council. He also sent congratulations out to Farrah Mateen who won a National Research Council award of \$10,000 granted per year for two years for Women in Engineering and Science.

President Dougan reminded Council that the Eric Malling Lecture is on Monday, February 12th. MSC's are entitled to one free ticket. On February 14th, Snow will be at Louis' and on the 15th the Hypnotist Wayne Lee will be performing.

VP Wallace introduced Tasha Elliott, the USSU Help Centre Director.

Councilor Schneider reminded Council of the Commerce Stud Pub this Friday at 5 p.m. in the Reading Room. Commerce will also be having their election pub-crawl on Thursday, February 15th.

Chair Frank reminded all Councilors to swipe their cards.

Council Address

Move to go to committee of the whole.

MOTION USC179: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

President Dougan welcomed President Peter McKinnon to Council.

President McKinnon thanked the Executive for being available for feedback and encouraged Council to speak with the Executive on any matters regarding University Policy. He outlined the process of determining tuition at the U of S.

President McKinnon will make a recommendation to the Board of Governors, which is then responsible for setting tuition and dealing with all financial matters for the University. The recommendation is dependent on a number of things including the timing of the provincial budget and committed resources to post secondary funding, accessibility and public investment in universities.

Post-secondary education has become very competitive as an enterprise. The U of S will be in the market for faculty at the very same time as other universities in Canada. Competition for research funding is also another one of the factors that has to go into our equation as we look at our fiscal situation in determining tuition.

Tuition is a very significant portion of the U of S's operating budget, currently about 26%. The factors that go into identifying tuition levels are looked at very closely.

The U of S's differentials are relatively modest compared to other universities. The question is if we should simply charge more to those colleges whose programs cost more to operate.

President McKinnon is committed to ensuring that the U of S is offering the best possible programs that we can offer and that we can sustain those programs. He feels that this is a higher order of business than keeping tuition as low as possible.

Councilor Evanisky asked what is being done specifically in the way of lobby efforts to increase funding from the provincial government and if both Universities were working together on this. President McKinnon assured that the Universities meet with two or more senior officials from Post Secondary Education every week in effort to secure more funding.

President McKinnon addressed a question with respect to competitiveness. He stated that our tuition is favourable in comparison with other universities in Canada. In terms of differentials, he feels that tuition should reflect, at least to a degree, the cost of the programs that are being offered. There is a huge difference in the cost of the programs that the U of S offers. He is currently attempting to determine how much of a differential is reasonable; however, he feels that if increasing tuition is going to decrease our competitiveness, that he would be very concerned about raising tuition.

Councilor Hitchcock noted that in the College of Law, tuition went up this year, and in turn the College cut a class from the program. He feels that it's only fair to expect the programs to improve if tuition is going up. President McKinnon suggested that he will be recommending the College Deans to speak with students and make recommendations on programming. He feels it's important to show students what would be done with the money if tuition was increased.

Councilor Hitchcock suggested that President McKinnon speak with students directly as he feels Deans are not familiar with the issues facing students today.

President McKinnon responded to a question regarding what plans are in place to secure provincial funding. He noted that the University is about 80% through developing a

strategic plan that will go governments and the corporate sector. Both an enrolment plan and research funding plan are also being developed. The systematic program review at the U of S is one of the most comprehensive in the country. All of these things will be brought together in the strategic plan.

Recruitment and retention is fundamentally important. Funding to student services must be increased. Tuition has been kept as low as possible to keep the students that are here. Scholarships and bursaries are also being looked at. A large portion of the revenues from the Big Box retail that may be on campus soon, will be set aside for scholarships.

Councilor Urmson suggested that if tuition is raised, that accessibility will be gone. It was also suggested that it may be less of an impact if tuition is raised only slightly across the board, rather than substantially in just a few colleges. President McKinnon reminded Council that the province is subsidizing programs at different levels, example being Medicine at about \$30,000 and Commerce being about \$3500. He also noted that he has turned away from basing tuition on anticipated income levels, but that there is a link between the cost of the program to the level of tuition. He noted that if a college wants to increase tuition, it ought to be able to explain the increases and justify them.

Councilor Schneider asked what was being done about soliciting funding from alumni. President McKinnon responded by telling Council that he has just embarked on a campaign intended to reach 25,000 graduates from the U of S, who have never contributed to the university.

Councilor Whyley suggested that the reason why the provincial government is reluctant to increase funding may be that students are leaving the province as soon as they graduate. President McKinnon reminded Council that over 50% of the graduates do remain in Saskatchewan; however he did agree that the government does see it that way.

President McKinnon informed Council that the four Veterinary Medicine colleges in Canada are presently attempting to secure an increase in funding from the federal government.

President McKinnon thanked Council for their time.

Move to sit informally as Council.

MOTION USC180: Johnson/Wallace Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Action

USC Minutes: Minutes for January 31st were accepted without reading.

Academic Affairs Board Minutes

Move to accept minutes from January 30th.

MOTION USC181: Evanisky/Wallace Carried.

Move to accept minutes from February 6th.

MOTION USC182: Wallace/Dougan Carried.

VP Wallace went through the Academic Grievance report briefly and noted that the recommendations would be going to the Operations and Finance Board for budget time. Move to accept the Academic Grievance Report.

MOTION USC183: Wallace/Mateen Carried.

Operations and Finance Board Minutes:

Move to accept the minutes for February 2nd.

MOTION USC184: Christensen/Jackson Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Minutes

Move to accept the Executive Committee minutes for January 30th.

MOTION USC185: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

Move to accept the Executive Committee minutes for February 6th.

MOTION USC186: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Term One Accountability Reports

President Dougan reported that these reports included accountability for the first term, progress on projects and conference reports.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Nothing to report.

Business

Review of the Position on Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)

Executive Portfolio Bylaw Amendments

President Dougan explained that the Executive has been having on-going discussions regarding their portfolios. Council may approve these changes; however, the changes are subject to final approval at the Annual General Meeting.

He noted substantial changes.

MOTION USC187: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

New Business

Decentralized Tuition Policy

President Dougan reported that a draft policy would be coming forth at the next Council meeting for discussion.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Mateen asked when the information would be out for the Health and Dental referendum seeing as the break is coming up. President Dougan informed Council that the Executive has been visiting college societies. He also mentioned that the files student.care/networks used were not compatible with the USSU's therefore the posters will be a little later than expected.

President Dougan apologized for his response to last week's question from the Councilor from ISC, which he thought was about student loans, and in fact was about "stepping stones". He explained that it wasn't a part of the USSU's mandate to engage in recruitment opportunities and on the day it occurred, the Executive was busy.

ACRO, Andrea Smotra, asked Council for their feedback on election campaigning and forum times. If anyone would like to get in touch with her, you can contact the USSU office or e-mail her at ars144@mail.usask.ca.

Councilor Mateen asked if the Member of Student Council positions would be promoted in the same way the Executive positions were being advertised. President Dougan told Council that the MSC positions are not going to be called for with the USSU positions because they are dealt with through the College Societies. Councilor Mateen suggested that the MSC's are an important part of the USSU and that the MSC positions should be promoted at the same time, regardless of when the actual election is held.

VP Jackson suggested that the Councilors solicit input from their College Societies on how to get the word out about the elections.

Councilor Schneider suggested that the College Societies should be the body concentrating on getting the word out about the elections for MSC's as they are the students that elect those positions. Councilor Wagemakers voiced his agreement and encouraged all Councilors to get the word out to their colleges.

Councilor Stephen suggested that all the elections for MSC and for the USSU Executive be held at the same time to promote unity with the organization and to get away from the idea of MSC's only representing their own college.

Councilor Whyley voiced her concern about having all of the forums being held on the same dates as it would be impossible to attend all of them.

Councilor Hitchcock agreed with the Councilor from Arts in that the USSU should promote the MSC elections.

Councilor Wagemakers asked if the Executive would be stopping by the College Societies more often.

President Dougan responded to the idea of the USSU promoting the MSC elections. He suggested that the current MSCs talk to their College Societies and to give the Executive their feedback and ideas for outreach. Meetings have been set up with various college societies to speak about the Health and Dental Referendum.

VP Jackson asked for feedback from the Councilors on holding the elections together. Councilor Dobson noted that the College of Engineering's MSC is very closely related to the College Society and that they also get a better turnout at their Society elections than the USSU General Elections.

Councilor Dobson questioned the apparent exhaustion of the campus group funding line item. VP Henderson reported that because the cash line item for campus club funding was finished. There is still some Coke money left. We have a certain amount of money allocated in the budget for those things and once it's gone for the year, that's it.

Councilor Hitchcock voiced his concern regarding the possibility of having to hold a by-election for the College Society positions if certain positions are not filled during the General Elections.

VP Jackson commented that it would be best if all groups worked together to increase voter turnout.

President Dougan clarified a point in the Executive minutes regarding funding for the Sierra Youth Club. They did get funding from the Executive Sponsorship line item because they were hosting a conference; therefore, they were eligible for Executive sponsorship money, not Campus Group money.

President Dougan spoke on voter turnout for the upcoming election. He is hoping to have 20% of students come out and vote, especially because of the inclusion of the Health and Dental Referendum.

Councilor Dobson suggested that the campus club funding line item be better budgeted for next year. VP Henderson noted that the fund was increased from last year and that the amount would be looked at again this year.

Any Other Business

Move to open nominations for Elections Board.

MOTION USC188: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

Councilor Schneider noted that the meetings are at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays. If you are on the Elections Board, you cannot be running for USSU Executive positions or senate or are on one of the "for" or "against" the referendum committees; however, you can run for an MSC position or for a Sheaf Board of Directors position.

Move to close nominations.

MOTION USC189: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Move to nominate Councilor Christensen to the Elections Board.

MOTION USC190: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 8: 04 p.m.

MOTION USC191: Johnson/Dobson Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, February 14th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

- 5.1** Studentcare.net/works Presentation

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1** USC Minutes: February 7th, 2001
- 6.2** Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report
- 6.3** Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: February 9th, 2001
- 6.4** Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: February 9th, 2001
- 6.5** Appointments Board Minutes and Report
- 17. Elections Board Minutes and Report: February 6th, 2001
- 18. Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1** Executive Committee Minutes:
- 7.2** Updated Bylaw #2
- 7.3** Education Matters Position Paper

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1** Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)
- 9.2** Decentralized Tuition Policy

New Business

- 10.1** Resolution on Health and Dental Campaigning

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

12. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, February 14th, 2001

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Tasha Elliott, Help Centre
James Adamson
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Jason Williams

REGRETS

Todd Schweitzer, Education
Kyle Dobson, Engineering

ABSENT

Deanna Denham, Vocational Agriculture
Kris Denney, Education
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3.Adoption of the Agenda

Move to move Item 10.1 from New Business to Item 9.3 Business.

MOTION USC192: Mateen/Evanisky Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Debiegne expressed her regrets for not being able to stay for the duration of the night's meeting.

President Dougan introduced Kristen Foster of Studentcare.net/works.

President Dougan reminded Council that Snow is playing at Louis and Wayne Lee is tomorrow night. Councilors are entitled to receive one free ticket for Wayne Lee.

President Dougan announced that Senior Administration, specifically VP Michael Atkinson, will be speaking on the "Academic Agenda – Not Enough Change" on Tuesday, March 6th at 11:30 a.m. in Place Riel Theatre. Everyone is welcome to attend. President Dougan shared information with Council regarding a seminar coming up from the Fraser Institute focusing on health care and taxation. Discussion will also occur on what is the appropriate size of the government. He also noted that there was a student essay contest. Handouts were distributed with further details.

VP Wallace introduced James Adamson from Engineering and Jason Williams from Pharmacy and Nutrition.

Councilor Schneider announced that tomorrow night is the Commerce Elections Pub Crawl. Tickets at \$5 for members and \$8 for non members.

Councilor Whyley announced that the VPRA Ski Trip still has five spots left. They will be leaving on Monday and coming back on Friday, so that's four days of skiing in Kimberley. The price is \$400.

Councilor Wagemakers introduced Geoff Stewart from the College of Engineering.

Councilor Evanisky introduced Blair Taylor and Devin Guedo from the ASSU.

Council Address

Move to go to committee of the whole.

MOTION USC193: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Ms. Foster of Studentcare.net/works apologized for the errors over the last couple of weeks resulting in a lot of communications material being sent in late to the USSU. The material was finally delivered on Monday afternoon and the posters and handouts will be out on campus tomorrow.

Ms. Foster reported that she spent the day handing out information on the Health and Dental Referendum to students all across campus and answering questions. She was pleased to say that there seems to be a high level of awareness and positive reaction to the plan. She will be back on campus the week after spring break to continue with the communications.

If the referendum was successful, fees and processes would be discussed with Administration in March and April. Policies would be fine-tuned and contracts would be reviewed in June and July. August and September will be the time for the big communications push to let students know how to submit their claims. The first three weeks will be spent focusing on the students that want to opt out of the plan.

Ms. Foster explained that to pay for both dental and pharmacy services, the insurance company will be billed through the pay direct card, and the student will be responsible for paying the remaining amount. For example, with prescriptions the student will only be responsible for 20% of the total cost. For other services, such as eye glasses, the student pays the entire amount, send in a claim form and is reimbursed for the appropriate amount. At all other universities there is a three-week turnaround guarantee after mid October.

The opt out procedure can either be done in person at the Administration office or on line by downloading the appropriate forms. All of the forms on line are secure documents. Claims will not be processed until all of the students wanting to opt out do so, as the final enrollment numbers have to be sent to the insurance company before any claims are accepted.

Move to sit as Council.

MOTION USC194: Wallace/Wagemakers Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to accept the minutes for February 7th as amended by Councilor Schneider.

MOTION USC195: Schneider/Jackson Carried.

6.3 Operations and Finance Board

Move to accept the minutes for February 9th as read.

MOTION USC196: Evanisky/Henderson Carried.

6.4 Student Issues Board

Move to accept the minutes for February 9th as read.

MOTION USC197: Jackson/Adelman Carried.

6.6 Elections Board

Move to accept the minutes for February 6th as amended by VP Henderson.

MOTION USC198: Johnson/Debienne Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

7.2 Updated Bylaw #2

President Dougan noted the Bylaw #2 distributed was the updated copy. Please direct any questions to President Dougan.

7.3 Education Matters Position Paper

President Dougan discussed the document in detail, outlining the four major sections. He noted that provincial funding for post secondary education in Saskatchewan very poor, ranking 8 out of 10 provinces. Three areas the Executive feel need attention are core funding, scholarships and bursaries and the student experience. The U of S should be, at least, equal with the national average.

Due to a lack of funds, the U of S, spent only 4.1% of it's operating budget on scholarships and bursaries. Some bursaries are available through the provincial government; however, students receiving those funds are able to study outside of Saskatchewan. The USSU feels that there should be some mechanism in place to entice students to stay here.

The student experience in university extends beyond the classroom, therefore, the U of S should have a significant investment in the quality of student life. Student services are an important part of this and they are chronically underfunded at this university.

Shortfalls in provincial funding will continue to translate into negative effects on accessibility and the quality of our institution. The integrity and competitiveness of the U of S is at risk because of this lack of funding.

Councilor Urmson suggested that the U of S has to come up with more solid reasons to increase funding than the MacLean's ranking. President Dougan responded that the MacLean's ranking does not adequately reflect the quality of the academics at the U of S as the focus is on the detailed statistics coming out of the report. The overall rankings are referred to only once in this report; however, we all need to realize that perception is reality.

Councilor Evanisky commented that he agreed with the recommendations in the report, but suggested to include references on what the provincial government spends elsewhere, such as agriculture, roads, etc. President Dougan assured Council that he would attempt to find some comparative numbers in this regard to include in the document. The document will then be sent to all MLA's.

Councilor Mateen agreed with Councilor Ursmon's comments and wondered what initiatives had been undertaken with the University of Regina to date. President Dougan said that the U of R had been involved in brainstorming in October of 2000; however, we were told that they were no longer interested in participating with us for this year as they were working on another initiative.

A visitor to Council asked about private donations to the university. President Dougan explained that some colleges, such as Engineering, fair quite well in private funding compared to the national average, but unfortunately most colleges don't.

Motions Arising from the Minutes to Report

Nothing to report.

Business

9.1 Review of Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)

9.2 Decentralized Tuition Policy

Move to table indefinitely.

MOTION USC199: Dougan/Schneider Carried.

9.3 Resolution on Health and Dental Campaign

Be it resolved that the University Students' Council strongly recommend that campaign materials and detailed eligibility as well as coverage information on the 2001 Health and Dental referendum come out as soon as possible and no later than Friday, February 16, 2001 such that concerned students may consider the referendum options in an accountable, timely, and responsive manner.

Councilor Mateen voiced her concerns about the poor campaigning for this plan to date. She noted that communications problems at this point are unacceptable due to the fact that we have known about this for quite some time.

President Dougan commented that he didn't feel this motion was necessary. He noted that the Executive has visited 10 college societies to date, has sent in a letter to the Editor in the Sheaf, regular ads have also ran on the back page, over 100 posters have been put up, 400 leaflets have been handed out, information is posted on the website and on the video advertising system. He also reminded Council that the USSU cannot put "for" campaigning information in the Buzz Boards, which limits our ability to distribute posters. He distributed the posters that have gone out to date for Councilor's viewing.

Councilor Schneider shared with Council that she felt the College of Commerce was well informed of the referendum.

Councilor Denney agreed with Councilor Mateen's concerns, but questioned the reasoning behind the resolution as campaigning materials are currently being distributed. Councilor Evanisky argued that the USSU had known about this for some time and that the materials are two weeks late going out.

Move to accept the resolution as read.
MOTION USC200: Mateen/Evanisky

Carried.

New Business

No new business.

11 Questions and Comments for 30 Minutes

President Dougan reminded Council that Wayne Lee will be performing tomorrow night at Louis'.

President Dougan noted that he would like to hear Council's comments on decentralized tuition. Those concerns will be taken into consideration when the policy is drafted.

President Dougan was pleased to report that Council minutes will be made available for pick up Mondays at noon. Unfortunately, all other materials likely won't be available until Wednesday, due to the timing of Board meetings and such.

President Dougan reminded Council that the "in camera" item that was brought forward last week will be discussed at the February 28th Council meeting, so please be prepared to comment. The question of honorariums will also be brought forward.

President Dougan reported that the Health and Dental resolution required action has been completed.

Councilor Schneider reminded everyone about the Commerce Elections Pub Crawl.

Councilor Schneider commented on promoting the MSC elections jointly with the USSU General Elections and noted that she received positive feedback through e-mailing the information out to students in her college. She also shared that Commerce is for decentralized tuition and explained the reasons behind their decision.

Councilor Urmson voiced his concerns regarding decentralized tuition inevitably leading to differential tuition. Councilor Whyley suggested that Council has to determine a position that is best for all students, not just specific colleges, regarding decentralized tuition.

Councilor Mateen brought up the issue of the Registration Guide only being offered on line. She questioned where the money saved from not publishing the guide would go.

VP Wallace agreed with Councilor Mateen's comments. He noted that he has set up a meeting with the Registrar's Office this Friday and will report back to Council with the results.

Councilor Schneider noted that a preliminary web version up in March. She agrees with the idea of an on-line guide, saying that it would be a cost saving measure as only the students who were in need of a guide would receive one.

VP Wallace responded to Councilor Schneider's remarks by noting that the information to go on-line will likely be inaccurate because of the timing. He is currently dealing with a number of fee appeals, because the information on prerequisites and fee deadlines in the Registration Guide was not correct. He also noted that the guides are very much in demand throughout the entire year.

VP Jackson noted that accessibility is a major issue for U of S students, noting that there are several students who do not have access.

Councilor Schneider noted that there are always mistakes in the publication and addendum are distributed at a later date. She noted that an on-line version would be very simple to update and that this version would cut down on the number of guides sent to incorrect addresses.

VP Henderson noted that an on-line version should be searchable to create a more user friendly guide; however, more work is needed to fine tune the idea. He also mentioned that the University has been working on implementing a degree navigator for the past couple of years; however, he has not received an update on the project for quite some time.

VP Wallace voiced his concern regarding the lack of accountability and reliability on the part of the Registrar's Office. He sees this as a major issue for the on-line guide.

President Dougan reminded Council that if they have comments on the USC honorariums or decentralized tuition to please let the Executive know.

Move to extend questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC201: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Councilor Adelman spoke against splitting up the Registration Guide.

VP Henderson noted that the questionnaire on council honorariums was sent out in the campus mail on Monday. Please speak to him if you didn't receive one.

President Dougan noted that Executive was considering implementing an MSC Communications and Events line item that would have money set aside for focus groups, information sessions, etc.

Councilor Mateen suggested putting the USC agenda on the back page of the Sheaf, especially during budget time and to invite comments from students on a regular basis.

Councilor Schneider questioned Executive member accountability to their respective Boards. She noted that she has had a couple of complaints from students feeling their feedback is not being considered.

Councilor Johnson commented against decentralized tuition. He mentioned that the intent of most of STM's students is to move on to professional colleges and he predicted although the students may not pay much in the beginning for their education, that they would pay for it in the end.

Councilor Johnson spoke against the negative rating the USC got from the Sheaf.

VP Henderson agreed with Councilor Stephen on working towards promoting the MSC positions and elections.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC202: Dougan/Adelman Carried.

Any Other Business

No other business.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION USC203: Dougan/Evanisky Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, February 28th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: February 14th, 2001**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
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- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 19. Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 20. Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: February 13th and February 23rd, 2001**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)**
- 9.2 Decentralized Tuition Policy (tabled)**

New Business

- 10.1 Code of Ethics Amendments**

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

13. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, February 28th, 2001

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Tera Schneider, Commerce

ABSENT

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Deanna Denham, Vocational Agriculture
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
James Adamson, Engineering
Alex Cruder, Commerce
Thomus Linner, Oxfam
Michael Scott, Commerce
Kelly Gabrielson, Commerce
Jody Nahorniak, Commerce
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Christine Nguyen, Commerce
Ginelle Paziuk, Arts
Anthony Tarnowski, Engineering
Janelle Gunderson, Engineering
Maureen Torrie, Engineering
Janelle Hutchinson, Engineering
Tasha Elliott, Arts
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
Jason Williams, Pharmacy
Zuzanna Szmukier, Pharmacy
Levi Goertz, Engineering

REGRETS

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add Item 6.4, Student Issues Board minutes for February 16th and to add Item 6.6, Elections Board minutes for February 13th.

MOTION USC204: Dougan/Evanisky Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

VP Henderson reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet.

VP Henderson notified Council that he has an opening on his Board. The Operations and Finance Board meets on Fridays at 4:45 p.m.

Councilor Evanisky introduced VP Student Issues candidate Tasha Elliott and Presidential candidates Janelle Hutchinson and Thomus Linner.

Councilor Christensen announced that Nursing is having their final Pub Crawl this Saturday, March 3rd. Tickets are \$10 for non members and \$8 for members, and are available in the Health Sciences lounge.

President Dougan announced that all of the MSC's are supposed to be polling clerks in their respective colleges. If you are unable to work, please let the ACRO know who your designate is. Next Friday, March 9th is the elections gala, where the winners are announced. Please come out and vote on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday pass the word along. The locations of the polling stations are listed on the posters that are up in the Buzz Boards. There will be a pancake breakfast from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Friday. Please come out and meet the candidates.

President Dougan announced that the second term Teaching Excellence nomination forms are available at the USSU office, the college societies and general offices. Nominations forms are also available for the Doug Favell Staff Spirit Award, the Walter Murray Leadership Award and the Vera Pezer Student Enhancement Award, so please pick them up and get them in.

President Dougan announced that Sue Johanson will be on campus on Tuesday, March 13th at 2 p.m. in Place Riel Theatre. There will also be a film festival in Place Riel Theatre starting Wednesday, March 7th through the 10th. Further information can be found in the Buzz Boards or on the back page of the Sheaf.

VP Wallace reminded the MSC's on Tuesday, March 6th at 11:30 a.m. in Place Riel Theatre, Dr. Michael Atkinson will be talking about the Academic Agenda. He will be discussing some of the changes in enrollment to the U of S.

Councilor Whyley announced that VPRA is holding their annual Road Kill Small Town Pub Crawl. Tickets are \$15, it starts at the Sutherland this Friday.

Councilor Johnson announced STMSU's Second Annual Medieval Feast in STM Cafeteria on Saturday, March 10th. Tickets are \$15, which includes a big meal and a dance.

Councilor Mateen introduced Zuzanna Szmukier from the College of Pharmacy. Councilor Hitchcock announced that last Monday the Chief Supreme Court Justice spoke at the College of Law.

Councilor Stephen introduced Michael Scott, Alex Crude, Kelly Gabrielson, Jody Nahorniak, Michelle MacDonald, and Christine Nguyen from Commerce.

Ryan Cormier from the Sheaf announced that the Sheaf's AGM will be this Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

Councilor Dobson introduced students from Engineering who are running for the MSC position next year; Geoff Stewart, Levi Goertz, Janelle Gunderson, James Adamson and Anthony Tornowski. The elections are next Friday and a pub crawl will follow. He also announced that eight students from Engineering will be representing the U of S at the Canadian Engineering Competition this weekend.

Councilor Stephen announced that Commerce is having a \$5 Beer Night tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

Council Address

No Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Councilor Debienne apologized for not swiping her card at the last meeting and requested to be added to the "present" attendance.

Move to accept the minutes as changed.

MOTION USC205: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

6.4 Student Issues Board

Move to accept the Student Issues Board minutes for February 16th.

MOTION USC206: Jackson/Whyley Carried.

6.6 Elections Board

Move to accept the Elections Board minutes for February 13th.

MOTION USC207: Johnson/Jackson Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee

Move to accept the Executive Committee minutes for February 13th.

MOTION USC208: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

Move to accept the Executive Committee minutes for February 23rd.

MOTION USC209: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

Motions Arising from the Minutes

No motions arising from the minutes.

Business

9.1 Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)

President Dougan asked that all Councilors be prepared to speak on this issue at the next Council meeting.

9.2 Decentralized Tuition Policy (tabled)

Move to remove this item from the table.

MOTION USC210: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

President Dougan read the resolution on Decentralized Tuition. "Where as the University of Saskatchewan operations forecast submitted to the Department of PSEST on September 18th, 2000 describes the intent to create a new decentralized tuition and budget allocations system in an effort to increase the financial accountability of the various colleges and where as the operations forecast anticipates a significant impact on tuition since colleges will have the opportunity to set their own tuition levels, building upon a base level of tuition to fund their activities and initiatives and where as it was also mentioned that the colleges would be responsible for marshalling student support for the necessary increases and that USC has concerns regarding the anticipated increase in the fee differentials amongst the programs, the divisiveness that would be created between students in different colleges and the overall impact a tuition strategy would play on the accessibility of the programs at the U of S, be it resolved that USC adopt a position that decentralized tuition not be implemented at the U of S.

Jodi Nahornaik from Commerce asked for clarification on what other universities are doing about decentralized tuition. She mentioned that students don't seem to be aware of what decentralized tuition is and that once explained, most students seemed for it. President Dougan responded by noting according to the research he has done, that no other university in Canada has implemented decentralized tuition yet. We feel this will increase the fee differential between various colleges.

Mr. Cruder from the College of Commerce voiced his opinion on decentralized tuition, saying that it allows the colleges to increase the quality of their programs by investing the money where it's needed, for example an increase in computers, an increase in the

number of faculty, renovations to existing buildings. etc. If the colleges were responsible for collecting tuition, it would make them much more accountable to the students.

Mr. Williams of Pharmacy spoke on behalf of his College, indicating that they were in favour of the proposed policy against decentralized tuition. He suggested that the number of students that would benefit from this structure would be few compared to the number of students it would hurt.

Councilor Hitchcock noted that the LSA passed a motion on this subject, opposing decentralized tuition. They fear decentralized tuition will take the sense of community away from the students at the U of S. They also feared that students from certain colleges wouldn't have time to lobby their colleges against decentralized tuition.

Councilor Mateen spoke in favour of the resolution. The College of Arts and Science is quite often a stepping stone to other professional colleges, and students will eventually not be able to afford further education.

Ms. Gabrielson of Commerce asked if this subject was discussed with students other than Councilors. Councilor Urmson responded by noting that he had spoke with many of the students in Medicine. He also noted that students from rural areas that would prefer to practice medicine in rural areas, will not be able to afford to come to school. Councilor Hitchcock mentioned that he had brought it forward a the LSA AGM for discussion.

Councilor Debiegne spoke against decentralized tuition and noted that the money that the colleges would have to raise to improve their programs would be much more then they could raise through this proposed structure.

Councilor Mateen suggested some changes to the wording of the proposed policy: Move to change the wording of the policy to the following: Be it resolved that USC is strongly opposed to decentralized tuition being implemented at the U of S and will bring forth this position to the University Administration and the government.

Councilor Christensen agreed with the changes and also noted that we have to follow through with taking the policy to the Administration and the government. President Dougan noted that this is a subject that the USSU has already spoke to the Administration about. He assured that the policy would be taken to President MacKinnon to further lobby our opposition to decentralized tuition.

Mr. Linner spoke for the amendment and also noted that he is opposed decentralized tuition as he sees it as an attack on poverty.

MOTION USC212: Mateen/Evanisky Carried.
Councilor Stephen wished to be noted as voting in opposition.

Move to suspend the rules of debate.

MOTION USC213: Evanisky/Jackson Carried.

Councilor Christensen noted that she has spoke with many students from her College and that all of them were very opposed to decentralized tuition.

Councilor Dobson noted that the students from the College of Engineering are in support of this motion. He also noted that President MacKinnon suggested that the tuition for Engineering would likely go up in hopes of increasing the quality of their program. His fear is that the Colleges won't solicit input from the students and that funds from the increase in tuition would go to research not to academics. He also noted that decentralized tuition would also increase the animosity between colleges.

Councilor Hitchcock passed on some of the concerns of the students from Law. The services of the USSU would no longer be needed as each College Society would be responsible for lobbying their own administration. If the USSU dissolved, students from separate colleges wouldn't have much of a voice. Decentralized tuition would also increase private funding from the corporate sector and a lot of students are opposed to that.

Mr. Scott from Commerce noted that the big concern was really how much it would cost each student to attend university. He explained that when all tuitions are relatively equal, it would seem that some students are footing the bill for the students from the high cost programs. Commerce students are in favour of the accountability being college specific.

Councilor Johnson spoke against the opinions of the Commerce students. He noted that education should be accessible to students from all colleges.

Mr. Williams from Pharmacy noted that the present Council should be responsible for preventing decentralized tuition not only from being implemented now, but in the future as well.

VP Jackson voiced his opinion on subsidizing students from other programs. He suggested that even if you're not a doctor, you may need one some day and if we don't attempt to keep students at the U of S, soon enrollment will plummet and tuition will skyrocket.

President Dougan noted that not one student at the U of S pay the actual cost of their program, so how can we be subsidizing other students' education. The government subsidizes all colleges. The only way to enhance the programs without increasing tuition, is lobbying to increase government funding. The University is willing to risk accessibility to increase quality. If we don't pass this motion, we are saying that it's all right for the University to put budgetary shortfalls on the backs of students and hence it is all right for the government to not increasing funding to post secondary education since we will cover the cost.

Councilor Debiegne voiced her concern about the awareness level of decentralized tuition on campus.

Councilor Whyley noted that her fear was that decentralized tuition would lead to further differential tuition. She also noted that the cost of attending Commerce is relatively low, and students from Commerce are really the only ones that stand to benefit from decentralized tuition.

Councilor Gill noted that tuition for the College of Dentistry is extremely high, but that students in every college will be hit if decentralized tuition is implemented.

Move to accept the policy as amended.

MOTION USC 214: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Councilor Stephen wished to be noted as voting in opposition.

New Business

Code of Ethics Amendments

President Dougan noted that when the Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee met earlier in the year, they realized that some of the policies were not very clear. He mentioned that the policy is in the USC binders and asked that Councilors be prepared to speak about the policy at the next meeting.

Questions and Comments

Councilor Debiegne apologized on behalf of the Councilor Christensen for not being present for the vote and she wanted it known that the College of Nursing is in full support of the policy against decentralized tuition.

Councilor Urmson asked where the polling stations will be set up. He suggested that one be set up in the Health Sciences Building. VP Jackson responded by assuring the concerns would be taken to the ACRO. Posters are up across campus indicating where they polling stations will be set up.

Councilor Hitchcock asked if one the Executive could expand on the locations of the polling stations. He also asked if VP Jackson could speak on the decision of the Student Issues Board on parking.

VP Henderson reminded Council to respond to his e-mail requesting feedback on the removal of the USC honorariums. He also commented on the advertising for the Health and Dental referendum. He explained that there were pamphlets handed out, there are ads on the back page of the Sheaf, and two representatives from Studentcare.net/works were on campus this week and will be back next week. He urged Councilors to direct students with concerns to the USSU office.

VP Wallace updated Council on the registration guide. The guide will be on-line, but there will also 18,000 copies available so each students could have a hard copy. There

will be 4500 less copies printed and the money saved will go towards maintaining the web site.

Councilor Wagemakers announced that a new Dean has been appointed for the College of Engineering. His name is Mark Brosen and his is coming from Ryerson.

Councilor Mateen brought up the passed motion of February 15th regarding the dissemination of the information for the Health and Dental referendum. She asked for an explanation of why the posters were not up by the promised date and voiced her disappointment in the way this was handled.

VP Jackson responded to the questions about parking. He noted that no decision has been made yet and that a paper would be coming forward to Council soon.

President Dougan addressed the question regarding the postering for the Health and Dental referendum. A number of students have been hired to do our postering across campus and unfortunately the posters went out on Wednesday with the student, but the student didn't put them up as he was away for the break. He apologized for the confusion.

President Dougan mentioned that there have been some complaints about the minutes. They are minor details in terms of the details recorded. He asked for feedback from the Councilors.

Mr. Williams from Pharmacy clarified his point from earlier in the evening. He has been encouraging students who are not informed to look over the information before they vote.

Councilor Mateen noted that the universal poster policy on stamping didn't go through and asked for clarification on why it didn't happen. President Dougan responded that last year the College of Arts and Science was opposed to the universal stamping for elections. This year, the USSU met early with the College of Arts and Science and Facilities Management and unfortunately did not receive expressed consent on the policy, so that is why the universal postering policy did not go through this year.

VP Jackson commented on the joint meeting with the USSU and the City Councilors. He is encountering a problem with availability and finding a time when everyone can meet together. He is hoping that the meeting will happen sometime in the next three weeks.

President Dougan asked if someone from the Elections Board could comment on the locations of the polling stations, specifically for Health Sciences.

Councilor Wagemakers responded to the question by noting that the decision of where the polling stations are being set up was made by the ACRO, Andrea Smotra. President Dougan noted that he would have the ACRO send out an e-mail to the Councilors stating where the polling stations would be set up.

University Students' Council
Minutes for Wednesday, March 7th, 2001

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

Sandra Shpyth, Student Affairs &
Services
Joan Kripki, Student Affairs & Services
Kurt Tischler, International Student
Advisor
Patti Witzel, Student Counselling

REGRETS

Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy

ABSENT

Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Kris Denney, Education
Deanna Denham, Vocational Agriculture
Todd Schweitzer, Education
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Michelle MacDonald, Commerce
Blair Taylor, Arts & Science
Jason Williams, Pharmacy
Tasha Elliott, Arts & Science
Andrea Smotra, ACRO
Erin Stang, Law
Geoff Stewart, Engineering
James Adamson, Engineering
Zuzanna Szmukier, Pharmacy
Vera Pezer, Associate VP Student
Affairs
Evelyn Smith, Government &
Emergency Loans
Doug Rain, Student Employment &
Career Centre
Susan Bens, Retention Services
Heather Kuttai, Disability Services
Tim Archer, Student Health
Kathleen Makela, Aboriginal Office

Call to Order

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

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add 5.1, Student Affairs and Services presentation on the Enhancement Fee, add 6.6 Elections Board minutes for February 27th and add Item 10.1, the Enrollment Plan.

MOTION USC219: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

Move to change Item 8.1 Poster Policy to Rental Policy.

MOTION USC220: Henderson/Jackson Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

President Dougan introduced the members from Student Affairs and Services in attendance, Andrea Smotra, ACRO, and Jason Williams, President of the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition Student Society.

President Dougan announced that he would not be in attendance for next weeks' Council meeting as he will be in Ottawa for the CASA Conference. The Doug Wilson Awards are this Saturday. If you would like to pick up tickets, please stop in at the LGB Centre. This Friday is the USSU General Elections Gala at 4:00 p.m. in Louis.

VP Henderson reminded Council of the QuickTax/Campus Advantage partnership that the USSU has joined. The program allows students with an annual income of less than \$20,000 to do their taxes on-line for free. Further information is available on the USSU web site.

VP Jackson announced on Saturday, March 10th at Louis there will be a Fantasy World Production. They are putting on Duplicity and Afternoon Coffee. He also reminded Council that Sue Johanson will be on campus in the Place Riel Theatre on March 13th at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Information Centre.

Councilor Wagemakers introduced James Adamson and Geoff Stewart from Engineering. He also announced that on Friday the College of Engineering will having their Golfing Pub Crawl. It starts at 4:30 p.m. in the student lounge.

Councilor Stephen announced that the new Executive for Commerce were ratified on Monday. The new MSC for Commerce is Michelle MacDonald and Tera Schneider. This Saturday is the Commerce Grad Banquet. Please see Councilor Stephen if you are interested in purchasing a ticket for the dance. Next Thursday Commerce is sending six delegates to Round Table.

VP Wallace announced on March 7th, 8th 9th and 10th there will be a Film Festival in the Place Riel Theatre. March 17th there will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration with Sturgis Trash. On March 29th the USSU Experience in Excellence Awards Ceremony will be in Marquis Hall at 6 p.m. All MSC's are welcome to attend. Nominations for Teaching Excellence Awards and Student Enhancement nominations close tomorrow. Councilor Hitchcock announced that Erin Stang is the new MSC for the College of Law.

Councilor Renneberg reminded Council that the STMSU is having their Medieval Feast on Saturday, March 10th.

Councilor Mateen congratulated the Agriculture Students' Association for donating \$1000 and STMSU for donating \$100 both to Telemiracle. She also introduced Zuzanna Szmukier from Pharmacy and Blair Taylor, who is the Vice-President of the ASSU.

Councilor Debiegne announced that Physical Therapy, in conjunction with Law and Pharmacy & Nutrition will be hosting the "Get Lucky" St. Patrick's Day cabaret at Sid's Garage on Saturday, March 17th. Tickets are available in the tunnel and at MUMPS all week.

Councilor Christensen announced that Nursing is having a Mardi Gras End of Classes celebration at Sid's Garage on March 30th.

Council Address

Student Affairs – Enhancement Fees

Move to go to committee of the whole.

MOTION USC221: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Dr. Pezer thanked Council for the opportunity to speak about the work that Student Affairs and Services. She suggested that if the presentation is insightful that a yearly visit to Council may be in order.

She spoke about the proposal that came to Council at the previous meeting and explained how the presentation would be done. Heather Kuttai explained to Council the work that Student Affairs and Services does and shared their mission statement; "To develop, deliver and maintain university programs and services that foster the intellectual advancement, personal growth and the safety and health of every student, thereby complimenting the academic community and providing student-centered education and research". She also explained the various departments and functions of those departments within Student Affairs and Services including Student Health, Student Employment and Career Centre, Government and Emergency Student Loans, the International Student Office, Student Counselling, Aboriginal Students Centre, Retention Services, Disability Services for Students, and Associate VP of Student Affairs. She explained that all of the services offered by Student Affairs and Services have seen quite a large increase in the numbers of students who seek their assistance. That increase in traffic can be attributed to the increase in awareness of the services that are available.

Doug Rain spoke about the financial situation of Student Affairs and Services. He gave a breakdown of the funding and allocations. Many of the units are being largely funded by external organizations. The external funding component is proportionately larger than the internal component. Unfortunately, the level of resources is below what it needs to be to offer services to the number of students seeking assistance. The units are currently not able to offer the amount or range of services they need to due to a lack of funding. He explained the shortfalls for specific units and noted that some units may be looking at cut backs if funding is not increased. If the proposal were to go through, the biggest percentage of funding would be from the university, followed by the students, then external sources.

Dr. Pezer thanked her staff for being supportive through this process. She asked for feedback from the Councilors and noted that on March 21st she would be meeting with Vice President of Finance, Tony Whitworth and Vice President of Academics, Michael Atkinson. She also noted that she would expect the University of Saskatchewan's ranking in *MacLean's* magazine to advance should funding to Student Affairs and Services increase.

Councilor Hitchcock asked where the external funding for the Aboriginal Student Centre was coming from. He also inquired how students paying for the Student Health Centre would encourage the Department of Health to increase funding for the Centre if we are going to take the brunt of the shortfall. He also asked what was being done to increase funding from the employers that are benefiting from hiring students through the Student Employment and Career Centre.

Dr. Pezer responded by noting that in terms of the Aboriginal Centre, most of the funding comes from Ms. Makela's personal fundraising, for example the Pow Wow held in September. There is no funding coming in from SIFC. With regards to the Student Health Centre, Dr. Pezer shared that she has absolutely exhausted every avenue with the Department of Health and the University to increase funding for the Centre. She also noted that SAS is in competition with many other initiatives across campus for funding. Mr. Archer added that a stronger push from students on government departments may be beneficial.

Councilor Hitchcock noted his displeasure with passing on the deficit to students. Dr. Pezer commented that the government has not supported the University financially for many years and in turn, the University has not had the resources to support SAS adequately. Mr. Rain added that the SECC does charge employers to recruit students, however they are not willing to charge a large amount in fear of them not coming to hire students at all.

Dr. Pezer noted that the increase in the Student Enhancement Fund would work out to \$30 per student. Ms. Mateen asked if the increase of the Student Enhancement Fee would be matched by the University and if their funding was dependent on the increase of the fee.

Dr. Pezer noted that she would take any suggestions regarding the fee to her meeting with the Vice Presidents. Ms. Mateen suggested an increase in the fee for Orientation and University Life 101. Dr. Pezer responded that while they wanted participants to pay to attend those programs, they are a university obligation and the University does have to fund them.

Ms. Mateen noted that she would prefer to see the document ending with an explanation of how the increase in funding would enhance the student experience, rather than boost the University's *MacLean's* ranking.

It was asked whether SAS had ever considered hiring a full-time fundraiser. Dr. Pezer responded that the University already has many fundraising initiatives for various projects across campus and that she believed such an effort would be frowned upon.

Councilor Dobson suggested that most students would be in favour of contributing another \$30 per year to increase the level of services offered to them. He questioned the level of need in comparison to the wish list. Dr. Pezer responded by saying that such initiatives as the Pow Wow and the Christmas parties are aimed at retaining students that are having a difficult time adjusting. Ms. Benz noted that Orientation is a costly initiative, however it's aimed at recruitment and retention.

Councilor Hitchcock requested further information on the proposal. Dr. Pezer assured that a detailed report showing the breakdown of the budget is forthcoming. She also suggested that the time may come when Student Affairs and Services would share their accountability reports with USC.

Councilor Hitchcock asked what the relationship between Student Health, the College of Medicine, the Royal University Hospital and Saskatoon District Health is like. Mr. Archer commented that there currently isn't a formal partnership. Student Health is funded directly by Saskatchewan Health. He also noted that the Student Health Centre resisted the affiliation with Saskatoon District Health because they have started to consolidate services and therefore have decreased their budget significantly. They may reconsider this relationship in the future.

Councilor Mateen asked the path in which this document is going to take. Dr. Pezer requested feedback from the Councilors prior to her meeting of March 21st. The proposal will then be taken to the Board of Governors for approval.

Dr. Pezer thanked Council for their input and in turn President Dougan thanked Student Affairs and Services for attending the meeting and presenting the proposal.

Move to sit as Council.

MOTION USC222: Schneider/Johnson

Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Action

Move to recess for 10 minutes.

MOTION USC223: Johnson/Wallace Carried.

USC Minutes

Move to remove Councilor Geenen from the Absent list to the Present list. Move to change the mover of the challenge to the Chair on page from Mr. Linner to Mr. Hitchcock and seconded by Mr. Urmson. Councilor Sanders moved to be changed from Absent to Regrets. Councilor Hitchcock moved to change Chief Supreme Court Justice to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Councilor Mateen noted that under Item 9.2, Decentralized Tuition her comment was more to do with the mediocrity of the marshalling student support clause than the stepping stone into professional colleges. She also moved to change February 15th to February 14th on the second last page of Questions and Comments.

MOTION USC224: Geenen/Dougan Carried.

The minutes from February 28th are received as amended.

Operations and Finance Board Minutes

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes from March 2nd.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC225: Henderson/Christensen Carried.

Appointments Board Minutes

President Dougan reviewed the minutes from March 6th.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC226: Dougan/Schneider Carried.

Elections Board Minutes

Councilor Johnson reviewed the minutes from February 27th.

Move to renumber the motions beginning with EB 16.

MOTION USC227: Henderson/Wallace Carried.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC228: Johnson/Wallace Carried.

Councilor Hitchcock asked for clarification on some candidates being stripped of their reimbursement and the issue of the Cove advertising. President Dougan explained that if Council wasn't happy with the decision of the Elections Board, they could overturn those decisions and refer them back to the Elections Board for reconsideration. Councilor Schneider reported that Clint Johnson was not present at the meeting.

Motion to reconsider the approval of Elections Board minutes for February 27th.

MOTION USC229: Dougan/Hitchcock Carried.

Councilor Johnson wished to be noted as being in opposition to the motion.

Councilor Hitchcock asked for clarification on what would be considered a “good” excuse for missing their forums and if how they would be notified. President Dougan noted that when Council approves the minutes for a particular Board, it essentially approves the actions taken of those Boards. He also mentioned that Elections Board has approved violation complaints during the election through a schedule of demerits.

Councilor Christensen responded to Councilor Hitchcock’s question by noting that any response would have been acceptable, however the ACRO did not receive any response from those candidates.

Councilor Hitchcock is concerned with placing of the sentence “failure to attend”. He asked where the sentence should fit. He also asked how the candidates become aware of any allegations against them. Councilor Christensen said statement “C” was in regards to a candidate that was running for senate, and seeing that there is no election for the senate positions, it’s irrelevant.

Councilor Schneider reported that Clint Johnson was not at the meeting.

Move to remove Clint Johnson from the present list.

MOTION USC230: Schneider/Dougan Carried.

VP Jackson asked about the removal of the information in the USSU Buzz Boards under Violations. Councilor Christensen responded by explaining that Elections Board had some complaints and that they didn’t want the USSU supporting any one candidate, that they felt the posters should be removed.

Councilor Hitchcock asked again how the candidates were being made aware if they had any complaints against them. President Dougan asked if the question could be waived until the ACRO was present. Councilor Schneider noted that the ACRO did have all of the candidate’s e-mail addresses and she contacted them that way.

Move to receive the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC231: Dougan/Johnson Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Committee Minutes

President Dougan reviewed the minutes from February 27th.

Councilor Mateen asked how Minister Hagel responded to the Education Matters campaign. President Dougan said he received it well. They went over the report in detail and discussed it in the short time they had.

In terms of tuition, he seems to be in favour of maintaining an accessible tuition in Saskatchewan. President Dougan mentioned that Minister Hagel’s comments were positive and that he hopes to hear the Minister share those comments publicly.

Councilor Evanisky asked about the press conference with Premier Calvert and why it wasn't publicized more. President Dougan noted that we found out the day before the press conference that the Premier would be visiting the campus.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC232: Dougan/Henderson

Carried.

Athletic Advisory Council Report

President Dougan reviewed the two position papers with Council. He was pleased to announce that after two and a half hours of debate, that the Athletic Advisory approved, in principal, that the fees will be split between athletics and a recreation fee. The issue of pro-rating the fee was also addressed and further discussion will ensue at the next AAC.

President Dougan encouraged Council members to speak with him if they had any concerns.

Academic Agenda: Not Enough Change

VP Wallace noted that on March 6th VP Atkinson made a speech on the different issues that the University is undertaking at this time. Dr. Atkinson spoke about which of those initiatives are worthwhile and which of those initiatives should be reconsidered. Some of those initiatives included increasing coordination with the departments and promoting a sense of shared identity within the community. He also spoke about Universal Teaching Evaluations, making a common first year, and increasing residence. The enrollment plan was also discussed.

Mr. Atkinson will be visiting Council to discuss the enrollment plan either next week or the following week. At that time he will be speaking about all of the external forces having an effect on enrollment.

President Dougan added that one of the things being highlighted in the enrollment plan is retention in both undergraduate and graduate programs.

Councilor Johnson asked for the Executive's opinion on these issues. President Dougan responded by requesting that any further discussion be waived until VP Atkinson visits Council. Councilor Mateen asked if there was any other information that could be read prior to next weeks' meeting. President Dougan mentioned that he had an electronic copy of Dr. Atkinson's speech and anyone interested can e-mail a request to his office. Councilor Hitchcock suggested President Dougan send the e-mail to the MSC list serve.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Rental Policy

VP Henderson reviewed the changes to rental policies.

MOTION USC233: Henderson/Christensen

Carried.

Business

Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)

Code of Ethics Amendments

President Dougan noted that there haven't been any substantive changes, however some sections have been amalgamated. Sections 5 has been collapsed to Section 2, as with Section 6 and Section 1. Other small changes were noted and President Dougan called for input from the Councilors.

Councilor Hitchcock voiced his concerns with Section 6, in Councilors not being able to voice their personal opinions. He also noted that since there are changes with when and how a Councilor could be removed, that there should be some distinguishment between sending regrets and being absent from a meeting.

President Dougan explained that under "Fulfilling Duties" his interpretation was that it is referring to bringing your own personal bias to Council, and not representing the views of your Constituents. Either USC or the members of the MSC's constituent group can remove the MSC from their duties.

Move under Section 2, Subsection 1, number 5, add ", and thought this should not be interpreted in such a manner that would impede every members inherent right to voice decent according to the principles of the freedom of speech." and on the third page, under Section 6, Fullfilling the Duties as Required by the Constitution; after without personal bias, insert "as a result of conflict of interest."

Councilor Hitchcock mentioned that the purpose of these amendments was for clarification so there is no misunderstanding. He also noted that we all owe it to our constituents to voice decent.

Move to split the two amendments into two motions.

MOTION USC234: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Move under Section 2, Subsection 1, number 5, add ", and thought this should not be interpreted in such a manner that would impede every members inherent right to voice decent according to the principles of the freedom of speech.

Move to add on the third page, under Section 6, Fulfilling the Duties as Required by the Constitution; after without personal bias, "as a result of conflict of interest."

MOTION USC235: Hitchcock/Johnson Carried.

Councilor Schneider wished to be noted in opposition to the motion.

Councilor Mateen noted that the rights included in the Freedom of Speech would be implied within the entire document. President Dougan also noted he felt this amendment was unnecessary, as in all of the USSU's documents, it's implicit that we follow the Canadian Charter of Rights. He also mentioned that the whole Code is about being able to function as a Council in an ethical basis and that the USSU has always valued input from all Councilors.

Councilor Hitchcock noted that everyone has their own interpretation of the wording and he wanted to add the phrase for clarification. He also noted that it would clarify the issue of accountability to each constituent group. VP Jackson suggested that this amendment

be ruled out of order because it puts constraints on the Constitution, which Council is bound by. Chair Frank ruled VP Jackson's point of order out of order as he felt that anything being said here is not contrary to anything in the Constitution.

President Dougan noted that it was the opinion of the USSU lawyer that this kind of thing is implicit in our document. He also assisted the Executive in drafting the Constitutional amendments last year.

Councilor Hitchcock noted that nobody is opposed to the principles of the document, however, he felt that it wouldn't hurt to clarify the wording.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC236: Jackson/Wagemakers Carried.

Councilor Schneider and Councilor Mateen wished to be noted as being in opposition to the motion.

Move under Section 2, Subsection B, Number 5, change the wording to “, all members should always abide by the majority decision of USC once those decision are made, though this should not be interpreted in such a manner that would impede any members right to voice decent according to the principles of the freedom of speech.”

MOTION USC237: Hitchcock/Johnson DEFEATED

Move to suspend the rules of debate for this particular agenda item.

MOTION USC238: Wallace/Mateen Carried.

Move to add the words “for benefit” next to profits in Number 2 (ii); Item 6 change the period to a comma and add “ and in the spirit of the same”; Part 3, Number 1, change the acronym from CODC to COEDC throughout; and change in Number 4 the word accuser to complainant.

MOTION USC239: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

Councilor Hitchcock questioned the violations protocol. He suggested that it was unfair to call a hearing and have it to the discretion of the COEDC whether the accused has the right to attend that hearing.

President Dougan clarified that the person who will attend the hearing at the discretion of the COEDC would be the complainant, not the accused.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC240: Wallace/Jackson Carried.

New Business

Enrollment Plan

VP Wallace requested that Council members be prepared to discuss the Plan and ask questions when Michael Atkinson visits Council.

Questions and Comments for 30 Minutes

Move to questions and comments at 9:34 p.m.

MOTION USC241: Dougan/Schneider

Carried.

Councilor Urmson shared his colleges' concerns with the last plebiscite question. Ms. Smotra, ACRO, responded by saying the results are purely statistical and that they are not binding. President Dougan noted that he drafted the plebiscite question and it was approved through the Executive Committee, Elections Board, and finally Council. He apologized for the question not being as clear as it should have been.

President Dougan commented on the tuition and other fees document. He will be away for the next Council meeting, but assured that the document will be taken off of the table for the meeting on March 28th. The document will be in a more detailed format than originally drafted. A section will also be added in reference to Student Affairs and Services.

Councilor Debiegne commented on the concerns of the College of Nursing regarding the plebiscite question as well.

Councilor Johnson apologized for his absence from the February 27th Elections Board meeting.

Councilor Mateen also voiced her concerns with the plebiscite question. She also asked for clarification on the formation of the Unclassified Students Society and the election of their MSC's. She suggested that Council speak about this issue at the next meeting.

Mr. Taylor reported that the DRO in Arts mentioned to him that 7 out of every 10 students approached her to clarify the question. He also voiced his concern over the fact that there was only one clerk at the polling station. Ms. Smotra responded by explaining that the second DRO for Arts had an exam and she couldn't find a replacement. The issue of the network being down was an internal problem with computing services.

VP Henderson reminded Council that two weeks from now the budget comes to Council.

Councilor Hitchcock asked what would be done to rectify a situation such as the advertising in the Cove, should something similar happen next year. Ms. Smotra noted that the fair market value for advertising in the Cove was decided to be \$225 because it's such a high-profile place, leaving only \$25 more for advertising through the rest of campus.

Mr. Williams from Pharmacy suggested that prior to the elections forums, a brief outline should be given on what the position's portfolio involves and what the responsibilities included. He also questioned the use of buttons as a campaigning measure after the campaigning period was over. Ms. Smotra noted that she has several recommendations for next year. She had sent out a mass e-mail warning the candidates of when the campaigning period was over.

President Dougan spoke to the plebiscite question. He apologized again for the confusion and assured that any results were not binding. He also reminded Council that it came to

Council for approval with the February 13th Elections Board minutes, and was lumped in with the referendum question.

President Dougan also explained that this years Executive will be taking recommendations from the Elections Board, the CRO, and the USSU Researcher to revise the Elections Policy in hopes of improving the process for coming years.

President Dougan spoke on the issue of Unclassified Students. He noted that the University is pushing to integrate Unclassified students into the community. Volunteers are needed to assist the group of students in selecting an MSC and in forming their students society.

Councilor Mateen recommended that MSC's be given fair notice in setting up their polling stations and in finding polling clerks. She mentioned that the College of Arts & Science had four polling stations and that she experienced difficulties in finding volunteers to man the polling stations. A recommendation was also made to have colleges that are sharing polling stations to have both colleges involved in setting up the stations and finding volunteers. Ms. Smotra apologized for the short notice and assured that recommendations would be made for the next election.

Councilor Schneider reminded Council to speak loud and clear and to face the rest of Council when speaking.

President Dougan requested any concerns regarding the elections process be written down and forwarded to his office. All recommendations will be taken into consideration for future elections.

Any Other Business

Move to go in camera.

MOTION USC242: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Councilor Mateen suggested that because of the importance and nature of this issue, that the discussion be tabled to the following week seeing the duration of this meeting.

VP Jackson requested that the issue be discussed with the present Councilors and pass the motion so he could get the ball rolling. President Dougan added that he would like to get a general feeling from Council after hearing from Student Affairs and Services. It would be helpful to them to provide some feedback prior to their meeting on March 14th.

Councilor Urmson also spoke against discussing this issue due to the length of the meeting already.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 10:25 p.m.

MOTION USC243: Dobson/Wallace Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, March 14th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

- 5.1** Presentation on Orientation – Susan Benz
- 5.2** Presentation of Activities for March 21st

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1** **USC Minutes:** March 7th, 2001
 - 6.2** **Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report:** March 6th, 2001
 - 6.3** **Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report:** March 11th, 2001
 - 6.4** **Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5** **Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 21. **Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 22. **Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1** Executive Committee Minutes: March 6th, 2001

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1** Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)
- 9.2** The Enrollment Plan

New Business

- 10.1** Review of CASA Membership
- 10.2** Operating and Capital Budgets 2001/2002

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

14. Any Other Business

Adjournment

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Tera Schneider, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Jason Williams, Pharmacy
James Adamson, Engineering
Natalie Ferrara
Michelle Friday
Janelle Hutchinson, USSU President-
Elect
April Zerr

REGRETS

Aaron Dougan, President
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Todd Schweitzer, Education
Freda Whitedeer, ISC

ABSENT

Kris Denney, Education
Deanna Denham, Vocational Agriculture

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add March 13th for the Operations and Finance Board and March 8th for Elections Board.

MOTIONUSC245: Henderson/Christensen Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Adelman announced that the Annual Hawaiian Mixer is on Friday, March 23rd from 8:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Wheatland B Building. Tickets will be available on Monday, March 18th in the Ag Lounge or Kiosk. The cost is \$10 for ASA members and \$12 for non-members.

He also announced that the ASA is holding their second annual Building Leaders Within conference on March 31st. Tickets are \$25. He also introduced the ASA incoming MSC, April Zerr and the new President, Michelle Friday. He also announced that Thursday at the Pat there will be a Bachelor/Bachelorette auction held by AIDS Saskatchewan.

Councilor Whyley mentioned that the RA's are setting up a Marquis tour on Friday, March 16th at 4 p.m. Anyone who is interested can meet at the Marquis Ramp next to the Bookstore.

VP Jackson announced the new USSU Executive for 2001/2002 year. Janelle Hutchinson, President and Jenn Barber, VP Student Issues. VP Wallace and VP Henderson will be continuing in their current portfolios.

Mr. Williams from Pharmacy introduced Matthew Perez, the incoming MSC for Pharmacy and Nutrition. He also announced that today was the First Annual Jeff Jackson Shirt Day in the College of Pharmacy.

Councilor Schneider announced that the College of Commerce is sending six students to RoundTable, which is a business conference for students from across Canada. The college will be putting in a bid to host the conference next year.

Councilor Stephen introduced Michelle MacDonald, the incoming MSC for Commerce and Emel Yalbir and??, two students from Commerce that will be making a presentation during Council Address.

Councilor Dobson introduced Geoff Stewart, incoming MSC for Engineering and James Adamson, a student in Engineering. The High Voltage Classic put on by the Electrical Engineering students is next weekend and the 32-hour Road Hockey Tournament is also next weekend. The Physics Students Society is having their Ramp and Walk Pub Crawl

starting at 7 p.m .on March 16th at the Sutherland. The delegates that were sent to the Canadian Engineering competition faired quite well, they took home 3rd in the debate competition, 2nd in corporate design and 3rd in communications.

Councilor Christensen reminded Council that Nursing is having their Mardis Gras Dance on March 30th. The doors open at 8 p.m. at Sid's Garage. Tickets at \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door.

Council Address

Presentation on Orientation – Susan Benz

Move to sit as committee of the whole.

MOTION USC246: Henderson/Wagemakers

Carried.

Ms. Benz of Student Affairs and Services spoke on Orientation. She distributed copies of the Orientation budget.

She explained the main goals of Orientation including welcoming new students into the campus community, showing them where to get assistance and explaining the wide variety of opportunities outside the classroom to grow. Although the program had revenues from students and parents participating, registration fees, grants, the student enhancement fund, alumni donations, sponsorship from the USSU and various colleges, the cost to run the program is very high. Expenses include hiring students to coordinate the program, half of the wage for her position, promotions and communications including mail outs and posters, telephone and long distance, the parents handbook and the early bird registration prize. The actual event expenses include rental of space in Place Riel, rental of the tents, banners and signage, music and the sound system, radio rentals, the casino night and prizes for the social event, binders with college and university information, facilities management costs, audio visual equipment, food, volunteer training, office expenses, computing costs, etc. The expenses exceeded the revenue by \$15,000.

She clarified some changes that are being made for the upcoming year. The fee may be decreased from \$30 to \$15 because of some negative feedback. They are planning to stay with a user-pay model for commitment purposes.

Councilor Stephen asked if sponsorship for the Orientation T-shirts and prizes had been looked at. Ms. Benz responded by noting that advertising on the T-shirts was likely looked into the previous year. She also mentioned that all of the direct entry colleges and the USSU sponsored the program last year.

Ms. Benz also mentioned that she would like to incorporate some choices for the students with regards to specialized sessions. The amount of time spent in the smaller groups will also be increased.

Councilor Mateen raised a question about the low attendance and it was suggested that a study be done to find out why first-year students weren't participating in Orientation. Ms. Benz noted the drastic increase in the numbers of students participating and also mentioned that such a study would be quite costly.

Councilor Whyley asked if there were any measures in place to retain student volunteers. Ms. Benz assured that changes have been made for the upcoming year with regards to communications with the volunteers.

VP Henderson thanked Ms. Benz for speaking and suggested that if anyone had comments for her to contact Student Affairs and Services. Ms. Benz thanked Council for their time.

Presentation on Activities for March 21st

Two students from the College of Commerce, Emel Yalbir and ...??, are coordinating an event for March 21st, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The Commerce 498 class, a special marketing class, has decided that a portion of the class will be dedicated to March 21st. Many community groups have become involved with the project. A march will be held in the lower level of Commerce starting at 11 a.m. Brad Grass will be in attendance along with various media from Saskatoon. The march will end in the Bowl and various activities are planned. President McKinnon will be speaking, Mother Culture, a local band will be playing, an Indigenous Group will be performing a dance and Wide Mouth Mason will be performing one song in support of the day.

They requested Council to spread the word across campus and to put up the posters in their society offices. Any financial contributions would also be greatly appreciated.

Move to sit as Council.

MOTION USC247: Jackson/Schneider Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Minutes for March 7th are accepted without reading.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for March 6th, 2001.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC248: Wallace/Mateen Carried.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for March 11th, 2001.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC249: Henderson/Christensen Carried.

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for March 13th, 2001.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC250: Henderson/Johnson Carried.

Elections Board Minutes

Move to add minutes for March 6th, 2001 to the agenda.

MOTION USC251: Jackson/Christensen Carried.

Councilor Schneider moved to reopen discussion on Operations and Finance Board minutes for March 13th, 2001.

MOTION USC252: Schneider/Hitchcock Carried.

Councilor Schneider questioned the decision to move Browsers move from Saskatchewan Hall to Upper MUB. She mentioned that several groups on campus such as Ballroom Dance club and the late night study session utilize Upper MUB frequently. VP Henderson clarified that the motion was to move Browsers to Upper MUB. He explained that even with the rental revenues, Upper MUB still loses about \$30,000 a year. All of the student groups effected have been contacted. The U of S Ballroom Dance Club is not a ratified student group, they are a commercial venture and can find another place to meet quite easily.

VP Jackson mentioned that the minutes that were passed don't change the process at all. The entire budget will still have to be passed by Council next week.

Chair Frank reminded Council that the motion that was passed is to open discussions regarding the minutes, but not to recind the approval of the minutes.

Councilor Mateen asked for clarification on approving the line item in the budget, if it actually approves relocating the operation. She also mentioned her concern with the recent vandalism to Upper MUB. VP Henderson explained that the motions from March 11th were passed by the Operations and Finance Board and after having reviewed the documentation, an error was discovered, so the document coming to Council had to be modified. The Board had already approved it, therefore he couldn't bring the corrected version without this motion.

Councilor Schneider clarified that the U of S Ballroom Dancing Club had friendship status with the University, giving them certain rights. VP Henderson mentioned that "friendship status" does not appear in the Upper MUB rental policy.

Move to close discussion on the Operations & Finance Board minutes for March 13th, 2001.

MOTION USC253: Dobson/Wagemakers Carried.

Councilor Christensen reviewed the Elections Board minutes for March 6th, 2001.

Chair Frank noted that the numbering of the motions needed to be corrected.

Move to correct the motion numbers.

MOTION USC254: Henderson/Christensen Carried.

Move to approve the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC255: Christensen/Wagemakers Carried.

Councilor Wagemakers reviewed the Elections Board minutes for March 8th, 2001 and moved to have the motion numbers corrected.

Move to correct the motion numbers.

MOTION USC256: Wagemakers/Henderson Carried.

Move to receive the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC257: Wagemakers/Christensen Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

Executive Minutes

VP Jackson reviewed the minutes for March 6th, 2001.

Move to receive the minutes as read.

MOTION USC258: Jackson/Wallace Carried.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions arising from the minutes or reports.

Business

Review of Position of Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)

The Enrollment Plan

VP Wallace reminded Council that Michael Atkinson will be visiting Council on April 4th to discuss the Enrollment Plan. He suggested the item be tabled and asked that Councilors be present and be willing to discuss this issue on April 4th.

MOTION USC259: Wallace/Jackson Carried.

New Business

Review of CASA Membership

VP Jackson explained to Council that President Dougan is away until next week and he will be prepared to discuss the review at next weeks' Council meeting.

Operating and Capital Budgets 2001/2002

VP Henderson encouraged Council to bring their questions and comments about the budget process to him prior to next weeks' Council meeting.

Questions and Comments for 30 Minutes

Councilor Hitchcock expressed his displeasure regarding Michael Atkinson's attendance at Council being so late in the year. He also asked when the advertising will come out regarding the Health and Dental Plan administration.

Councilor Debiegne shared her College's concern regarding the new poster policy and the number of posters individuals can put up in comparison to the number going up from Louis.

Mr. Williams from Pharmacy commented on a meeting of members from BOCP, the USSU and Student Affairs and Services about alcohol serving on campus.

Councilor Johnson shared Councilor Adelman's apologies for having to leave early. He expressed his College's concerns about the election results being announced at Louis' as many students are underage.

VP Jackson commented on the Health and Dental Plan. He assured that Studentcare.net/works would be sending out a package to every student who pays fees to the Students' Union over the summer. It will give detailed instructions on how to opt out and how to submit claims. He also responded to the concern of underage students saying that the results were posted outside of the USSU office at 4 p.m. The Elections Policy is currently up for renewal, so he encouraged Councilors to e-mail any concerns to President Dougan.

VP Wallace commented on VP Atkinson's visit to Council. He agreed that it was late in the year, however, it was the only time he could fit it in to his busy schedule.

Councilor Christensen confirmed the inappropriate comment made at the election forum in MUMPS by presidential candidate Brad Joyce. Elections Board decided to revoke his speaking privileges at the Commerce forum.

VP Henderson responded to Councilor Debiegne's comments on the poster policy. He assured that he would look in to the placement of the Louis' posters and attempts will be made to balance the policy.

Councilor Stephen commented on the Health and Dental Plan. She asked if anyone would be visiting Council to explain what is going to happen next.

Councilor Mateen suggested that it would be beneficial to Council to have a position on the Enrollment Plan and the Registration Guide prior to VP Atkinson's visit.

VP Jackson invited Council members to speak with President Dougan if they wanted clarification on any portion of the Health and Dental Plan.

Councilor Hitchcock suggested that there should be a portion in the Elections Policy addressing racist/sexist remarks from candidates.

VP Wallace responded to Councilor Mateen's comments. He mentioned that he will be encouraging the Registrar's Office to attend the College Societies after the changes have been implemented.

VP Henderson spoke to Council Urmson's questions about security. Studentcare.net/works will be mailing out packages detailing the plan and included in that package will also be the pay direct card, which is assigned to a specific student as well as information and a pin number that will allow students access to the web server.

Councilor Stephen commented on the costs and processes of administering the program. VP Henderson assured that he has seen other university's mailouts and that the USSU will work with Studentcare.net/works to ensure that security and visibility issues are dealt with appropriately.

Councilor Mateen voiced her concerns regarding poor attendance at Council meetings.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC260: Whyley/Wallace Carried.

Any Other Business

Move to go in camera.

MOTION USC261: Jackson/Henderson Carried.

Quorum was lost at 9:30 p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, March 21st, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: March 14th, 2001**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: March 16th, 2001**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 23. Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 24. Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: March 6th, 2001**
- 7.2 CASA Conference Report**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)**
- 9.2 Review of CASA Membership**
- 9.3 Operating and Capital Budgets 2001/2002**

New Business

- 10.1 Review of the Electoral Policies and Procedures**

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

15. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students Council
Minutes for March 21st, 2001

Freda Whitedeer, ISC

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Jason Williams, Pharmacy MSC-Elect
James Adamson, Engineering
Janelle Hutchinson, USSU President-Elect
Carrie Gress
Daniel Hewson
Charmaine Legrand
Shamir Patel
Erin Stang, Law MSC-Elect
April Zerr

REGRETS

Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry

ABSENT

Kris Denney, Education
Todd Schweitzer, Education

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to add 6.2 Minutes from March 13th, 2001, delete the March 6th Executive Minutes, add 7.3, Student Parking Committee Report and add 9.4, the Enrollment Plan.

MOTION USC262: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

Introductions and Announcements

President Dougan introduced Leslee Harden, USSU General Manager, and Crystel Knihniksi, Account and Janelle Hutchinson, President Elect.

He also sent congratulations out to the Commerce Students' Society for a successful bid to host Roundtable 2002. He also sent congratulations to the winner of Teaching Excellence awards. The list of winners will be published in the March 29th edition of the Sheaf. The winners Vera Pezer Awards for Student Enhancement are as follows: for MSC, Shannon Whyley; for Campus Clubs, Kerri Klein; College Societies, Farrah Mateen. The winners of the Doug Favell Staff Spirit Award are as follows; Larry Chow of Food Services for non-USSU and Michelle Tarasoff, USSU Confidential Secretary, for the USSU. A recipient was not chosen for the Walter Murray Leadership Award this year.

Councilor Schneider thanked everyone for their support in the march for the International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination. She also explained how the College of Commerce won their bid to host Roundtable 2002. She introduced Richard French, the President of U of S Dancesport and Michelle McDonald, MSC Elect.

Councilor Debiegne introduced Dan Hewson, the incoming MSC for Physical Therapy.

VP Wallace introduced the two SAL's from Academic Affairs Board; Michael Carpentier and Mark Wilson. On March 29th the USSU Experience in Excellence evening will be held at 6 p.m. in the Exeter Room of Marquis Hall. On March 31st Leonard will be playing with Jenn Leng at Louis and on April 4th the Carson Downey Band will be playing. On April 5th the Huskies have a Spring Fever Bash at Louis. Big Brothers has asked the USSU to put forward a Bowling Team. The Mutiple Sclerosis Society has also asked the USSU to put together a team for the Super City Walk to raise money for MS. If any College Societies are interested, please see VP Wallace for the details.

VP Jackson congratulated the Commerce Students Society for their involvement with the March 21st activities. He also distributed pamphlets on rental issues.

President Dougan announced that the Student Leadership Development Committee is looking for members for the upcoming year. The SLDC is responsible for putting together the Advantage Conference. If you are interested, applications are available at the USSU office.

VP Henderson announced that Stephanie Livingston is the new Information Centre Supervisor. He also welcomed Geoff Stewart, the MSC elect from Engineering and Michelle McDonald, the MSC elect from Commerce, who are both Operations and Finance Board members.

Councilor Christensen reminded Council that Nursing Mardi Gras is coming up soon. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please see Melanie.

Councilor Dobson announced that Electrical Engineering students are putting on the High Voltage Classic this weekend. It involves a 32-hour road hockey tournament that raises between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per year and this year's charity is the Kids Sport. If you are interested in getting tickets for the pub crawl, stop by the Engineering Lounge.

Council Address

No Council Address.

Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

USC Minutes for March 14th are received without reading.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board

Move to change Item 2 to Enrollment Plan.

MOTION USC263: Wallace/Evanisky Carried.

Move to accept minutes for March 13th as amended.

MOTION USC264: Wallace/Christensen Carried.

6.3 Operations and Finance Board

Move to accept the minutes for March 16th, 2001 as read.

MOTION USC265: Henderson/Christensen Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 CASA Conference Report

President Dougan reviewed his accountability report from the recent CASA Lobby and Internal Review Conference. Highlights of the conference included meeting with the Minister of Finance, Paul Martin, the government's post secondary education and research caucus, Thomas Townsend, who runs the Canadian Student Loans Program and Wally Hill from Edulinks.

Councilor Evanisky asked if there had been any consultation with our Member of Parliament. President Dougan mentioned that our MP was in Saskatoon at the time, however they did speak with other members of the Canadian Alliance.

7.2 Student Parking Committee Report

VP Jackson reviewed the Designated Parking criteria and rationale. He pointed out that the cost of parking will be going up. An increase in security and technology has been promised in return for the increase in fees.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No motions.

Business

9.1 Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)

9.2 Review of the CASA Membership

President Dougan apologized for not having the documentation available for review sooner. The report includes the CASA policies, minutes and recommendations for change.

Move to retain our CASA Membership.

MOTION USC266: Dougan/Jackson Tabled.

Move to table this discussion until next weeks' Council meeting to allow for time to review the documentation.

MOTION USC267: Hitchcock/Mateen Carried.

Councilor Debiegne spoke in favour of the motion.

9.3 Operating and Capital Budgets 2001/2002

Move to grant speaking privileges to Crystel Knihniski, USSU Accountant, Michelle McDonald and Geoff Stewart, both SAL's from the Operations and Finance Board.

MOTION USC268: Henderson/Dougan Carried.

Move to grant speaking privileges to Jason Williams, Co-President of Pharmacy and Nutrition.

MOTION USC269: Metzger/Evanisky Carried.

Move to grant Michael Carpentier, ASSU, speaking privileges.

MOTION USC270: Evanisky/Christensen Carried.

Move to grant Richard French, Commerce, Charmaine Legrand and Carrie Guess from U of S Ballroom Dancing Club.

MOTION USC271: Schneider/Hitchcock Carried.

Move to grant speaking privileges to Erin Stang, MSC Elect for Law.

MOTION USC272: Hitchcock/Renneberg Carried.

Move to suspend the rules of debate with regards to the number of times a person can speak.

MOTION USC273: Debienne/Jackson Carried.

Move to grant speaking privileges to Ryan Cormier, Editor of the Sheaf.

MOTION USC274: Mateen/Wallace Carried.

Move to sit as committee of the whole and to allow all undergraduate students speaking privileges.

MOTION USC275: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Move to approve the budget without reading.

MOTION USC276: Christensen/Wallace DEFEATED.

Councilor Evanisky spoke against the motion. He noted that it would be appropriate to debate the budget.

VP Henderson distributed copies of the budget for the visitors. The budget cycle started with a strategic planning session, out of which came the new vision and mission. Each department has come up with their own goals and mission. All of this information was compiled into a document entitled "USSU Strategic Plan." The staff and Executive met to brainstorm for the upcoming year. Capital requests were then reviewed. Department managers and coordinators came up with their submissions for the operating budget and the submissions were reviewed. Lastly, the document was presented to the Operations and Finance Board and passed. The schedules will first be reviewed, and a motion will come forward for that document. The operating budget, then capital budget will be reviewed and separate motions will be made on those documents. If there are any issues within a particular department, the budget for that department would have to be taken back to the manager for revision, then it would be taken to the Operations and Finance Board to review and approval.

Mr. Carpentier expressed his concern about access to the budget prior to the Council meeting for review of the documentation. President Dougan responded by noting that all Board meetings and Council meetings are open to all USSU members. He also noted that copying expenses for a document this large is quite high and suggested that anyone interested in seeing the budget could review it with their College MSC or with an Executive member.

Councilor Wagemakers asked for clarification on the voting process. VP Henderson explained that the budget will be reviewed by department and if there are issues with a particular item, the whole budget for that department will be referred back to the Department Manager.

VP Henderson explained that throughout the department reviews, referrals will be made to the Schedules. He explained the purpose of each Schedule. Moving on to the notes,

VP Henderson explained that he would not be going through the budget line by line, instead only highlighting major changes seeing as Council has a week to look over the document.

Starting with the Administration Department, the first one is the Capital revenue, the percentage that is being paid back out of the \$80,000 capital trust fund. An increase in student fees is being proposed for 5% with the contingency fund. Insurance fees include liability, property and the premiums we cover for campus clubs. Memberships now include Tourism Saskatchewan, Women Entrepreneurs and the North Saskatoon Business Association. The Subscriptions line item has grown to include a couple of new publications for our Researcher. Professional Development now includes an accreditation for the General Manager through the Investing in Leadership Conference.

Councilor Hitchcock asked for clarification on the Professional Development line item. GM Harden explained that one of the areas of Professional Development includes building relationships with external bodies and one of the ways to accomplish that is by attending these types of seminars and conferences. She also noted that each of the staff members has \$500 to sign up for any training opportunities that become available relating to their job descriptions. She also explained the investment in the Insights program and Investing in Leadership is mainly to assist in goal setting for the organization. President Dougan noted that Professional Development is offered throughout many organizations across Canada and we are attempting to keep our staffing in line.

Councilor Whyley asked about the proposed increase in student funds and the effect it would have on the contingency fund and what that money would be used for. The money would be used directly to fund the new student centre building.

VP Henderson gave an overview of the Browsers marketing plan. He explained the move from Saskatchewan Hall to Upper MUB would allow for additional rental possibilities in the new student space, possibly adding approximately \$14,000 to our revenue. Renovating Browsers in Upper MUB would cost about \$42 per square foot versus \$72 in the new building. Upper MUB has a current yearly deficit of \$30,000 after all revenues and moving Browsers would cover that loss plus add an additional \$20,000 of revenue. Seeing as the hours of operation would be extended from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., we would also have a need for further student employees. The pricing of 20% commission would remain the same. The hope is that with the new look and feel of the store, sales would increase.

Michael Carpentier read a letter in opposition to the move, mainly dealing with the concern of disrespect of the memorial. He also voiced his personal concerns with the relocation of Browsers. Councilor Mateen suggested that the memorial would be preserved seeing as security for the building would be increased.

Councilor Renneberg voiced the concerns of his constituents. He noted he was under the impression that all of the groups being effected by the move were being consulted and asked for what kind of feedback the USSU got from those groups.

VP Henderson assured that this plan always took the preservation of the memorial into consideration. The placement of the Memorial Union plaque is there to remind students of the students that lost their lives, and the fireplace that will be installed will not jeopardize the memorial. The USSU will continue to fund the chaplain's late night study sessions.

Ms. McDonald spoke for the move of Browsers and noted that she felt it was a great way to preserve the Memorial Union Building and to offer students more alternatives.

A lady from the U of S Ballroom Dancing Club voiced her opposition to the move. She explained the benefits to the USSU and to students of keeping the club on campus. VP Henderson thanked her for sharing her thoughts. He spoke to the numbers of students being served by both interested groups. Browsers served approximately 3700 students last year, where the Ballroom Dance Club served 600. He also mentioned that the new Kinesiology building would free up a lot of space in the RJD Williams Building.

Councilor Whyley suggested that Council look at the number of students that would be served by the move. She also noted that there were many options for the Ballroom Dance Club to find alternate space.

Councilor Hitchcock questioned the effect this new service would have on Louis' and on Treats. VP Henderson spoke to the competition issue. Louis' attracts a different crowd than the renovated Browsers will. Treats is also in a different market area, it's more of a walk by and pick on up, rather than a sit down and relax.

Councilor Geenen asked for clarification on the space available in the new Kinesiology building. She wondered if the intent would be to use the space in the RJD Williams Building or the new gym. VP Henderson noted that he was referring to the existing space. Councilor Geenen voiced her opposition noting that the existing space would not be adequate for the U of S Ballroom Dance Club.

A concerned student involved with the U of S Ballroom Dancing Club spoke against the move. Councilor Christensen, a member of both the Ballroom Dancing Club and the Operations and Finance Board spoke for the move noting that there are many other options out there for dance space.

President Dougan commented on the retail outlets competing against each other. He mentioned that the consultants ensured that competition would drive up the revenues for all of the outlets.

Councilor Schneider spoke against the move and encouraged the USSU to maintain positive relationships with all students. She also mentioned that she suspected the chaplains were not contacted about the move. President Dougan pointed out that the study sessions were sponsored by the USSU and that the initiative was a partnership with

the USSU and the chaplain's office. He also assured that the USSU would continue to sponsor the study sessions.

Councilor Hitchcock spoke to the competition issue again, noting that he was concerned about further lost revenues for Louis'. President Dougan mentioned that the "food court" idea was good for business.

Mr. Stewart spoke for the move suggesting that students are paying for any loss that Upper MUB incurrees. Councilor Wagemakers noted that any increase in rental space in the new building would be welcomed and pointed out that Upper MUB is loosing money, while the relocation of Browsers would make money. He also pointed out that Louis' and Browsers would be offering completely different food and atmosphere.

Mr. Frank of the Ballroom Dance Club spoke against the move suggesting that if the club moves off campus that they will loose much of their membership.

Councilor Schneider voiced her concern with the USSU not contacting the chaplains. She suggested that all groups should be consulted when we are implementing change.

Councilor Stephen spoke in favour of the move. She noted that the USSU should capitalize on Browsers current money-making operation and expand on it.

A concerned student from Dancesport questioned the cost of the Browsers move and asked how many years it would take the pay down the cost of the move. VP Henderson explained that Browsers would make \$20,000 by the end of 2002.

Councilor Dobson suggested that the move wait until the new building goes up. VP Henderson reiterated that the cost of renovating the space is \$42 per square foot and in the new building the space would be about \$72 per square foot.

VP Henderson outlined the goals of the Communications Department. The department includes promoting the USSU through various publications; the Survival Calendar, the Annual Report, as well as pamphlets and brochures for all operations and services. Other forms of advertising will include an ad in the Registrar's Guide, the Sheaf back page, and the radio. The number of Survival Calendars will increase from 8500 to 10,000. There was also a proposal to hire a Communications Assistant again this year.

Move to recess for ten minutes.

MOTION USC277: Hitchcock/Wallace

DEFEATED.

VP Henderson outlined the goals for the Development Department, which include increasing awareness of the USSU on campus, increasing services available on our website, developing a promotional brochure that details all of the marketing opportunities that the USSU has as well as getting more involved in the community.

Mr. Carpentier asked which radio and television stations were being used for promotions. VP Henderson responded by noting that would depends on what our target market is and that we currently have the CFCR Radio show as well as some free promotions that Hot 93 are doing for us. Councilor Stephen asked for clarification on the revenues from the Survival Calendar. VP Henderson explained that the Development Coordinator is responsible for soliciting potential advertisers and the Communications Coordinator as well as the Graphic Designer at the Print Shop are responsible for the ad designs and the layout of the Calendar. Any revenues from the Survival Calendar would go back into the USSU account.

VP Henderson explained the goals for the Programming Department, which include diversifying their events, implementing a Term Two Welcome Week and revamping the Server Intervention Program. A proposal has also been submitted for a part-time assistant for the Programming Department to increase advertising for the events on campus as well as support in planning the events.

Councilor Whyley asked if there were any long term plans in place for Place Riel Theatre. VP Henderson explained that negotiations were in place with the University regarding the Theatre. Councilor Hitchcock asked if the prices of event tickets were going to remain the same. President Dougan clarified that the events the USSU puts on are not expected to be revenue generating; however, the prices for off-campus tickets may be increased slightly.

VP Henderson outlined the goals of the Facilities Department. Some of them include renegotiating the leases for Travel Cuts and the Treats Emporium and to promote the identity of the USSU through appropriate signage.

The goals of the Help Centre for the upcoming year were outlined. Some of them include increasing training for peer support, suicide intervention training, and academic grievance counselling, maintaining and increasing their relationships on campus and to continue serving students in a professional manner.

Councilor Schneider recognized the importance of the Help Centre, but asked if there were any numbers to justify the amount of money being spent on operating the service. VP Henderson noted that there has been 52 students that have received personal support, 408 used the exam file, 171 received assistance with student loans, 856 used the free phone and the newspaper, 60 saw the Academic Affairs Office and 959 got directions and phone number, 553 for academic calendars, 154 for pamphlets and booklets, 832 referrals, 339 visited to pick up one of the registries, and 790 miscellaneous, totalling 5174 from September to February. Councilor Schneider pointed out that those services are being provided elsewhere. President Dougan responded by noting that this is one of those cases that more is better. He also reminded Council that the Help Centre has increased their promotions and programming this year.

Move to recess for ten minutes.

MOTION USC278: Dobson/Christensen

Carried.

Chair Frank reminded Council to stand up and speak to the Chair, rather than to an individual.

VP Henderson outlined the goals of the Housing Centre, some of which include increasing the fee for the non-student rate and in turn increasing the service to students. No questions or comments were brought forward.

VP Henderson outlined the goals for the Information Centre, which include investigating and being more aware of on and off-campus events as well as seeking out ways of further providing information to students. No comments or questions were mentioned.

The goals of the LGB Centre were outlined. They include the implementation of a class presentation and becoming an integral part of the 2001 Pride Parade. No questions or comments were brought forward.

VP Henderson outlined the goals of Louis, some of which include investigating and preparing for a possible major renovation, increasing advertising and using the venue as an alternate format. A price increase of 10% has been suggested as Louis currently has the lowest prices in Saskatoon. He noted that there has been a change in the management structure, there no longer being a Food & Beverage Manager, there are now two Assistant Food & Beverage Managers who report to the Operations Manager. He also mentioned that there will not be any summer shows at Louis'.

Councilor Evanisky voiced his concern with regards to a price increase at Louis'. VP Henderson assured that Louis' would still maintain the lowest prices in the City, however a small increase would help to cover costs more effectively.

VP Henderson mentioned that being competitive in the market will likely include major renovations and increasing allegiances will college societies. Mr. Williams from Pharmacy suggested that the USSU has to decide what market they want Louis to be competitive with; a more casual sit down atmosphere, or a loud night club. President Dougan spoke to the overall strategy of Louis'. He noted that Louis' goals will now fall more inline with the USSU's other operations. Councilor Stephen commented on the increase in pricing. She noted that a small increase in price likely wouldn't deter people from coming in, but what would help would be a change in the atmosphere.

Councilor Hitchcock asked if Louis' would be moving into the new building. He also noted that Louis' may not be the right atmosphere to host college society parties, it being more of a pub, not a night club. VP Henderson responded by agreeing with the suggestions to modify the atmosphere of Louis'. He also noted that discussions are now taking place on whether to move Louis' into the new building or to renovate.

Ms. Harden, USSU GM, commented on the new management. She assured that management and staff are selected based on their skills and qualifications. She also noted

that all management have strong input into the way the operations are run and that their input is considered to be very valuable.

VP Henderson explained the goals of the Photocopier Centre. Some of the objectives include installing additional equipment in the colleges and libraries and increasing training on the new machines.

Councilor Mateen asked why the photocopy service was advertised in "On Campus News." VP Henderson explained that some departments are too small to have their own copiers, so communicating through that publications works well.

A questions was asked why the copying prices are higher then at Staples. VP Henderson explained that many of the larger stores use their self-service copier fleet as a loss leader to get people in the store. He noted that a Commerce marketing class discovered that the copier pricing was in the middle of the market.

VP Henderson outlined the goals of the Print Shop, some of which include the creation of a customer database, investigation of e-commerce opportunities, and attracting more people that currently do not use the service.

Councilor Stephen asked for clarification on the T-shirt revenues. VP Henderson mentioned that the current machine has limited capabilities and that over the summer a decision will be made on whether to upgrade the machine and on promotional ideas.

VP Henderson explained the goals of the Student Crew Volunteer Centre. He pointed out that this operation shares the space with the Housing Centre. This program is jointly administered by the USSU and Student Affairs and Services. The positions of Student Crew Coordinator and Safewalk Coordinator have been merged into one position for the upcoming year. One of the major goals of the Centre will be to continue with the implementation of a volunteer database to track hours. There were no questions or comments.

VP Henderson outlined the goals of the student governance department. This department doesn't have a strategic plan, as goals are determined throughout the summer by the new Executive and presented to Council in the fall. Some important points to note include the creation of an Academic Advocacy Office, and the continuation of DisOrientation, course evaluations, the grievance workshop and outreach initiatives such as the Pancake Breakfast.

Mr. Carpentier asked about subscriptions for provincial minutes and President Dougan explained that he wasn't aware if they were available.

Councilor Hitchcock asked for justification on the retreat expenses and for CASA conferences. VP Henderson explained the importance of the spring retreat. It serves as an extensive orientation for the new executive and as a format for goal setting for the

organization. President Dougan explained the importance of the various CASA functions.

Councilor Hitchcock asked why a non-elected staff member would attend the CASA Conference. President Dougan explained that this allows them to consult with the CASA head office staff and to share information.

Councilor Wagemakers asked for clarification on the general office expenses and meeting expenses for the Executive. VP Henderson explained that the rental of the cell phones were for the DRO's. Meeting expenses cover costs such as supplying supper if a Board meeting goes over an extended period of time. Each Executive also has a meeting expense line to cover costs incurred when meeting with external parties.

Mr. Cormier from the Sheaf asked about the status of the MSC honorariums. VP Henderson explained he sent out an e-mail asking for feedback on the MSC honorariums. The responses indicated that the MSC were clearly against keeping the honorarium.

VP Henderson explained the Student Grants Department. The revenue line is \$5000 from Coke, which is split into \$2500 cash and \$2500 in product to fund campus groups and college societies. He pointed out that the President's Students Fund contribution will increase from \$4500 to \$5000 this year.

Councilor Stephen asked for clarification on the President's Students Fund. She suggested that a certain portion of the funding be set aside for sending students to national conferences. VP Henderson explained that the priorities are at the discretion of the Operations and Finance Board. The President's Students Fund is an opportunity for the USSU, the University President's Office, Graduate Students Office and the International Students Office to pool some resources together to assist students in attending academic conferences. President Dougan explained that the Executive Sponsorship line item is to be to fund college societies and campus clubs for conferences and seminars.

VP Henderson explained the goals of the Place Riel Theatre. If the theatre is kept by the USSU, these are the costs are revenues we expect. If the theatre is given back to the University, some of those numbers will change.

Councilor Urmson suggested the meeting close for the evening and the capital budget be discussed at next weeks' meeting. President Dougan suggested Council move on seeing as the operating budgets are based on the capital budgets.

Move to sit as assembly of Council.

MOTION USC275: Henderson/Dougan Carried.

Move to split voting on the budget into two questions; one on the Browsers budget and the second on the rest of the budget.

MOTION USC276: Hitchcock/Schneider Carried.

Councilor Hitchcock spoke in favour of the motion suggesting that some Councilors may be unsure of the expenditures in the Browsers budget. Councilor Dobson asked what would happen if the Browsers budget did not go through. VP Henderson explained that if the Browsers budget was rejected, the management team would have to go back and create a budget for their existing space and bring it through the Operations and Finance Board. Councilor Evanisky asked if the Browsers budget didn't go through, would the budget for Upper MUB also have to be revisited. VP Henderson answered yes.

Move to table the vote on Browsers budget until such a time the capital budget is discussed.

MOTION USC277: Dougan/Wallace DEFEATED.

President Dougan explained his reasoning behind making the motion to table the vote. He suggested Council would be more informed having heard the proposed Capital budget. Councilor Hitchcock argued it wouldn't make a difference if the motion was voted on now or after having heard the Capital budget.

Move to adopt Browsers operating budget.

MOTION USC278: Henderson/Christensen Carried.

Councilor Schneider wished to noted as being in opposition to the motion.

Move to adopt the remainder of the operating budget for 2001/2002.

MOTION USC279: Henderson/Christensen Carried.

Move to sit as committee of the whole.

MOTION USC280: Wagemakers/Mateen Carried.

Councilor Stephen wished to noted as being in opposition to the motion.

VP Henderson gave an overview of the capital budget for 2001/2002. Important points to note included the drawings of the renovations to Upper MUB. He explained these were only drafts and could be changed. The distribution centre for periodicals and publications in the building will allow the Development Office to "sell" space in the building as well as keep them in an orderly fashion.

Councilor Wagemakers voiced his concern regarding the cost of adding an office to the USSU general office. VP Henderson explained the cost includes the removal and rebuilding of walls, the moving of electrical and networking, telephones, etc.

Councilor Hitchcock asked where the distribution centre would be located and shared his concern regarding the cost of implementing the Academic Advocacy Office. VP Henderson noted it would likely be in Upper Place Riel. VP Wallace noted that the students using the Academic Advocacy services require privacy and professionalism and the current space does not offer either of those qualities.

Councilor Schneider asked for feedback on the Academic Advocacy Office from the Help Centre Director. Ms. Elliott explained that more space is needed as the demand for

this service grows. Councilor Hitchcock suggested that the money being used to implement the Academic Advocacy Office should be used towards the office space in the new building. Councilor Mateen reminded Council that the new building is not guaranteed to go through, so we should keep in mind that in the meantime services for students still have to be provided in an appropriate manner.

Councilor Dobson shared his concerns with amount of money and the kinds of things being asked for in the capital budget. He suggested students are not in favour of these “extras.” VP Henderson explained that many options were looked at and costs were weighed for those options. Councilor Hitchcock agreed with the comments from Councilor Dobson. Mr. Carpentier reminded Council that the grievance numbers have doubled over the last year.

VP Henderson explained the replacement of the sound system in Place Riel, noting that the current wiring is not up adequate. He also explained the new sound system would allow for an increase in the promotions for programming.

VP Henderson explained some of the capital expenditures proposed for Louis’. Some points of interest include the purchase of propane heaters for the deck, which would allow Louis’ to extend the hours of the deck, an upgrade to the sound system and an upgrade to the security cameras.

Capital expenditures for the Photocopy Department were outlined. An additional copy card cash monitor to be placed in a central location for the colleges of Engineering, Agriculture, and Vet Med and the Drama Department. Document feeders will be added to the Murray Library, Education, Health Sciences, Vet Med, Biology and a second will be added to the Print Shop self-serve copiers.

Mr. Carpentier asked why a document feeder wouldn’t be added to a copier in Arts. VP Henderson said the locations were determined based on use and demand.

VP Henderson explained the capital expenditures for the Print Shop. Some large requests include a wide format scanner, In-design software and Texture software.

Move to sit formally as a Council.

MOTION USC281: Jackson/Evanisky Carried.

Move to accept the capital budget as presented for the 2001/2002 year.

MOTION USC282: Henderson/Dougan Carried.

Councilor Schneider wished to be noted as abstaining.

President Dougan thanked the professional staff, Leslee Harden, the General Manager and the Accountant, Crystel Knihniski as well as Scott Henderson, the VP of Operations and Finance for all of their hard work.

New Business

Review of the Electoral Polices and Procedures

President Dougan mentioned that a report will be e-mailed out the Councilors early next week for their review. If you have any suggestions, please respond prior to the Council meeting next week.

Questions and Comments

Move to open questions and comments at 11:15 p.m.

MOTION USC283: Jackson/Dougan Carried.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC284: Wagemakers/Jackson Carried.

Councilor Hitchcock noted his opposition to closing questions and comments. VP Henderson also noted his opposition.

Any Other Business

Move to go in camera.

MOTION USC285: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 11.25 p.m.

MOTION USC286: Wagemaker/Stephen Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, March 28th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: March 21st, 2001**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report: March 20th, 2001**
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: March 23rd, 2001**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: February 23rd, 2001**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.7 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: March 20th, 2001**
- 7.2 Term Two Executive Accountability Reports**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Business

- 9.1 Review of Position on Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)**
- 9.2 Review of Electoral Policies and Procedures**

New Business

- 10.1 Revised Policy on Student Computing**
- 10.2 Revised Policy on Special Needs Parking**

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

16. Any Other Business

Adjournment

University Students Council
Minutes for March 28th, 2001

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Clint Johnson, STM
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce

Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Freda Whitedeer, ISC
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
James Adamson, Engineering
Janelle Hutchinson, USSU President-Elect
Brad Joyce, Engineering

REGRETS

Drew Hitchcock, Law

ABSENT

Kris Denney, Education
Todd Schweitzer, Education

1. Call to Order

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

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to strike 7.2, add 9.3 CASA Membership Review and 9.4 Enrollment Plan and 10.2, Designated Parking, and 12.1 removal of members.

MOTION USC287: Henderson/Dougan Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Stephen announced that Friday, April 6th in Lower Place Riel Commerce will be having their Annual Chug Pub from 4:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. There are prizes for the winners. The entry fee is \$20 per team, which includes two free drinks.

President Dougan introduced Janelle Hutchinson, the President-Elect of the USSU.

Ms. Hutchinson announced that applications for the Student Leadership Development Committee are due next Monday at 4:30 p.m. They can be picked up at the USSU office.

VP Henderson announced that Ruth Summers has been hired as the USSU Accountant while Crystel Knihniski is on maternity leave, effective April 9th. Upcoming events include the Experience in Excellence Awards at the Exeter Room, at 6 p.m.; Leonard is playing on March 31st at Louis' and April 6th is the Last Day of Classes Bash featuring Inshalla and DJ Jamie Invader. On April 4th is the Huskie Spring Break Bash.

Councilor Sanders welcomed Annette Patterson, the incoming MSC for Veterinary Medicine.

Councilor Christensen reminded Council of the Nursing Mardi Gras as Sid's Garage. Door open at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$8. There will be a scavenger hunt starting at the Health Sciences Lounge at 7 p.m., ending up at Sids.

Councilor Renneberg welcomed STM's new MSC, Phillip Gross. He announced that Clint Johnson will be returning next year as well.

Councilor Wagemakers introduced Brad Joyce and James Adamson from Engineering. The last day of classes the AgBio Engineers will be having their Motor Blast starting at noon, the pub starts at 4:30 p.m. Last weekend was the High Voltage Classic and approximately \$17,000 was raised for Kids Sport.

President Dougan announced that next week, April 4th, is the last USC meeting. He invited everyone out to the social afterwards.

Ryan from the Sheaf announced that the Sheaf is currently accepting applications for editors for next year. Applications are due on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

5. Council Address

No Council address.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Minutes for March 21st, 2001 were received without reading.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for March 20th, 2001.

MOTION USC288: Wallace/Johnson Carried.

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for March 27th, 2001.

MOTION USC289: Wallace/Johnson Carried.

Councilor Mateen asked for clarification on the dates that the U-Star recommendations would be in place. VP Wallace that the recommendations are scheduled to go through this year in hopes of alleviating issues with registration.

6.3 Operations and Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed the minutes for March 23rd, 2001.

MOTION USC290: Henderson/Johnson Carried.

6.4 Student Issues Board

VP Jackson reviewed the minutes for March 23rd, 2001.

MOTION USC291: Jackson/Johnson Carried.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee

President Dougan reviewed the minutes for March 20th, 2001.

MOTION USC292: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

Councilor Mateen shared her concerns with the tuition increase. She asked if it would likely be 7% across the board or if it would be differential. President Dougan explained that the 7% would be an overall increase and he wasn't sure how the increase would be spread out.

Councilor Schneider asked what the reaction was from VP Whitworth. President Dougan explained that VP Whitworth would be sending a spreadsheet outlining how the increases would be implemented. He also assured that Senior Administration is aware of the USSU's stand against tuition increases; unfortunately, they are committed to increasing tuition as they feel it's currently too low.

Councilor Stephen asked what was meant by the phrase "maintaining the status quo." President Dougan responded that status quo refers to maintaining the inflationary rates.

8. Motions Arising from the Minutes

No motions arising from the minutes.

9. Business

9.1 Review of Tuition and Other Fees (tabled)

Move to bring this item from the table.

MOTION USC293: Dougan/Wallace Carried.

President Dougan asked Council to ignore the preambles as they are outdated. He reminded Council to concentrate on creating a comprehensive set of policies surrounding tuition and other fees. The first section is tuition and single line item for all tuition and fees. He asked for Council's feedback on this section alone to start with.

Move to sit informally.

MOTION USC294: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

President Dougan asked Council to give feedback on the document section by section. He explained that although Senior Administration may not buy into all of these policies and procedures, they are not the ones who make the final decision. Council must develop a strong position on tuition because the document will be presented to the Board of Governors.

Move to add “that will equally target all programs and colleges” in Number One as well as “that the provincial government recognize its’ fiduciary responsibility to students.”

MOTION USC295: Mateen/Johnson

President Dougan suggested that including the province in the document may not be in our best interest, because the document is specifically targeted towards the University. Councilor Schneider suggested that the clause regarding targeting the colleges equally is referred to in Number Four. President Dougan agreed saying that differential tuition is strongly addressed in its’ own section.

Move to split the amendments into two motions.

MOTION USC296: Dobson/Wagemakers Carried.

Move to add “and the provincial government” to Number One.

MOTION USC297: Mateen/Johnson DEFEATED.

Move to add “that will equally target all programs and colleges” in Number One.

MOTION USC298: Mateen/Johnson Carried.

Councilor Schneider wished to be noted as being in opposition to the motion.

Move to add “no greater than the inflation rate” in Number Three.

MOTION USC299: Mateen/Johnson

Councilor Schneider spoke to differential tuition, noting that the preamble of this document states that USC voted against differential tuition, but that one of the plebiscite questions during the elections was if students were in favour of differential tuition and 60% voted in favour. She suggested that Council should not be speaking against differential tuition if its not in the interest of the general student body.

Councilor Debiegne spoke to recommendation number two. She asked for clarification on whether there is an actual policy on this and also suggested that saying “unconscionable” was not appropriate wording for this document.

Councilor Urmson suggested that not many students on campus understand the term “differential tuition” and commented that Council should approve any

plebiscite questions. VP Jackson agreed with Councilor Urmson regarding the plebiscite questions.

Councilor Evanisky suggested that there be something mentioned about marshaling student support.

Councilor Mateen suggested that a clause be added in addressing fee centralized tuition as well.

President Dougan reminded Council that all of the resolutions that have been passed by this body will be integrated into this document. He asked for feedback on the terms “marshaling student support” and “accessibility.” Councilor Mateen shared that she felt accessibility refers to academically qualified students being able to attend university. She also suggested that Council quit speaking about the plebiscite question as it was already determined that the results of those questions would not be used to form any policies.

Councilor Debiegne asked for clarification on the conflicting suggestions of the “Single Line Item Tuition” and the clauses included in the position paper on the Campus Rec Fee.

Councilor Whyley spoke to marshaling student support. She suggested that by saying we don’t want any tuition increases, then on the other hand telling them how they should go about doing it, may be a conflict of interest.

VP Jackson agreed with Councilor Whyley’s suggested. He also suggested that these types of increases should have to go to referendum for accountability purposes. Councilor Mateen suggested that a referendum may not be the way to go as tuition is bound to increase at some point. VP Jackson recommended that a referendum could be called for anything above inflationary rates.

President Dougan spoke to accessibility. He asked for clarification on the academic qualification, whether it refers to those accepted by the University or those in the province with a 68% average or over. He also spoke to the Athletics and Recreation Fee. He reminded Council that the intent of this document is to combat the increases by the University itself. He pointed out that the Athletics and Recreation Fee was something created by the students and has only increased with the consent of students. The USSU feels that students should not be paying for the infrastructure on campus.

VP Wallace reminded Council to think about the Saskatchewan University’s Funding Mechanism. He noted that the U of S will be receiving \$7.2 million over the next two years to balance the funding between the U of R and the U of S. He suggested that Council include something in this document for accountability purposes for these funds.

President Dougan clarified that if there weren't any substantive changes to the document, he is looking for reaffirmation from Council. If there were changes, the document will be redrafted and brought back to Council on April 4th.

VP Jackson suggested that the costing measures be thrown out. He recommended that we fight for all colleges to stay open, not just give up when funding is inadequate.

Councilor Wagemakers asked where these recommendations came from. Regarding Number Two, he suggested that just because there are other schools in Saskatchewan, it doesn't necessarily mean that all students want to attend one or the other. Councilor Debiegne agreed with Councilor Wagemakers' comments. She also expressed concern regarding the computing fees. She asked if the students from Physical Therapy could expect an increase in their fees seeing as they are quite far away from a computer lab.

President Dougan spoke to the question from the Councilor of Engineering. This document was passed by USC last year and was submitted to Senior Administration and the Board of Governors.

Councilor Mateen suggested that a comment regarding the student computer ratio and the computer technology at this University included in the computing portion. She would also like to see some comments on scholarships and bursaries and clarification on what those terms mean. She also mentioned that a cap has recently been put on bursaries and she would also like to see addressed.

President Dougan suggested that Items Two and Three should be stuck as they are addressed in our computing policy. Councilor Geenen mentioned that something should be included regarding the student computer ratio.

VP Jackson agreed with striking those two items regarding computing. He noted that the Policy on Student Computing will be coming forward next week for discussion.

Councilor Mateen suggested that something on Big Box retail revenues be included as well. She asked for clarification on when some of that money would be coming back into scholarships and bursaries. She suggested a timeline be set up.

Councilor Dobson spoke on computing fees. He would like to see Items Two and Three struck from the document as well. He suggested that the individual colleges are more aware of what is required for their students. He also suggested that Council come up with alternatives regarding the single line item student fees.

President Dougan pointed out that Item Five outlines taxable deductions for students. The idea that the USSU is opposed to capital and equipment fees for

students, we're of the belief that that money should come from the province. The University just can't impose a fee for anything it needs money from. He also spoke to the mandatory computing fee for all students explaining that the intent behind this was that all students shouldn't be forced into a mandatory fee for all students.

Councilor Mateen clarified that the 50/50 split in bursaries is meant to apply to new students, not re-entry students. She suggested that Number Five be removed. Councilor Evanisky recommended changing the taxable deductions to include textbooks. President Dougan explained that using textbooks as a taxable deduction is something we would have to lobby the government for, not the University.

Councilor Dobson suggested that the two points, supporting a user-pay model for computing and then opposing a single line item for technology and other fees, are contradictory. President Dougan asked for suggestions on clarifying these points. He also asked for input on the big box retail revenues as well as solid percentages we would like to see go towards scholarships and bursaries.

Councilor Dobson noted that we should find out what percentages are currently being put into scholarships and how much of the operating budget tuition accounts for, suggesting a number should be derived from that percentage, for example half.

VP Jackson mentioned that the University will be footing the bill for the development of the big box retail land. President Dougan explained that any revenues coming in from the Endowment Plan will be put into an Endowment Fund. The fund will start making money as soon as the ground is broken.

President Dougan spoke against requesting 12% or 13% of the operating grant go towards scholarships and bursaries. He suggested that requesting an increase of 3% to a total of 7% of the operating grant may be a little more reasonable. The average across Canada is roughly 6%.

Councilor Debienne asked for clarification on the reason behind capping bursaries. She also suggested that Council come up with a policy regarding that as well. Councilor Whyley asked what the current split is between scholarships and bursaries. VP Wallace explained that the capping was done in hopes of increasing the accessibility of the funding. Councilor Mateen suggested that students are opting to study out of province due to a lack of funding at the U of S.

President Dougan thanked Council for their input and assured that the suggestions would be included in the draft that will come back to Council on April 4th.

Councilor Dobson recommended that the proposed percentages should be proportionate to something, such as half of the tuition increases.

Councilor Adelman suggested a committee be struck to deal with these issues.

Move to table the Tuition and Other Fees position paper until April 4th.

MOTION USC300: Dougan/Wallace

Carried.

9.2 Review of Electoral Polices and Procedure

President Dougan reminded Council that the suggestion was to strike the Elections Board and create an Elections Organizing Committee which would be comprised of four people; the CRO, the ACRO, the President or designate and the General Manager of the USSU or designate. They would be responsible for setting up the polling stations, the advertising and promotions of the elections, preparing the ballots, etc. Their activities would be reported on a weekly basis to Council, however, Council would not have the authority to intervene. It would be a report for information and for accountability purposes only.

The sole person who has the ability to interpret policy would be the Chief Returning Officer. The appeals process would be dealt with by an Elections Appeals Board.

The structure and number of forums held will also be changed. The USSU will arrange a minimum of one and a maximum of three, with one always being held in Lower Place Riel. The forums will also have a set agenda, no matter where they are being held. Some other changes to note include the time allotted for platforms, MSC involvement and campaigning timelines. All of these changes stem from recommendations and grievances brought forward from past candidates.

Councilor Urmson voiced his concern with the little time that was given for Councilors to review this document.

Councilor Christensen agreed with the idea of striking Elections Board. She suggested that the length of the platforms be dependent on how many candidates are running for each position.

Councilor Mateen suggested that advertising for the platforms be up for a greater length of time. She also recommended that colleges that don't have polling stations assist with the operation in other colleges.

Councilor Dobson questioned who would make the decisions on issues regarding referendums and asked how much input will Council have now as compared to the past. President Dougan clarified that the Elections Organizing Committee is not meant to replace the Elections Board. Basically the middleman is now cut out. Decisions regarding referendum questions would be made predominantly through the CRO.

Councilor Whyley voiced her concern regarding the campaigning period occurring during Spring Break. President Dougan explained that any changes

would be at the discretion of the Elections Organizing Committee as there is nothing entrenched in the policy, only that campaigning has to occur for a minimum of two weeks.

Move to close the speakers list and go to a vote.

MOTION USC301: Adelman/Evanisky Carried.

Move to accept all of the proposed changes within the Electoral Policy and Procedures.

MOTION USC302: Dougan/Jackson Carried.
Councilor Mateen abstained.

9.3 CASA Membership Review

President Dougan reminded Council that this document was tabled last week, and that there will be a lot of other business to deal with at the April 4th Council meeting.

Move to table this item until the April 4th Council meeting.

MOTION USC303: Schneider/Mateen DEFEATED

Councilor Schneider asked Council to vote in favour of tabling this item as the Councilor from Law would like to speak to this. VP Jackson reminded Council that there isn't sufficient time to deal with this. Councilor Debiegne spoke to the motion recommending that the motion is tabled allowing Councilor Hitchcock to voice his opinion.

President Dougan reminded Council that this discussion encompasses more than maintaining our CASA membership. It deals with joining the Canadian Federation of Students, which would have to be done through referendum. Councilor Urmson suggested that Council wait for Councilor Hitchcock to voice his opinion. Councilor Evanisky mentioned that quorum is hard to come by at the last Council meeting of the year. VP Wallace suggested that it was inappropriate to postpone voting on a motion because one Councilor could not make it to give his point of view. Councilor Christensen shared with Council that she encouraged Councilor Hitchcock to send someone to speak on his behalf, rather than postponing the issue.

President Dougan spoke in favour of maintaining our membership with CASA. He explained that CASA's federal lobbying efforts and effective relationships with MP's are very valuable. Councilor Christensen voiced her concern regarding the information distributed. She felt it may be bias as it was published by CASA.

VP Henderson asked for clarification on the fees paid to the different organizations. President Dougan explained that CFS membership would have to be obtained through referendum, resulting in a cost of about \$16 per student. CASA membership fees are paid by the organization, not the individual student,

totaling approximately \$1 per student. He explained that CASA has the respect of Parliament Hill, which lends credibility with regards to lobbying. Councilors Johnson and Mateen spoke in favour of maintaining the CASA membership.

Councilor Johnson agreed with maintaining the membership, however he questioned what CASA has actually obtained from the government. President Dougan explained that as a direct result of lobbying from CASA, the tax deductible limit for scholarships and bursaries was increased from \$500 to \$3000, as well, in terms of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation, CASA took a strong stance against the proportion of scholarships to bursaries, it has been switched from 95% scholarships and 5% bursaries to 95% bursaries and 5% scholarships. Other major accomplishments include the enormous respect and credibility they have gained in the short six years since the Alliance was formed. They have also been instrumental in extending timelines for repayment of student loans and debt reduction for students.

VP Jackson spoke to maintaining the CASA membership as their goals are in line with those of the Students' Union.

Move to close to the speakers list and move to a vote.

MOTION USC304: Debieenne/Jackson Carried.

Move to maintain our CASA membership.

MOTION USC305: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Councilor Whitdeer was in opposition to the motion and Councilor Schneider abstained.

9.4 Enrollment Plan

Tabled until April 4th.

10. New Business

10.1 Revised Policy on Student Computing

VP Jackson explained to Council that there have not been many substantive changes to the document. He also asked Councilors to be present at the April 4th meeting to discuss the document.

10.2 Revised Policy on Designated Parking

VP Jackson mentioned that all of the suggestions made to revise the document have been incorporated into the new policy. He asked that Councilors be prepared to give feedback on the revised policy at the April 4th meeting.

11. Questions and Comments.

Move to move into questions and comments for 30 minutes beginning 9:07 p.m.

MOTION USC306: Jackson/Johnson Carried.

VP Wallace asked Council to be familiar with the Enrollment Plan and to be prepared to give feedback on the document at the April 4th meeting. He announced that Pauline Melis will be attending Council on April 4th in place of Michael Atkinson as he is unable to attend. Ms. Melis is very involved with the Enrollment Plan and she will be able to answer any questions.

Councilor Mateen voiced her disappointment over Dr. Atkinson canceling his attendance at Council. She explained having contact with him and be able to address some issues regarding academics would be beneficial. She also shared her displeasure with the new City Council not being in contact with students. She pointed out that the only Senior Administration and government officials came to Council either to ask for money or to let students know that there isn't enough money.

VP Jackson spoke to the comments about the new City Council. He assured that the new Executive will continue to attempt to set a meeting with them in April. He also spoke to the e-mail he received from Councilor Schneider regarding the skateboarding incident. An article was written to the Sheaf regarding harassment a few individuals received for skateboarding on campus. VP Jackson explained that there are liability issues with this type of activity on campus.

VP Jackson explained that there were some issues with the U-Star Parking Decal Sale. They had difficulties getting the system running on time. There were a number of students who brought this concern to VP Jackson's attention. Because of this delay, no students received a pass during the initial ten minutes of the sale, however, some students gave up assuming the passes were sold out. Councilor Debiegne voiced her concerns regarding the CASA membership. She agreed that we do need to focus our efforts on lobbying, however she did suggest that it is important to address social and environmental issues as well.

Ryan from the Sheaf passed along some students' concerns regarding the lack of advertising for the U-Star Parking Decal Sale. VP Jackson asked that any concerns regarding parking being forwarded to his office.

Councilor Whitedeer addressed her absence at Council over the last few weeks, explaining that she has priorities with her child and that she is also attempting to get the ISC back in operation.

Councilor Mateen asked what was happening with the Registration Guide. VP Wallace voiced his concern of the timing and accurateness of the Guide and ensured that he would continue to monitor the issue closely.

Councilor Adelman suggested that the removal of MSC's was pointless this late in the year.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC307: Urmson/Adelman

Carried.

12. Any Other Business

President Dougan moved to remove the two Councilors from Education, Chris Denney and Todd Schweitzer and the Councilor from ISC, Freda Whitedeer.

President Dougan spoke for the motion, explaining that all Councilors to be removed have an attendance of less than 60%, therefore they are not performing their elected duties. The Education Students' Society has agreed to this removal. President Dougan confirmed that Councilor Whitedeer has explained her absences.

Councilor Evanisky suggested that steps be taken in a more timely fashion next year, as Education has not had much representation throughout the year. Councilor Mateen commented on the attendance during the meetings, suggesting that some Councilors come to swipe their cards, but don't stay for the duration of the meeting. Councilor Debiene recommended that one of the Executive take the initiative to speak with the Councilors whose attendance is poor, to prevent removal from Council from happening in the future.

Move to split the motion into three separate parts.

MOTION USC308: Mateen/Dougan

Carried.

VP Wallace confirmed that the incoming MSC's for Education have expressed concern on this issue. VP Jackson also confirmed that he has spoke with students from Education and they too are concerned about their representation at Council.

VP Henderson spoke to Councilor Debiene's comments. He assured that they have received all Council e-mails and the Executive has also tried to contact them through the President of the Education Students' Society.

Councilor Schneider suggested that the on-going attendance issue with the MSCs from Education may have something to do with their college programming and being committed to an internship. She also recommended that we allow other students to attend on their behalf.

Councilor Whitedeer confirmed that she has been picking up the minutes and relaying the information back to her Council.

Councilor Christensen asked why the procedure was different earlier in the year for the Councilor from Dentistry. President Dougan explained that Councilor Gill was warned about his absence and he has since made great attempts to be present at all meetings.

Move to remove Chris Denney, MSC for Education from USC.

MOTION USC309: Dougan/Jackson

Carried.

As quorum was being determined, a question was raised as to whether abstentions count as a vote. Chair Frank answered that they do not and President Dougan challenged him saying that they do. Later the challenge was withdrawn.

Move to remove Todd Schweitzer, MSC for Education from USC.

MOTION USC310: Dougan/Jackson Carried.

Move to remove Freda Whitedeer, MSC for ISC from USC.

MOTION USC311: Dougan/Jackson DEFEATED.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

MOTION USC312: Dougan/Dobson Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Wednesday, April 4th, 2001

Call to Order

Call for Quorum

Adoption of an Agenda

Introductions and Announcements

Council Address

Minutes and Reports for Action

- 6.1 USC Minutes: March 28th, 2001**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report: April 3rd, 2001**
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: March 30th, 2001**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.7 Code of Ethics Discipline Committee Minutes and Report**

Minutes and Reports for Information

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: March 27th, 2001**
- 7.2 Term Two Executive Accountability Reports**

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

- 8.1 The Enrolment Plan**

Business

- 9.1 Tuition and Other Fees Document**
- 9.2 Revised Policy on Student Computing**
- 9.3 Revised Policy on Designated Parking**

New Business

- 10.1 Motion to rescind USC305**
- 10.2 Resolution to Withdraw from CASA and Hold a Referendum on National Affiliation**

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

17. Any Other Business

- 12.1 Accomplishments for the Year**
- 12.2 Special Presentation**

Adjournment

14. Year End Social at Louis'

University Students Council
Minutes for April 4th, 2001

PRESENT

Aaron Dougan, President
Jack Wallace, VP (Academic Affairs)
Jeff Jackson, VP (Student Issues)
Scott Henderson, VP (Operations & Fin)
Greg Adelman, Agriculture
Chantelle Debiegne, Physical Therapy
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Michelle Geenen, Kinesiology
Amardeep Gill, Dentistry
Clint Johnson, STM
Cameron Metzger, Pharmacy
Anthony Renneberg, STM
Grace Sanders, WCVM
Tera Schneider, Commerce
Jodi Stephen, Commerce
Andrew Urmson, Medicine
Ben Wagemakers, Engineering
Freda Whitedeer, ISC
Shannon Whyley, VPRA

ALSO PRESENT

Paul Frank, Chair
Tasha Elliott, Help Centre
James Adamson, Engineering
Natalie Ferrara
Janelle Hutchinson, USSU President-Elect
Erin Stang
April Zerr

REGRETS

Melanie Christensen, Nursing
Kyle Dobson, Engineering
Drew Hitchcock, Law
Farrah Mateen, Arts & Science

ABSENT

Kris Denney, Education
Todd Schweitzer, Education

1. Call to order.

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

Call for Quorum.

Quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Move to move Item 10.2 under New Business, and move Item 10.2 to 9.5.

MOTION USC 313: Hitchcock/Schneider DEFEATED.

Move to delete Item 5.1 and add Item 8.

MOTION USC314: Wallace/Jackson Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

VP Wallace introduced Pauline Melis from the VP Academic Office.

Councilor Hitchcock introduced Coordinator Carrie Thiessen from the U of S Women's Centre.

Dennis ?? from the College of Law and Scott Blythe from the U of S Gays & Lesbians were introduced.

Councilor Hitchcock read a letter from Scott Blythe. He first of all apologized for not being present. He feels it is time to evaluate the USSU's position as a member in CASA. Mr. Blythe also made it clear that he was not in support of a referendum, but that he is, however, unhappy with the USSU's position in CASA. He also noted that students must be given the opportunity to review CASA's successes and failures. He asked that USC not dismiss the request without consideration.

Councilor Dobson announced a pub in the Engineering lounge on Friday at 4:30p.m.

There will be live bands outside, \$2.50 drinks and burgers. The pub will continue on to the Sutherland and all who attend will receive free Trooper tickets.

He also introduced Anthony Chernowski, a fellow student from the College of Engineering. Thirdly, he suggested that in the future the College of Engineering not hold any social functions at Whiskey Jacks because of past incidents of students being beat up by the bouncers. He strongly encouraged college society's not associate with this bar.

VP Jackson handed out "If I Were President...." pamphlets to Council to distribute to fellow students.

Councilor Adelman introduced the incoming Councilor for the College of Agriculture April Zerr.

Councilor Schneider reminded everyone of the Commerce Chug Pub in Lower Place Riel this Friday at 4:30p.m. Team entry fee is \$20 for 4 people with 2 free drinks per person with cheap drinks as well.

Council Address

Move to bring forward the draft enrollment plan. Seconded by Councilor **MOTION**

USC315: Wallace/Johnson Carried.

VP Wallace introduced Pauline Melis, Executive Assistant to the Vice President Academic, to speak on the draft enrollment plan. She explained that the document is still a work in progress and in approximately four to six months a more finalized plan will be available to be discussed at University Council. Ms. Melis noted that she would explain what the plan is, why it is important to the U of S, what some of the principles and assumptions are, then would allow some time for questions. She stated that many universities have an enrollment plan and explained the two kinds of graduate programs available.

Ms. Melis explained that both the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan would be moving to a new funding mechanism with the Provincial Government over the next two years. This will force the institutions to take a look at the activities and make sure that they are in line with the funding mechanism to ensure continued funding. She also noted that 92% of students at the U of S are from Saskatchewan, 3% are from Manitoba, Alberta, & British Columbia.

The remainder of Ms. Melis' address was inaudible.

Minutes and Reports for Action

Move to sit as Council.

MOTION USC316: Wallace/Henderson Carried.

USC Minutes

Move to change the date from March 21st to March 28th.

MOTION USC317: Henderson/Jackson Carried.

Move to remove Councilor Stephen's name from the "present" list to the "regrets" list.

MOTION USC318: Stephen/Schneider Carried.

Move to accept the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC319: Jackson/Wallace Carried.

Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

VP Wallace reviewed the minutes for April 3rd, 2001.

Move to change Councilor Dobson's name from absent to regrets.

MOTION USC320: Wallace/Dobson Carried.

Move to accept the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC321: Wallace/Dougan Carried.

Operations and Finance Board

VP Henderson reviewed minutes for March 30th, 2001.

Move to accept the minutes as read.

MOTION USC322: Henderson/Johnson Carried.

Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

President Dougan reviewed the minutes for March 27th, 2001.

MOTION USC323: Dougan/Henderson Carried.

Term Two Executive Accountability Reports

President Dougan presented the Term Two (2000-2001) Executive Accountability Reports to council.

Ms. Stang requested information regarding the Enhancement Fee. President Dougan responded to her questions about proposal stating that at the time of the release of the report that the information should have been kept internal because it hadn't been presented to Senior Administration quite yet. President Dougan distributed the proposal that has been sent to Student Affairs & Services. The student enhancement fee has never been passed by a student referendum and that results in difficulties with increasing the fee. The Students' Union fee will be seeing an increase of 5% this year.

VP Henderson attended a utility/rent increase meeting with the USSU Administration Team to determine what would happen with utility, heating, and telephone increases totaling an approximate increase of forty percent over the next year. The hikes will reflect an increase in our utility costs of approximately \$290,000. It was agreed that these costs will be passed onto the tenants.

Ms. Stang commented that Student Affairs & Services was no different from the USSU as they are both there to serve the best interest of the student. President Dougan agreed that there are some similarities between the two offices, however, he did note that the USSU is also there to protect the interests of students as well as providing services to them. The consensus was that most of the services should be paid for by the University; even if it means increasing the tuition.

Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

8.1 The Enrolment Plan

Move to approve the resolution from the Academic Affairs Board.

MOTION USC323: Wallace/Evanisky Carried.

Moves to strike "we are in favor of principle" and replace with "with respect to the issue of a common first year, further information must be made available to students and the USSU for feedback." Councilor Schneider wishes to note her opposition.

MOTION USC324: Urmson/Adelman Carried.

Councilor Urmson suggested that they shouldn't be in favor of anything if they don't know understand the issues. Councilor Christensen agreed with Councilor Urmson's statement.

Councilor Debiegne voiced her concern with the resolution. Councilor Schneider made a few recommendations, suggesting that there should be other criteria to consider other than academic averages. VP Wallace states that all recommendations would be considered as long as they were written out.

President Dougan reminded Council that the document they received was just a rough draft and was certainly open for amendments.

Business

9.1 Tuition and Other Fees Document

President Dougan apologized for not having the document ready to distribute. He ensured that a finalized copy would be sent out to all Councilors via e-mail in the near future. He explained that he was having difficulties with wording of the suggestions that were made and would like to run them by everyone.

Scholarships & Bursaries: The recommendation will be for a target of 8.1% which is average amount for medical and doctoral colleges/universities across Canada. That amount will be divided equally between scholarships and bursaries.

Student Services: The recommendation will be to set a target of no less than 5% of the operating budget by 2005-2006.

Councilor Schneider asked for clarification on the process for passing this document. President Dougan responded that there are a number of different methods. The only thing that is going on right now is re-wording as the policies have already been approved. He also informed Council that they can either approve it in principle tonight and then provide feedback or just leave it as is.

Move to adopt Tuition and Other Fees Document.

MOTION USC324: Jackson/Christensen Carried.

Councilors Debiegne, Schneider and Whitedeer wished to be noted as being in opposition to the motion.

9.2 Revised Policy on Student Computing

VP Jackson drew Council's attention to the infrastructure, bullet #6, "there is" is struck as it is not a part of the document. There are no major changes to the policy. Although one amendment he would like made is that tuition and other fees document is on the other page. Where it should state that "the university should take control of all computer labs on campus to allow for timing of the distribution of services to all students".

Move to amend to reflect the above wording.

MOTION USC345: Whyley/Hitchcock. Carried.

VP Jackson noted that it this document would centralize the administration of computing, and therefore allow more money to go into student computing.

Councilor Schneider stated that the computing needs of each college differ and that the individual Colleges know best as to what the students need in regards to computers and computer labs. VP Jackson replied that it is about utilizing the resources and resources need to be allocated appropriately.

Councilor Hitchcock suggested that those points must be made more clear in the document. Councilor Schneider stated that she doesn't see a need to centralize it if it is working as a de-centralized system. She suggested that it's possible that only certain colleges need improvement.

Councilor Hitchcock suggested the document acknowledge the different needs of each college.

NOTE: The remainder of the meeting was not recorded.